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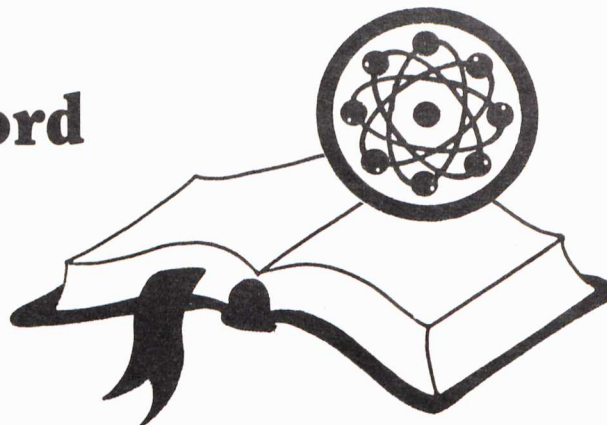
"...wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

Psalms 51:7

The Word of the Lord is Right - Scientifically

by Dr. James Davis

Part I



We live on a unique blue-green planet poised like a tiny jewel in the vast reaches of space. Somehow the race of man lives, loves, and makes his mark in a universe so vast and desolate as to be frightening. How did we get here? Why are we here? Who is man? What is his destiny? These are but a few of the questions plaguing man today.

One hundred and fifty years ago an academic controversy swept like fire among the leading minds of the century. Some kind of explanation was demanded for the great fossil bed discoveries both above and below sea level. Many men of science felt convinced that at last conclusive evidence for a gigantic, watery cataclysm that had once flooded the world, as described in the Bible, had been found. There were others who were offended at such explanations which did not fit their own personal philosophies of atheism or humanism. Alternate theories were proposed that would avoid the obvious implications of a true Genesis flood. Evolution and uniformitarianism resulted, providing a means by which atheism could become semi-respected.

Strong religious reaction began; foolish, and unfounded statements were made by uninformed church people. Science and faith quarreled and, for the first time in a great many years, received a divorce. Earlier faith/science viewpoints had become clouded, ignored, or discarded; our century, therefore, has inherited an almost completely humanistic philosophy. Man has, unfortunately, been stripped of meaning and purpose; the world is rocking under incredible personal turmoil. For nearly 100 years now, we have accepted this philosophy and tried to live it; and it has failed. The world is on the brink of nuclear disaster. The youth have turned to sex, drugs, and mysticism in a desperate attempt to recover a reason for living and meaning in life. The recent explosion of scientific knowledge has not given them the answer, and so once again mankind, teetering on the very brink of extinction, must turn to the Holy Bible for the answers. And let me tell you, it does have the answer, and it is the correct one.

The absence of error in the Bible is truly remarkable, for all other ancient books, and even many recent ones, contain many serious scientific blunders and mistakes. For example, it is learned from the sacred writings of the ancient Egyptians that they believed the earth was flat and was supported on the back of a huge elephant who stood

on the back of a mammoth turtle that swam in a cosmic sea. Even though this nonsense was current scientific thought during the lifetime of Moses, this error did not creep into the Bible.

Why is it that teachings like these are not found in the Bible? To me there is only one explanation: A higher intelligence than that of man presided over the composition of the Bible and preserved its writers from error.

Everything about us points with overwhelming force to a personal Creator whose mind and power are infinite. The physicist and Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Robert Millikan, declares:

"To me it is unthinkable that a real atheist could be a scientist."

Dr. C.A. Chant, professor of Astrophysics at Toronto University stated:

"I have no hesitation in saying that at least 90% of astronomers have reached the conclusion that the universe is not the result of blind law, but is regulated by a great intelligence."

Dr. Wernher von Braun, longtime director of NASA's Rocket Propulsion Lab said,

"Many people seem to feel that science has somehow made 'religious ideas' untimely or old-fashioned. But I think science has a real surprise for the skeptics. Science, for instance, tells us that nothing in nature, not even the tiniest particle, can disappear without a trace. Nature does not know extinction. All it knows is transformation.

Now, if God applies this fundamental principle to the most minute and insignificant parts of His universe, doesn't it make sense to assume that He applies it also to the human soul? I think it does. And everything science has taught me—and continues to teach me—strengthens my belief in the continuity of our spiritual existence after death. Nothing disappears without a trace" (*Reader's Digest*, June, 1960).

May I add my testimony to these other men of science.

I am by no means an expert in all the areas of natural science. My speciality has been clinical biochemistry—the chemistry of life processes and the diagnosis of disease. However, I have spent more than twenty years

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trying to learn something of most of the basic sciences, as well as having belonged to several scientific societies and associated with scientists and intellectuals all during this time. During the past 30 years I have been associated with 4 great colleges and universities in various capacities from student to professor. For the past 10 years I have been associated with a private medical diagnostic laboratory. And at the same time I have pastored, preached, and studied the Word of God. I was convinced very early in my life that the Bible is infallible and whatever it says concerning natural science must be true. The Bible is not a textbook of science, just as it is not a textbook on anthropology or even history. The Bible does, however, make statements on each of these and, when it speaks, it speaks truth.

One of the most fascinating and arresting evidences of the inspiration of the Bible is the great number of scientific truths that have lain hidden within its pages for more than 30 centuries, only to be revealed as man "discovers" the truths which God knew all along. A great many of these truths have come to light only within the last 100 years.

For example, before the invention of the telescope in the seventeenth century, the number of stars had been fixed at a few more than 1,000. The great Egyptian astronomer and mathematician, Ptolemy (2nd century A.D.), had stated there were 1,058 stars. Tycho Brahe, the 16th century Danish astronomer, had catalogued 777 stars. Johannes Kepler, 17th century German astronomer, revised Brahe's tables to include 1,005 stars. The Scriptures, however, unashamedly contradicted these reknowned scientists of that day for Jeremiah 33:22 states:

"As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David, my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me."

Today, of course, we know that there are many times these numbers of stars. In fact, it is estimated that our galaxy alone contains more than 100 billion stars. About 60 million light years from our own galaxy in the direction of the constellation Virgo is a cluster of 2,500 galaxies containing billions and billions of stars. About 300 million light

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Reports from the Churches

CALVARY FELLOWSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Fenton, MO — Perfect Heart, one of America's top gospel groups, helped Calvary Fellowship celebrate its annual Homecoming on November 17. The children were entertained by St. Louis area children's ministers Tom and Jackie Gray and by Orbma the magician. Perfect Heart even stopped by to sing a few specials for the kids. We appreciate their "whole family" ministry.

