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*While the
earth
remaineth,
seedtime and
harvest, and
cold and heat,
and summer
and winter,
and day and
night shall not
cease.*

Gen 8:22



Often Asked Questions

By Pastor R. E. Dablemont

Tell'em About Jesus

Effective communication of the gospel must always center upon the person and work of Jesus Christ. What the lost individual needs is Jesus; just a glimpse of God's grace will erase a life-time of sin and guilt. Charles Spurgeon, England's foremost mid-nineteenth century, Protestant preacher, once said, "No matter what Scripture

I preach from, I always cut cross-country to Jesus Christ, and preach His saving grace."

A return to the heart of the Gospel will result in repentance and regeneration of the lost and renewal and reformation in the church...Whenever and wherever Christ is exalted, God will draw men unto Him. If anything is elevated above Christ in our presentation of God's Word, whether it be tradition or ritual, we dilute or deny the power of God unto salvation" (Romans 1:16).

The Ethiopian eunuch understood this and was saved when Phillip explained to him that what he was reading in (Isaiah 53) was about the good news about our Lord: "Then Phillip opened his mouth, and began at the same scriptures, and preached unto him Jesus" (Acts 8:35. KJV).

Our world is full of people who need to hear and understand the good news. The businessman, the abused child, the lawyer, the prisoner: all are just waiting for us be faithful and to make Christ known to them...And the beauty of Christianity is that all believers may proclaim the person and work of Jesus Christ; the privilege is not just reserved for pastors and teachers but is entrusted to all who believe.

If you have 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.

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The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

"The strength of a nation lies in the homes of its families."

Immediately, one might think this is a campaign slogan for the upcoming election because it fits what's going on in our society today. However, how many of you recognize this as a quote from Abraham Lincoln?

Our nation is not morally strong; our families' homes are not strong. Is there a direct correlation? I believe we could all agree YES... especially when we study God's plan for the home and family. We cannot simply accept that there is no way we can turn the tide. Maybe churches can get involved!

See, there is also a direct correlation between the church and the home as well. Our churches have so many needs as a result of weak homes and families, and the church only becomes stronger by seeing these needs met. The church should uplift and strengthen the family structure. These families then can use their newfound strength to give back to the church (and possibly a weaker family structure). When this catches on, before long our nation is seeing strong families stand up for morals, values, and the foundation our country was founded on.

What would Abraham Lincoln have to say about that all these years later? More importantly, what do you have to say about it? Do you feel a challenge to make the home, church, our nation a better place?

Ministers Can Return to Social Security

Congress has opened a two-year window for ministers who previously opted out of Social Security to re-enter the program. They can take advantage of this opportunity by making an irrevocable election effective this year or next. The form needed is Form 2031 which must be filed by April 15, 2002. If the election is made for tax year 2000 they will be liable for self-employment taxes this year. Form 2031 (with instructions) can be obtained online at [in the forms and publications sections and either faxed or mailed to the IRS.](#)

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Moberly Mission Organized

A mission work begins with a vision of reaching a community with the goals that the missionary hopes to achieve. One of those goals is to see a self-supporting church established. Under the leadership of Missionaries Lynn and Debbie Beck, the Moberly Mission achieved that goal on Sunday August 13, 2000, as the church was organized.

The evening service was well attended. Delegations from the First FWB Church in Kirksville, Hazel Creek Church, and Hannabil Church were present to help the Moberly members celebrate. The congregational singing and the special music by Debbie Beck gave expression to the joy of the occasion. Missionary Beck introduced Home Mission Board Member Roger Harwell who delivered the evening message entitled The Mission of the Church.

Following the message, Dale Skiles, Director of State Home Missions, presided over the organizational service. He began by calling for all who wished to be chartered members of the new church to stand. After recognizing the members, he opened the floor for nominations for Pastor. Rev. Lynn Beck was nominated and elected by acclamation. Bro. Dale charged the new congregation with the three R's of church membership - Relationships, Responsibility, and Remembrance.

Mission Board Member Clarence Burton read the church covenant and presented it to the body for adoption. Nathan Ruble presented the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice for the church.

Brother Skiles then invited the new members to gather at the altar as the ordained laid hands on the pastor while the prayer of dedication was offered.

The Becks and others who have served in the Moberly Mission are to be commended for their faithful labors. Pray that God will continue to bless the ministry of Free Will Baptists in Moberly.



L-R Roger Harwell, Clarence Burton, Lynn Beck, Debbie Beck, Dale Skiles



Chartered Members

Praise Report Park Hills First FWB Church

By Pearl Hutchings

Thanksgiving and praise continues at First Free Will Baptist Church in Park Hills. Thanks be to God and the wonderful way He has blessed our church family.

In case some don't know, Brother Ken and Sister Paula Dodson answered a call from God to go to the mission field in the Virgin Islands. On May 30th they left the States for St. Croix. We have heard there is lots of hard work needed at the Christian school there—getting staff, etc. Lives and souls are being changed, which is proof God can, and does work anywhere if people will trust Him and believe.

Our special thanks to God in supplying our needs as we prayed for a new

pastor. He sent us a young family, whom several of us knew from 1982-1986—Brother Gene Howell, wife, Sandy and their three children. He was here as an associate and youth pastor under the leadership of Rev. Ron Edgil. We have kept in close contact over the years and have heard many good things about him and his family and their spiritual growth and ministry in other churches. His last two pastorates were Belton FWB Church and First FWB Church in Springfield. Both churches grew and prospered under his leadership.

We gratefully thank God for sending Brother Gene, Sister Sandy and their family back to us. Their daughter, Stephanie will begin her second year at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nash-

ville. Joshua, a senior is finishing high school in Springfield. John is a freshman here, and an added blessing to our wonderful youth group.

May God's blessing be with us all as we pray and expect great and wonderful things to happen in our lives and all those we touch in His name. Thank you, Brother Gene and family. God Bless Everyone !

