



# **GEM**

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**"Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mountains..."**

**Ps. 76:4**



# DON'T KEEP SILENT!

## September is Pastor Appreciation Month

When I saw him, he was walking across McDonald's parking lot with his hands thrust deep in his pockets. His slumped shoulders, down-cast eyes, and labored movement conveyed rejection and discouragement.

It didn't take long to greet each other, purchase coffee, and move to a private place to talk. The conversation followed the normal path of friends, inquiries about family and ministry. "The family is fine," he said. Then, as if looking for answers in his coffee cup he said, "I am going to resign my pastorate." My first reaction was to remind him of how God had used him during the years he had been at his church and of the growth that the church had experienced. Finally I asked, "Why?"

He said, "I believe that the people no longer want me to be their pastor." My inquiry of, "Did they tell you that?" was met with, "No, but I don't feel that I have their support."

Before we parted I encouraged him not to resign until he had met with his church board and told them how he felt. He called me a couple of days later and told me that he was staying. The board had been unanimous in expressing their confidence in him and his ministry. This pastor had misread the silence of the congregation. He thought they were against him because they had been taking him for granted.

Pastors seem to be able to withstand internal strife, insufficient salary, and inactive church members, but the unappreciative silence of the congregation has defeated many a stalwart. C. H. Spurgeon wrote that the strong are not always vigorous, the wise not always ready, the brave not always courageous, and the joyous not always happy. There may be here and there men of iron, to whom wear and tear work no perceptible detriment, but surely the rust frets even these; and as for ordinary men, the Lord knows, and makes them to know, that they are but dust. (Lectures To My Students)

**Mark your calendar! Plan something special for your pastor in September** as Free Will Baptist Churches across the country express their appreciation for a godly Pastor. Determine now that you won't keep silent.

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## Encourage Your Sunday School Teachers

### *Publicly Acknowledge Their Work*

- \* **Create a Teacher Appreciation Bulletin Board** – Create a special bulletin board display in honor of your Christian education workers. It can include pictures of the teachers as well as information about them, such as their favorite scripture passage, Bible story, hobby, profession, and number of years of teaching experience, etc. If you aren't artistic yourself, consider asking a designer or artist in the church to help you make the display as eye-catching and attractive as possible.

### *Empower Them with Knowledge and Training*

- \* **Start a "Spiritual Health Club" for Teachers** – Teachers who faithfully commit to teaching children year after year can begin to feel a bit isolated from the rest of the adults at church, especially if they are single. Talk with your

teachers to see if they would be interested in starting a monthly Bible study group where they can fellowship, share prayer concerns and discuss teaching related issues. Members of your pastoral team may also enjoy joining this group. It's always a good idea to see to the feeding of the feeders.

- \* **Provide Teachers with a Research Team** – Most teachers would appreciate having someone they could turn to to help them find unusual supplies or reference information. This is a good job for church members who are retired and able and willing to spend some time occasionally tracking down what's needed.

### *Support and Inspire Them*

- \* **Throw a Shower for Teacher** – Kick off the school year with a Teacher's Shower. Ask the students to bring their

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teacher a small gift that could be used in the classroom. Such gifts could be things like fancy stickers, a book of stamps, fancy pencils, crayons, posters, etc. Keep the party light and fun with games and music suitable for a wide range of ages.

#### *Extend Their Ministry*

- \* **Help Teachers Correspond with Their Students** – Make it easy for teachers to send a note or a take-home paper to an absent student. Give each teacher several stamped

envelopes and a few sets of self-adhesive, address labels. (These should have the students' names and addresses already printed on them.) Whenever a student is absent, the teacher can simply put the child's class papers in an envelope, press on the correct address label, and drop it in the mail or have the church office do it.

*Excerpt from 101 Ideas That Work For Encouraging Sunday School Teachers and Other Church Leaders condensed from The Best of the Ideabook, David C. Cook Church Ministries. Used by permission.*

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## NEWS FROM SHOW-ME MISSIONARIES

### *Carlisle Hanna*

Dear Ones,

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Since our last letter of March 23, 1998, most of you will have heard that Marie had another stroke on the evening of April 20. We took her to a private hospital in our nearest town. She was admitted in the ICCU and given the best possible care there. She never regained consciousness and went to be with our Lord at 10:30 AM (Indian Time) on April 23.

Funerals must be held quickly in the intense heat of India. I had to have her coffin made and make arrangements to transport her body back to Sonapurhat for the funeral. It was 5:00 PM before we could get her body released and make the necessary arrangements to go back to Sonapurhat. I had sent word immediately to Sonapur when Marie was called Home. They rang our church bell at noon. It was our market day but the market was canceled and all shops closed. Christians, Hindus and Muslims came immediately to our compound where they waited until we arrived at 6:00 PM. There were thousands of people there. They had to make space for the vehicle to enter our gate. The funeral service was held from 10:00 AM to noon on April 24. All of our pastors and several others gave testimonies of what Auntie's (she was Auntie to all there) life had meant to them and I shared lastly. Of course, I had to relive the death of our only child, Sheila Marie, again. She died on March 17, 1953. Marie is buried by the bell tower on our church compound in Sonapurhat. Sheila was buried in the city of Allahabad which is about 800 miles from Sonapurhat. It was not possible to know how many people attended the funeral; certainly it was the largest crowd anyone there had ever witnessed. We believe our Lord was glorified.