As usual, we were well blessed with good food following the Homecoming service. We enjoyed the fellowship and the opportunity to see some old friends.

COPPERMINES CHURCH, Fredericktown, MO — Greetings from the Coppermines Free Will Baptist Church, writes Barbara Huffman, church reporter. This past year has been a buzz of activity. We had an Independence Day Celebration, the Annual Homecoming in August, a Carnival in September, and Old Fashioned Day was held on November 24, 1991. We were happy to have Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Burton with us on that special day. He delivered the morning and evening messages. Following the noon meal, 'Pastor Appreciation' was expressed to our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Herb McMillian. They were honored with a beautifully decorated cake and several gifts from the members of the church family.

The church is pleased to report that Brother Herb is doing well following triple bypass surgery in October. We have had great speakers to fill the pulpit in his absence, but are thankful that our pastor is able to be back in the services.

The Coppermines Church enjoyed some exciting things during the Christmas Season, including the Christmas play and a special concert by the Huffman Family. We humbly pray the Lord will richly bless us as we labor for Him throughout the year.



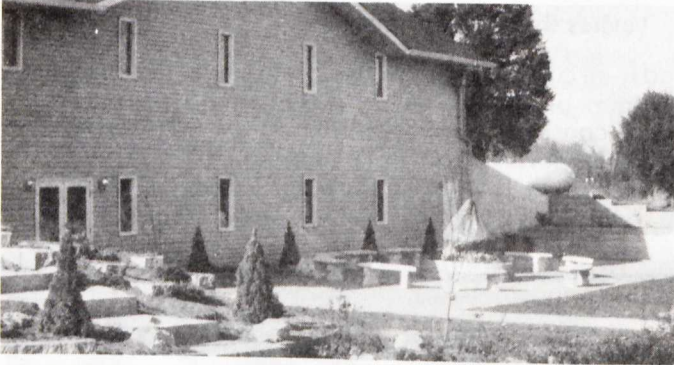
Old Fashioned Day at Coppermines.



Surprise for Rev. & Mrs. McMillian



Choir - Coppermines



CROSSROADS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Wentzville, MO — The Wentzville Mission opens their new church. It was with praise to the Lord that the Crossroads Church of Wentzville opened its doors for its first service on December 1, 1991. After nearly two years in the building project, the county at last gave occupancy permission for the upper level. The service was not an advertised or well promoted one, but very special for all the Crossroads family and well attended. The lower level will be finished in a couple weeks, and when the weather breaks the parking lot will be paved. We then will have the official dedication, which will be sometime in early spring.

The total costs are not yet complete, but the entire building project, both floors, parking lots and furnishings will come to an estimated \$140,000. However, because of Project Gideon, thus far only \$60,000 has had to be borrowed. The church building has been appraised for over \$330,000.

One of the unique features of the new Wentzville Church is the beautiful Prayer Garden, which was built and given to the church by Norman and Ethel Patterson Edwards. Last year this couple brought back from Jerusalem our church cornerstone as a gift to the church. The Prayer Garden is located along the Eastern side of the church, made of smooth red brick with a lovely 7 foot fountain encircled by contoured concrete benches. The entire area is lined with a variety of evergreens and hollies, and



hundreds of flower bulbs will bloom out this spring throughout the entire area. The corners of the church are well accented by the artistic stone front concrete block retaining walls which are also landscaped with trees and shrubs. The garden truly is a lovely area to the glory of God and a credit to our city of Wentzville.

We at Wentzville wish to express our deepest appreciation to all who have given and worked to make this church building what it is today. A building is not the most important object, but we feel it will be a place that will draw people to it to hear the Gospel, and it is a testimony of what the Lord can do through unselfish, dedicated people who love God and "have a mind to work."

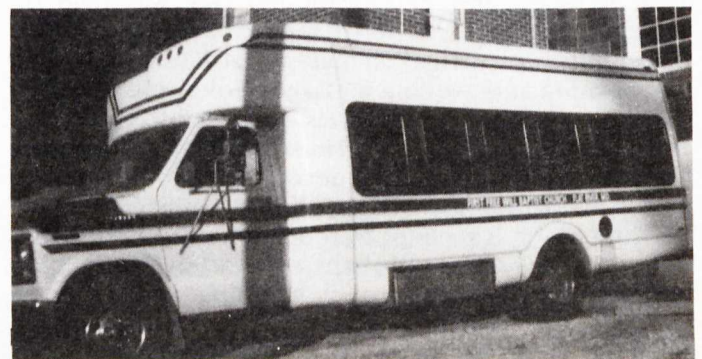
WAYNESVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Waynesville, MO — The Lord has greatly blessed the labor of the Waynesville Church, writes the church reporter.

The following activities reflect some of these blessings: The Woman's Auxiliary has three new members. The first Vacation Bible School in three years was held, with an average attendance of 40. The Woman's Auxiliary and the VBS kids adopted Jerry and Carol Pinkerton as a missionary project for the summer. The fund raising was culminated with a visit from the Pinkertons near the end of August. The church enjoyed a wonderful Fall Revival with Reverend Ken Goff serving as evangelist. The church has been blessed with sixteen baptisms, and sixteen who have united with the church. The Lord has also blessed financially with the purchase of a 'new to us' copier.

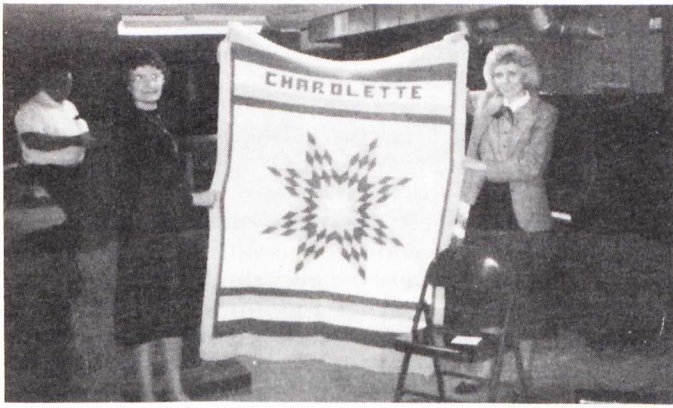
The Waynesville Church is blessed with a 'Carpenter-Preacher.' He has completed a new storage shed and recently organized a volunteer group to begin working with an Educational Building Program. When completed, this will accommodate space for a Children's Church, Sunday School office, and four classrooms.