*God will not send you into a forest
to hew an oak with a penknife. If
He gives you a task you never did,
He will give you a strength you
never had. Selected*

2000 National Youth Conference Winners

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

Bible Memorization

Grade One

- 1st place - Breanna Cusick, AR
- 2nd place - Blake Justice, NC
- 3rd place - Michael Leaver, TX

Grade Two

- 1st place - Miranda Thomas, AR
- 2nd place - Kenzie Beth Jarman, OK
- 3rd place - Ashley Applegate, MO

Grade Three

- 1st place - Jeanetta Baumer, MO
- 2nd place - David Bowers, SC
- 3rd place - Charlie Hager, NC

Bible Sword Drill

Grade Four

- 1st place - Ashley Peerson, AR
- 2nd place - Breanna Aycock, TN
- 3rd place - Christine Harkey, MO

Grade Five

- 1st place - Alisha East, AR
- 2nd place - Ace Andrews, FL
- 3rd place - Jena Manning, NC

Grade Six

- 1st place - Steven Holland, MO
- 2nd place - Jacob Peerson, AR
- 3rd place - Kim Poore, TN

Bible Tic Tac Toe (Grades 7-9)

- 1st place - Limestone, TN
- 2nd place - First Hartville, MO
- 3rd place - First Tampa, FL

Bible Bowl (Grades 10-12)

- 1st place - First Greenwood FWB, AR
- 2nd place - Cedar Hill, NC
- 3rd place - Limestone FWB, TN

Turning Point (Grades 7-9)

- 1st place - Teddie Collier, MO
- 2nd place - Stephanie Workman, KY
- 3rd place - Ashley Vandivort, TN

Horizon (Grades 10-12)

- 1st place - Hollie Hubbard, TX
- 2nd place - Jordan Stone, NC
- 3rd place - Tanya Trottier, AZ

Vocal Solo,

- A - Ashlyn Gilbert, OK
- B - Jacque Sharp, OK
- C Male - Travis Hazelwood, TN
- C Female - Ashley Dixon, MO
- D Male - Jonathan McDanal, NC
- D Female - Teri Deel, TN

Vocal Ensembles

2-4 members

- A - TDF Duet, TN
- B - Harmony Duet, WV

C - Trimble Brothers, MI

D - Donelson Duet, TN

5-12 members

- B - Harmony Kids Chorale, CA
- D - Oliver Springs Ensemble, AR

13+ members

- B - Harmony Kids Choir, CA
- D - Xample, TN

Instrumental Solo

Strings

- B - Patrick Kornegay, NC
- C - David Rich, TN
- D - Melody Highsmith, NC

Wind

- B - Kelly McKay, MO
- C - Hannah Williams, MO
- D - Nathan Beaman, MO

Percussion

- D - Nate Marti, MO

Instrumental Ensembles

2-4 members

- B - Derrek & Kelly, MO
- C - Lee Boys, TN
- D - Abram/Underhill, AR

5+ members

- B - First FWB Kids, MO
- D - Oliver Springs Ensemble, AR

Keyboard

Manual/Electronic Solo

- A - Brett Felts, CA
- B - Andrew Heath, TN
- C - Matthew Slep, TN
- D - Jesse Fletcher, TN

Keyboard Ensemble

- D - Two For Him, NC

Communication Arts

Speech

- B - Tahnee Thielemier, AR
- C - Emma Amos, AR
- D - Ryan Lewis, IL

Individual Drama

- B - Ace Andrews, FL
- C - Lyle Williams, AR
- D - Renee West, MI

Interpretation of Scripture

- A - Kyle Sutton, AR
- B - Rachel Trimble, TN
- C - Jessica Smith, AR
- D - Kevin Turner, AR

Mime/Pantomime

- 8 - Malia Weaver, ON/
- C - Amy Pickard, OK
- D - Rachael McDonald, OK

Group Drama

- A - Ready for Christ Time Players, AR
- B - Ready for Christ Time Players, AR

C - Soul's Harbor, FL

D - Forlines/Sagraves, TN

Readers Theater

- A - Children Live What They Learn, GA
- B - The Pin Family, AR
- C - Ready for Christ Time Players, AR
- D - Ready for Christ Time Players, AR

Group Mime/Pantomime

- A - I Pledge Allegiance, GA
- B - For Him, OK
- C - Unspoken Hope, MO
- D - Calvary's Praise, OK

Live-Puppetry

- B - Wolf Gang, MO
- C - Wolf Gang, MO
- D - Christian Home Puppets, FL

Recorded Puppet

- C - Heavenly House Puppeteers, MO
- D - Puppets of Praise, IL

Creative Writing

- A - Deborah Creech, GA

Electronic Media

- C - Mike Mendez, CA
- D - Jon Dooly, AR

Creative Arts

Painting

- A - Thomas Yerby, AL
- B - Brittney Grindstaff, TN
- D - Heath Ring, AR

Graphics

- A - Logan Suggs, TN
- B - Seth Lombard, AR
- C - Timothy Lee, TN
- D - Allen Sullivan, AR

Three Dimensional Art

- A - Whitney Bridges, AL
- B - Josh Underhill, AR
- D - Tanya Trottier, AZ

Photography

- B - Kendall Finley, MO
- C - Christina Smith, MO
- D - Melisha Thompson, MO

Fabricated Art

- A - Elizabeth Ash, AR
- B - Jacob Smith, AR
- C - Cassandra Tennison, OK
- D - Jennifer Larkin, FL

Promotional Graphic Art

- A - Caleb Rogers, AL
- B - Taren Rankin, AR
- C - John Harbison, AL
- D - Nick Cline, TX

California Or Bust

By Kathy Williams

Liberal, Missouri (a town of almost 700) sent a veritable army of youth and adults (45 in all) to the Free Will Baptist National Convention in Anaheim, California. The Hannon and Verdella churches reaped rich rewards both spiritually and competitively. The worship services and singing at the convention were wonderful. We had the pleasure of hearing many spirit-filled men of God preach the Word.

Many months were spent by 26 youth in preparation for the State and National CTS competition. State Competition brought home 17 first place awards and 4 second place awards. Areas of competition included: Bible Memorization, Bible Sword Drill, Bible Bowl, Turning Point, Keyboard Solos, Instrumental Solos, Vocal Solos and Duets, Creative Arts, Group Drama, Puppetry, and Group Mime. We would like to encourage everyone to compete in the State CTS competition next year. It is well worth the effort.