Our son, Donald, arrived in Sonapurhat on April 26. Our daughter, Brenda Kay, did not get her passport and visa in time to travel out with Don. Don helped me to take care of necessary business and we came to U.S.A. on May 5. We trust that Brenda Kay and our son, Mark, will be able to go out to India with me later. Brenda Kay, Don and Mark have been a very real part of our work in India. All three of them were born in India and did not return to U.S.A. until they finished high school. They were baptized with the ones who are now our pastors there. These were their closest friends.

We went to India in 1952 to plant His church. Please praise the Lord with us for at least one hundred church groups who are worshiping our Lord in our North India field and six in our South India work. Please pray much for our dear ones in India. Please continue to pray for our family here and for His enabling for all the work He has for us to do.

Many of you have sent cards and letters, called and attended memorial services for Marie. We are deeply grateful. Many individuals and churches have given memorial gifts. We are thankful for these. Thank you for your love, prayers, and concern and for the financial support for us and our India work. We know you will continue to stand with us and our dear ones in this ministry and that our Lord will be glorified.

Our children, Brenda Kay, Donald and Mark, along with their families, join me in sending our love to all of you.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
*Carlisle Hanna*

"Because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19

### *The McDonalds*

Thanks to your prayers and financial support, we are into our second year in the church-planting effort here in Sapporo area. How do we describe this venture of faith? At times exciting, exhausting, rewarding — and always challenging. It has sometimes felt like a roller-coaster with the ups and down of spiritual warfare. Some weeks bring great victory — others bring lonely Sundays with just the missionaries in attendance.

During 1997, the Lord sent us two Christian families and one older Christian lady to worship with us. He also sent us a good number of Sunday School children to hear the basic Bible stories for the very first time. During the summer Bible Camp, 4 of those children accepted Christ as their personal savior. . .

### *The Gentuso Family*

Greetings From Paul & Tammy,

I suppose it would be best to get right to the point, since you are probably wondering what's going on! Tammy and I will be taking a leave of absence from the mission, beginning in September. While this may seem abrupt to many of you, it is a decision which has been prayerfully considered over many months.

We are very thankful for all the Lord has accomplished through us during the seven years we have served with Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. We have had myriad opportunities to preach the Gospel, care for the sick, and share our vision for missions with our churches throughout the USA.

We are particularly thankful to you, our supporters, who have so faithfully carried our burdens and called our names continually before the throne of God's grace.

I want to repeat how much we appreciate each one who has partnered with us over the years. May the Lord of the Harvest continue to richly bless you.

# THE BOOK

BY CAROL PINKERTON

Jerry & I were asked to move to Doropo to help with the maintenance of the Hospital there. Some of the hospital workers asked if I could teach the women in the church. I told them I would pray about it. It would be hard since they didn't speak French and I didn't speak Lobi, but I knew they needed to learn about God ... so I said YES. They came to class. They said they couldn't learn anything: they'd never been to school and couldn't read or write—plus, they'd been told since childhood that women couldn't learn and they believed it!!! But I knew better ... Anybody can learn IF they want to!

I asked them if they had two hands ... they said yes. Good! These hands are going to be your books. You will always have them with you, so you can study anytime you want to—wherever you are. I showed them how to use one hand as a pointer and the other would be the book. We pointed to the palm of the hand and talked about how God had created Everything ... that was class number one. The next week, we reviewed then pointed to the little finger & talked about how God has always been—never a beginning or ending to God ... and so class continued: God is pure, holy and perfect was the lesson for the ring finger. The big finger taught us that God knows everybody and everything (no secrets from Him). The index finger helped us remember that God is good and the thumb reminded us that God loves everybody.

One Sunday during a preaching service, Jerry asked if anyone could stand and tell something they knew about God. One by one, the women stood saying:

God is the Creator, He made all things. God always has been—He always will be. God is pure. He is Holy and He is Perfect. God knows everyone and everything. God is good. God loves everyone.

The men at church were shocked. Women knowing all these things about God? Could it be true? Could women learn even if they had never been to school? YES!

How pleased I was with these dear women. They had surprised themselves by learning so much. I was very proud of them and told them so. They smiled with happiness, but the smile soon faded away as I told them we'd only learned one-half of the book ... ooohhh! Turn your book over I told them. This side is about the Chief. IF you have asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins, then God is your Chief and you live to please the

Chief. Pointing to the palm of the hand, we repeated that God is Our Chief ... the small finger was to remind us that the chief expected us to be faithful, the ring finger reminded us that as much as possible, we are to live pure, holy and perfect lives? ... the big finger teaches us that we are to continue learning—growing as Christians. The index finger talks about being good and the thumb is a reminder that just as God loves everyone, we too are to love everyone—even those who don't like us!

The hand has two sides. One talks about who God is and the other talks about what the Chief expects of people in His Tribe. God's side of the book (hand) will never change. It is always true. The other side of the hand is for each person to decide ... Are you a member of God's Tribe? He wants you to be, but He will not force you—each person must decide for himself ... and as a result of that decision, we choose where we will spend Eternity.