A Pastor Appreciation Day was held for the pastor, Rev. Gary Parker. He was presented with a nice set of Bible Commentaries and a 'dinner out' for him and his wife, Sharon.

The church is looking forward to continued growth in 1992. They ask that other Christians remember them in prayer as they work in the Waynesville/St. Roberts/Ft. Leonard Wood area.



FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Flat River, MO — This 25 passenger shuttle bus was recently purchased by First Church of Flat River. Members of the search committee were Rev. Sterl Paramore, Bob Wilson, Floyd Pirtle, and Mib Horton.



FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Lemay, MO — A "Tallented" Woman of God — On Sunday, November 10, 1991, Faith Church was honored to have Charolette Tallent present at our Evening Service. The service, which was a chili supper, held in the basement, was dedicated to Charolette and her ministry in France.

We could hear the excitement in Charolette's voice as she told the congregation about the work the Lord has been doing over in France. Faith Church then presented Charolette with a check and an afghan. The beautiful, blue-and-white afghan was put together by Sister Lucille Garrison.

Charolette plans to return to France in January 1992. More than money, Charolette requests prayers; prayer has more power than all the money in the world.

FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Lemay, MO — *Bring Them In* — In December 1989, Faith Church purchased a van for transportation for people who need a ride to and from church. The van is a 1981 Plymouth Voyager.

In July 1991, the people of the church decided that the van needed some "fixin' up." Oley Magness and Pastor Elvus Reed devoted two months' worth of labor in fixing up the van. In September, after a beautiful paint job, the van was completed.

On Sunday, September 22, 1991, the church held a Dedication Service. Our pastor, Elvus Reed, dedicated the van to our Lord for His service. Steve Hasty was elected to drive the van every designated church service. Steve's Sunday morning route consists of approximately ten people - so far!! We know that the Lord will bless Faith church and send more people to us.



MILL CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Fredericktown, MO — On Saturday evening, November 16, 1991, an Ordination Service was held at the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church. Keith Myers was ordained to serve as a deacon. Keith's father, Lee W. Myers, had served as a faithful deacon of the Mill Creek Church for 42 years. He was called 'home' suddenly to be with the Lord on May 21, 1991.

The service began with opening remarks by Rev. Bud Statler, followed by congregational singing. The opening prayer was led by Rev. O.D. Matthews. Carl Myers, brother of Keith, sang as a special number "Precious Memories."

The Ordination Message was delivered by Rev. Lloyd Durbin, pastor of the church. The charge was given by Rev. Bob Warner, who used Acts 6:1-6 as his Scripture selection. As the ordained gathered at the altar for the 'laying on of hands,' the Prayer of Ordination was led by Brother Warner.

A special time of fellowship followed with the Mill Creek Church presenting a plaque to Keith and his wife, Patty. Rev. Bob Theabeau led in the prayer of benediction.



Rev. & Mrs. Harvey Hill

Harvey Hill Day at Winter Haven

The First Free Will Baptist Church at Winter Haven, Florida, held a special "Harvey Hill Day" on October 13, 1991, writes the pastor, Reverend Danny Ryals. It was also Homecoming Day for the church. Brother Hill is the Associate Pastor and Pastor to the Senior Citizens.

The building was full for the "Harvey Hill/Homecoming Day." Reverend Hill and his wife, Silva, were seated in a special place in the front of the auditorium. A special history of Brother Hill's ministry was read, giving details of his ministry in Missouri. Then a special time of testimony was given by friends, family and former members that were present. A gift was presented to Rev. and Mrs. Hill, and a 'Picture Display,' showing the ministry of Brother Hill, was in the church foyer.

Special letters were read from family, friends and churches in Missouri, Florida and Tennessee. The service concluded with a message delivered by Home Missionary Dennis Keen. A delicious meal was served in the Fellowship Hall.

Brother Hill expressed his thanks to all his friends who had a part in the special day.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations to a wonderful couple, Harvey and Silva Hill.

A Young Man's Conversion

by Fred Allen

Nestled in the hill country of southwest Missouri is a small community called "Christian Corner." This part of Missouri is full of long ridges and deep hollows. The autumn is probably the most beautiful time of the year. The countryside is mostly hardwood forest and the leaves are beautiful in the fall.

This part of Christian County is where I was born and raised. My mother certainly had her hands full with six children. However, she did a great job and she saw to it that we attended church every Sunday. The church we attended was the Victory Baptist Church.

This was a beautiful church that is now over 100 years old. The church building was surrounded by beautiful giant oak trees. In the winter the church was heated by a large wood stove; and if you sat very far from the

stove, I remember that it got very chilly.

As I grew up I attended all of the revival services from year to year. I remember them as being 'spirit filled' and people were blessed, with many souls being saved. At the age of twelve, in a revival meeting service, the wonderful, convicting power of the Holy Spirit convicted me and I went to the altar. I can vividly remember that several Christians gathered around and prayed for me and others, that we might be saved. I was saved. I invited Christ into my heart and He filled me with joy and peace that is hard to describe. I am thankful for the Amazing Grace that is extended to us as we call upon the name of the Lord!

There is a beautiful little stream of water that flows through the country where I enjoyed my childhood. This creek is called "Bull Creek." There is an old bridge with a wooden floor

that spans this creek that is called "Red Bridge." Directly under this bridge is where my pastor submerged me in Water Baptism. Our Lord and Saviour left us with this example that every believer should follow.

What a glorious time this was in my life! And, it is still graphic in my mind. As a new convert I wanted to tell the whole world about Jesus.

I suppose the best way to describe this time in my life is through the song, Amazing Grace. "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I am found; was blind but now I see." I still praise God for His Amazing Grace!

ABOUT THE WRITER: Fred Allen is a fine Christian gentleman. He and his lovely wife are active members of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Mo. Fred is serving in the Sunday School as teacher of one of the Adult classes.