Not everyone who won first place at the State competition was able to attend the National Convention. A huge thank you goes to the State officials for having confidence in, and allowing our second place entries to compete in Anaheim. Two of those second place entries received first place there. All in all, we received 7

Pictured from L to R:

Derrek Wilson, Wade Sprenkle, Bethany Sprenkle, Elizabeth McKay, Kelly McKay, Tabitha Williams, Esther Williams, Jason Thompson, Kerrie Morgan, Kortni Brous, Nathan Beaman, Hannah Williams, Carly Garrett, Byron McKay, Melisha Thompson, Monica Werner, Ricky Fast, Julie McAdams, Ashley Montee, Isaac McAdams, Aaron Montee, and Adam Montee. Not Pictured: Suzanne Green, Jacob Hoover, Nate Marti, Zach Short, and Katelyn Simpson.

first place awards, 2 second place awards, and 1 third place award. We have truly been blessed by God as our youth learn to use their talents for Him.

The following is a list of competitors from Verdella FWB Church: Nathan Beaman, Kortni Brous, Carly Garrett, Nate Marti, Byron McKay, Elizabeth McKay, Kelly McKay, Zach Short, Bethany Sprenkle, Wade Sprenkle, Monica Werner, Esther Williams, Hannah Williams, Tabitha Williams, and Derrek Wilson. Competitors from

Hannon FWB Church are: Ricky Fast, Suzanne Green, Jacob Hoover, Isaac McAdams, Julie McAdams, Aaron Montee and Jeanette Wilson also traveled to California even though they didn't compete. They enjoyed the youth activities as well as watching their friends and families compete. We all look forward to next year—seeing the friends we have made, as well as competing and learning more about our wonderful, awesome God.

Seeking Pastor

Pleasant Home Free Will Baptist Church is seeking a pastor. The church is rurally located southwest of Cabool, or southeast of Mountain Grove, Missouri on EE Highway (1/4 mile north of Highway 76). This is a country church with a parsonage available on the church property.

Any interested pastors, please contact Brother Hurshel Smallwood at (417) 962-3322, or Brother Bill Sarter at (417) 926-2778.

Other Missouri Free Will Baptist churches in need of pastors are:

First FWB- Rolla	Contact:	Ed Fields	(573) 265-5172
First FWB -Kirksville	Contact:	Tim Scott	(660) 665-7211 or (660) 665-3525
First FWB - Springfield	Contact:	Russell Black	(417) 882-4539 or (417) 882-8494
Fourth FWB - St. Louis	Contact:	Bob Thiele	(314) 644-1803
Kingsway FWB - Springfield	Contact:	Hugh Cobb	(417) 581-4162
Myrtle FWB - Myrtle	Contact:	David Sorrell	(417) 938-4353

November is Home Missions Month

This special emphasis is a part of the "Together Way Plan" adopted by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Benjamin Randall Day November 19, 2000

The Home Missions Department is committed to helping our missionaries and chaplains, church planting and church growth, and the cross-cultural ministry. The opportunities for Free Will Baptists to make an impact on our country for Jesus Christ are unlimited. Please join us in striving toward our goals in the work of the Lord.

Every church is urged to give a special offering for the National Home Missions General Fund. We need your help! Please make this your best gift yet!

Free materials to promote Benjamin Randall Day may be obtained from the Free Will Baptist Home Missions Department, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

The Centennial Record of Free Will Baptists 1780-1880

Home Missions is doing a reprint of the book *The Centennial Record of Free Will Baptists 1780-1880*. This book was published in Dover, NH in 1881 by the Free Will Baptist Printing Establishment. In 1880, Free Will Baptists met in New Durham for a centennial celebration of the Free Will Baptists of the North.

Here is a quote from the preface of the book.



"The principal portion of this volume composed of papers to be read at the Centennial Conference in 1880, but with the probability that they would be preserved in their present shape. These include the conference sermon, the exercises at the meeting of aged ministers, and the historical sketches of the missionary, educational, anti-slavery, temperance

and Sunday-school works of the denomination. The engravings that appear in the volume are from original portraits of persons not now living, but who were among the esteemed and representative men of their generation. The volume may be reported as a denominational handbook, and as such it will revive memories of the past, be of practical use in the present, and transmit facts to the future student of denominational history."

This hardback book is being bound in beautiful tan imitation leather, and will be a collector's item that every Free Will Baptist will want to have in their library. The inside pages of the book will be printed exactly as in the original publication. This is the first edition in a Free Will Baptist Heritage Series that will be reprinted by Home Missions.

There is only one way that you can obtain one of these commemorative edition books. For a \$25.00 donation to the Home Missions Cross-Cultural Ministries, we will be happy to send the book to you. Please call today on our toll free number (1-877-767-7674) or fill out the information requested below and mail to: The Home Missions Department, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

For a donation of \$25.00 per copy, please send me _____ copies of
The Centennial Record of Free Will Baptists 1780-1880.

Amount enclosed: _____

LIMITED EDITION!

Only 300 to be made



An exact replica of the first Free Will Baptist Church of America located in New Durham, New Hampshire.

This will be a great collector's item to be cherished by all Free Will Baptists. The church is made of ceramic and highlighted in fine hand-painted detail. It will also have a light on the inside which will send out a glow through the windows representing the Light of the world ... Jesus, and the fellowship of those who so long ago worshiped in this first Free Will Baptist church. This will truly be a

treasure to adorn any shelf in your home or church.

We are asking for a gift of only \$100.00 which will go to help in the funding of our Cross-Cultural Ministry.

Please feel free to call our office (1-877-767-7674-toll free) to place an order or complete the below requested information and mail to: The Home Missions Department, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

We appreciate your willingness to help with the funding of the Cross-Cultural Ministries. Please place your order as quickly as possible. The supply will be limited and the churches will go quickly.

