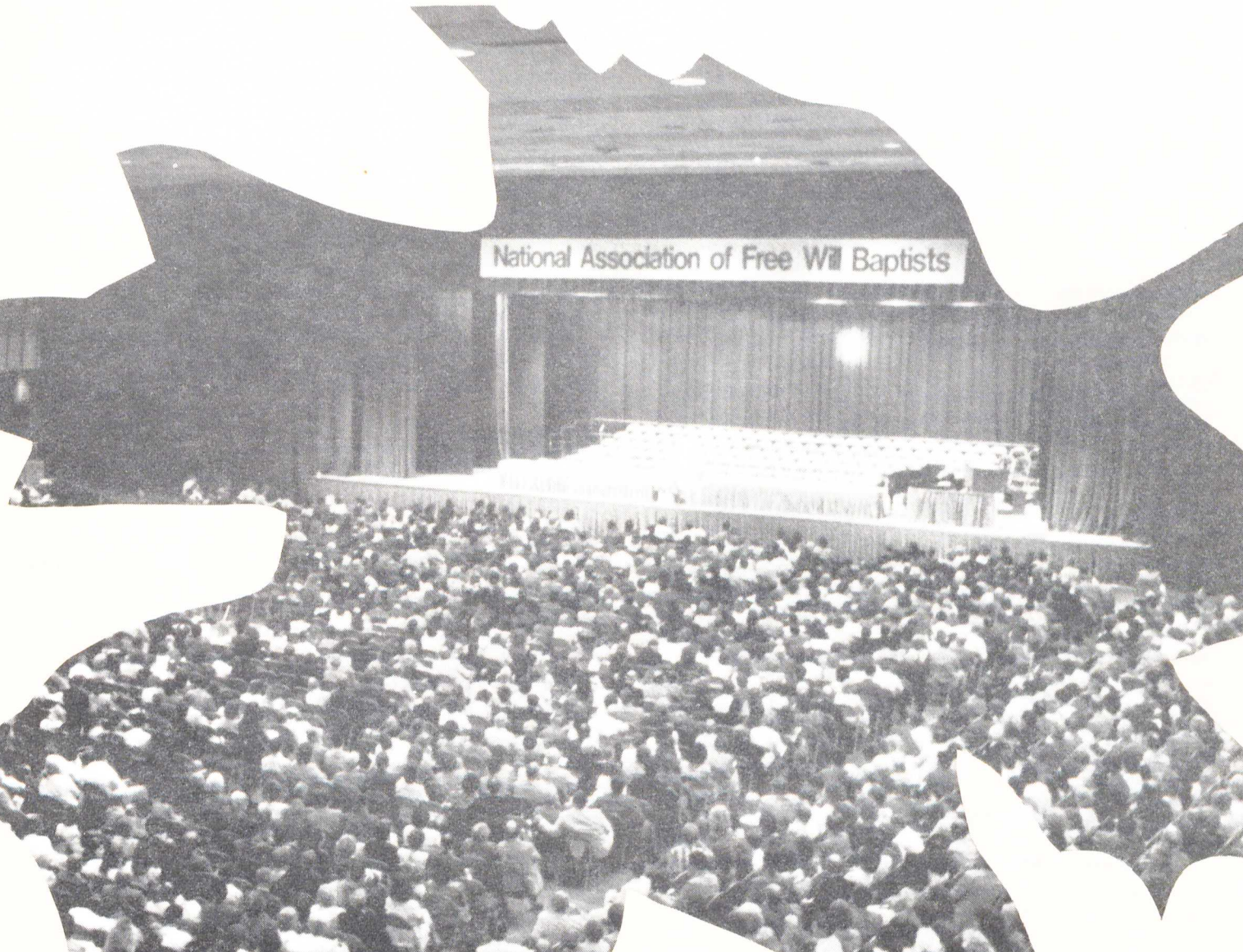


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## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES 1988-1989

CHURCHES	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Belton	32	36	35	35		36	47	51		47		54
Calvary Fellowship	202	231	287	202	225	223	222	254	233	201		
Cape Girardeau	57	57	52	53	41	47	51	45	45	48	47	39
Central						78	88	105	90	96		
Copper Mines	88	75	79	84	90	81						
Cuba	70	68	75	79	66	64	62					
DeSoto	190	190	193	177		172	177			189	180	183
Farmington	363	353	346	343	341	300	309	381	323	302	313	300
Flat River, First	166	167	183	181	154	148	121	174	143	147	135	131
Hannibal								21				
Hannon	72	77	73	72	77	78	77	102	81	94	73	72
Harmony		86	74	73	63		59	77		62	56	
Hartville	94	82	94	93	98	85	91	100	97	97	91	
Houston	91	78	95	92	84	82	93	83	89	87	83	74
Lebanon, First	91	89	88	90	80	89	83	87	94	86	86	89
Myrtle	39	34	35	38	35	33	31	37			37	41
Neosho	103											
Parkview	66	60	55	57	64	53	44	61	61	55	54	50
Pleasant Home	90	85	87	77	86	75						
Richwoods	45	69	53	44	56	44	46	46				
Rock Chapel	70	62	63	63	68	59						
Southside	73	66	68	72	69	67						
Springfield, First	132	117	123	120	145	170	168	155	146	130	129	138
Thayer												122
United, West Plains	112	128	125	137	137	133	138	164	128		158	145
Verdella	74	79	85	82	90							
Victory, K.C.	57	71	75	68	77	76	64	95	70	66	63	65
West Plains, First	119	127	155	130	131	138						
Willow Springs	66	71	85	75	77		58	79	66	67	66	65

The above is only a partial listing — there are 170 Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri.  
Every church is encouraged to send its Sunday School averages in each month to be listed in the above report.

## Essentials of Evangelism

by Stanley Jones

Sometimes revival meetings are said to be unsuccessful when the fact could be, there was confusion as to what was expected from the meeting. Some may say a meeting is successful if there is a large attendance. For others, it might be enthusiastic services. Still others may view a good meeting as one in which there are many professions of faith.

It seems to me that it would be helpful if a church would try to set some attainable goals for the revival. Not just goals where numbers are sought, but where needs are met. To do that would mean a church would have to make an honest assessment of needs, both in and outside the church family. These needs may revolve around family, finances, faithful consistent Christian living, sharing their faith, Christian growth, etc. There

may be several unsaved who have shown interest. In that case, evangelism should be the emphasis of the meeting. Once the need is identified the pastor, church and evangelist can pray, plan and work toward reaching the obvious needs.

People will only respond to the Gospel if they feel it will meet their needs. And, a revival effort will only be successful as we are able to identify those needs and present a Gospel that will meet their needs.

### Revival Schedule:

Sept. 10-15	Harmony FWB Church, Parkville, MO
Sept. 17-23	Copper Mines FWB Church, Fredericktown, MO
Sept. 24	Evening Shade Church, Manes, MO
Sept. 25-30	Crossroads FWB Church, Lebanon, MO
Oct. 1-6	First FWB Church, Mtn. Grove, MO
Oct. 8-13	Blue Springs FWB Church, Blue Springs, MO
Oct. 15-20	Unity FWB Church, Lebanon, MO
Oct. 22-27	First FWB Church, Flat River, MO
Oct. 29-Nov. 3	West Side FWB Church, Tulsa, MO

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## National Convention News

NASHVILLE, TN — Delegates to the 53rd annual Free Will Baptist national convention made history in Tampa, Florida, when they changed the denomination's constitution and declared ordained deacons standing delegates at future National Associations. That's good news for the denomination's 6,085 ordained deacons, and more than doubles the number of standing delegates with automatic votes at the annual convention.

