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TALLEN RESIGNS; SENSES DOORS CLOSED TO FRANCE

Miss Charolette Tallent has submitted her resignation from missionary service in France due to a growing sense that the Lord was closing the door and a diminishing conviction that she was to enter student ministry again.

Charolette was scheduled to depart for France in September but was delayed in light of the September 11 tragedy. Her official date of termination was December 1, 2001.

I deeply appreciate the relationship I have had with the board, staff and missionary coworkers," writes Charolette. "I will always be grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve our Lord in France."

Copied from Heartbeat

Letter to Missouri Supporters

Dear Faithful Friends,

With sincere gratitude I appreciate the support I received from the 2001 Show Me Missions Plan. Not only were you faithful and generous in your sharing but also supportive when I was re-appointed to return to France.

There's something special about home folk, encouragement and the feeling that "we're with you" has always been a familiar mark of the Missouri Free Will Baptist family. Thank you for always be-

ing there in small and large ways.

After much prayer and finally accepting of God's ways, December 1, 2001, I submitted my resignation to the foreign missions board. As months drew closer to my fall departure, I came to realize that the desires to return to France were mine and not God's. In my heart of hearts I longed to return to what I had known for 19 years. Since my initial resignation in 1996, I found it difficult to allow this door to remain closed. I hold many precious memories and am thankful to have served under the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board and to have ministered in France.

I thank our Savior for each church and every individual who over the years have prayed and faithfully supported. You were not only true partners in the Gospel but are also dear friends. There are many who opened their homes to me as I shared in your churches about missions and France whom remain dear to my heart. As Paul said in Philippians 4:17b "...there is fruit that remains to your account" in France.

I desire your prayers as I wait upon the Lord's path for my life. I would love to hear from you - 3103 Highway 35, Hazlet, NJ 07730 (732) 264-0604 or by email Christ4FR@msn.com. May the Lord's blessings be yours, as you remain faithful to Him.

Love and Fellowship in our Savior,
Charolette Tallent

GRANDPA AMES IS RETIRING — AGAIN!

He says he's retiring, but why are his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren so skeptical? BecauseBro. Earl Ames has meant to retire three times now, but his pastor's heart keeps putting him back in the Lord's service.

However, on January 27, 2002, Bro. Ames stood in the pulpit of the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church and announced he was no longer going to pastor a church. No, he is not done being used by God, but he doesn't plan to pastor. Recent vision problems, leaving him functionally blind in his left eye, makes driving long distances difficult and night-time driving nearly impossible. He felt he was not able to pastor effectively and announced his retirement. Bro. Earl will turn 75 years old in March of this year.

Bro. Earl, with his wife, Leola, and daughters, Barbara and Lee Ann, began his ministry at the Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church in 1969 and pastored there for three years. He was a young preacher still learning, but his family left many close friends when they moved on. From there, he went to Aulsbury Chapel Free Will Baptist Church where he and his family ministered to an amazing number of people for an "old country church." While there, the church's attendance grew to over 100 and an educational building was added. The growing number of young people necessitated the use of all available space, from the basement room next to an old coal bin

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Missouri Bible Institute Opens Campus at West Plains



On January 10, 2002, the Missouri Bible Institute began a study on "The Life Of Christ" at the United Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains, Missouri. The instructor for this study is Dr. Ralph Hunter. He and his wife Bobbi, placed their membership with United Church last year. There are five students enrolled. Three are for college credit and two for audit. The class meets each week on Thursday evening, beginning at 6:30 until 9:30.

Last year Dr. Hunter, Bro. Glenn Murray and Bro. Clarence Burton met and discussed the possibility of opening an extension of MBI at the church. Following prayer and seeking the Lord's will it

was decided that Rev. Rick Dabblemont, director of MBI, be contacted. He was very favorable. Inasmuch as it seemed to be the Lord's will, action was taken to start the first session in January 2002.

As the Lord leads, MBI will consider offering another subject this fall. The new class will be determined by a survey of present and prospective students. If another teacher is needed for this course it will be taught by Bro. Clarence Burton, who has taught for MBI on previous occasions.