Sunday School Attendance Averages June 1991 - November 1991

CHURCHES	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
Belton	63	59	61	57	57	54
Bethel, El Dorado	67	60	59	61	68	62
Calvary Fellowship	190	190	201	203	237	251
Cape Girardeau	56	68	69	82	70	73
Central	99	82	102	102	102	
Copper Mines	63	63	76	61	60	68
DeSoto	184			183	179	180
Farmington	369	352	405	378	432	409
Flat River, First	111	108	110	108	110	105
Hannon	90	101	86	102	106	103
Harmony	69	64	79	78	73	69
Hartville	96	93	92	99		
Hopewell	33	47	40	37	29	34
Houston	87	84	81	86	102	94
Lebanon, First	86	91	84	92	103	92
Marshfield	33	30	28	28	26	29
Myrtle	33	30	37	36	39	31
Overland	32			38		
Parkview	57	54	56	53	56	51
Potosi	51	56	54			
Richwoods	32					
Rock Chapel	75	62	75	70	76	
Springfield, First	122	120		124	137	132
Thayer		119			122	110
United, West Plains	183	175	193	187	193	168
Willow Springs	59	62	63	61	65	60
Verdella	72	70	63	74		70

The above is only a partial listing — there are 177 Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in the Sunday School average each month.

Marion Allsman Home With The Lord

Marion F. Allsman was born July 25, 1912, to Jousha and Susan Allsman in Mtn. Grove, Missouri. He went home to be with the Lord on December 15, 1991, at the age of 79 years, 4 months and 15 days. He was at his home in Springfield, Missouri, at the time of his death, following a long illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and four brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Dale Allsman, of the home; one sister, Mary Welch, of Stigler, Oklahoma, and several nieces and nephews.

He was saved at an early age and later answered the call to the ministry. He was ordained to the ministry on February 9, 1956, and pastored several area churches.

Reverend Allsman was editor of the Wright County paper for several years. Following this employment, he was an employee of the Pulaski County Democrat for several years and retired from Business Graphic in Springfield, Missouri.

He and his wife, Dale, were actively involved in the work of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri, until his health failed. He was a member of the church for 23 years.

The Memorial Service for Rev. Allsman was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, with Rev. Dale Kester and Rev. R.E. Helsley officiating.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have known Brother Allsman for several years. I have been with him and his wife, Dale, in Quarterly Meetings and local church activities. Brother Allsman was a fine preacher, who loved the Lord and enjoyed living and working for Him. He will surely be missed by his family and friends.

Over 11,000 youth workers agree: The National Resource Seminar for Youth Workers is "Terrific!"

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*In fact, the day received an extremely high median score of 4.8 out of a possible 5 (1991 survey, Sokoloski and Associates).

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Ridge Burns

After 15 years in youth ministry, Ridge now directs the Center for Student Missions, where he involves thousands of kids and youth workers in missions and service projects each year. He is coauthor of both *The Complete Student Missions Handbook* and *Create in Me a Youth Ministry*.



Duffy Robbins

A 20-year veteran of youth ministry, Duffy is chairman of the department of youth ministry at Eastern College in St. Davids, Pa. Recent books of this popular speaker and author include *Youth Ministry Nuts & Bolts*, *Going the Distance*, and *The Ministry of Nurture*.

Chap Clark

A former training director and club leader for Young Life, Chap is now youth ministry department chairman at Denver Seminary.



Laurie Polich

With nearly a decade of youth-ministry experience, Laurie is youth director for First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley (Calif.). A dynamic communicator, Laurie speaks nationally to youth and youth workers alike. She was a member of the Youth Specialties Grow For It team.

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Doug Fields

Doug is the youth pastor for South Coast Community Church in Irvine, Calif., and an adjunct professor of youth ministry at Southern California College. He has written several books, including *Creative Times with God* and, most recently, *Too Old Too Soon*.

Mike Yaconelli

Cofounder of Youth Specialties and a youth-ministry innovator, Mike also pastors a church and directs a high-school ministry in Yreka, Calif. Some books of this popular speaker include *High School Ministry* and *Teaching the Truth about Sex*.



Ray Johnston

A 16-year youth-ministry veteran, Ray now heads the department of youth ministry at North Park College in Chicago. A specialist in nurturing student leaders, he also speaks frequently to youth workers across the country. Ray's book, *Developing Student Leaders*, will be released this spring.



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Seminar Topics—

☞ Youth Ministry in a Culture of Deceit

Now more than ever, adolescents are bombarded by deceptive messages that shape their understanding of the world. Teenagers are sitting ducks in a consumeristic society that deliberately targets them. Unfortunately, they are unaware of the influence that their culture has on them. Much of your mission as a youth leader is using the light of the gospel to expose the lies that your kids are embracing—and to set them free with the truth.

☞ Components of a Thriving Youth Ministry

Shaping a vision and plan for your ministry. Do you know where your ministry is going? Or are you driving down the highway doing sixty, yet unsure of where you're headed? We'll explain why you need a vision for your

youth ministry—one that's uniquely yours—and provide steps in designing a specific plan for your ministry.

Developing student leaders. How do you move a teenager from spectator to participant? Once you learn how to tap your kids' leadership potential, you both will benefit. Learn how to motivate kids to lead, how to recruit the right kids for leadership, how to delegate, and how to cultivate a student-leadership team. Your ministry will never be the same!

☞ Creative Teaching: Strategies & Ideas

You know how easy it is to get stuck using the same old teaching method—the one you're most comfortable with. Since kids have different learning styles, teachers need to use a variety of teaching methods and ideas so that all kids will learn. Discover eight principles that will make you a more creative, interesting teacher. And leave with piles of practical teaching ideas for bringing Scripture to life!

☞ Authentic Discipleship

Building real-life faith in your kids. Wondering why your kids aren't growing spiritually? Is the term "teenage disciple" an oxymoron? Here you'll get a functional definition of adolescent spirituality, form realistic expectations for teenage commitment, and learn four basic strategies for nurturing an adolescent's growing faith in Jesus Christ.



Involving students in service. Do your kids have an opportunity to serve? Missions and service projects offer a vital link between faith and action. Discover three key ingredients for involving kids

in service, and take home an armload of examples that are working in youth groups across the continent.

☞ Designing a Ministry That Draws Kids

Fun activities and great games. That's right—some of the newest, craziest, most creative activities and junior-high game nights you can use with your youth group right away! Including Time Capsule, Medical Madness, Let's Light It Up, Pirate Night, and more. Plenty of ideas here to carry you into the summer and beyond.