**In other action, delegates:**

**REGISTERED** . . . a total of 5,707 in three concurrent conventions including 703 ministers, 96 state delegates, 134 local church delegates, 8 lay board members, 62 home missionaries, 27 foreign missionaries; 2,324 non-delegates; 1,380 for the National Youth Conference and 973 for the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

**ADOPTED** . . . an \$11 million 1990 budget for the following denominational agencies: Foreign Missions - \$3.5 million; Sunday School and Church Training - \$2.6 million; Free Will Baptist Bible College - \$2.2 million; Home Missions - \$1.9 million; Executive Office - \$395,000; Retirement and Insurance - \$249,000; Master's Men - \$80,000; Free Will Baptist Foundation - \$30,000; Radio-TV Commission - \$15,000; Executive Church Bonds - \$6,650; Commission for Theological Integrity - \$2,700; Historical Commission - \$2,000; Music Commission - \$1,500.

**APPROVED** . . . the Budget Committee's recommendation that gifts received through the Cooperative Plan be allocated to national ministries on the following basis: (1) Underwrite the Executive Office administration budget above those gifts received directly; (2) Disburse the balance of undesignated funds according to these percentages - Free Will Baptist College (23%), Foreign Missions (23%), Home Missions (18%), Board of Retirement (14%), Master's Men (14%), Free Will Baptist Foundation (6%), Commission for Theological Integrity (0.5%), Historical Commission (0.5%), Music Commission (0.5%), Radio-Television Commission (0.5%).

**GAVE** . . . a \$21,500 Wednesday evening missionary offering. Undesignated funds will be divided between home and foreign missions.

**AFFIRMED** . . . the decision by the Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees to permit the men's basketball team to compete in regulation uniforms.

**AGREED** . . . to adjust the dress code for men and boys participating in NYC competition. Dress coats are now optional. Slacks, dress shirts and ties are still required.

**SPOKE** . . . clearly that they consider using Free Will Baptist money to build non-Free Will Baptist churches a violation of the eighth commandment. A resolution supporting Home Missions Department actions to protect Free Will Baptist investments in establishing new churches won strong endorsement.

**DIRECTED** . . . that a 10-year growth campaign be launched in 1991 to carry the denomination into the 21st century. The committee to coordinate the project will be composed of the National Association executive secretary, the WNAC executive secretary and one member for each of the national departments.

**HONORED** . . . outgoing Master's Men Board members Raymond Lee (North Carolina) and Paul

Kennedy (California) for 12 years of service on the board.

**RE-ELECTED** . . . Shawnee, Oklahoma, pastor Waldo Young to his 21st term as National Association clerk.

**STOOD** . . . in appreciation for the Florida State Association that hosted the 1989 convention.

**LEARNED** . . . that 103 new churches were organized during the first three years of the Target 90 Campaign.

**WONDERED** . . . how the Ivory Coast medical staff managed to treat 11,523 patients in one year with such limited personnel.

**DISCOVERED** . . . that the Free Will Baptist ministers' retirement fund is growing at the rate of \$4,210 per day.

**PRAYED** . . . for North Carolina pastor Bob King who is awaiting a heart transplant. The Cramerton FWB Church started a fund to defray the more than 70,000 surgery expenses.

**GEARED UP** . . . for National Ministries Sunday, September 24 when every Free Will Baptist is asked to give \$32.37 to underwrite the 1989 denominational gift goal budget.

**ACCEPTED** . . . WNAC's great invitation to attend seminars for ministers' wives, retirees and the single again. More than 500 women crowded into Riverside Hotel Monday afternoon to hear answers to frequently asked questions.

**PRAISED** . . . NYC officials when they announced the organization of a national Free Will Baptist youth congress. This youth ministry called TEAM elected North Carolina teenager Chris Truett as its first president.

**THANKED** . . . God for Walter Golding who retired from the U.S. Air Force after more than 20 years as a Free Will Baptist chaplain.

**FLINCHED** . . . when Foreign Missions director Eugene Waddell reported that foreign missionary deficit accounts are still \$40,000 in the red.

**SMILED** . . . when WNAC announced the 1991 Foreign Student Scholarship winner, Erica Diaz, a student from Panama studying at Free Will Baptist Bible College. WNAC also adopted revised rules regarding repayment of funds borrowed from the Student Memorial Loan.

**WELCOMED** . . . the 1989-1990 WNAC slate of officers: President - Mary Neal, Vice-President - June Rolen, Secretary - Peggy Outland, Members-at-Large - Kay Hampton, DeLois Loveless and Marian Reece.

**HOPPED** . . . to attend a new type seminar sponsored by the Board of Retirement. The agency sponsored six 20-minute seminars on Monday and Tuesday. The seminars addressed basic estate planning, retirement planning and ministering to older adults.

**HAILED** . . . the convention music program assembled by Music Coordinator Blaine Hughes. In addition to hearty quartets and solos, the program also included a Hispanic choir from Free Will Baptist churches in Miami.

**SIGHED** . . . when Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington announced a 1990 price increase in **Contact** subscriptions. The church bundle plan and the individual subscription rates jump 50 cents each, while church family plan rates stay the same.

**ADJOURNED** . . . to meet in Phoenix, Arizona, July 15-19, 1990, at the Phoenix Civic Plaza.

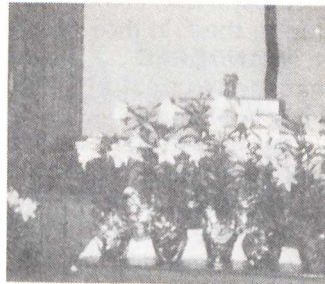




# Churches, People & Events



Pastor & Mrs. Ruble with Anniversary Cake



Flower Arrangement

## A GREAT FIRST HALF AT FOURTH

The first six months have passed swiftly. The first two were spent in prayer and planning which were necessary for the victorious spring we had. During the month of March we had a great Sunday School campaign. We've had some other memorable ones, but this one was pretty special. The theme was "Press for the Prize" and we competed with the Southside Church to see which church could have the greater percentage average over October 1988. I personally knew the competition would be fierce, like a Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals baseball game. More important, both churches would be working hard to visit, invite, and bring in folks for their church. Within that month, we celebrated our 35th anniversary with a special Homecoming Day. Rev. Max Courtney preached and the Durbin family sang. We had a great day in the Lord. However, Southside Church was undaunted by this. Easter Sunday was also celebrated in a couple of ways. The front of the church was majestically adorned with Easter lilies donated in memory or in honor of various loved ones by several of our church. To me it was a symbol of Hope for our mission church. We rejoiced as we commemorated Easter as well as in the news that we had won the Sunday School contest! Southside would be coming over to visit with us at our evening service on April 16. We had had a 32% increase over last October's average. Southside fared well in overall numbers, but the greater increase was ours!

Needless to say, we were ready for our spring revival. Rev. Glen Rehkop, pastor of the Grace church, served as the evangelist, April 9 - 14. Our hearts were stirred by some mighty inspiring messages.

Well, the evening of April 16 Southside and its pastor, Rev. Bozeman, joined us for our worship service. There was a good number that attended, so they were pretty gracious "losers." Brother Bozeman preached that night and intimated that he'd like to have a "re-match" sometime.