A short time ago Dr. Hunter received information regarding a donation of \$2,000.00 for MBI at West Plains. This comes from an organization of which his deceased brother had served as CEO. This fund will be used for a scholarship fund (\$1,500.) and administrative purposes (\$500). There may be others who would like to make a contribution for this ministry. The tax-deductible gifts may be made to the Missouri Bible Institute and mailed to 607 Lanton Rd., West Plains, MO 65775 or to the Christian Education Board and mailed to P.O. 991 Lebanon, MO. 65536. All Missouri Bible Institutes work under the direction of the Christian Education Board, a Standing Board of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

The photo - Ralph & Bobbi Hunter - Clarence & Vivian Burton Brother Burton is receiving the \$2,000.00 check on behalf of MBI from Dr. Ralph Hunter.

Chuck Lotz Available for Pulpit Supply and Revivals

I am writing to inform pastors and laymen that my health has improved and my desire to preach is stronger than ever. Praise God and the Power of Prayer. I believe it is God's will for me to make myself available to Preach the Gospel wherever He leads. I fervently believe it is a privilege beyond comparison to preach the Gospel!

Thank you for your prayers and support. I'm currently worshiping and serving in the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church located in Park Hills, Missouri where Brother Wayne Phillips is Pastor. You may contact me at my home: 8107 Highway D, Bonne Terre, Mo. 63628 Home phone: (573)-358-3215. email chulotz@yahoo.com

Recommendations

I recommend Rev. Chuck Lotz to any church for revivals and pulpit supply. I am privileged to have Chuck as a great personal friend. He is a tremendous preacher of the gospel and has a passion for preaching. His messages are anointed and led by the Holy Spirit. His messages are relevant to the days in which we're living. In addition to his gift of preaching, Chuck is a personal soul winner. He is able to share and provide to any church, training and personal tips in the area of personal evangelism. He has preached in the Farmington Free Will Baptist Church many times and always has a standing invitation to do so.

Rev. Roger L. Hogan, Pastor Farmington Free Will Baptist Church
Phone: 573-756-8933

I have known Brother Chuck Lotz for over fifteen years. Four of those years he spent as my associate pastor here at DeSoto FWB. I found his preaching to be anointed, his teaching to be insightful, his spirit to be Christ honoring. Brother Chuck bathes his ministry and family in prayer and he has a burden from God for lost souls, the church and the family way of life. I recommend, without reservation, Bro. Chuck to preach revivals, pulpit supply, etc.

Brother Bob Thebeau, Pastor DeSoto FWB Church, DeSoto, Mo.
Phone: 636-586-6788 or 636-586-3084

Memorandum !

TO: MISSOURI PASTORS, FREE WILL
BAPTIST COLLEGES AND ALL WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

FROM: MISSOURI WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

RE: MISSOURI 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



Missouri Women Active For Christ

** Scholarship Application



Personal And Academic Information:

Name _____
Last First Middle
Address _____
Street or P.O. Box City State Zip
Telephone (____) _____ Social Security Number _____
Parents' Name _____
High School _____ Date of Graduation _____
Church Membership _____ How Long? _____
Pastor's Name _____ Address _____
Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____
Probable College Major or Academic Interests _____
High School Grade Point Average _____ ACT _____ SAT _____
Class Rank _____ In a Class of _____ Students
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 _____
Address _____ Phone _____
Name _____ Position _____
Address _____ Phone _____
Name _____ Position _____
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 _____

PLEASE MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

Shirley Jackson, 428 Kimberly Ln., Saint Peters, MO 63376



FOREIGN MISSION BOARD APPROVES NEW WORK

Missouri State CTS Competition May 10 - 11, 2002 Southwest Baptist University Bolivar, MO

Greetings:

The Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board has approved a new missions work to be launched among the Muslim population in France. I am particularly excited about this new work because I recently had the opportunity to live and study in France where I worked with the Muslims on a daily basis for a period of time. I became acutely aware of their need for the gospel because of the Islamic religion and the spiritual darkness held by those who embrace the Islamic beliefs. It is estimated that between 4-5 million people in France worship Allah and follow the teaching of his prophet Muhammad. In France, there are 2,000 known believers in Jesus Christ who have converted from their Islamic faith. While this is note worthy of praise, there is still a great need to evangelize the people with the true message from the One True God.