Have you made the most important decision of your life? It's up to you! Be Wise and choose to live in God's Tribe like the women in Doropo.

*(This true story which took place in 1986 was written by Carol for her granddaughter's scrap book.)*

## LESSONS FROM NATURE

BY GARRY MATTHEWS

On a bookshelf in my study is a special arrow. Actually, it is a broken arrow. The gray, wooden shaft is broken at the feathers, and one of the feathers is missing. The other end of the shaft still has sharp broadhead attached. This arrow serves as a reminder every time I see it.

It was November 13th, 1996, and the whitetail bucks were frantically searching for receptive does as the rut was in full swing. For several days I had been hunting a large, heavy antlered 8 pt. buck as he searched for does. It always seemed that he was just out of bow range. He was the dominant buck in the area although there were two 10 pts. also in this area. This morning I set-up closer to where he had crossed the day before. As soon as it was daylight I began seeing does and bucks moving through the area. One of the 10 pt. bucks came in from behind me. He spotted me and trotted from the area, snorting every step. In desperation I moved my folding stool closer to the trail the deer were using this morning. Now I was really in an exposed position. The 3-inch diameter trees that covered the intersection ridges provided scant cover. I knew that

I would probably get only one opportunity at the big 8 pt. buck—if I was lucky!

At 9:57 a.m. I heard a deer coming from the east. I tracked it by sound as it made its way up the side of the finger ridge toward the doe trail. I felt sure it was the big buck because instead of following the trail he was intersecting it at 90 degrees. The deer topped the ridge and I immediately spotted the huge 8 pt. antlers backlit by the morning sun. Here was the opportunity I had waited for all season and I was ready! He stopped momentarily when he reached the doe trail. The arrow shaft glanced off the side of a sapling less than half the distance from its intended target. The front portion of the shaft, minus the guiding feathers, struck the ground beneath the big buck's chest. The feathered portion of the shaft landed a few inches from the interfering sapling. Mr. Big high-tailed it out of the area and out of my life! I never saw him again the rest of the season.

I had guessed right — the shot had looked good, felt good, and was oh, so close! However, I had one opportunity and failed to capitalize on it. I hadn't noticed the sapling that deflected and broke my arrow. Instead of eating deer steaks and having his mounted head in my study, I have a broken arrow to remind me of my failure.

How many times have we Christians missed opportunities? Paul says in Galatians 6:10, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." It may be an opportunity to serve, to witness, to encourage, to help, or to console. How often do we fail to seize that opportunity and later look back with a sense of regret and failure? Sometimes we only get one moment of opportunity with an individual as I did with that buck. We have to be sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We have to actively "hunt" those opportunities, and make "the shot count." There are "saplings" of discouragement and indifference that Satan uses to deflect our "perfect arrow flight" away from its intended "target."

However, we can't give up when we fail. We have to keep trying at every opportunity. If we keep trying, we will eventually taste success. Three weeks and thirteen hunts after this incident, I was successful. It was a smaller buck, but that was one opportunity I was able to capitalize on, because I didn't quit trying. In Galatians 6:9 Paul says: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Yes, this broken arrow reminds me of my failure, but it also reminds me of the eventual success!

## New Life Church Honors Harold Price

Father's Day 1998 will long be remembered at the New Life Free Will

Baptist Church of Licking, Missouri. It was the beginning of what is hoped to be a tradition that will be carried on through the years. The church, led by Pastor Max Courtney, has set aside Father's Day as a time when the church will honor one of its leaders. The day will be known as Harold Price Day in honor of the first recipient to be honored.

In 1971 a small group of people met with Rev. Tom Owens to discuss the possibilities of starting a Free Will Baptist Church in Licking. In that meeting, a list was made of the Free Will Baptists who lived in the area. The first names on that list were Harold and Martha Price. They were members of the Gladden Free Will Baptist Church where Bro. Price served as a Deacon. After being contacted, the Prices joined the small group which was to become the New Life Free Will Baptist Church.

Brother Harold served the infant church as advisor and teacher. He was a member of the committee charged with the responsibility of securing property and planning a new building. The work on the new building began in 1972. He was elected as one of the first board members and Sunday School teachers in the new church. He continued to serve until his health and the health of his wife, Martha, forced him to retire.

Pastor Courtney stated that Bro. Price has faithfully served the church from 1971 until his recent retirement in April of 1998 - a period of 27 years. He has enjoyed the support of his loving companion, Martha, and the two of them have been spiritual father and mother to the congregation.

The first Harold Price Day service was opened by Pastor Courtney reading Proverbs 3:27 and officially declaring that this was Harold Price Day. The current board members of the church then escorted Bro. Price to the front of the sanctuary



Harold Price & Pastor Courtney

where he was greeted with a round of applause and told that there was more to come in the afternoon. Rev. Nathan Ruble was the guest speaker for the occasion. Following the morning service, the congregation enjoyed a great meal which was prepared by the ladies of the church.