On April 23-24 we had the privilege of participating in the spring Missionary Conference that was conducted in the St. Louis District. On the evening of April 23, Rev. Jim Mertz, home missionary to Wentzville, Missouri, spoke at our church. The following evening at the Southside church, we joined Faith, United, and Southside for a joint missionary service with

missionaries Dennis Owen-Spain, Allen Crowson-France, Fred and Evelyn Hersey-Japan, and our own Jim Mertz-Wentzville, Missouri. Preceding the service was an informal supper. The service was pretty informal, too. We got to see that there was more to our missionaries than their dedication to preaching the gospel. We learned some interesting as well as humorous facts about these missionaries. I even learned that my brother enjoys a foreign delicacy called "french-fried bologna"! Some remarked, within my hearing, that that was a southwest Missouri favorite. I though I had eaten it every possible way.

During the months of April and May, several of our energetic church members participated in bowling - a great way to spend your Saturday evenings and pay for it on Sunday morning. It was a good way for folks to get to know one another and fellowship, too.

We had a Mother-Daughter banquet on May 12 with Sister Miriam Willhite as the speaker for the occasion. The theme was "Bouquets of Blessings."

We were very proud of our pastor, Brother Ruble, who preached on Tuesday evening, June 6, at the State Association.

On June 19, after the evening service, we had a Father's Day fellowship. Yes, it's been quite a first half at Fourth, one that has reflected the fact that you **can** love one another while serving the Lord **and** have a great time doing it. It can be a joyful experience for any church whatever their size when they labor together and can reap God's blessings on their efforts.

We are looking forward to VBS in August and desire your prayers that it will be a means of reaching out to our community with the gospel.

*Sue Winchester,*  
Church Reporter

## HANNIBAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH CALLS OUT THE NATIONAL GUARD

The Hannibal Free Will Baptist Church set a new Sunday morning worship attendance record on July 2 by calling out the National Guard.

The Hannibal Mission Church honored the 2175th Military Police Company in a special Independence Day celebration. The eleven guard members present came dressed in their Class A uniforms. Sergeant First Class Rocky Shrum accepted a plaque from the church on behalf of the whole battalion. The Guardsmen posted the colors in the front of the church while the congregation said the pledge of allegiance to the American and Christian Flags.

Specialist Fourth Class Michael A. Clancy, Missouri National Guard Soldier of the Year, and member of the Rolla Free Will Baptist Church, was the special guest speaker. Pastor Cochran then delivered the message "The Correlation of the Two Flags."

We thank God for our 46 people present and the seed of hope that has been planted in our friends' lives. Pray for us in Hannibal that we continue to see a good growth pattern in our church. God bless you from Hannibal, Mo.





Pastor James Crawford



The New Life Singers



The Afternoon Congregation

## DEDICATION SERVICE AT CONWAY

The sun was shining and the weather was hot, but it was very nice and comfortable in the beautiful new sanctuary of the Conway Free Will Baptist Church.

On this beautiful Sunday, June 25, 1989, at 2:00 p.m. the Conway Church held its Dedication Service for the new church building.

Rev. Jim Crawford, pastor, gave a cordial welcome to members and friends as the afternoon service began. The music director, Clifford Brawley, led the congregation in some lively gospel songs, and Rev. R.E. Helsley was asked to lead the congregation in prayer.

Special music was presented by the New Life Singers and Diane Crawford, wife of the pastor. The special and congregational singing was spiritually uplifting.

The pastor introduced Rev. Clarence Burton to deliver the Dedication Message. The members and friends of the church were complimented by Brother Burton for allowing God to work a miracle through them. He led the congregation in dedicating the pulpit, the altar, the musical instruments, the sanctuary and the classrooms and fellowship hall to the glory of God; to the purpose of preaching and teaching the Gospel. The Prayer of Dedication was led by the pastor.

The ladies of the church provided an abundant amount of delicious food which was enjoyed during a time of sweet fellowship, following the afternoon service.

## DIANE WALLS SELECTED FOR NATIONAL Y E T TEAM

During the Awards Ceremony the twelve members of the 1990 National Youth Evangelistic Team were announced.

These high school youth earn membership on the team by being the winners or top scorers in the Music and Arts Festival.

Team members are Diane Walls, MO (Berkeley Church); Larae Clyatt, IL; Jamie Harris, TX; Paula Kring, OK; Melissa White, AL; Angie Wolfenbarger, TN; Greg Cavitt, OK; Donald Myers, CO; Donnie Price, IL; Chad Shockley, KY; Mark Stone, TN; and Eric Thomeson, FL.

These young people from nine states will tour next summer into Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.



Diane Walls



Woman's Auxiliary

## UNIQUE MOTHER'S DAY HATS AT HAPPY HOME

The Woman's Auxiliary at the Happy Home Free Will Baptist Church decided to make their Secret Pals Tin Pie Pan Hats for Mother's Day. The picture shows the ladies wearing these unique hats. They are: Jo Ann Epperson, Dorothy Phillips, Ula Greene, Leota Erdahl, Coeta Frye, Peggy Allison, Charolette McMaster and Gladis Peak.

## CONTEST RAISES MONEY FOR MISSIONARIES

The Belton Free Will Baptist Church recently had a Fish Fry and an Ugly Man Contest, writes Nova Glenn, secretary/treasurer of the Masters Men.

A total of \$111.16 was raised for missions. This amount was equally divided between the Russell Johnson and the Ron Moore accounts.

Who won the "Ugly Man" Contest? The pastor, Rev. Gene Howell. He accepted this in the spirit of fun and laughter. (He is a rather handsome man.)

The Fish Fry did give the pastor an opportunity to use his new fish fryer.

Brother Glenn continues, We as a church are very thankful for our pastor and his wife and family. We are glad the Lord led them to the Belton Church.



Preparing The Fish



Enjoying The Meal

## MISSOURI NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE WINNERS

### Bible Sword Drill

2nd Place Brian Scott, Calvary Fellowship Church

### Bible Tic Tac Toe

3rd Place Hartville Church Team

### Large Instrumental Ensemble

Crusader Hartville Instrumental Ensemble

### Instrumental Solo - String (Bowed)

Crusader Diane Walls, Berkeley Church

### Keyboard Solo

Ambassador Craig Cook, Beacon Church

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### Extemporaneous Speech

Herald Philip Ledgerwood, Harmony Church

### Dramatic Selection

Learner Heidi MacCulloch, Beacon Church

Ambassador Betsy McMillian, Monett Church

### Prose

Adventurer Holly MacCulloch, Beacon Church

### Interpretation of Scripture

Herald Heather MacCulloch, Beacon Church

### Creative Arts - Painting

Adventurer Amber Raney, Grant Avenue Church

### Creative Arts - Graphics

Ambassador Tammi Williams, Carthage Church

### Creative Arts - Ceramic/Pottery

Ambassador Tammi Williams, Carthage Church

### Creative Arts - Photography, Color

Herald Shawn Hill, Fordland Church



Pastor Cody Freeman



Morning Congregation



The Gospel Generation



The Soul Seekers

## HOMECOMING/ANNIVERSARY AT THAYER

The Planning Committee had planned for this special day. The banner was in place and the flowers were properly arranged. It was the Thirty-Fifth Anniversary and Homecoming for the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church.

The pastor, Rev. Cody Freeman, gave a warm welcome to former members, visitors and members to open this special service. The congregation enjoyed the singing and the special music provided by former members, The Gospel Generation (the Curt Barton family).