On December 5, 2001, the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board gave final approval for a missionary team to go and evangelize the Muslim population in France with the Gospel. The team consists of six adults and I am privileged to be one of its members. We are excited as we anticipate God's work in the pagan hearts of the Muslim communities, and we seek your prayer and financial support in this endeavor as we strive to fulfill God's Great Commission. Our team is interested in visiting your church to present to you our work and its focus. You may contact me at (615) 403-1514 or by e-mail micahd@worldnet.att.net to make arrangements, and we thank you for your interest and support.

Glorifying Him,
Micah Derby

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all the way to the attic, which was transformed into a Children's Church. He had the honor of seeing several men accept the call to preach under his pastorate. Those men are still being used in Free Will Baptist churches across the Lead Belt area.

In 1984, after thirteen and a half years of service, Bro. and Sister Ames went to the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church to pastor for the next five years. While there, he took an active role in Prison Fellowship Ministries and continues to volunteer in that area. When he turned 62, he resigned at Leadington and announced his plans to retire with his wife, Leola, so they could "rest" and be members of the Farmington Free Will Baptist Church. During that time, he suffered the loss of his wife from an unexpected and short bout with pancreatic cancer.

After that, he and his second wife, Della, returned to pastoring at a small church in Scott City, Missouri, where they met several new friends with whom they still keep in contact. Again, he "retired," intending to stop pastoring, but God had different plans. The Lord directed him to Richwoods Free Will Baptist church where he and Della served for three years. Un-

The 2002 Missouri State Competition is just around the corner. Southwest Baptist University 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:

\$25.00 per single entry category

\$45.00 per group entry (2-4 people)

\$75.00 per group entry (5+ people)

The **entry deadline** is **April 10, 2002**. **Please use a separate form for each entry.** Send entry forms and appropriate fees to:

**Missouri Youth Ministries Bd.
% First Free Will Baptist Church
2919 Kage Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-8461**

der his shepherding, the church's attendance grew and several souls have been saved.

And so, at nearly 75 years old and after more than a quarter century of pastoring, Bro. Earl Ames has again retired! He will continue working in prison ministry and preaching, though. He plans to visit with his three children at their churches; they are active members at three of the different Free Will Baptist churches where he once belonged. He will be quick to tell you his most important decision was when he accepted Christ as his Savior. He also is thankful for his decision to attend a Free Will Baptist Church. He has instilled that love of God and Free Will Baptists in his children. His prayer is that his grandchildren and great-grandchildren will also follow his leadership and put Jesus first place in their lives. He wants to spend time enjoying his family and friends in Park Hills.

Want to send him a message for his retirement? (He should have plenty of time to read them!) His address: Earl Ames, 207 Glendale Street, Park Hills, MO 63601; phone: 573-431-6213.

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...

- 0.11 Bible Memorization - Grade 1
- 0.12 Bible Memorization - Grade 2
- 0.13 Bible Memorization - Grade 3
- 0.14 Bible Memorization - Grade 4
- 0.15 Bible Memorization - Grade 5
- 0.16 Bible Memorization - Grade 6
- 0.17 Bible Memorization - Grade 7
- 0.18 Bible Memorization - Grade 8
- 0.19 Bible Memorization - Grade 9
- 0.20 Bible Memorization - Grade 10
- 0.21 Bible Memorization - Grade 11
- 0.22 Bible Memorization - Grade 12
- 0.40 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 4
- 0.50 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 5
- 0.60 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 6
- 0.70 Bible Tic Tac Toe
- 0.80 Bible Bowl
- 0.90 Truth Quest

MUSIC & ARTS...