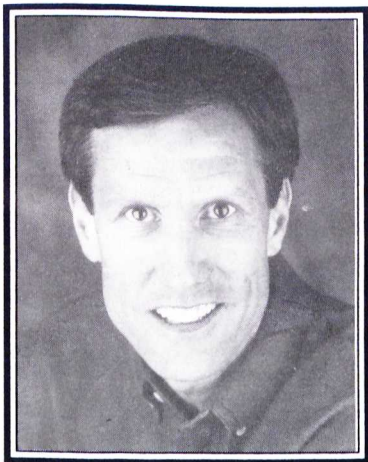
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Missouri State Youth Conference

November 17-18, 2000

at Windermere Baptist Assembly



Speaker:
Barry St. Clair

Are you looking for a spiritual "boost"? If so, this year's conference is just for you! For only 40 bucks per person, you'll get 4 sessions with one of the most incredible speakers in the country (Barry St. Clair), a kickin' concert by Satellite Soul & Jason Ingram, awesome worship experiences, loads of laughs and tons of fun! You'll be challenged to be "salt and light" in your town, and on your campus. God will definitely "light your fire!" The price also includes one night's lodging and 3, count 'em, 3 delicious meals! You'll meet other Free Will Baptist students from across the state and you'll go home changed, refreshed, revived and ready to "Salt the Planet" where you live! Don't miss it!

Music:
Satellite Soul
& Jason Ingram



2000 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 # _____
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Girls

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Grade _____ Phone # _____
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Male Sponsors

1. _____
Age _____ Phone # _____
2. _____
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Age _____ Phone # _____

Female Sponsors

1. _____
Age _____ Phone # _____
2. _____
Age _____ Phone # _____
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Age _____ Phone # _____
4. _____
Age _____ Phone # _____

Cost of the conference is \$40 per person.

(Includes lodging and three meals.)

_____ x \$40 = \$ _____
(# attending) (Total Amount)

Mail completed registration form, check for registration fees and medical release forms to:

Missouri FWB Youth Ministries Board

Gene Howell, Treasurer

208 Cypress, Park Hills, MO 63601

(573) 431-2533 or 431-5959

All forms must be postmarked by October 10. After October 10, the fee increases to \$45.

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)

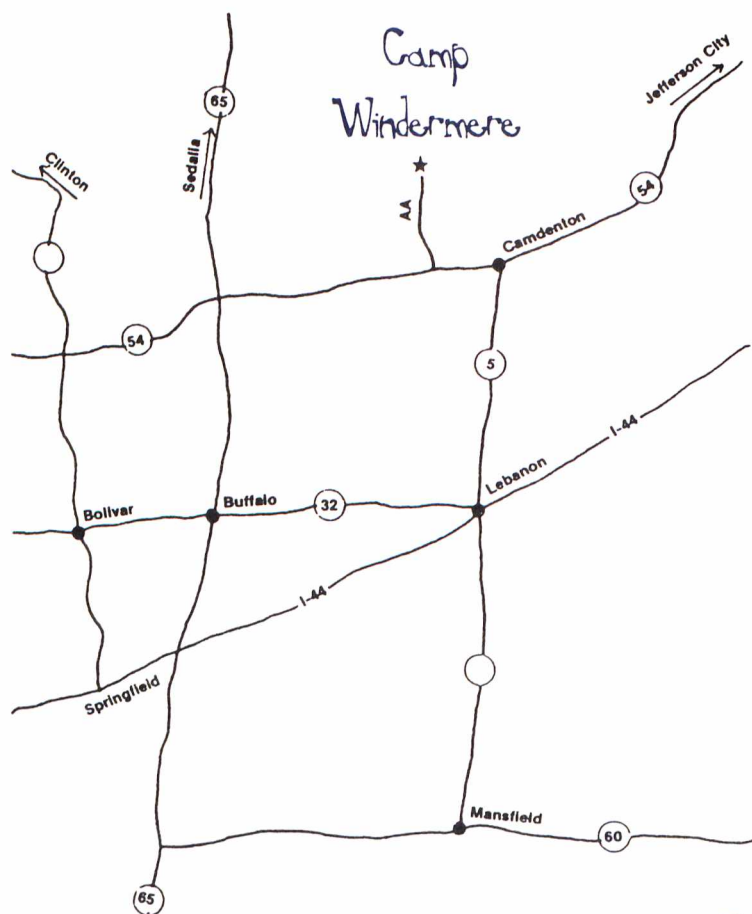
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About Barry St. Clair:

Barry's primary desire is to see spiritual awakening take place in the younger generation, and to have youth ministers effectively equipped for the work of the ministry in the local church. He speaks to thousands of students and trains hundreds of youth workers every year, both in the United States and around the world.

About *Satellite Soul*:

This three-member band is led by the songwriting and musical efforts of Tim Suttle on vocals, guitars, piano and dulcimer. Ryan Green (drums) and Tyler Simpson (bass) round out the roster. Suttle's simple, profound songs about commitment, honesty and yielding to God's will swell with contentment and joy, secured by the knowledge that, "everything around me, it is passing away... and You are always the same."



2000 Missouri State Youth Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 4:00 p.m. - Begin Registration
- 7:00 p.m. - Supper
- 7:45 p.m. - *Satellite Soul* in Concert
- 9:00 p.m. - Meet Barry St. Clair
- 10:00 p.m. - Break
- 10:15 p.m. - Late Night Options
Workshops
Youth Workers's
Reception
Hang Out Time
- 11:00 p.m. - Cabin Devotions
- 11:30 p.m. - LIGHTS OUT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

Satellite Soul will lead the praise and worship music for each session.

ATTENTION 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 Options. Schedule is subject to change.



Ginger Harrison Resigns

Ginger Harrison has officially resigned from the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department. She will be spending the next two years attending Arizona State University to obtain a Nurse Practitioner's degree. She said that she still believes that God has Missions in her future. We were sorry to hear of Ginger's decision for she would have made a fine addition to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Community.

If you have been sending money designated to Sister Harrison's account, we would like to request that you send that money to the Missouri Show-Me Plan.

HOLLAND HIGHLIGHTS

There is only one word for grace and it is, AMAZING! God's grace continues to reach people in the São Jose area and we are so very thankful for that. Only the front pews were empty this Sunday night, typical FWB church! At the close of the service 3 sisters left knowing Jesus as their Savior! Please pray for Maria, Sandra & Fabiane, they are cousins of some men in our church. These salvation decisions are the result of our Evangelism Team that holds evangelistic services in homes twice a month. Praise the Lord with us for these salvation decisions!

Keep praying for Marcos that is doing the evangelistic Bible study with me. Please remember these visitors in your prayers too - Carlos, Maria Jose, Gislaine, Gildazio & Hildeo. Plus remember our visitors from last week that returned this week. Thursday is Independence Day here in Brazil. We will be having a joint fellowship with the 1st Church all day long. PTL!