Rev. Clarence Burton was introduced to deliver the morning message. He recognized the faithfulness of the Thayer Church in its total involvement of the State and National Ministries; also, the stability and steady growth the church had experienced since its inception.

Following a delicious meal served by the ladies of the church during the noon hour, the afternoon service began with very enjoyable singing by the Soul-Seekers, a Gospel Singing Group from Doniphan, Missouri. The pastor recognized former pastors of the church that were present, Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Grover Pingleton. These former pastors gave greetings and spoke in regard to their enjoyable labor with the church.

Two ladies of the church rendered beautiful solos, Ruby Johnson and Laverne Clark.

Deloris Bennett gave an interesting history of the Thayer Church. The Gospel Generation blessed the hearts of the congregation again with more gospel songs. It was a great day!

## Minute Meditation

by Gene Crewse



*Then said the Lord, doest thou well to be angry?*

Jonah 4:4

This verse has bothered me since we studied the book of Jonah in our Sunday School class. It practically jumped off the page when I read it.

Jonah was terribly angry, but why? God asked him the question, "doest thou well to be angry?" Or in other words, "Jonah, do you have a right to be angry?" Did Jonah indeed have a right to be angry? There is an anger that the Bible says is all right, but was Jonah justified in his anger?

Was Jonah's anger a selfless indignation because of some reproach brought against God? Such was the case when Christ ran the money changers out of the temple. Was it a selfish vindication because these people were a threat to him and his people and he thought they deserved to die? I think the latter was possibly true. Jonah was angry because God had shown compassion upon a wicked city.

It's well and good for us to admit that Jonah was wrong, but what about that lost person who God accepts through repentance and faith in Christ? Do they really deserve the same privileges as I do? What about the person who has wronged us? Just because they repent and God forgives them, do we have to? After all, don't they deserve to be kicked out for what they have done?

It would do us well to realize that God will have mercy upon whom He will have mercy and compassion upon whom He will have compassion.

One thing I've learned in my few years in the pastorate is that God forgives people, but people don't forgive people. Are you angry because of some selfish, get even, they deserve what they get attitude? The next time our anger flares in a church situation, let's ask ourselves the question, "Do I have a right to be angry?"

This is a difficult verse, but I feel that in the majority of churches, associations, etc., compassion and forgiveness should take precedence over anger. Are you slow to anger? Are you angry? *Doest thou well to be angry?*



## The Youth Look

by Ann Cochran Poletti

If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

I saw that question on a poster sometime ago, and it started my mind to thinking. Think with me about this.

Would there be enough concrete evidence to even bring you before a jury? If so, what kind of exhibits



would be shown? Maybe a well-used Bible, which automatically falls open to "soul-winning" scriptures; or possibly calloused knees that would indicate hours of time in prayer.

What about witnesses in your defense? Would there be anyone who would stand for your character - happy, giving, caring and an all-around attitude which reflects Jesus? Is there someone who would say, "I was led to the Lord by that person"? And are there those who would say, "That person has used his talents for the Lord"?

As you ponder these questions, let me make my point clear. It is important that others see Jesus in us. If others do not see Jesus reflected in our lives, it is obvious that something is missing.

It is encouraging to know that God is our Judge. He and He alone knows, not only everything we do, but He knows everything that we think. So, if we keep our eyes on God, the Judge and the Jury, we need not fear the day of Judgement.

## 1989 Missouri Free Will Baptist State Youth Conference

### The Road To Glory

#### Dear Sponsor,

The 1989 Missouri State Youth Conference is right around the corner. The theme of this year's conference is "**The Road To Glory.**" We think that this will be a great conference

A successful conference is about more than just fun, however. The featured conference speaker this year is Craig Fry. Craig has more than 12 years in youth ministries. The enclosed poster and flyers list some of the other conference personnel.

Your help is crucial to the success of this conference, however. First, we **must receive** all registration forms and medical releases no later than October 1. This is the deadline set by Camp Windermere; therefore, there can be no late registrations. Also, be sure you send an adequate number of sponsors (Camp Windermere suggests one sponsor for every seven campers, minimum). We are also including some suggested topics for lights out devotions on Friday night. We are asking that every room have devotions.

If we can be of any service to you, or if you have any questions, feel free to contact a member of the Youth Ministries Board. Camp Windermere is a gorgeous facility that you will appreciate immensely. The camp's phone number is (314) 346-2205. We'll see you there!!!

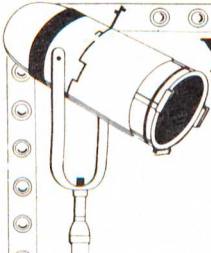
#### SCHEDULE

##### Friday, November 3

2:00 p.m. - Check-in begins  
7:30 p.m. - Get Acquainted Activities  
7:45 p.m. - General Session  
8:45 p.m. - Break  
9:00 p.m. - Supper  
10:30 p.m. - In Cabins  
11:00 p.m. - LIGHTS OUT


##### Saturday, November 4

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. - General Session  
9:45 a.m. - Break  
10:00 a.m. - Elective Seminar  
10:45 a.m. - Break  
11:30 a.m. - Lunch  
12:45 p.m. - Elective Seminar  
1:30 p.m. - Break  
2:00 p.m. - Closing Rally  
3:00 p.m. - Conference Ends



# Youth Ministries Productions

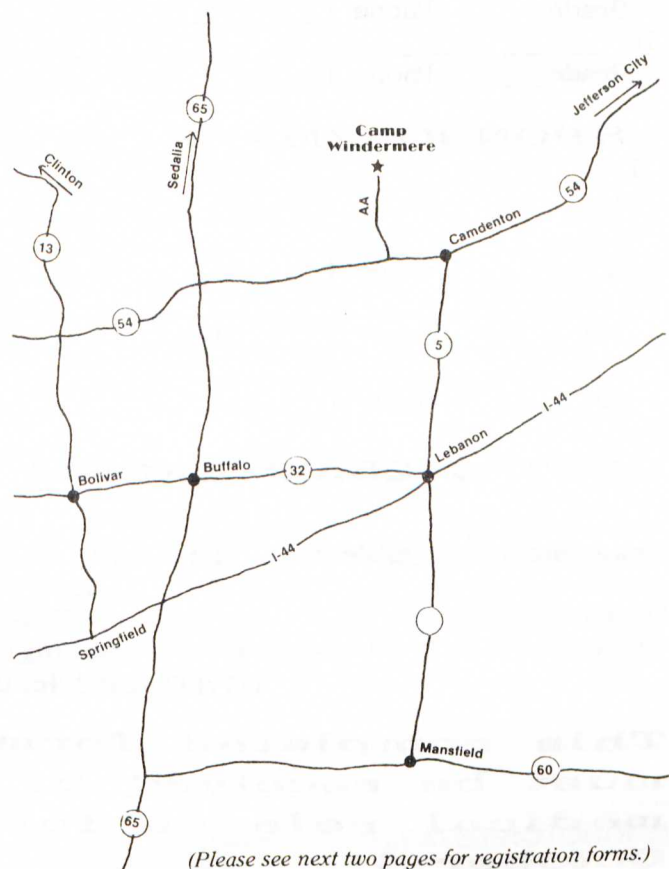
PRESENTS



.....**STARRING:**.....  
**Craig Fry**  
.....**AND FEATURING:**.....  
**Mark Braisher - Rick Chapman**  
**Curt Gwartney - Kent Hubbard**  
**Michael Walker - Susan Jenkins**  
**Nathaniel Paige**

THE CRITICS SAY:  
"I had a wonderful time!" Shelly Lee Ryther, Street    "Let's have these every year!" Chris Parrish, Mount    "Great idea!" Teri Blackburn, Hannibal

**Opening November 3 & 4**  
**Windermere Baptist Camp**



(Please see next two pages for registration forms.)



**MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTIST  
SECOND ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE  
"THE ROAD TO GLORY"  
NOVEMBER 3-4, 1989  
WINDERMERE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY**

CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_ PASTOR \_\_\_\_\_  
YOUTH LEADER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS GROUP \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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**COST \$ 25.00 EACH X TOTAL ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make checks payable to: **MISSOURI YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD**  
Rev. Jeffrey Gaskins  
1060 S. Grant Avenue  
Springfield, MO 65807  
417/865-2450 (church) or 882-7802 (home)

**This completed form with registration fees must be received by OCTOBER 1, with signed medical release forms. No refunds after October 1!**



## Camper Medical Release Form

Windemere Baptist Assembly  
Roach, MO 65787

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Residence Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code) (A/C)

Church Coming With \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (City)

Allergy To Any Medicine? \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, What? \_\_\_\_\_

If not available in an emergency, notify:

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(Name) Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(A/C)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(A/C)

I \_\_\_\_\_, having legal custody of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name of Parent/Legal 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 Windemere Baptist Assembly, located at Roach, Missouri.

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, and in the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp personnel entrusted with the care of my child 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 camps insurance carrier.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

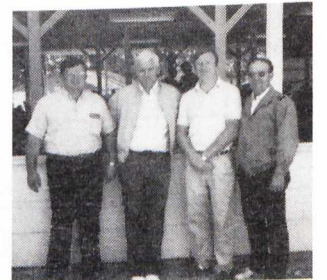
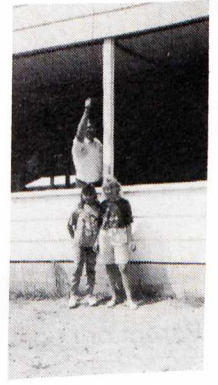
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# YOUTH CAMP MEMORIES



*Additional photos in other issues*



## Life: A Precious Gift

by Paulette Munn



Life is a precious gift from God. Many of us today take that life for granted. If everybody would just stop and think about how they spend their lives, many of us, I think, would not be happy. I, for one, never really took the time to sit down and figure out what my life meant to me and to others around me. I guess one realizes its value when a life is taken from them.

The doctor's diagnosis was Thyroid Cancer of the lungs. After five months of pain and suffering, my father passed away. Forty-five isn't very old to be taken away from the people who love you.

The doctors were hopeful, but even they knew Dad would not make it. I sat and watched as my father went through three surgeries, the pain of getting tubes pushed into his chest and machines hooked up to him. I knew I wouldn't have him much longer. I wanted to spend every moment I could with him.

The days went slowly by, and it seemed there was nothing anyone could do to ease the pain and suffering my family and I were going through. Time was the enemy, and no one could stop it. I had so many things I wanted to say and do, but there just wasn't time.

Through all this ordeal, my father never complained about anything. No matter how bad he hurt or how scared he was, he always had a smile on his face. When people would come into his room, he always asked them how they were doing. He showed so much strength and courage, even when the doctors told him it wouldn't be very much longer.

Dad came home the last week in September. I spent that week lying at the foot of his bed trying to figure out why it had to be my dad. On the second day of October 1987, I spent the entire day lying beside my father, holding his hand. Not a word was spoken as the day became night. My mother sent me to my aunt's house so I could get out of our house and get some fresh air. That night the phone rang. Mother was on the other end, telling my aunt Dad had passed away.

Because of this troubled time in my life, I have grown to be a stronger person in my faith as well as in my life. It has taught me to not take life casually, but to live it to the fullest. I cherish the things I do and the times I have with my family and friends, now more than before. For all of these reasons, I give thanks to my father.

*ABOUT THE WRITER: Paulette graduated from High School last spring. She is presently a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College. She was active in High School, Church, Youth Camp, and was a member of the Peace & Truth Group for two years. As mentioned in her article, her faith and her family and friends have helped her grow in the Lord.*



*"He will keep in perfect peace all those who trust in Him."*

Isaiah 26:3



## Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

On January 22, 1973, a landmark decision was handed down by our Supreme Court, that would affect millions of lives. This case, known as "Roe vs. Wade," gave this nation abortion on demand, at any time during a pregnancy. Since that date, over 20,000,000 abortions have been performed legally in the U.S. This number is more than 17 times the number of casualties of all American combat related deaths. Think about that . . . twenty million babies have been killed right here in the U.S. Over 4,000, an average of one baby every twenty-two seconds, die daily in this country alone, with the approval of our present government. All these die without being afforded the personal freedoms others have fought and died to preserve for them.

The time has come that we must face this issue, and answer the question, "Is abortion really wrong, or for this day and age, can it be justified?" According to one leading medical doctor, "abortion is essential to population control, and a method of suppressing poverty and crime."

What does God say about human life and its value? He tells us that human life is sacred (Acts 17:24,25; Gen. 1:27). But some raise the issue of when this life is sacred. The Scriptures indicate that it is sacred from the time of conception, and never stops being sacred at any point in life (Gen. 4:1; Jer. 1:5; Luke 1:35,44; Ex. 21:20-25). Exodus 21:22-25 shows that God puts the so-called "fetal" life on a plane with adult life.

Still, many who would never opt for an abortion themselves, believe that every woman should have the right to make this decision for themselves. After all, it is her own body. Our laws do not allow a woman to sell her body for profit, or to take illegal drugs, or to kill herself, yet she has the right to take the life of her child. According to Tim LaHaye, "a woman does have the right to choose before she gets pregnant. After that, there is another life that must be considered."

The argument continues. Abortionists have thrown many smoke screens to advance their permissive practices of convenience. Consider the following frequently used argument:

ARGUMENT: "We'll go back to the days of back-alley abortions if Roe vs. Wade is overturned." RESPONSE: 80-90% of all illegal abortions were done by doctors; many, the same who now do them legally.

ARGUMENT: "But what about those women who are raped? Should they not be free to have an abortion?"

RESPONSE: Less than 1% of the women seeking abortions are victims of rape. Also, a cleansing treatment by approved medical doctors can be done immediately after such traumatic experiences, before conception occurs.

ARGUMENT: "Thousands of women died annually from illegal abortions." RESPONSE: Dr. Natanson, co-founder of the National Abortion Rights Action League, says this claim is "totally false." In the 1950's, there were

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300 maternal deaths resulting from abortion. By 1967, 160 deaths were reported, and by 1973, when the court legalized abortions, the numbers had fallen to 36. Compare these figures with the one and one-half million babies that are killed annually by abortions.

ARGUMENT: "But I don't want the child. I can't afford to take care of it." RESPONSE: In one recent year there were 800,000 couples in the U.S. cleared and wanting to adopt, but there were only 100,000 babies available.