Vocal Solo

- 1.10 Vocal Solo (Age A - B)
- 1.20 Male Vocal Solo (Age C - D)
- 1.30 Female Vocal Solo (Age C - D)

Vocal Ensemble

- 2.20 Duets
- 2.30 Trios
- 2.40 Quartets
- 2.50 Ensemble with 5-12 members
- 2.60 Ensemble with 13 or more members

Instrumental Solo (non-keyboard)

- 3.10 Woodwind
- 3.20 Brass
- 3.30 Strings (Bowed)
- 3.40 Strings (Plucked)
- 3.50 Percussion

Instrumental Ensemble

- 4.10 Duets, Trios, or Quartets
- 4.20 Ensemble with 5 or more members

Keyboard

- 5.10 Manual/Electronic Solo
- 5.20 Keyboard Ensemble

Communication Arts

- 6.10 Famous Speech
- 6.20 Preaching
- 6.30 Individual Drama
- 6.40 Illustrated Storytelling
- 6.50 Group Drama
- 6.60 Puppetry (live)
- 6.70 Puppetry (recorded)

Creative Writing

- 7.10 Short Story
- 7.20 Essay
- 7.30 Poetry

Electronic Media

- 8.10 Video
- 8.20 Web Page Design
- 8.30 Powerpoint Presentation

Creative Arts

- 9.10 Painting
- 9.20 Graphics
- 9.30 Three-Dimensional Art
- 9.40 Photography
- 9.50 Fabricated Art
- 9.60 Promotional Graphic Art
- 9.70 Computer Art

COMPETITION FEES

- \$25.00 Per single entry category
- \$45.00 per group entries of 2-4 people
- \$75.00 per group entries of 5+ people

20 Record code numbers from left column here -

Year

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

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Name of director (or coach)

Director's phone number

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Name of Association

Total Fee for this entry

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Complete the following information for each participant in this entry:

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For groups larger than 12, please use two forms to record additional information.

Mail to:

Missouri Youth Ministries Bd. % Gene Howell
208 Cypress
Park Hills, MO 63601

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)

News From Kirksville 1st

by Betty Jones

Our new pastor Bro. Scott McNay and his wife Anna have arrived. We are very excited and feel that God can do great things here. The last year has been rough, but yet there have been blessings of seeing some new people come and open up to the Word of God.

We are also very thankful for those who do not live here who have helped us financially. God does provide and He uses His people do so. May we also be faithful and good stewards.

January 2002 Financial Report

Cooperative Disbursements

January 2002 \$78,936.05

18.50%MO Home Missions	\$14,603.17
17.00%Executive Office	13,419.13
3.00%General Fund	2,368.08
.50%Show-Me Plan	394.68
8.50%Youth Camp Board	6,709.56
3.00%Y.C. Restricted Funds	2,368.08
2.00%Youth Ministries Board	1,578.72
2.00%C.E. Board	1,578.72
2.00%Senior Adult Min Bd	1,578.72
9.00%Missouri Retirement	7,104.25
31.50%	24,864.86
National Ministries, Hillsdale and	
California Christian College	
1.00% California Christian College	
3.00%Show-Me Plan	2,368.08
Total	\$78,936.05