Building friendships with kids. How can you develop a significant relationship with someone who is ten... twenty... even thirty years younger than you? Close, careful friendships with kids are more than important—they are the essence of youth ministry. Here are four key principles and 30 great ideas for breaking barriers and building positive relationships with kids.



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The 1992 National Resource Seminar Schedule

8:30 a.m.	Registration	1:20 p.m.	More Creative Teaching Strategies & Ideas
9:00 a.m.	Youth Ministry in a Culture of Deceit	2:00 p.m.	Authentic Discipleship
10:30 a.m.	Resource and refreshment break	3:10 p.m.	Resource and refreshment break
11:00 a.m.	Components of a Thriving Youth Ministry	3:40 p.m.	Designing a Ministry that Draws Kids
11:45 a.m.	Creative Teaching: Strategies & Ideas	4:45 p.m.	End of seminar
12:30 p.m.	Lunch		

Sunday Schedule:
2 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Register Now for the 1992 National Resource Seminar For Youth Workers—Coming to Nearly 100 Cities This Spring.

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ATLANTA	Sat. Apr. 4	COLUMBUS, OH	Sat. Apr. 25	KAILUA-KONA, HI	Sat. May 9	PASADENA	Sat. Mar. 28	SAN LUIS OBISPO	Thr. Feb. 27
AUSTIN	Fri. Feb. 28	DALLAS	Sat. Feb. 29	LAS VEGAS	Sat. Jan. 25	PHILADELPHIA	Sat. May 2	SANTA BARBARA	Sat. Feb. 29
BAKERSFIELD	Sun. Feb. 23	DENVER	Sat. May 9	LITTLE ROCK	Fri. Feb. 28	PHOENIX	Fri. Mar. 6	SEATTLE	Sat. Apr. 4
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Looking Out My Parsonage Window

by Ve Ann Tilson

"HITCH-HIKERS"

In this day and time, one doesn't need to be reminded that it is very dangerous to pick up hitch-hikers. But what about picking up "hitch-hikers" on our "highway to heaven"? Most of us don't think twice before stopping to pick up several of these dangerous parasites:

(1) **BURDEN OF GUILT** . . . A Christian should not live in guilt. In Lev. 6:6,7, God promises us we can have full and complete forgiveness. People should not be motivated by guilt. Role of leadership should not be accepted as a consequence of guilt. This hitch-hiker can destroy life, but yet many of us insist on picking it up and carrying it along with us in our travels.

(2) **BURDEN OF DOUBT** . . . Doubt relies on self, not God (Ex. 3:11). We need to be able to discern between faith-affirming questioning and doubt.

(3) **BURDENING FEAR** . . . Fear involves punishment and the punishment for Christians has already been settled. Fear, not meaning the reverential regard of God, but cowardliness that arises when one forgets the love, fairness and personal care of God toward His children. Fear dissipates as the love of Christ increases (I John 4:16-18).

(4) **BURDEN OF WORRY** . . . Worry puts self behind the wheel instead of God. Christians should willingly believe God is fully in control. My husband occasionally reminds me: "When you feel like worrying, pray instead."

(5) **BURDEN OF MISTRUST** . . . This hitch-hiker leads to troubles in trusting God, others, and oneself.

(6) **BURDEN OF DISCOURAGEMENT** . . . All go through periods of discouragement, but as Christians, we are not to stay in those valleys. Discouragement often arises as we attempt to measure our successes, rather than our faithfulness to the task.

(7) **BURDEN OF BITTERNESS** . . . God can not, and will not, bless a life or a church if there is a spirit of bitterness.

How many of these "hitch-hikers" are you carrying with you? In the Indianapolis 500, the lighter the load, the better the race. The same is true

with life. Our race should be run free and unencumbered by these "hitch-hikers." They will only slow us down. (Hebrews 12:1,2) "... let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus . . ."

A Tribute To Our Camp Pioneer!

by Ken Goff

ROMANS 15:20

The man of definition, Mr. Webster, says of the word Pioneer, "It is one who first enters or settles a region or leads the way in any field of progress."

In this article I would like to give recognition and honor to a great pioneer of our state — all to the glory of God!

In 1946, Rev. Bill Reeves and his wife, Vada, were the first to enter or settle this area that we now call Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. They led the way in this blessed field of progress and service.

We can be thankful for the men and families who followed Brother Bill in this Youth Camp endeavor, and each in his own way placed a special mark upon its ministry. Yet, it was Brother Bill and his family that God used to carve this place out of the rocks and timber and could say with the apostle Paul, "Lest I Should Build Upon Another Man's Foundation." (Romans 15:20)

Currently, Judy and I serve here at the camp, and yet every thing that is done or accomplished, we know we are building upon another man's foundation.

This year we saw eleven hundred and sixty-one register for camp, during the four weeks of Free Will Baptist Camp. One hundred and eleven were recorded as having made first time decisions for Christ. Seventy-eight made rededications and five announced the call for special service to their Heavenly Master. Eighty-four came forward expressing a personal need or mentioning the needs of others.

Four non-Free Will Baptist groups rented the camp and testified of accomplishments made in hearts, for Christ and His glory.

Think how often stories like these have been repeated time and time again, over the past forty-five years.

It would be so interesting to know

who and where and in what capacity many are serving Jesus today, and it all started right here at Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. They became beneficiaries of this great foundation Brother Bill laid.

You see, Brother Bill laid the foundation of this camp ministry upon the only true and real foundation, "Jesus Christ."

In closing may I speak for all who have been blessed by the ministry of this place by saying, "Thank you, Brother Bill, for being our Pioneer and building upon that one Special Foundation, inasmuch that we could come along, slightly less than a half-century later and continue building upon your dreams, visions and yes, Foundation, Jesus Christ!"

Thank You, Brother Bill, For Being Our Pioneer!

Ken & Judy Goff
Free Will Baptist Youth Camp

Laymen's Leadership Conference

The South Central District Association will be having its Fourth Annual Laymen's Conference on Saturday, February 15, 1992. This year's conference will convene at 10 o'clock a.m., at the Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church of Union, Missouri.