Today our society sanctions the intentional ending of every third pregnancy. This ending of life is far from simple, gentle, and humane to the child. It is a violent and painful death for the baby. The most common method used to abort is the Suction Curettage. During the first 3 months, a suction tube (similar to a vacuum cleaner) is used to cut the baby's body and placenta into pieces and suck the remains into a jar. Another method, Saline (salt poisoning), is performed during the fourth through seventh months. A long needle is filled with a strong salt solution and injected into the fluid surrounding the baby. This causes a slow poisoning as the baby breathes and swallows. The baby's skin is often burned or stripped off by the salt solution. Within 24 hours, the mother usually delivers a dead baby, although some babies actually survive this method and are born with severe complications. There are still other methods that are just as heathen as those described above. This is definitely not a pleasant picture that has been described, but it - abortion - is not a pleasant picture. It is time we (Christians) take a stronger stand to defend these sacred lives!

(Next Gem edition: "What Can Be Done to Stop Abortion?")

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## GREETINGS



### Dear Friends,

Whew! This newsletter is just barely making it to you on the cutting edge of the second quarter. Besides welcoming the buzz of summer, life in general has been moving in the fast lane for me since the end of May. This letter will not be just another one of those ordinary missionary letters. **Rather I want to announce some big news** — Don't get too carried away. I'm not announcing my engagement! The news, though, does concern my future ministry (**to be more exact, our ministry**) in France.

After much prayer, evaluation, and consultation the Field Council unanimously has voted that the time has come to leave Lorient and move on elsewhere. Having been involved in the Lorient ministry since 1982, I'm

sure you can understand that the decision was not an easy one for me. **Yet I am convinced it is the right one.** We are all saddened, of course, that after much sowing the establishing of a church has not become a reality. Believing God's Word to be true, I believe that one day a harvest will be seen for His Word does not return void.

So, **July 1, I will relocate to the northern suburbs of Nantes to begin a new ministry.** The Field Council has decided to centralize our mission work in one region which holds greater potential for our overall goal of church-planting. Along with Steve & Becky Riggs and Allan & LaRue Crowson we will form a team in the northern suburbs of Nantes. This area of 100,000 is presently the fastest growing sector in Nantes.

I am sure you can understand that at this moment a lot of emotions are involved particularly as I look to leave a city which has, more or less, become home. Please pray for us as we move, adjust to Nantes, and begin our move toward the goal of reaching the Nantais for Christ. Thank you for your prayers and your faithful support! Whoops! Gotta go. Another box is anxious to be packed. Have an enjoyable summer!

Under His wing and care,

### Dear Bro. Burton & Missouri State Association,

Your faithful support to the Northwest Fresno Missionary Project is indeed encouraging. It will be through your continual prayers and financial support that we will be able to plant and establish a new growing, Christ-honoring Free Will Baptist Church in this growing city.

Thank you for the cash gift of \$105.00 to our account in May. Your partnership in this ministry is vital to us and of eternal consequence to the lost here in Fresno. Thank you for faithfully supporting this work each month.

Certainly you are anxious for us to truly get underway with the new Church. We have begun Mid-week Bible studies (meeting in our home). We are anxious to begin on Sundays as quickly as funds are raised. We are now doing all we can toward being ready for that time.

Thank you for your loving and faithful support. We shall, by God's grace, fulfill your trust.

Sincerely,

Millard C. Sasser  
(Phil. 3:17)

Pray for:

Shirley Ann — A recent convert - She needs God's grace for changing in so many areas of life.

Property — A place to meet and a permanent location.

Necessary legal papers — Must be completed for state and federal government.

Wise Use Of Time — It's limited; I must use mine wisely for greatest results.



## Aim For The



## Target!

The Free Will Baptist National Home Missions Board has launched a very exciting project called "Aim For The Target" to raise \$100,000 for land for the Target City, Phoenix, Arizona mission churches. The Board's goal is that \$100,000 will be raised by the time the National Association meets in Phoenix in July, 1990.

The Target City of Phoenix, Arizona was adopted by the National Association to plant five new churches by July, 1990. WILL YOU AND YOUR CHURCH HELP? Send gifts designated for the "Aim For The Target" Project to National Home Missions, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Dr. Thigpen Chosen President Elect Of Tennessee College Association

Free Will Baptist Bible College President Charles A. Thigpen was chosen unanimously on April 20 to serve as 1989-90 President Elect of the Tennessee College Association (TCA) at the organization's business meeting in Nashville.

Fifty-seven public and private universities, colleges and technical institutes in Tennessee are members of the TCA. Its purpose is "the advancement of the cause of higher education by promotion of interests common to the colleges of Tennessee." The Association does not control or supervise, directly or indirectly, the member institutions, but serves to aid them in their common goals.

As President Elect, Dr. Thigpen will serve on the TCA Executive Committee.

This is the first time that an administrator of a Bible college has served as President Elect of the TCA. After a one-year term as President Elect, Dr. Thigpen is scheduled to assume the TCA Presidency for 1990-91.

## Randall House Names Writers' Contest Winners

Literary buffs from five states entered manuscripts in the Short Story, Play/Skit, and Poetry categories in the 12th Annual Randall House Writers' Contest.

Each manuscript was reviewed and judged by three different persons on a point basis. Each contestant was furnished with each judge's evaluation form.

### Play/Skit

First Place — "R U Okay?" - Joy Price and Linda Coffman, River Rouge, MI  
Second Place — "On The Way To Bethlehem", Betty Reeves, Farmington, MO

## Southeastern Announces Appointment Of New President

On July 25, Rev. Billy Bevan was elected to be the third president of Southeastern Free Will Baptist College by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. He will assume his responsibilities as president August 1, 1989 which is the beginning of the new college fiscal year.



## Financial Information



### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

#### JUNE 1989

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 4,813.78
17.00% Executive Office & Gem	4,423.48
3.50% General Fund	910.72
8.50% Youth Camp Board	2,211.73
1.75% Youth Ministries Board	455.36
1.75% CE Board	455.36
4.50% Senior Adult Ministries Board	1,170.92
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,301.02
30.50% Nat'l Ministries, Hillsdale & California Christian College	7,936.24
24.00% Foreign Msn. Board	1,904.70
19.00% Nat'l Home Msn. Board	1,507.89
18.75% FWBBC	1,488.05
18.75% Hillsdale	1,488.05
14.00% Executive Dept.	1,111.07
2.50% Layman's Board	198.40
50% Radio & TV Com.	39.68
50% Theological Com.	39.68
50% Historical Com.	39.68
50% Board of Ret. & Ins.	39.68
1.00% Calif. Christian College	79.36
9.00% State Office	2,341.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,020.45</b>

We continue to praise God for His blessings on the State and National Ministries. May He bless every faithful giver!