Co-op

Amity	\$186.08
Aulbury Chapel	\$257.91
Bailey	\$234.00
Bailey Chapel	\$230.00
Beacon	\$4,496.75
Belton	\$435.80
Berean	\$90.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$139.92
Bethel- Northview	\$274.00
Black Oak	\$520.76
Buffalo 1st	\$200.00
Byrd	\$132.10
Cabool 1st	\$267.43
Calvary Chapel	\$1,379.52
Carthage	\$340.00
Central	\$1,544.79
Chapel of the Ozarks	\$262.62
Christ Chapel	\$433.60
Clifton	\$66.77
Columbia	\$510.43
Copper Mines	\$521.94
Cornerstone	\$608.92
Crossroads- Wentzville	\$991.00
Cuba	\$618.00
Desoto 1st	\$1,575.00
Emmanuel- Col	\$339.55
Faith & Hope- Aurora	\$48.15
Faith & Hope- Willow Springs	\$151.34
Farmington 1st	\$3,237.39
Fellowship	\$1,500.00
Fordland	\$837.20
Fourth	\$225.21
Fredericktown 1st	\$383.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$502.00
Freeman Chapel	\$525.30
Grace	\$1,171.68
Grace	\$1,753.00
Grant Avenue	\$1,004.21
Grant Avenue	\$1,162.75
Greenfield	\$294.00
Hannibal	\$557.00
Hannon	\$1,200.00
Harmony	\$504.85
Harmony Fellowship	\$105.00
Hartville	\$1,243.00
Hazel Creek	\$797.69
Hopewell	\$416.00
Houston 1st	\$400.16
Hurryville	\$505.59
Jackson	\$171.90
Joplin 1st	\$886.83
Kirksville 1st	\$98.30
Koshkonong	\$226.04
Lead Hill	\$305.09
Lebanon	\$293.62
Lebanon 1st	\$1,110.40
Liberty	\$1,615.37
Lone Star	\$45.00
Macedonia- Niangua	\$110.75
Marshfield	\$247.00
Merls Chapel	\$145.00
Mill Creek	\$779.52
Mine LaMotte	\$79.48
Monett 1st	\$853.85
Mountain Grove 1st	\$1,965.91
Mt. Pisgah	\$547.00
Mt. Zion- Gower	\$55.00
Myrtle	\$295.10
Neosho 1st	\$190.00
Neosho 1st	\$95.00
New Hope	\$70.00
New Life- Licking	\$508.18
Niangua	\$213.00
North Five	\$160.88
North Five	\$194.00
Number One	\$104.95
Oak Hill	\$1,223.21
Oak Hill	\$1,290.61
O'Fallon 1st	\$1,522.00
Olivet	\$550.00

Overland	\$110.00
Ozark 1st	\$2,256.20
Park Hills 1st	\$628.30
Park Hills 1st	\$883.00
Parkview	\$634.40
Pleasant Hill	\$142.20
Pleasant Home	\$200.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$91.00
Potosi 1st	\$218.85
Republic	\$100.00
Rock Chapel	\$416.71
Rolla 1st	\$315.00
Royal Oak	\$138.00
Salem	\$90.00
Seymour	\$562.00
Smyrna	\$77.00
South Fremont	\$1,300.00
Southern Hills	\$832.34
Springfield 1st	\$935.33
Springfield 1st	\$1,307.22
St. Peter's	\$661.00
Terrill Road	\$50.00
Thayer	\$1,230.00
Trinity	\$1,069.09
Twin Oak	\$1,432.00
Union Grove	\$436.00
Union Light	\$171.00
United	\$2,697.29
Unity	\$600.00
Verdella	\$707.16
Victory- Alton	\$408.27
Victory- KC	\$5,310.27
Waynesville 1st	\$399.22
West Plains 1st	\$820.00
Willow Springs- Mountain Gr	\$255.18
Wolf Creek	\$317.62
Total	\$78,936.05

Worship Service Averages September 2001- December 2001

Churches:	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Beacon	108	107	115	107
Belton	60	43	56	46
Buffalo 1st	125	107	109	
Cabool			37	42
Calvary Chapel	259	265	240	
Calvary Fellowship	343	280	325	342
Copper Mines	46	47	49	43
Columbia	56	52	47	46
Crossroads-Lebanon	94	87	85	
Crossroads-Wentzville	64	65	68	
DeSoto	226	226		212
Hannibal	100	78		
Hannon		140	151	137
Harmony - Parkville	95	86		
Hartville	205	182	202	189
Hopewell	36	40	35	38
Houston	74	69	73	61
Hurryville	101	96	99	96
Joplin 1st			101	
Lebanon 1st		131	130	
Lebanon FWB	51	51	50	48
Macedonia- Purdy	146	159	165	163
Mill Creek	88	84	80	85
Mine LaMotte	35	34	40	
Mt. Pisgah	69	75	73	
Myrtle	31	32	29	30
New Life - Licking	69	68	75	82
Oak Hill- Union	49	49	53	56
O'Fallon 1st	109	155	158	156
Oskaloosa		22		
Ozark 1st	186	149	180	177
Pleasant Hill	34	27	32	
Purdy	66	76		65
Richwoods	40	41		
Rock Chapel	54	50	57	65
Rolla 1st	41	35	32	
Springfield 1st	137	125	138	127
Sunnyview	40	45		
Terrill Road	61			
Thayer	199	175	187	171
Trinity	88	72	83	75
Union Grove	119			
United	548	514	554	584
Willow Springs-Mtn. Gr		72	74	63