The afternoon service was a time for praise, gifts and testimonials. Brad Routh provided the special music for the afternoon service. His warm spirit and mellow voice added a special touch to the service. The church presented Bro. Price with a plaque of appreciation, a money tree, and a Bose-Wave radio. Rev. Nathan Ruble presented Bro. Harold a certificate of appreciation from the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. Several people shared testimonies concerning the Prices and each of them spoke of faithfulness and stability.

## State Home Missions News Columbia Free Will Baptist Church

1900 El Chaparral Avenue, Columbia, MO 65201

Phone: (573) 443-1828 - Pastor: Steve Reeves

I trust this finds you well and having a great Summer. We continue to settle in here in Columbia. We are enjoying living here in Mid-Missouri more and more each day.

The Church is doing well; our first service at Stephens College on May 17 we had 19 in attendance. Since then we have added two new families, Joe and Connie Baskett and their 2-year-old son, Seth, and Channa Hires and her two small boys. Pray for Channa—she is not saved. We have visitors almost every week.

God has blessed us with some people who are excellent in music. If you remember, that was one of our early prayer requests. God has been so good to us in this area. We still don't have someone to play the keyboard on a regular basis so we use a CID player. We have at least four or five people who can do our special music.

We have begun a new ministry to invite families that move to Columbia to our church. Pray that we will reach many families through this outreach. Our folks have also helped to distribute some door hangers with information about our church.

Two families in our church have gone through some difficult situations. Nate and Barbara Paige's 20-year-old son, Anthony, was in a very serious car accident the last of May. One person in the car with him was killed. Anthony was seriously injured but has since made an almost complete recovery. Pray for him spiritually as he is not in church right now. Joe and Connie Baskett lost a still born baby girl on June 27. Pray for them as they deal with this loss. God has used these tragedies to help mold our little group into a church family.

We are still looking for land. Some we were looking at earlier we have eliminated. Right now we are considering a 6-acre tract in a major new single housing development and an 8-acre tract in the growing north side of Columbia. Pray for God's wisdom and hand in all this. Also pray that God will direct us to the type of building to construct and to people who can help us in the building process.

Linda, Hannah and I are doing well. Thanks for praying for us. We ask you to keep going to the Father on our behalf and for our Church. You are offering a great help to the work here in Columbia . . .

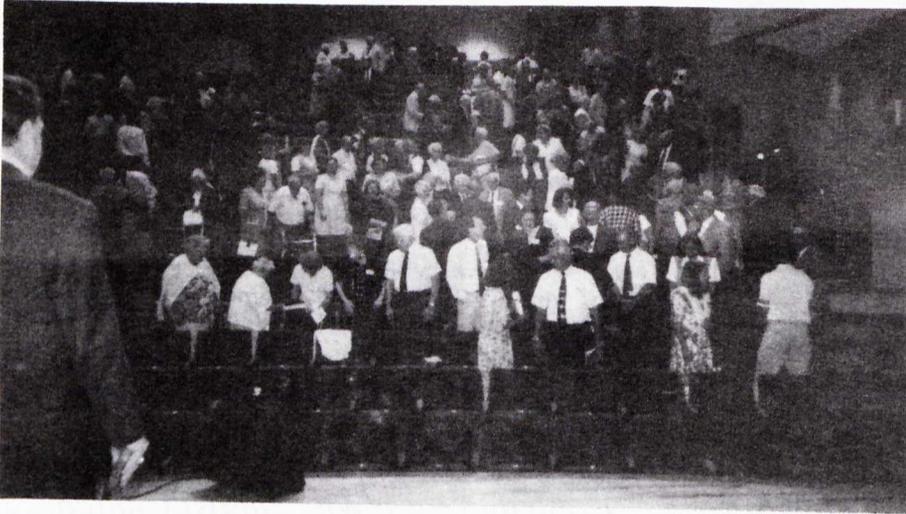
Serving Him in Columbia,  
Steve Reeves



Pastor, Bro. Price & Church Board



# 1998 STATE MEETING





# All Boards Meeting Preacher/Layman's Retreat

September 14, 1998  
Youth Camp, Niangua



Monday, September 14

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.....Golf Tournament

### Golf Tournament - Marshfield Golf Course

5:30 p.m.....Evening Meal

6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. ....Message from the Moderator

Rev. Rick Dablemont

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.....State Home Missions

8:00 p.m.....Boards Meet

9:00 p.m.....Refreshments

### GUIDELINES FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

2 Man Scramble

3 Trophies will be awarded for the tournament:

A trophy each to first place finishers

A trophy each to second place finishers

A trophy for the ball closest to the hole off the tee on # 7, par 3

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### Registration For Golf Tournament

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Each participant will pay his own green fee.

Dale Skiles will be in charge of the Golf Tournament

Mail the registration form to:

Dale Skiles, 4534 McCullough, Springfield, MO 65804

## PRAYER PICTURES

Tom Wright

Prayer is faith asking.  
Prayer is hope waiting.  
Prayer is love embracing.  
Prayer is me being me in the presence of God being God.  
Prayer is God being in me being me.  
Prayer is the catalyst that means the experiment will work at last.