In HIM,
Curt Holland & family

Update From Ken and Judy Bailey

We have been enjoying our furlough time in the States, renewing friendships with family and friends, and visiting our supporters.

Judy and Benjamin had the opportunity to share a few days with Judy's brother, Jeff Turnbough, his wife, Susan, and kids Matthew and Melissa, in June. Jeff and Susan had just returned from Spain to begin their furlough. They met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Turnbough, (Judy and Jeff's folks), and got to hear Jeff and Susan speak, and Matthew and Melissa perform. Because we are all involved in Foreign Missions, these meetings aren't often possible, and it's a joy to reunite with family!

Ken has recently been awarded a full scholarship to Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, to obtain his Master's Degree in Intercultural Studies. This is the same college our son, Benjamin, is attending. Ken's course load is 40 hours of study, which began with summer school in June, and will be completed the first week of January. These studies will assist in our future training of leadership in Japan. According to the college administration, Ken is the first graduate student to attempt to complete the degree in six months! We will relocate to Illinois in September, and our plans are to return to Japan in early January. Please pray for Ken as he returns to college life!

News From Japan

Plans for Japan involve starting two new works in the year 2000-2001. We will have two teams of missionaries and national workers involved. Dale and Sandra Bishop, Debbie Griffin, and Nathan and Linda Snow will be the mission team on the northern island of Hokkaido. Our Tokyo team will consist of Don and Ruth McDonald, Mirial Gainer, and Ken and Judy. We will also be involving our local church people. We are excited about these new ministries, and ask you to pray with us, that God will give us the right locations and people to work with. Renting facilities in Japan is very expensive, and we want to use our finances wisely. Pray that even now God will open doors to our new works.

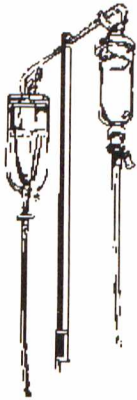
A Special "Thanks"

Special "Thanks" to the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary for asking us to speak at the State Convention in June. We were grateful to share our ministry with you, and thankful for the generous gift to our family, and your prayers and support of our work. God bless you all!

Thankfulness

One of our biggest problems in the church today is this vast majority of Sunday morning Christians who claim to have known the Master's cure and who return not on Sunday night or Wednesday night or during revivals to thank Him by presence, prayer, testimony and support of His church. In fact, the whole Christian life should be one big "Thank You," the living expression of our gratitude to God for His goodness. But we take Him for granted and what we take for granted, we never take seriously.

Vance Havner



Greater Love Hath No Man

Rolf Benirschke

The violent grinding of brakes suddenly applied, and the harsh creaking of skidding wheels died as the big car came to a sudden stop. Little Eddie quickly picked himself up from the dusty pavement, where he had been thrown, and looked around wildly.

Susie! Where was his little sister that he had been holding by the hand when they started across the street? The next moment, he saw her under the big car that had run them down, her eyes closed, a dark stain slowly spreading under her white sweater.

It seemed like forever before the sirens announced the arrival of help. Susie was quickly examined, delicately put on a stretcher, then loaded into the ambulance. Little Eddie was allowed to ride in the back with her, and he held her hand all the way to the hospital. Something about the sturdy, shabbily dressed boy, who could not be more than ten years old, and his devotion to his little sister strangely touched the hearts of the hardened EMTs.

"We must operate at once," said the surgeon after a preliminary examination. "She has been injured internally and has lost a great deal of blood."

Eddie sat in the waiting room while the surgeons worked on Susie. After what seemed like an eternity, a nurse came looking for him.

"Eddie," she said kindly, "your sister is very badly hurt, and the doctor wants to make a transfusion. Do you know what that is?"

Eddie shook his head.

"She has lost so much blood that she cannot live unless someone gives her blood," she explained. "Will you do that for her?"

Eddie's wan face grew paler, and he gripped the arms of the chair so hard that his knuckles became white. For a moment he hesitated; then gulping back his tears, he nodded his head and stood up.

"That's a good boy," said the nurse, as she whisked him away to the elevator and the operating room. No one spoke to Eddie except the nurse who directed him in a low voice how to prepare for the ordeal. The boy bit his quivering lip and silently obeyed.

"Are you ready?" asked the man swathed in white from head to foot, turning from the table over which he had been bending. For the first time Eddie noticed who it was lying there so still. Little Susie! And he was going to make her well.

Two hours later, the surgeon looked up with a weary smile. "I think she's going to pull through," he said.

"That's wonderful news, Doctor," exclaimed one of the young interns. "A miracle!" Nothing, he thought, could be greater than the miracles of science.

After the transfusion, Eddie had been told to lie quietly on a cot in the corner of the room. In the excitement

Worship Service Averages March 2000 - August 2000

Churches:	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
Belton	59	50	43	44	50	50
Buffalo 1st	84	105	100	86	96	109
Calvary Chapel	238	252	232	223	217	243
Calvary Fellowship	348	313	298			
Cape Girardeau	52	70	61	55	55	44
Copper Mines	59	68	63	63	56	
Cuba		140	139	135	130	130
Columbia	38	37		27	30	31
Crossroads - Wentzville	83	69	62	70	66	72
Cross Roads - Lebanon						124
DeSoto	228	219	219	199	210	
Fredericktown 1st		54				
Hannibal	59	70	64	58	59	
Hannon	154	144	140	134	127	134
Harmony - Parkville	97	95	94	91	91	92
Hartville	156	158	150	169	130	157
Hopewell	40	43	40	39	40	39
Houston	* 46	* 47	72	65	67	55
Hurryville	117	116	112	102	100	114
Joplin 1st					99	
Lebanon 1st			129	130	127	122
Lebanon FWB	72	88	64	63	64	73
Mill Creek	89	100	94		92	94
Mine La Motte			57			
Monett 1st			65			
Mt. Pisgah	83	74	68	78	78	
Myrtle	37	40	32	33	33	30
New Life - Licking	78	70	74	69	64	60
Oak Hill	28					
O'Fallon 1st	122	132	103	118	115	119
Ozark 1st	203	172	147	143	151	
Oskaloosa		17				15
Parkview - Desloge	115	114	112	112		
Pleasant Hill	63	48	51	53	48	50
Purdy		70	69	69	63	71
Richwoods	30	32	26	36		
Rock Chapel	* 44	* 43	54	59	48	51
Rolla 1st	42	51				40
Southside			21	22	20	
Springfield 1st	146	150	143	126	134	
Thayer		215	179	186	196	185
Trinity	100	104	89	84	81	
Union Grove	139	142	150	129	136	139
United	625	555	568	515	482	594
Willow Springs	74	67	66	66	60	64

This is only a partial listing. There are 184 FWB churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in their Worship Service average each month. (* S.S. Avg.)