This is only a partial listing. There are 184 FWB Churches in Missouri.

State Home Missions

Berean	\$15.00
Copper Mines	\$75.00
Dale Skiles	\$150.00
Desoto 1st	\$90.00
Farmington 1st	\$140.00
Fellowship	\$125.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grace	\$55.00
Grace	\$55.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$330.00
Merls Chapel	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$25.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$58.50
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
Skiles, D.	\$100.00
Southeast Missouri Association	\$90.00
Thayer	\$60.00
Trinity	\$53.45
United	\$25.00
Waynesville 1st	\$50.00
White, R.	\$10.00
Wormington, Larry	\$30.00
Total	\$1,731.95

Show-Me Plan

Baldwin, J.	\$20.00
Baldwin, J.	\$20.00
Barker, Rev. J.	\$15.00
Beacon	\$279.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado	\$379.85
Bethel - Festus	\$45.00
Bethel - Festus	\$45.00
Black Oak	\$60.00
Brown, A.	\$15.00

Brown, J.	\$15.00
Buffalo 1st	\$120.00
Cabool	\$135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	\$160.00
Central	\$432.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Cook, J.	\$360.00
Cooperative Plan	\$2,368.08
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines - Hi. Teen, Teen, Jr.	
Class	\$30.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult Class	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	\$340.00
Cuba	\$181.20
Darnell, W.	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$552.50
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class	\$15.00
Eastern Gate	\$60.00
Faith - St. Louis	\$20.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.	\$120.00
Farmington 1st	\$1,005.00
Fellowship	\$651.54
Fordland	\$380.00
Fourth	\$60.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$150.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$150.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Garrett, R.	\$15.00
Gospel Light	\$825.00
Grace	\$347.00
Grace	\$640.00
Graham, R.	\$91.00
Grant Ave.	\$295.00
Grant Ave.	\$350.00
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannibal	\$60.00
Hannon	\$3,350.00
Happy Hill	\$60.00
Happy Hill	\$60.00
Harmony - Parkville	\$112.65
Hartville	\$240.00
Hazel Creek	\$531.79
Houston 1st	\$347.00
Houston 1st	\$352.00
Hurryville	\$753.00
Jackson	\$25.00
Joplin 1st	\$75.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Lebanon F.W.B.	\$30.00
Macedonia - Purdy	\$1,000.00
Macedonia - Purdy	\$1,000.00
Maggart, D.	\$45.00
Merl's Chapel	\$200.00
Mill Creek	\$140.00
Mill Creek C. W. F.	\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S.C.	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$75.00
Missouri WAC	\$1,535.81
Monett 1st	\$135.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$557.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Neosho 1st	\$390.00
Neosho 1st	\$165.00
New Home - Hartville	\$150.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$105.00
New Life - Licking	\$105.00
New Testament	\$15.00
New Testament	\$15.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Houston	\$30.00
Oak Hill - Union	\$75.00
Oak Hill - Union	\$85.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$195.50
Olivet	\$30.00
Ozark 1st	\$30.00
Park Hills 1st	\$82.83
Park Hills 1st	\$394.90
Parker, G.	\$15.00
Parkview - Desloge	\$327.86
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill	\$15.00
Pleasant Home	\$330.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$50.00
Purdy	\$285.00