Prayer opens the locked gate into the rose garden.  
Prayer helps us grow to our proper height, neither inferior nor superior.  
Prayer cleans the mirror in which I look at myself, so that I can see myself as others see me, or even (God help me) as God sees me.  
Prayer removes the spectacles of pride and fear through which I normally look at everyone else, and helps me see them as God sees them.  
Prayer opens up the old wound which hasn't healed right, eases in the ointment, and helps it to heal at last.  
Prayer takes the tangled ball of wool and gently untangles it, without snapping it or cutting it.  
Prayer is the most human thing we can do—and the most divine.

I pray because God always intended to bring humans in on the act, without letting them get proud in the process.

I pray because I often need to tell someone things and there's no one else I can tell them to.

I pray because I often need to be told things that no one else will tell me.

*Excerpt from A Moment of Prayer by Tom Wright, Lion Gift Lines / Chariot Victor Publishing. Tom Wright is Dean of Lichfield Cathedral in England. His in-depth knowledge of the New Testament informs these inspiring meditations. Used by permission.*

## The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti



I knelt to pray with the sweetest teen girl during camp. She prayed a sincere prayer of rededication then, when I asked her what God had just done in her life, her tear-stained face beamed as she said, "He made me white again!"

Isn't that another of His unexplainable works? In the master pieces my children paint for me, never once have they mixed red with black and came up with a white piece of paper. Yet, in God's color scheme, the blackest heart darkened by sin can be covered with the red blood of Jesus and made white again. Not ivory or winter white or off-white, but Isaiah compares this white to snow and wool.

Understanding how it works is not required; simple acceptance is. God is just waiting to do a work of art in your heart today.

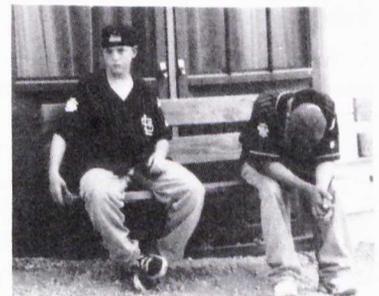
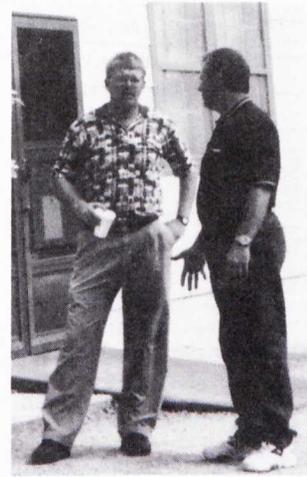
**Panama Hope  
Goal - \$12,000.00**



**Received Through 7-7-98  
\$8,046.10**

# Statistics and Snapshots of Teen Camp '98

Four hundred seventy-five (475) campers and sponsors registered for Teen Camp '98. Nine campers were saved, forty-five (45) rededicated their lives to the Lord, and two answered special calls to ministry.



# They're Waiting To See A Difference

by Gordon Sebastian  
(copied from the Peace Promoter)

The place is the famous Pool of Bethesda as described in the fifth chapter of the Gospel of Saint John. The scene is a great multitude of sick people—the blind, lame, and paralyzed—all laying around the edge of the pool waiting for something to happen. What? They are waiting for a divine moving of the water. Then, and only then, will these pitiful, products of pain climb into that pool.

The place is the church in America. The scene is a great multitude of Sin-Sick souls all laying around the door step of this giant house of healing. And just what is this multitude doing? They, too, are waiting—waiting for a divine moving within the church.

Everywhere I go I hear church members express the same amazement. They just can't understand why the lost aren't more concerned about their condition. They just can't see why these sin-sick souls around their church aren't storming its doors, and filling its pews. But I for one am not at all surprised. For years I have been saying that until there is a spiritual stirring in our churches the lost will not be moved to climb into our "pools."

In a recent report by George Barna it was concluded that there is not enough difference between the lives of church members and the lives of the unchurched for the church to make any kind of impact on today's society. Barna says there needs to be a gap of at least 40 percentage points between the habits of Christians and non-Christians before a "transforming difference" exists between the two. As it stands now there is hardly any noticeable difference between believer's and non-believer's. For example, 33% of non-Christians watch MTV while 26% of Christians do the same. Also, 30% and 40% of believers and non-believers respectively view R-rated movies in a given week. Nearly the same numbers of Christians and non-Christians believe that money means success in life, and nearly the same number of both groups believe "it's better to get even than to get mad." Says Barna, "Non-believers won't believe our message until they see us living different lives from theirs."

And I say, "AMEN!" The church in America desperately needs to experience a divine moving of God's Spirit. I'm convinced that it will take a supernatural work of God in our churches to ever bring about the kind of difference in our lives that can impact our society. We need a divine moving of our waters. We need the kind of moving that will bring worldly church members back to the Sunday Evening and Wednesday Evening Services at their churches. We need the kind of moving that will cause church members to change the way they dress. We need the kind of moving that will make praying Christians out of dancing Christians. We need the kind of moving that will turn sports and movie fanatics into Jesus fanatics. We need the kind of moving that will cause preachers to start loving one another instead of devouring one another.