### JUNE 1989 RECEIPTS

#### COOPERATIVE

Carthage	\$ 85.00
Fourth	169.00
South Side	309.00
Royal Oak	101.00
Mountain Grove	825.73
Potosi	63.87
Verdella	191.81
Hazel Creek	403.43
Willow Springs	229.93
Houston	296.40
Hannon	261.85
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	90.57
Lone Star	32.00
Hopewell	171.00
Fordland	324.83
Victory, K.C.	444.16

Columbia	75.00
Grace	500.00
Parkview	360.00
Mine La Motte	49.55
Black Oak	163.83
Cope	32.90
Eastern Gate	469.00
Friendship	340.00
New Harmony	10.09
Victory, Alton	144.00
Hurryville	192.10
Mill Creek	231.85
Rolla	45.52
Kingsway	200.26
Bailey Chapel	58.00
Rock Chapel	362.15
Olivet	400.00
Lebanon, First	391.78
Springfield, First	444.36
Marshfield	178.30
Oak Hill, Union	242.96
Stockton	86.64
Waynesville	236.92
Cuba	295.50



Belton	289.10
Mt. Zion, Gower	61.80
Harmony	345.00
Viburnum	182.88
Riverview	244.25
Pleasant Ridge	40.00
Trinity	602.56
Union Grove	177.35
Happy Home	109.39
Faith, Lemay	25.00
Freeman Chapel	207.67
Bethel, Festus	345.00
Boothel Association	13.14
Thayer	514.00
Mt. Pisgah	212.00
Terrill Road	115.00
Flat River, First	436.06
New Home	99.06
Jones Chapel	320.54
Joplin	324.74
Liberty	237.34
United, W.P.	477.57
Tyrone	48.00
DeSoto	740.00
Copper Mines	395.24
Farmington	1,375.00
West Plains, First	246.50
Byrd	78.00
Byrd	19.00
Byrd	11.50
Cabool	223.28
Grant Avenue	544.26
Seymour	132.00
Koshkonong	195.00
Leadington	375.00
Pleasant Hill	58.07
Jones Chapel	168.05
Pleasant Home	278.57
Twin Oak	850.00
Kirksville	13.00
Bethel, El Dorado	40.65
Wolf Creek	353.70
Lingo	102.79
Grace	500.00
New Life Fellowship	313.73
Victory Hill	75.64
Number One	37.30
Union Light	279.30
Eastern Gate	316.00
New Life Fellowship	377.08
New Rock Springs	111.00
Willow Springs	228.14
Monett	424.27
Thayer	383.00
Black Oak	205.53
Sedalia	120.52
Hopewell	160.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	91.78
Liberty	255.06
Cape Girardeau	357.55
Unity	272.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,020.45</b>

<b>FWBBC</b>	
Calvary Fellowship	\$ 35.75
Parkview	10.00
Freeman Chapel	50.00
Thayer	50.00
Leadington	20.00
DeSoto	35.00
Farmington	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$350.75</b>

<b>FOREIGN MISSIONS</b>	
Carthage	\$ 85.00
Fourth	10.00
South Side	230.00
Mountain Grove	186.29
O'Fallon	10.00
Verdella	247.89
Willow Springs	79.06
Houston	67.50
Hannon	261.85
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Fordland	158.39
Victory, K.C.	455.66
Columbia	27.68

Grace	57.75
Parkview	207.88
Carl Layman	10.00
New Harmony	50.46
Richwoods	50.00
Rock Chapel	168.00
Houston	80.13
Olivet	80.00
Lebanon, First	100.00
Marshfield	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	678.32
Parkview	50.00
N. Akeman	10.00
Oak Grove	65.00
Belton	25.00
Pleasant Ridge Woman's Auxiliary	35.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Trinity	67.76
Freeman Chapel	365.12
Bethel, Festus	60.00
Thayer	45.00
Mt. Pisgah	200.00
Flat River, First	87.22
Joplin	10.00
Viburnum	107.00
United, W.P.	117.00
DeSoto	300.00
Farmington	360.00
West Plains, First	5.00
Grant Avenue	409.31
Leadington	40.00
Pleasant Home	80.00
Kirksville	25.00
Blue Springs	60.00
Grace	13.00
New Life Fellowship	230.96
Richwoods	51.00
Monett, VBS	100.50
Monett	1,078.76
Thayer	68.00
Sedalia	265.25
Niangua	64.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,001.74</b>

#### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Carthage	\$ 5.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Verdella	10.00
Clifford Hoover	5.00
Fordland	10.00
Victory, K.C.	30.00
Columbia	22.67
Grace	105.00
Parkview	35.00
Richwoods	32.00
Rock Chapel	159.91
Parkview	20.00
Trinity	86.50
Bethel, Festus	30.00
Fred Clayton	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Thayer	80.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Leadington	100.00
Flat River, First	48.61
Joplin	15.00
Viburnum	43.00
United, W.P.	35.00
DeSoto	200.00
Farmington	20.00
Grant Avenue	61.00
Leadington	10.00
Pleasant Home	10.00
Kirksville	5.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Grace	105.00
New Life Fellowship	50.00
Richwoods	32.00
Monett	15.00
Thayer	139.00
Sedalia	15.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,679.94</b>

#### HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Hannon	\$ 50.00
Victory, K.C.	44.42

Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Parkview	10.00
Thayer	30.00
Farmington	150.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Thayer	30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$348.17</b>

#### YOUTH CAMP

Mountain Grove	\$ 10.00
Willow Springs	20.00
Hannon	15.00
Fordland	20.00
Verdella	10.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Olivet	25.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Parkview	10.00
Trinity	10.00
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Thayer	60.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Leadington	20.00
DeSoto	50.00
El Dorado, Bethel	15.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Hopewell	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$524.00</b>

#### JOHN MCCLURE ACCOUNT

Verdella	\$10.00
Victory, K.C.	10.00
Grace	10.00
Thayer	17.00
Flat River, First	43.61
Farmington	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$110.61</b>

#### CHILDREN'S HOME

DeSoto	\$50.00
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#### COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS JULY 1989

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions	\$ 4,338.62
17.00% Executive Office & Gem	3,986.84
3.50% General Fund	820.83
8.50% Youth Camp Board	1,993.42
1.75% Youth Ministries Board	410.40
1.75% CE Board	410.40
4.50% Senior Adult Ministries Board	1,055.34
5.00% Mo. State Ret. Program	1,172.60
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale and California Christian College	7,152.85
24.00% Foreign Msn. Board	1,716.68
19.00% Nat'l. Home Msn. Board	1,359.04
18.75% FWBBC	1,341.16
18.75% Hillsdale	1,341.16
14.00% Executive Dept.	1,001.40
2.50% Layman's Board	178.82
.50% Radio & TV Com.	35.76
.50% Theological Com.	35.76
.50% Historical Com.	35.76
.50% Board of Ret. & Ins.	35.76
1.00% Calif. Christian College	71.53
9.00% State Office & Bookstore Bldg.	2,110.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,451.98</b>

The Lord continues to do great things for us, whereof we are glad. May His blessings continue on the faithful supporters of His work through our State and National Ministries.

#### JULY 1989 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE

Salem	\$ 30.00
Hickory Grove	41.30
Hartville	245.24
Rolla	46.46
Macedonia	20.00
Cope	25.20
Myrtle	182.87
Columbia	75.00