Purdy	\$285.00
Reiter, K.	\$30.00
Richwoods	\$67.50
Rock Chapel	\$240.00
Rogers, F.	\$15.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble N.	\$45.00
South Fremont	\$305.00
Southeast MO Assn.	\$90.00
Southern Hills- KS	\$90.00
Springfield 1st	\$535.00
Springfield 1st	\$530.00
Thayer	\$340.00
Thomas, E.	\$15.00
Trinity	\$525.00
Tyrone	\$360.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United - West Plains	\$300.00
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$1,257.16
Victory - Alton	\$408.27
Victory - K.C.	\$1,110.00
Walnut Grove	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st	\$456.00
White, R.	\$15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	\$70.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Wolf Creek	\$180.00
Total	\$33,691.44

Foreign Missions

Beacon	\$697.75
Central	\$30.00
Chapman, A.	\$20.00
Cuba	\$30.20
Farmington 1st	\$17.50
Fordland	\$530.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$45.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$25.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grant Ave.	\$31.00
Grant Ave.	\$55.00
Haney, A.	\$40.00
Harmony Fellowship (Colorado)	\$15.00
Houston 1st	\$30.00
Houston 1st	\$40.00
Lewis, D.	\$10.00
Matthews, A.	\$25.00
Minor, K.	\$10.00
Neosho 1st	\$45.00
Neosho Aux.	\$1,000.00
New Testament	\$83.00
New Testament	\$80.00
Rock Chapel	\$26.00
Springfield 1st	\$17.50
Springfield 1st	\$15.00
Thayer	\$85.00
Trinity	\$287.97
Victory - K.C.	\$464.13
West Plains 1st	\$25.00
Total	\$3,910.05

Nat'l Home Missions

Beacon	\$105.00
Belton	\$25.50
Carthage	\$5.00
Chapman, Alan	\$20.00
Cuba	\$90.60
Desoto 1st	\$465.00
Desoto Auditorium Class	\$10.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	\$48.15
Farmington 1st	\$450.00
Fordland	\$30.00
Fortner, Rob	\$5.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fredericktown	\$15.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$40.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grace	\$47.00
Grace	\$70.00
Grant Avenue	\$12.00
Grant Avenue	\$10.00

Hannon	\$1,000.00
Hannon	\$720.00
Harmony Fellowship	\$147.00
Hartville	\$100.00
Houston 1st	\$45.00
Houston 1st	\$45.00
Huffman, Tracy	\$15.00
Jackson	\$69.00
Joplin 1st	\$40.00
King, Brenda	\$5.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$100.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$100.00
Merls Chapel	\$50.00
Monett 1st	\$5.00
Moore, Lillian	\$80.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$75.00
Myrtle	\$80.00
Neosho 1st	\$200.00
Neosho 1st	\$120.00
New Home Hartville	\$10.00
New Testament	\$160.00
New Testament	\$160.00
O' Fallon 1st	\$58.50
Park Hills 1st	\$230.66
Park Hills 1st	\$848.97
Park Hills 1st	\$271.60
Pleasant Home	\$71.00
Rader, Jerry	\$20.00
Richwoods	\$64.00
Rock Chapel	\$93.59
Ruble, N.	\$10.00
South Fremont	\$110.00
St. Louis District Assn.	\$48.50
Thayer	\$200.00
Theabeau, Bob	\$5.00
Trinity	\$73.45
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
United Youth Group	\$170.00
Unity	\$50.00
Verdella	\$298.17
Victory- KC	\$345.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Total	\$8,218.69

Youth Camp

Rolla 1st	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
Park Hills 1st	29.99
Cornerstone	25.00
Cabool	10.00
Hartville	10.00
New Home- Hartville	10.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	10.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Trinity	4.00
Thayer	55.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	180.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove	10.00
Niangua	20.00
Verdella	20.00
Buffalo 1st	100.00
Desoto 1st	55.00
West Plains 1st	25.00
Berean	15.00
Park Hills 1st	30.78
Total	\$654.77