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Let's Chat. . .

by Phillis Detherage

Just One of Those Days

*For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope:
for a living dog is better than a dead lion. Ecclesiastes
9:4*



I quit! Boy, have those words run through my mind on more than one occasion! Like the time the hamster got loose and ran into the crawl space under the house, and I had visions of giant, killer, mutant rats overrunning the place! Or how about the time the water line under the sink came lose and flooded the kitchen with hot water! No, better yet would be the time when the new hot water heater was installed wrong and the house almost exploded. Well, that would have taken care of the giant, killer rats! Us too of course, but who's counting!

We all have what I like to refer to as "THOSE DAYS". Quitting would seem to be such a wonderful release from the cares of this world but very impractical for most of us. I mean who would fetch those slippers and cater to the children. Not our dog you can bet! Besides, how do you quit being a housewife? Sure divorce may pop into your mind but let me enlighten you. Single people have dirty clothes too! Some things in life, you just can't escape, but we're not supposed to!

Sure there are those days when you feel like you could scream and drown your sorrow in a gallon of Rocky Road Ice Cream, but those are not our only days! Think of the days when you nurse a sick little one and the love that shines in their eyes for only you. Think of the days when God uses you to encourage a friend that is discouraged, or the times when some little thing brings a smile to a weary, care worn face. It doesn't matter how up we may be, but it does matter what we do with where we're at!

I may never be some paragon of "housewifely" wisdom. I may never climb the Mount Everest of laundry. I may never really get my cupboards organized right, but I will do what I can! I will touch the lives around me for the Lord. I will love my family with all my heart and try to encourage them each day in some small way. These are the things that this old dog is going to do.

I may not always roar my way through every trial, but you can bet I'll be in there whimpering like a whipped pup with the best of them!

Today may be one of those days,
Where you walk around in a foggy haze.

But I'll not lay down and play dead,
I'll give out a prayer and raise my head.

I may not go forth as a roaring lion,
But I'll give a whimper and keep on tryin.

(Greater Love. . . from page 8)

of the delicate operation, he had been entirely forgotten. As the doctor turned to explain the good news, he was caught off-guard when Eddie quietly asked, "When do I die?"

"Die? What do you mean, Son?" the doctor asked.

"I thought . . . when they took someone's blood . . . he died," whispered Eddie. The smiles faded from the lips of the doctor and the nurses, and the young intern who had thought there

was nothing greater than the miracle of modern science caught his breath as well.

This little soft-spoken lad had climbed to the very heights of devotion and sacrifice, and he had showed a glimpse of the greatest miracle of all—selfless love! Greater love hath no man than this That he lay down his life!

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THE COLD WITHIN

Six humans trapped by happenstance
In black and bitter cold,
Each one possessed a stick of wood,
Or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of logs,
The first woman held hers back
For on the faces around the fire
She noticed one was black.

The next man looking 'cross the way
Saw one not of his church,
And couldn't bring himself to give
The fire his stick of birch.

The third one sat in tattered clothes,
He gave his coat a hitch.
Why should his log be put to use
To warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought
Of the wealth he had in store.
And how to keep what he had earned
From the lazy, shiftless poor.

The black man's face bespoke revenge
As the fire passed from his sight,
For all he saw in his stick of wood
Was a chance to spite the white.

And the last man of this forlorn group
Did naught except for gain.
Giving only to those who gave
Was how he played the game.

The logs held tight in death's still hands
Was proof of human sin.
They didn't die from the cold without,
They died from the cold within.

—Author unknown

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Sorry John!

The printer inadvertently cropped John Rhodes out of the photo which appeared in the September issue of the Gem with the article about the Rhodes' commissioning service. Brother John is serving as the principal of the Free Will Baptist school in the Virgin Islands, and sister Gail is teaching there. This photo shows Brother and Sister Rhodes being greeted by the congregation at Fourth Church in St. Louis.



Financial Report August 2000



Cooperative Disbursements

August 2000 \$61,645.01

18.50% MO Home Miss ..	\$11,404.33
17.50% Executive Office ...	10,787.88
3.00% General Fund	1,849.35
.50% Show-Me Plan	308.23
8.50% Youth Camp Bd	5,239.83
3.50% Y.C.Restricted Fds .	2,157.57
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd	1,232.90
2.00% C.E. Board	1,232.90
2.00% Senior Adult Bd	1,232.90
9.00% MO Retirement	5,548.05
30.50%	18,801.72
National Ministries, Hillsdale and	
California Christian College	
Foreign Missions Board	
National Home Missions	
Same Allocation	
FWBBC	
Hillsdale College	
Executive Department	
Layman's Board	
Radio & TV Commission	
Theological Commission	
Historical Commission	
Board of Retirement	
1.00% CCC	
3.00% Conference Center .	1,849.35
Total	\$61,645.01

Co-op

Amity	\$210.15
Aulsbury Chapel	\$266.24
Bailey	\$231.00
Bailey Chapel	\$225.00
Bailey Chapel	\$200.00