Mr. Bob Farwell, a member of Beacon FWB Church of Raytown, Missouri, a scientist and an educator in the public school system, will be speaking on the subject of the "Creation/Evolution Controversy." Mr. Farwell taught science on the high school level for several years, and prior to becoming a Christian, embraced the theory of evolution. A personal study of the Bible on the subject of origins, along with a new look at the theory of evolution as it relates to science, led Mr. Farwell to reject evolution in favor of creation. His background and his continuing studies relative to this subject are a valuable resource.

Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:30 a.m. on the morning of the Leadership Conference. There will be two 45 minute sessions before lunch. Lunch will be served at the church at noon. The final session will begin at 1:45 p.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m.

The South Central Conference invites Free Will Baptists across our state to join with them in this Laymen's Leadership Conference.

Greetings From Our Missionaries

These missionaries from Missouri have sent Christmas and New Year's greetings:

* Curt & Mary Holland - Appointees to Brazil (on itinerant)
 Charolette Tallent - France (on itinerant)
 Carlisle & Marie Hanna - India
 Jerry & Carol Pinkerton - Cote d' Ivoire (Ivory Coast)
 Ron & Linda Moore - Cote d' Ivoire (Ivory Coast)
 Paul & Tammy Gentuso - Appointees to Cote d' Ivoire (I.C.)
 Ken & Judy Bailey - Japan
 Don & Ruth McDonald - Japan
 Jim & Olena McLain - Japan
 Stan & Brenda Bunch - Panama
 Steve & Judy Lytle - Panama
 Steve & Linda Reeves - Spain
 Jeff & Susan Turnbough - Spain

* *Inasmuch as Paul & Amy Robinson are retiring from missionary service in Uruguay, the Foreign Missions*

Office is requesting that this support be transferred to Curt & Mary Holland.

Home Missionaries:

Dale & Barbara Cochran - Hannibal
 Jim & Grace Williams - Carthage
 Jim & Rose Mertz - Wentzville
 Don & Carol Anderson - Moberly
 Don & Donna Richmann - Poplar Bluff
 Bill & Loretta Ragsdale - Stockton
 John & Debbie England - Oak Grove
 Mark & Louise Vandivort - Arizona
 Vergel Maness - New Jersey
 Russell & Vonda Johnson - Wyoming
 Curtis & Laverne Alligood - Florida
 John & Paula McClure - Mexico

Thank God for these missionaries! We pray the Lord will continue to meet their needs, and that their labor will bear much fruit for the Lord.

Have a Heart For Hillsdale!

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, working in concert with the executive secretary of Missouri, Clarence Burton, has declared February to be "Have A Heart for Hillsdale!" month. They would like to encourage every church in their state to receive an offering during February for Hillsdale. The goal is to underwrite as much of the college's gift budget for the year as possible.

Giving has not kept pace with the growth, and the college has experienced a series of deficit years. Last year's operating fund deficit was approximately \$148,000! When compared to gift income, tuition has been increased a disproportionate amount. Tuition went from \$35 per hour in 1980, to \$80 per hour in 1991, an increase of \$45, or 129%. Gifts, on the other hand, were \$228,845 in 1980, and \$228,590 in

1991, a decline of \$255. Tuition will continue to rise, but greater equity between tuition and gifts must be achieved.

A suggested per capita gift of \$12.00 has been arrived at by dividing the gift budget of the college (\$270,000) by the total membership of our churches. For example, a church with 100 members would send \$1,200. If the college does not receive at least \$150,000 by March 31, 1992, it will be forced to borrow additional operating funds.

Hillsdale is a vital part of our denominational ministry. For over 30 years, the college has provided training for not only pastors and missionaries, but for thousands of lay people who are working in Free Will Baptist churches today. We trust that you value the college enough to become involved in "Have A Heart for Hillsdale!"

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Bible College Trustees Okay Pursuit of Regional Accreditation

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—The nine trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College have voted unanimously for the college to pursue regional accreditation. This vote was taken at the board's semi-annual meeting in Nashville on December 5, 1991.

An official letter of inquiry was sent to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), informing them of the college's intentions. Once FWBBC completes formal application, it will begin an 18-month self-study which it will submit to SACS. "We sincerely hope to achieve Candidate status two years from now, and full accreditation two to four years after that," Dr. Picirilli, FWBBC's Academic Dean, notes. Candidate status would bring with it most of the benefits of accreditation.

FWBBC is already accredited by the American Association of Bible Colleges (AABC). This accreditation is nationally recognized and enables students to transfer credit to most colleges and universities. Other institutions, however, require regional accreditation. With SACS accreditation, even those institutions should recognize FWBBC's credits and enable our students to transfer to virtually any college or university in America.

College officials are fully aware that this move must be made cautiously. Until recently, SACS resisted the accreditation of any committed Bible college. However, that has changed and SACS now accredits several of FWBBC's sister colleges. Dr. Robert Picirilli says, "We have examined carefully the current standards of SACS and they do not appear to require anything conflicting with our commitment." President Tom Malone adds, "If at any point we see that SACS requires of us something we feel will compromise our commitment to Biblical faith and practice, we will drop the proceedings without hesitation." Dr. Picirilli says the college will submit "strong descriptions of our Christian commitment" so that SACS will either have to reject the college's application or accredit it, knowing full well what the college is.

The majority of voting member institutions in SACS are private colleges, many of them Christian colleges that share FWBBC's commitment to the cardinal doctrines of the faith. By joining them, the Bible College will open new doors for its students who wish to transfer or pursue graduate studies.

Two Teachers To Leave Bible College

NASHVILLE TENNESSEE—Two teachers at Free Will Baptist Bible College will leave the faculty at the end of the current school year, according to Academic Dean Robert Picirilli. Rev. Leroy Forlines, Bible/Theology teacher, will retire. Dr. Kenneth Riggs, Chairman of the Teacher Education Department, will devote his energies to the pastorate and other pursuits.

Mr. Forlines, a native of Winterville, NC, joined the FWBBC faculty in 1952. During his 36 years of teaching, he has impacted hundreds of Free Will Baptist young people with his unswerving loyalty to the Bible, his keen ability to interpret Scripture, and his great love for people, especially those who are hurting. He wrote the volume on Romans in the Randall House Commentary series. He also authored several other books, including *Biblical Ethics*. He describes himself as a man who enjoys traveling, reading, and riding exciting rides at Opryland. Mr. Forlines may continue to teach on a part-time basis.