Camp Development Fund

Myrtle	50.00
Rock Chapel	278.00
Houston 1st	100.00
Houston 1st	100.00
Total	\$528.00

C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	130.00
Total	\$130.00

Senior Adult Ministries

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	130.00
Total	\$130.00

Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	130.00
Total	\$130.00

Free Will Baptist Bible

CollegeMyrtle(Ketterman Fund)	100.00
Ruble, N.	15.00
Farmington 1st	142.62
Hannon	30.00
Thayer	50.00
Verdella	141.43
Desoto 1st	40.00
Total	\$519.05

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Neosho 1st	120.00
Grant Avenue	6.00
Victory-KC	265.51
Farmington	142.03
Neosho 1st	50.00
Hannon	50.00
Thayer	50.00
Joplin 1st	75.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Beacon	4.00
Total	\$770.54

California Christian College

Farmington 1st	40.35
Total	\$40.35

Southeastern Free Will Baptist College

Springfield 1st	25.00
Springfield 1st	30.00
Total	\$55.00

Rev. John McClure

Purdy 1st	20.00
Carthage	15.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
Gospel Light	80.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	47.50
Purdy	20.00
Chapman, A.	20.00
Grace	15.00
Total	\$232.50

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Myrtle	8.00
New Hope	30.00
Farmington 1st	80.00
Belton	40.00
Hannon	100.00
Unity	20.00
Desoto 1st	55.00
Total	\$333.00

Cornerstone FWB Church

(Brian Brinkoff)	
Merls Chapel	50.00
New Testament	10.00
New Testament	10.00
Total	\$70.00

Vergel Maness

Grace	100.00
Gospel Light	80.00
Grace	100.00
Total	\$280.00

Morgan Minkler

Belton	25.00
Total	\$25.00

Indian Bible College

(Richard Standley)	
Chapman, A.	10.00
Totals	\$10.00

Together Way Special Day

Hannon	300.00
Total	\$300.00

Pierced Ears?

by Pastor R.E. Dablemont

"Just do it because I told you to!" was often the remark which pierced my young ears while struggling through teen years in my grandparent's home in a small country town in rural Missouri. In fact, these were the only pierced ears I ever had! Surely, most of us can remember slamming a few doors in frustration and muttering to ourselves that "old people just don't understand."

In my life, there was Granny, (after a door slam) a few minutes or hours later, coaxing me into a not-so-brief-as-I-wanted chat and explaining to me just why respect and obedience were important. Accompanying the explanation almost always was a simple concluding exhortive reminder that "it was for my own good." At that particular point in my life, I was convinced that Granny and Gramps enjoyed spoiling my pleasure with their rules and lectures. Little did I realize at the time that I was receiving some of the most valuable training of life for my later life.

C.S. Lewis tells this story: A schoolboy (when asked) what he thought God was like, replied, "as far as I can make out, God is the sort of person who is always snooping around to see if anyone is enjoying himself and then tries to stop it!" (The Joyful Christian, 18).

A lot of people, unfortunately, adhere to this type of adolescent mentality. Why do some human beings never seem to grow up and out of their childish resistance to rightful authority? How come so many find it so difficult to learn and respect the authority that is obviously designed for their own welfare? Only God knows for sure!

Freud theorized a fixation complex to explain it. Rogers would have us believe that almost all rebellion stems from a lack of perceived unconditional love. Skinner simply attributes defiant behaviour to bad habits developed through learned behavior and improper reinforcement. And of course we must not leave out the large number of sociologists who remind us that the unruly adult is solely the product of an unjust society.

I've decided that there is some truth in all these explanations. Admittedly, we are all schoolboys in life at its various stages. At some point, however, its fair to say that God expects us to stop kicking, complaining, and questioning His authority...and to do our best to do what He tells us to do. Solomon seemed to reach this conclusion as he says, "respect God and do what He says!" (loosely but dynamically translated). Now many years later, I still find myself to be a schoolboy, and I'm thankful for the lessons Granny and Gramps provided for me. And these lessons were not always limited to little chats. Nor is God's!

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