Beacon	\$3,000.00
Belton	\$331.20
Berean	\$60.00
Bethel - El Dorado Springs	\$83.08
Black Oak	\$297.34
Blue Springs	\$520.00
Bourbon	\$92.73
Byrd	\$122.87
Calvary Chapel	\$1,013.10
Cape Girardeau 1st	\$443.21
Cape Girardeau 1st	\$308.24
Carthage	\$317.27
Central	\$1,196.41
Christ Chapel	\$193.60
Clifton	\$67.62
Columbia	\$302.25
Copper Mines	\$542.52
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	\$479.05
Crossroads - Wentzville	\$781.00
Crossroads - Wentzville	\$607.28
Cuba	\$684.00
DeSoto 1st	\$1,760.00
Emmanuel	\$66.70
F & H - Aurora	\$125.00
Faith & Hope (Willow Sps)	\$147.92
Farmington 1st	\$3,138.56
Fellowship	\$1,200.00
Fellowship	\$1,500.00
Fordland	\$706.14
Fredericktown 1st	\$350.00
Freeman Chapel	\$468.81
Friendship	\$425.20
Grace	\$1,515.00
Grant Avenue	\$1,404.67
Grant Avenue	\$1,163.44
Hannibal	\$447.00

Hannon	\$1,265.46
Harmony - Parkville	\$1,187.00
Hartville	\$900.00
Heritage	\$225.00
Hopewell	\$253.00
Houston 1st	\$464.05
Hurryville	\$498.73
Jackson	\$239.06
Joplin 1st	\$808.46
Koshkonong	\$156.00
Lead Hill	\$188.40
Lebanon	\$482.56
Lebanon 1st	\$1,031.54
Lone Star	\$55.00
Macedonia - Niangua	\$132.97
Merls Chapel	\$147.00
Mill Creek	\$614.00
Mine La Motte	\$60.01
Monett 1st	\$392.44
Mountain Grove 1st	\$1,595.97
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	\$427.00
Mt. Zion - Gower	\$137.80
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$1,546.20
Myrtle	\$210.13
Myrtle	\$208.65
Neosho 1st	\$95.00
New Home	\$503.00
New Hope - Fredericktown ..	\$70.00
New Life - Licking	\$416.77
Niangua	\$142.00
Niangua	\$175.00
North Five	\$260.66
Number One	\$86.46
Oak Grove	\$207.83
O'Fallon 1st	\$1,236.00
Olivet	\$470.00
Overland	\$125.00

Ozark 1st	\$1,621.59
Park Hills 1st	\$836.78
Parkview	\$600.40
Pleasant Hill - Thayer	\$218.94
Pleasant Home	\$247.70
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$96.00
Potosi 1st	\$124.91
Rock Chapel	\$801.34
Rolla 1st	\$263.00
Royal Oak	\$121.00
Seymour	\$959.00
Smyrna	\$65.00
Smyrna	\$85.00
Southside	\$114.68
Springfield 1st	\$1,181.03
St. Francois District Ass'n.	\$30.00
Stockton	\$251.63
Terrill Road	\$277.00
Thayer	\$1,142.00
Trinity	\$1,985.71
Union Grove	\$442.00
Union Light	\$186.00
United	\$1,996.41
Unity	\$410.00
Verdella	\$646.20
Victory - Alton	\$394.19
Waynesville 1st	\$446.20
West Plains 1st	\$800.00
West Plains 1st	\$577.00
Willow Springs	\$284.54
Wolf Creek	\$332.01
Total	\$61,645.01

State Home Missions

Belton	\$50.00
Bertha Guffey (DeSoto 1st)	\$10.00
Carol Berry (DeSoto 1st)	\$20.00
DeSoto 1st	\$90.00

DeSoto 1st Children's Church	\$20.00
Fellowship	\$100.00
Fellowship	\$145.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grace	\$40.00
Larry Wormington	\$30.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$288.75
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$25.00
Myrtle	\$85.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$48.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$20.00
Richard White (DeSoto 1st)	\$10.00
Southeast District Assoc	\$90.00
St. Francois District Ass'n.	\$260.00
Thayer	\$50.00
United	\$25.00
Waynesville 1st	\$50.00
Total	\$1,546.75

Show-Me Plan

Aulsbury Chapel	\$90.00
Barker, Rev. J.	\$15.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado	\$291.18
Bethel - Festus	\$45.00
Big Creek	\$55.00
Bishop, B. J.	\$15.00
Black Oak	\$30.00
Bourbon	\$30.00
Bowers, C.	\$100.00
Buffalo 1st	\$60.00
Burns, J.	\$60.00
Buxton, G.	\$30.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	\$120.00
Cartee, J.	\$15.00
Central	\$417.00
Chism, B.	\$5.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Columbia	\$100.00
Cook, J.	\$360.00
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines - Teen Class	\$30.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Ad Cl	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	\$359.00
Cuba	\$175.80
Darnell, W.	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$552.50
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Cl.	\$15.00
DeSoto Yg. Adult SS Class	\$45.00
Faith - Oak Grove	\$465.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.	\$60.00
Farmington 1st	\$780.00
Fellowship	\$714.60
Fellowship	\$838.91
Fordland	\$270.00
Fourth	\$45.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$150.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Garrett, R.	\$15.00
Gospel Light	\$825.00
Grace	\$268.00
Graham, S.	\$15.00
Grant Ave.	\$385.00
Grant Ave.	\$335.00
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannon	\$1,665.46
Harmony - Parkville	\$195.93
Hartville	\$240.00
Houston 1st	\$344.35
Hurryville	\$300.00
Jackson	\$30.00
Joplin 1st	\$155.00
Leadington	\$207.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Lebanon F.W.B.	\$30.00
Macedonia - Purdy	\$1,000.00
Matthews, G.	\$350.00

Merl's Chapel	\$200.00
Mill Creek	\$105.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S.C.	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$45.00
Monett 1st	\$330.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$870.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$633.54
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Neosho 1st	\$210.00
New Home - Hartville	\$150.00
New Home - Lebanon	\$120.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$105.00
New Life - Licking	\$113.75
New Testament	\$15.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Houston	\$15.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$180.00
Old Bethel	\$540.00
Ozark 1st	\$30.00
Park Hills 1st	\$266.04
Parkview - Desloge	\$283.05
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Home	\$60.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$50.00
Purdy	\$570.00
Richardson, O.	\$15.00
Richwoods	\$52.50
Rock Chapel	\$630.00
Rogers, B.	\$15.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble N.	\$45.00
Southeast MO Assn.	\$90.00
Springfield 1st	\$545.00
St. Francois Dist. Assn.	\$54.90
Thayer	\$261.00
Trinity	\$1,200.00
Union Light	\$130.00
United - West Plains	\$711.05
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$1,226.20
Victory - Alton	\$394.19
Waynesville 1st	\$406.05
West Plains 1st	\$200.00
White, R.	\$15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	\$70.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Total	\$25,993.14