Dr. Riggs joined the FWBBC faculty in 1971 to direct the school's program in teacher education. Since then, he has built it into an outstanding arm of the Bible College's ministry. Teachers who have been through the program have earned for themselves and for the college the respect of educators in Nashville and across the denomination, in both Christian and secular schools. Dr. Riggs assumed the pastorate of Sylvan Park FWB Church in Nashville last year, but has continued to teach at the Bible College. Now, with the teacher education program well underway, he is leaving the faculty to devote more time to his church and to pursue other interests.

Dr. Picirilli said that the college would give suitable recognitions to Rev. Forlines and Dr. Riggs later in the school year.

Free Will Baptist History

by Perry Brake

Knowing about history is important, especially your own history. Knowing the struggles of your ancestors and understanding their distinct personalities is important because it sheds light on your own identity. This includes not just your family history or the history of your country, but also of your denomination. This column will be an attempt to share a part of the great history we have as Free Will Baptists in America.

To have an awareness of those who have come before us, and their contribution to our faith, will bring a greater appreciation of our struggle as a religious movement. We have all heard of Spurgeon, the Wesleys and Whitefield, but how about Marks, Colby, or Buzzell. We have nothing to be ashamed of, even though we seem to be more familiar with other histories than our own. We can learn from the past and should not ignore it. The challenge, however, is not to live in the past, but forge on ahead, and through God, create an even brighter future for those who will some day read about our times and what we have done.

ABOUT THE WRITER: Perry Brake is beginning a series of articles entitled, "Free Will Baptist History." Brother Brake has made a study of Free Will Baptists. These articles should be informative and helpful. He is serving as pastor of the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, near Liberal, Missouri. He and the church are actively involved in the State and National ministries.

Answers to last month's PUZZLE 10

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years (6 trillion miles/year 6×10^{12} miles) from our galaxy, in the constellation Hercules, is a giant group of galaxies called the Hercules Cluster, which contains about 10,000 galaxies, each with 10 billion to 100 billion stars. Any reputable astronomer today will admit to the truth of Jeremiah 33:22, "The host of heaven cannot be numbered."

Psalms 147:4,5 states:

"He [God] telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite."

The reason we cannot number the stars is because our knowledge is limited. But God has them numbered and even has them named and calls them by their own names. God's understanding is infinite. But 100 years ago the scientific world would have dismissed this statement of Jeremiah (33:22a) as naive and unthinkable to the scientific mind.

Most all of the ancient people at one time or another believed that the earth was flat and that in some way it was supported or held in its place. Some very wild and fanciful theories were invented to explain its state of being in the universe.

In the sacred writings of the Hindus it is revealed that they believed the earth was flat and triangular in shape and composed of seven (7) layers—one of honey, another of sugar, a third of butter, and still another of wine. This whole seven-layered mass was supposed to be borne on the heads of many elephants which when shaking or stumbling produced earthquakes.

As we have already noted, the ancient Egyptians believed that the earth was flat and was supported on the back of a huge elephant that stood on the back of a mammoth turtle that swam in a cosmic sea.

The ancient Greeks believed that the pillars of the earth were supported by Atlas.

Speaking of the earth, Job 26:7 declares:

"He hangeth the earth upon nothing."

Isn't it amazing how this sounds like twentieth century science. Even the existence of a hypothetical space substance called ether has now been disproved by the recent space probes. The theory of gravitational pull was invented to account for the earth's affinity to the sun, but really that explains nothing. No one knows what gravity is, or why it is. It is merely a term invented to explain certain observed phenomena. We are told that there are three (3) kinds of force:

(1) electromagnetic—the force existing between opposite charges.

(2) nuclear—the force holding the nucleus of the atom together. Colossians 1:17—"And by him all things consist."

(3) gravitational—the force existing between two objects such as the moon and the earth, etc.

Albert Einstein spent the last twenty years of his life trying to prove a relationship between gravitational force and electromagnetic force, but never could. There is nothing that modern science can add to or take away from the age-old statement that God has "hung the earth upon nothing."

Even though Pythagoras and Aristotle argued in favor of the spherical form of the earth, this was not generally

believed until the explorers such as Magellan and others had actually sailed around the earth in the last sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. In fact, Isaiah 40:22 teaches that the earth is round.

"It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers."

The word translated circle in the Hebrew has a more exact connotation of "sphericity" or "roundness."

Psalms 19 was long a source of amusement to Bible critics. In speaking of the sun, the psalmist says:

"His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof" (Psalm 19:6).

It is claimed that the writer of this verse obviously believed in the ancient notion of the sun revolving around the earth, called the geocentric theory, rather than the earth around the sun called the heliocentric theory.

This charge is most unjust, since it is generally believed today by most astronomers that the sun together with its solar system is moving through space at the tremendous speed of 720,000 mph in such a gigantic orbit that it requires over two (2) million centuries to complete just one orbit. It is also probable that our galaxy is moving in relation to other galaxies. Truly, the sun's circuit is from one end of heaven to the other.

But more glorious than all of this is the realization that the Great Astronomer and Mathematician who created the universe and set the stars in motion in their appointed courses is the same who calls us to eternal life in Jesus Christ.

The wise man Solomon in Ecclesiastes 1:6,7 states:

"The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again."

Please notice four things:

(1) The major air currents have established circuits.

(2) Rivers are formed as a result of rain falling on the earth.

(3) Rivers eventually find their way to the seas.

(4) The seas evaporate giving rise to the moisture which condenses over land as rain.

Thus we have the water cycle and the Science of Meteorology simply stated in the Scriptures.

Most of the ancient peoples believed that various gods had control of the weather and caused changes in the weather at their own whims. Meteorology as a science had its beginnings with the invention of the thermometer by Galileo in 1607 and of the barometer by Torricelli in 1643. But 200 years passed before the wisdom of Ecclesiastes 1:6,7 was generally accepted.

(continued next month)

Announcement

Reverend Bill Crank has announced, "I am going into full time evangelism and I am available for revivals and special services. Please contact me at 513-695-8096 or Bill Crank, 575 Tri-County Road, Winchester, OH 45697."

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Total		\$28,002.97

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." We continue to praise Him for what He is doing through faithful pastors and churches! November, Thanksgiving month, has been another good month, for which we thank the Lord. Without Him we could do nothing! But through Him, and because of His great love toward us, souls are saved and Christians are strengthened in the Lord.