Calvary, Conway	524.64
Verdella	178.88
New Life, Fellowship	728.06
New Harmony	10.88
Fordland	411.01
Potosi	71.57
Mountain Grove, First	710.35
Hannon	285.80
Mine La Motte	39.34
Kingsway	192.42
Royal Oak	86.00
Happy Home	85.89
Victory, Alton	155.00
Springfield, First	675.80
South Side	320.84
Houston	246.36
Fourth	205.00
Rock Chapel	285.19
Bailey Chapel	41.00
Stockton	93.39
Central	1,096.25
Merl's Chapel	213.00
Belton	252.06
Riverview, IA	266.15
Flat River, First	436.37
Mt. Zion, Gower	61.70
Carthage	80.00
Pleasant Ridge	70.00
Bethel, Festus	535.00
Hurryville	126.39
Parkview	351.00
Viburnum	179.86
Lone Star	32.50
Wilderness	379.00
Trinity	637.87
Cuba	276.50
Lebanon, First	439.00
Freeman Chapel	200.12
Friendship	256.00
Monett	383.25
Mill Creek	191.19
Black Oak	165.07
Marshfield	145.74
Harmony	346.00
Terrill Road	93.56
Leadington	400.00
New Life, Licking	118.49
Pleasant Home	336.52
Berean	14.92
DeSoto	800.00
Hannibal	37.00
Hannibal	47.00
Grace	500.00
Copper Mines	271.36
Union Grove	160.70
West Plains, First	266.50
Mt. Pisgah	179.00
Pleasant Hill	51.27
Kirksville	12.86
United, W.P.	506.60
Lingo	45.00
Olivet	400.00
Fredericktown	372.00
Wolf Creek	295.70
Richwoods	391.00
Scott City	160.00
Cabool	232.47
Bethel, El Dorado	40.72
Joplin	387.15
Carthage	90.00
Number One	42.60
Rolla	47.64
Salem	30.00
New Rock Springs	167.00
Willow Springs	236.93
Crossroads	100.00
Merl's Chapel	245.00
Macedonia	20.00
Purdy	844.00
Pleasant Grove	134.35
Neosho	285.00
Faith & Hope	88.50
Victory Hill	99.40
Myrtle	404.81
Grant Avenue	600.68
Unity	303.35

Cape Girardeau	459.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,451.98</b>

#### FWBBC

Leadington	\$ 20.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Parkview	10.00
DeSoto	35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100.75</b>

#### CHILDREN'S HOME

Myrtle	\$ 59.66
DeSoto	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$109.66</b>

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

O'Fallon	\$ 10.00
Myrtle	100.00
Columbia	31.52
Verdella	294.26
New Harmony	54.41
Fordland	424.96
Mountain Grove	325.04
B. & C. Thompson	50.00
Central	273.50
Clifford Hoover	30.00
Hannon	285.80
South Side	235.00
Houston	75.00
Rock Chapel	168.00
Oak Grove	65.00
Nita Akeman	10.00
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Belton	370.42
Flat River, First	97.28
Carthage	41.00
Pleasant Ridge	30.00
Bethel, Festus	60.00
Parkview	264.88
Viburnum VBS	142.00
Viburnum	107.00
Trinity	63.79
Cuba	165.91
Lebanon	75.00
Freeman Chapel	327.32
Monett	792.28
C. Layman	10.00
Marshfield	20.00
Leadington	260.00
Calvary Fellowship	753.32
Parkview Mission Group	50.00
Pleasant Home	494.52
DeSoto	300.00
Grace	72.00
Martinstown	100.00
West Plains, First	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	200.00
Kirksville	25.00
United, W.P.	42.36
Olivet	80.00
Joplin	10.00
Farmington	571.00
Carthage	42.00
Willow Springs	20.50
Richwoods	76.20
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Niangua	65.00
Neosho	610.00
New Testament	120.00
Faith & Hope	93.75
Myrtle	142.00
Belton	55.58
Grant Avenue	361.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,969.37</b>

#### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Bob Keith	\$ 10.00
Myrtle	115.00
Columbia	26.51
Verdella	20.00
Fordland	5.00
Mountain Grove	305.00
Clifford Hoover	5.00
Hannon	5.00
Rock Chapel	202.99
Central	277.00
Flat River, First	53.64

Carthage	5.00
Bethel, Festus	30.00
Parkview	38.00
Viburnum	53.00
Trinity	70.00
Monett	25.00
Leadington	110.00
Parkview Mission Group	20.00
Pleasant Home	10.00
DeSoto	200.00
Trinity VBS	80.00
Grace	125.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Kirksville	5.00
United, W.P.	20.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
F. Clayton	10.00
Joplin	15.00
Farmington	256.50
Carthage	5.00
Richwoods	32.00
Neosho	40.00
New Testament	60.00
Myrtle	172.00
Belton	55.58
Grant Avenue	195.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,768.03</b>

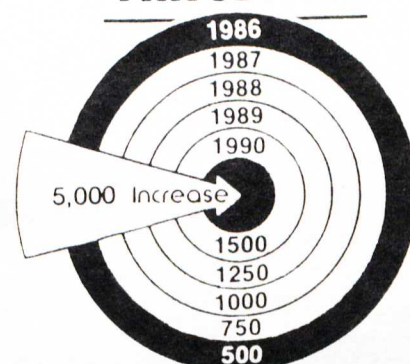
#### HILLSDALE

Hannon	\$50.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Grant Avenue	8.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$93.75</b>

#### YOUTH CAMP

Hartville	\$ 10.00
Myrtle	62.00
Verdella	10.00
Fordland	20.00
Mountain Grove	10.00
Hannon	15.00
Victory, Alton	25.00
Central	24.70
Bethel, Festus	25.00
Trinity	10.00
Leadington	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Parkview	10.00
DeSoto	50.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Olivet	25.00
Buffalo, First	50.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Willow Springs	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$440.70</b>

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Sister Hamilton

## Sister Shadel Hamilton Home With The Lord

Essie Shadel Hamilton was born Feb. 27, 1989 at Dry Nob, Mo. She went home to be with the Lord June 27, 1989.

As a young woman she professed her faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and united with the New Home Free Will Baptist Church. Sometime later she was elected clerk of the church and her husband, Ed Hamilton, served as a deacon. They were both active in the care and upkeep of the cemetery.

Sister Essie served as clerk of the Laclede County Association and Quarterly Meeting from 1972 until the time of her death.

She was a charter member of Competition Chapter 500 of the Eastern Star. She is survived by three children, one brother, three sisters, fourteen grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Sister Essie was a faithful, caring and loving Christian. She will be missed in her church, community, Quarterly Meeting and Association.*

## Forward To Victory Sunday School Enlargement Campaign

The 1989 Fall Enlargement Campaign is an excellent time for your church to set goals and achieve them. The theme of this Fall's campaign is Forward To Victory.

The present size of your Sunday School does not limit your opportunity to win this contest. The divisions used for this competition are as follows:

Division A over 500 avg.	Division E 150-199 avg.
Division B 400-499 avg.	Division F 100-149 avg.
Division C 300-399 avg.	Division G 50-99 avg.
Division D 200-299 avg.	Division H under 49 avg.
Division I — newly established	

Sunday Schools in each division experiencing the greatest percentage of increase over the average attendance for Spring quarter (March, April, May) 1989 will be declared winners. First and second place winners will receive appropriate awards.

The Fall Sunday School Enlargement Campaign will begin on Sunday, October 1 and continue through Sunday, October 29, 1989.

## Help - Lest We Forget

This is an open letter to all Free Will Baptist churches and every pastor in Missouri.

To be sure, everyone is thankful and proud for our new State Office and Bookstore Building. We know that this houses our State Offices, Bookstore, Conference Room, and it also has a designated room (Archives Room) for our historical records. This is something we have anticipated for several years, and now that we have it, the next move is up to our people.

The Historical Committee has already organized and cataloged much material, such as Free Will Baptist Gems, Free Will Baptist Contacts, Minutes (state & national), pictures of churches, church groups, etc.

Now the Historical Committee urges all of our people to respond with a history of each church, date of organization, location, names of pastors (with corresponding dates and a brief biography) and interesting and pertinent information. A search through old church records will reveal a storehouse of information. (Please identify all pictures as to date and people.)

It would be well to designate someone, or a group, in the Local Church and District Association to gather these articles and prepare them to give to the Historical Committee for care in the Archives Room of the State Office Building.

Historical Committee:

Rev. Cecil Campbell, chairman

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Rev. James Barker, member

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