Foreign Missions

Cape Girardeau	\$177.29
Cape Girardeau	\$123.29
Central	\$214.54
Chapman, A.	\$20.00
Cuba	\$29.30
Faith - St. Louis	\$30.00
Faith - St. Louis	\$25.00
Farmington 1st	\$10.00
Fordland	\$5.00
Fourth	\$25.00
Gospel Light	\$60.00
Grant Ave.	\$55.00
Grant Ave.	\$51.00
Haney, A.	\$20.00
Harmony Fellowship (CO)	\$158.00
Lewis, D.	\$10.00
Minor, K.	\$10.00
Neosho 1st	\$30.00
New Life - Monett	\$173.00
New Testament	\$70.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$20.00
Rock Chapel	\$49.00
Springfield 1st	\$225.88
Stockton	\$300.00
Thayer	\$25.00
Trinity	\$492.14
Total	\$2,408.44

Nat'l Home Missions

Belton	\$60.50
Bob Thebeau (DeSoto 1st)	\$5.00
Brenda King (DeSoto 1st)	\$5.00
Bud Rogers (DeSoto 1st)	\$20.00
Carthage	\$37.00
Cuba	\$87.90
DeSoto 1st	\$795.00
DeSoto 1st - SS Class	\$10.00
Ella Ruth King (Park Hills)	\$20.00
F & H - Aurora	\$126.00
Farmington 1st	\$310.00
Fordland	\$55.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grace	\$205.00
Grant Avenue	\$50.00
Grant Avenue	\$27.00
Hannon	\$759.28
Harmony Fellowship	\$184.00
Hartville	\$100.00
Houston 1st	\$20.00
Jackson	\$70.00
Jerry Rader	\$20.00
Joplin 1st	\$20.00
Macedonia - Purdy	\$100.00
Monett 1st	\$181.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	\$25.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$60.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$75.00
Myrtle	\$40.00
Nathan Ruble	\$10.00
Neosho 1st	\$140.00
New Home - Hartville	\$10.00
New Testament	\$170.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$48.00
Park Hills 1st	\$228.68
Pleasant Home	\$25.00
Richwoods 1st	\$87.00
Rock Chapel	\$220.49
Thayer	\$245.00
Trinity	\$65.00
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
United Youth Group	\$170.00
Unity	\$50.00
Verdella	\$20.00
West Plains 1st	\$55.00
Wolf Creek	\$85.00
Total	\$5,472.85

Youth Camp

Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	25.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store	157.50
Hartville	10.00
Thayer	50.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	15.00
Niangua	40.00
New Home - Hartville	10.00
Rolla 1st	20.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	20.00
Verdella	10.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Trinity	28.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Hannon	105.00
Park Hills 1st	43.47
Total	\$658.97

Camp Development Fund

Myrtle	133.00
Rock Chapel	400.00
Rock Chapel VBS	95.00
Harmony - Parkville	1,161.00
Wolf Creek	63.50
West Plains 1st	130.00
Houston 1st	100.00
Total	\$2,082.50

Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	113.75
Total	\$113.75

Senior Adult Ministries

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	113.75
Total	\$113.75

C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	113.75
Total	\$113.75

2004 National Convention

Amity	75.00
Marshfield	71.25
Total	146.25

Free Will Baptist Bible College

Farmington 1st	132.00
Thayer	50.00
Nathan Ruble	15.00
Verdella	129.24
DeSoto 1st	40.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	25.00
Total	\$391.24

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Farmington 1st	90.00
Thayer	50.00
Grant Avenue	18.00
Joplin 1st	75.00
Neosho 1st	60.00
Hannon	50.00
Total	\$343.00

California Christian College

Farmington 1st	78.00
Pleasant Home	46.12
Total	\$124.12

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Farmington 1st	15.00
Myrtle	7.00
Unity	10.00
Belton	100.00
DeSoto 1st	80.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	30.00
Hannon	100.00
Total	\$342.00

Rev. John McClure

Carthage	17.00
Farmington 1st	5.00
Thayer	5.00
Gospel Light	80.00
Mountain Grove 1st	95.00
Monett 1st	35.00
Trinity	30.00
DeSoto 1st	20.00
Grace	15.00
Total	\$302.00

Cornerstone FWB Church (Brian Brinkhoff)

New Testament	10.00
Total	\$10.00

Jeff Cates

(Berea Ministries)	
Mountain Grove 1st	297.50
Total	\$297.50

Richard Standley Indian Bible College

Grace	20.00
Total	\$20.00



VIRGIN ISLAND'S MISSION SCHOOL EXPERIENCING REVIVAL

September 2000 Revival -How Blessed! God's sweet presence started to be felt during the teacher's "In Service" week and has truly manifested itself the first two weeks of school.

Emphasis was placed on the school year being submitted to the presence and leadership of the Lord. Tears were evident in teacher's eyes as they began to request prayer for themselves and their classes.

The school year started off with a ten day Campus Revival. David Dodson, Neil Morgan and Missionary Ken Dodson spoke to both the High School and Elementary Campuses. Thirty-one young island people have given their life to Christ thus far.

The school revival is spilling over into the church. One hundred were present last Wednesday night for the Wednesday evening service and six teenage young men gave their life to Christ. Three Sunday School teachers have led more children to Christ in the last two weeks. Truly God is blessing your mission work here on St. Croix in the Virgin Islands. Rev. John Rhodes, our new principal, has done a great job of guiding the school through these early weeks. Keep us in your prayers.

The state of Missouri definitely has an impact on the ministry here. Nine Missouri Free Will Baptist are working on this mission field. Ken, Paula, and David Dodson, Jennifer Koester, and Regina Moyers are from the Park Hills area. John and Gail Rhodes are from the St. Louis area, and Ken and Melinda Reiter are from North Central Missouri. Each of these Missourians are meeting needs and impacting the ministry.

Ken and Melinda Reiter were home for a few weeks this summer. The North Central Churches that they spoke to reached out in support and were able to get the parts needed to keep our John Deere tractor running. Several churches are helping to support the ministry through our Home Missions Account. Thank you for all that you are doing. Please keep us in your prayers.

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