The allocation for National Ministries goes undesignated for this year with FWBBC & Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. California Christian College will continue to receive the 1%.

NOVEMBER 1991 RECEIPTS COOPERATIVE

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New Hope	16.44
Kingsway	250.65
Hartville	361.23
Fourth	200.00
Calvary, Conway	168.26
O'Fallon	148.92
Central	706.12
Oak Hill, Fredericktown	106.85
Hannon	330.95
Total	\$28,002.97

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Hannon	\$ 521.60
C. Thompson	25.00
Thayer	76.00
Hartville	374.64
M. Moon	10.00
O'Fallon	185.00
Pleasant Ridge	45.00
Fourth	75.00
Central	242.50
Southside	311.36
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Faith & Hope	40.21
New Testament	120.00
Neosho	190.00
Greenfield	105.00
Niangua	44.00
Carl Layman	10.00
Kirkville	56.12
Blue Springs	55.00
Columbia	17.50
Rock Chapel	158.00
Lebanon	80.00
Monett	712.36
S. Hart	20.00
Bethel, Festus	163.00
Belton	50.00
DeSoto	385.00
N. Akeman	10.00
New Life, St. Peters	20.00
Pleasant Home	104.57
Viburnum	110.00
Mt. Pisgah	100.00
Houston	159.50

Farmington	571.75
Calvary Chapel	45.00
Beacon	355.00
Flat River 1st	111.12
Parkview Mission Group	60.00
Oak Grove	65.00
St. Francois Ass'n.	4,159.77
West Plains 1st	592.80
Joplin	25.00
Marshfield	60.00
Parkview	294.00
Grace	17.00
Union Light	130.00
Farmington	338.00
Faith, Oak Grove	50.00
United, West Plains	54.50
Leadington	93.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	122.14
Eastern Gate	209.99
Indian Creek Ass'n.	
Missions Conf.	11,818.15
Faith, Lemay	200.00
Carthage	42.00
Trinity	303.51
Oak Hill, Union	26.50
Kirkville	500.00
Fordland	156.10
Myrtle	145.00
Grant Avenue	464.67
Macedonia	10.00
Merl's Chapel	200.00
Verdella	567.72
Hartville	72.25
Fourth	75.00
Calvary, Conway	50.48
O'Fallon	35.00
Central	177.50
Blue Springs	55.00
Calvary Fellowship	1,144.05
C. Thompson	50.00
Hannon	455.95
Total	\$28,779.31

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Hannon	\$ 10.00
Thayer	148.00
O'Fallon	25.00
Central	130.00
New Testament	50.00
Kirkville	28.13
Blue Springs	10.00
Columbia	12.50
Rock Chapel	138.10
Lebanon	5.00
DeSoto	1,900.00
Pleasant Home	25.00
Viburnum	48.00
Mt. Pisgah	50.00
Beacon	35.00
Flat River 1st	62.56
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
St. Francois Ass'n.	200.00
Joplin	35.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Parkview	48.00
Grace	105.00
Union Light	25.00
Leadington	15.00
Oak Grove, Norwood	61.07
Eastern Gate	20.00
Indian Creek Ass'n.	
Missions Conf.	10.00
Carthage	19.00
Wolf Creek	59.43
Trinity	20.00
Oak Hill, Union	23.00
Kirkville	1,874.49
Fordland	10.00
Myrtle	146.00
Grant Avenue	11.00
Verdella	15.00
Royal Oak	266.00
O'Fallon	118.00
Central	125.00
Blue Springs	10.00
Hannon	10.00
Total	\$5,988.28

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Hannon	\$ 150.80
Thayer	35.00
O'Fallon	25.00
Pleasant Ridge	25.00
Fourth	10.00
Central	22.00
Southside	20.00

S.E. Association	25.00
Faith & Hope	40.19
New Testament	20.00
Jerry Rader	25.00
Columbia	35.00
Lebanon	65.00
Bethel, Festus	15.00
DeSoto	350.00
New Life, St. Peters	20.00
Viburnum	8.00
Flat River 1st	50.56
St. Francois Ass'n.	2,203.01
West Plains 1st	5.00
Marshfield	29.57
Parkview	5.00
Grace	25.00
Union Light	61.00
Farmington	120.00
United, West Plains	19.50
Leadington	11.00
Eastern Gate	20.00
Indian Creek Ass'n.	

Missions Conf.	2,494.37
Carthage	5.00
Trinity	65.00
Oak Hill, Union	33.00
Kirkville	624.83
Fordland	6.00
Myrtle	64.00
Grant Avenue	126.35
Macedonia	25.00
Hartville	10.00
O'Fallon	25.00
Central	10.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.00
Hannon	165.48
Total	\$7,129.66

YOUTH CAMP

Willow Springs	\$ 60.00
Hannon	30.00
Thayer	30.00
Hartville	20.00
DeSoto	50.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Flat River 1st	103.29
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Bethel, El Dorado	15.00
Trinity	14.00
New Rock Springs	10.00
Myrtle	44.00
Grant Avenue	75.00
Macedonia	10.00
Billy G. Hughes	250.00
Calvary Fellowship	39.00
Total	\$820.29

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Hannon	\$100.00
Thayer	35.00
Central	48.00
Beacon	25.00
Farmington	133.00
Oak Hill, Union	18.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Total	\$402.75

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Thayer	\$ 30.00
DeSoto	35.00
Parkview Mission Group	10.00
Farmington	126.00
Grant Avenue	100.00
Calvary Fellowship	35.75
Total	\$336.75

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington	\$35.00
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CHILDREN'S HOME, ALABAMA

Myrtle	\$19.15
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FWB CHILDREN'S HOME, TN

DeSoto	\$50.00
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JOHN McCCLURE ACCOUNT

Thayer	\$ 10.00
Monett	15.00
Bethel, Woodbridge, VA	20.00
Grace	25.00
Farmington	10.00
Indian Creek Miss. Conf.	1,016.00
Verdella	10.00
Total	\$1,106.00

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SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

May 11-13

Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, Mo.

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Date and Place forthcoming

**MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION/
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June 8-11

Nelson Community Center, Lebanon, Mo.

YOUTH CAMP:

Teen Group I, June 14-19

Teen Group II, June 21-26

Pre Teen Group I, July 26-31

Pre Teen Group II, August 2-7

NATIONAL CONVENTION, WNAC, NYC

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