It's not another newspaper ad, another visit by some soul winner, a new million-dollar auditorium, or another special program taking place at the church that our community is waiting for. No, more than anything else they are waiting to see the members of our churches demonstrating before their world how that Jesus truly makes a difference.

# Dixie Lee (Matthews) Rehkop

Sister Dixie Rehkop went to be with the Lord March 8, 1998. She was the wife of Leonard (Penn) Rehkop and the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. O. D. Matthews. Dixie was a very active member of the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church. She served as the president of Woman's Auxiliary, taught the Primary Sunday School class, and kept the church bulletin board updated. A memorial fund has been established in her memory at the Mill Creek church.

This poem was written in her memory by Betty Whitmore.

We miss a friend so much of late;  
A member that's gone on.  
Jesus met her at the gate;  
In paradise beyond.

He's showing her a mansion now;  
My Bible tells me this.  
She's free from pain and suffering;  
But oh Lord, how she's missed.

Her kind and gentle handshake;  
Could warm you to the bone.  
Her radiant smile toward everyone;  
Sure made you feel at home.

If you came to her house hungry;  
She'd make sure that you were fed.  
If you needed reassurance;  
Well, that's just something else she did.

She had a fabric store in town;  
Where we all liked to go.  
And for her family and friends;  
Now Dixie could sew.

She wanted a child of her own;  
But it just wasn't meant to be.  
I can just see her up in heaven;  
With a child upon each knee.

Probably children just thrown away;  
By this old world below.  
Longing for the love of a mother;  
Aching for a child to hold.

## Financial Information

### JUNE 1998 COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board .....	\$8,909.17	Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College Executive Department
17.50% Executive Office .....	8,428.17	Layman's Board
3.00% General Fund .....	1,444.83	Radio & TV Commission
.50% Show-Me Plan .....	240.80	Theological Commission
8.50% Youth Camp Bd. ....	4,093.68	Historical Commission
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd. ....	1,204.03	Board of Retirement & Insurance
2.50% C.E. Board .....	1,204.03	1.00% Calif. Christian College (\$146.89 included in \$14,689.10)
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Bd. .	1,204.03	5.00% Mo. State Conference Center Fund .....
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program .....	4,334.49	2,408.05
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College .....	14,689.10	<b>TOTAL .....</b>
Foreign Missions Board		<b>\$48,160.99</b>
National Home Missions Board		
Same Allocation:		
Free Will Baptist Bible College		

The Co-op allocation for National Ministries is undesignated this year, with FWBBC and Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. California Christian College will continue to receive 1%.

**JUNE 1998  
COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS**

Aulsbury Chapel	\$ 279.49
Bailey - Alton	273.00
Bailey Chapel	200.00
Belton	343.15
Bethel - El Dorado Springs	83.81
Bethel - Northview	158.36
Black Oak	341.17
Bourbon	106.00
Cabool	244.33
Cabool 1st	353.31
Calvary Chapel	856.52
Calvary Fellowship	609.67
Carthage	331.62
Central	858.58
Clifton	86.45
Columbia	72.45
Copper Mines	446.62
Crossroads - Wentzville	620.84
Cuba	600.00
DeSoto 1st	1,588.00
Faith - St. Louis	50.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	82.60
Faith and Hope - Willow Springs	40.00
Farmington 1st	2,598.86
Fellowship	500.00
Fordland	530.67
Fourth	533.65
Fredericktown 1st	371.00
Freeman Chapel	386.24
Friendship	607.01
Grant Avenue	939.64
Hannibal	141.00
Hannon	818.31
Harmony	659.00
Hartville	785.00
Hazel Creek	1,039.09
Hopewell	195.00
Houston 1st	425.51
Hurryville	505.38
Jackson	197.97
Joplin 1st	793.40
Kingsway	291.00
Kirksville 1st	5.00
Koshkonong	229.18
Lead Hill	350.69
Lebanon 1st	960.96
Lone Star	57.80
Macedonia - Niangua	64.05
Merls Chapel	106.00
Mill Creek	530.31
Mine La Motte	63.45
Monett 1st	626.18
Mountain Grove 1st	1,951.21
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	243.50
Mt. Zion - Gower	54.60
Myrtle	274.76
New Hope - Fredericktown	50.00
New Life - Licking	414.60
New Life - Licking	544.00
New Rock Springs	173.00
Niangua	72.00
North Five	164.08
Number One	112.07
Oak Hill	497.06
Oak Hill	598.52
O'Fallon 1st	988.00
Oskaloosa	285.97
Overland	130.00
Ozark 1st	1,256.91
Park Hills 1st	674.07
Parkview	508.00
Pleasant Hill	178.35
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove	347.67
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	98.00
Potosi 1st	153.12
Republic	100.00
Rock Chapel	435.20
Rolla 1st	305.00
Royal Oak	157.00
Seymour	293.00
Smyrna	104.00
South Fremont	160.00
South Fremont	150.00
South Fremont	2,835.00
Southside	121.99
Springfield 1st	1,165.95
Stockton	163.20
Thayer	1,342.00
Trinity	1,253.51
Tyrone	200.00
Union Grove	373.19
Union Light	114.00
Union - Success	60.00
United - West Plains	1,460.98
Unity - Lebanon	400.00
Verdella	695.73
Victory - Alton	959.10
Waynesville 1st	227.07
West Plains 1st	894.25

Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	224.31
Wolf Creek	259.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,160.99</b>

**SHOW-ME PLAN**

Aulsbury Chapel	\$ 150.00
Aulsbury Chapel	150.00
Barker, Rev. James	15.00
Belton	105.00
Belton Ladies Aux.	15.00
Berean	30.00
Berry, R.	15.00
Bethel - El Dorado Springs	212.63
Bethel - Festus	45.00
Big Creek	55.00
Bishop, B. J.	15.00
Bourbon	15.00
Bowers, J.	15.00
Braisher, M.	135.00
Buffalo 1st	60.00
Cabool	135.00
Cabool 1st	135.00
Calvary Chapel	105.00
Calvary Fellowship	1,778.00
Cartee, James & Ruth	15.00
Cash Offering - Mo. State Assoc.	216.36
Central	360.00
Chrisman, M.	30.00
Columbia	45.00
Cook, Jerry	360.00
Copper Mines	75.00
Copper Mines - Young Adult	15.00
Cuba	82.83
Darnell, W.	15.00
DeSoto 1st	400.00
DeSoto 1st Auditorium Class	15.00
Eastern Gate	80.00
Faith - St. Louis	20.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	30.00
Faith and Hope - Willow Springs	60.00
Farmington 1st	960.00
Fellowship	1,039.86
Fordland	145.00
Francis, N.	15.00
Fredericktown 1st	150.00
Freeman Chapel	540.00
Garrett, Rodney	15.00
Gospel Light	675.00
Graham, Sharon	15.00
Grant Avenue	350.00
Hannibal WNAC	30.00
Hannon	968.31
Harmony - Parkville	59.00
Harris, F.	45.00
Harris, Fred	45.00
Hartville	195.00
Hazel Creek	1,152.72
Houston 1st	272.00
Hurryville	300.00
Hurryville Sr. S.S. Class	17.00
Jackson	15.00
Leadington	225.00
Lebanon 1st	75.00
Lebanon FWB	60.00
Looney, K.	15.00
Maggart, Roxanne	45.00
Merls Chapel	150.00
Mill Creek	90.00
Mill Creek C.W.F.	45.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S.C.	15.00
Mine LaMotte	45.00
Mo. WNAC	250.00
Monett 1st	200.00
Mountain Grove 1st	980.21
Mt. Pisgah	75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	30.00
Myrtle	75.00
New Home - Hartville	150.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	75.00
Noel, D.	15.00
O'Fallon 1st	318.00
Old Bethel	900.00
Ozark 1st	30.00
Park Hills 1st	202.23
Parkview Mission Group	340.00
Parson, O.	15.00
Pinkerton, J.	45.00
Pleasant Grove - Anderson	45.00
Pleasant Hill	50.00
Pleasant Home	75.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	50.00
Richardson, O.	15.00
Richwoods 1st	52.50
Rock Chapel	285.00
Rogers, Floyd	15.00
Royal Oak	120.00
Ruble, N.	45.00
South Fremont	10.00
South Fremont	85.00
South Fremont	420.00
Springfield 1st	580.00

Thayer	305.00
Trinity	720.00
Tyrone	180.00
Union Light	120.00
United - West Plains	300.00
Unity	75.00
Verdella	1,295.74
Viburnum	190.00
Walker, H. Jr.	15.00
White, Richard	15.00
Willow Springs 1st	150.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	85.00
Wilson, Rachel	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,787.39</b>

**FOREIGN MISSIONS - DESIGNATED**

Calvary Fellowship	\$ 288.33
Central	40.00
Chapman, Alan	20.00
Farmington 1st	25.00
Fordland	5.00
Grant Avenue	50.00
Joplin 1st	135.00
Kirksville 1st	26.53
Lewis, Donna	10.00
Matney, Janet	10.00
Merls Chapel	50.00
Minor, Ken	10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	30.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	20.00
New Life - Licking	106.66
New Life - Licking	96.50
Oak Grove - Norwood	105.50
Ozark 1st	25.00
Rock Chapel	20.00
Thayer	110.00
Trinity	389.43
Union Light	10.00
United - West Plains	15.00
Viburnum	20.00
Waynesville 1st	50.00
Williams, V.	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,677.95</b>

**STATE HOME MISSIONS**

Belton	\$ 42.50
Cash Offering - Mo. State Assoc.	216.35
Cuba	82.82
DeSoto 1st	50.00
DeSoto 1st Children's Church	20.00
Faith - Chandler, IN	35.00
Gospel Light	40.00
Grant Avenue	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	315.00
Mountain Grove 1st	50.00
New Home - Hartville	10.00
O'Fallon 1st	82.66
Ozark 1st	10.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	20.00
Rock Chapel	81.25
St. Francois District Assoc.	125.00
Thayer	255.00
Trinity	20.00
United - West Plains	25.00
White, Richard	10.00
Wormington, Jerrie	30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,530.58</b>

**NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS**

Belton	\$ 42.50
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Calvary Fellowship	185.00
Carthage	30.00
Cash Offering - Mo. State Assoc.	216.35
Central	20.00
Chapman, Alan	10.00
Crossland, Marlon	5.00
Cuba	82.83
DeSoto 1st	569.00
DeSoto Auditorium Class	10.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora	37.00
Farmington 1st	75.00
Fordland	25.00
Grant Avenue	144.96
Hannon	490.98
Hartville	100.00
Houston 1st	70.00
Joplin 1st	20.00
King, Brenda	10.00
Lebanon FWB	10.00
Monett 1st	81.00
Mountain Grove 1st	105.00
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	25.00
Myrtle	40.00
New Home - Hartville	10.00
Oak Grove - Norwood	52.75
O'Fallon 1st	77.67
Ozark 1st	60.00
Park Hills 1st	137.41
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove	171.61
Rader, J.W.	20.00

Richwoods 1st	41.00
Rock Chapel	75.00
South Fremont	90.00
Thayer	220.00
Thebeau, Bob	5.00
Trinity	55.00
Union Light	136.00
United - West Plains	10.00
United - West Plains	300.00
Unity - Lebanon	50.00
Viburnum	102.00
Waynesville 1st	50.00
White, Richard	10.00
Wolf Creek	75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,203.06</b>

**MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP**

Park Hills 1st	\$ 33.29
Cabool	20.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	195.00
Hartville	10.00
Niangua	20.00
New Home - Hartville	10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	10.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Hannon	15.00
Thayer	45.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Union - Success	33.00
DeSoto 1st	50.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	10.00
New Life - Monett	82.77
Trinity	14.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$615.06</b>

**FWB BIBLE COLLEGE**

Farmington 1st	\$152.61
Nathan Ruble	15.00
Thayer	45.00
DeSoto 1st	35.00
Verdella	139.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$386.76</b>

**HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE**

Farmington 1st	\$ 94.80
Hannon	50.00
Thayer	50.00
Joplin 1st	75.00
Cuba (Have a Heart)	100.00
Fordland	5.00
Grant Avenue	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$384.80</b>

**CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**

Farmington 1st	\$52.62
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**REV. JOHN MCCLURE**

Mtn. Grove 1st	\$ 17.50
Carthage	109.38
Monett 1st	35.00
Thayer	10.00
Central Western WNAC	15.00
Trinity	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$206.88</b>

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$105.00
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**YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD**

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$105.00
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**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES**

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$105.00
Calvary Fellowship	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>

**TRULA CRONK HOME FOR CHILDREN**

Park Hills 1st	\$ 10.00
Myrtle	3.25
Unity - Lebanon	10.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	30.00
Waynesville 1st	38.17
Belton	75.00
DeSoto 1st	50.00
Mae Nasser	25.00
New Life - Monett	82.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$324.19</b>

**STEVE SMITH**

DeSoto 1st	\$50.00
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**TOGETHER WAY PLAN**

<b>FOUR SPECIAL DAYS</b>	
Cuba	\$100.00

**NEW HOPE - PANAMA**

Cave Springs Youth Assoc.	\$ 426.50
DeSoto 1st	855.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,282.05</b>



# Missouri State Youth Conference

November 20 - 21, 1998

Windermere Baptist Assembly

The Missouri State Youth Conference is a weekend conference designed for young people in 7<sup>th</sup> grade through college age. **This is one of the most exciting opportunities you'll find for ministry to your teenagers all year long!** Our goal is to challenge our young people to "get serious about living for Jesus" and to encourage them in their walk with Him.

The speaker will be Tom Tufts from Kalamazoo, Michigan. Tom's *Extreme Faith* Conferences are challenging students all across America to a radical, obedient life in Jesus Christ. He has authored the book Up For Grabs, a great resource for parents, youth workers and leadership students.

Tom is one of the most dynamic communicators I have ever heard. He will be speaking five times during our Youth Conference.

FFH will return to provide the music for us in a concert on Friday night and during the worship times. These four young adults are committed to Christ and live dedicated Christian lives. Young people and adults alike will love their beautiful harmonies (especially their acappella songs). We are hearing their music on Christian radio now.

Continue to watch the Gem for more information. Registration forms will be in the next two issues. The cost will be \$35 per person.

## 1998 State Officers



Left to Right: Clerk - Jim Williams,  
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Ass't. Clerk - Rick Dement was not present for photo.

## Available for Revivals and Pulpit Supply

Rev. James McCully is available for revivals and pulpit supply. He can be contacted at 1009 8th Street, Monett, MO 65708 or phone 417/235-3851.

## Sunday School Averages January 1998 - June 1998

CHURCHES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Belton	35	39	41	45		35
Calvary Chapel	122	124	130	116	108	118
Copper Mines	48	48	46	50	47	52
Cuba	124	126	134	117	122	111
Columbia				15	16	
DeSoto	153	155	157	169		154
Hannon	99	105	102	104	101	99
Harmony					51	
Hartville	112	125	120	117	115	101
Hazel Creek	68	65	64	70	63	64
Hopewell	29	25	27	33	31	24
Houston	51	52	55	52	50	51
Lebanon 1st	97	108	119	115		
Lebanon FWB	44	41	43	44	42	44
Mill Creek	63	74	77	80	71	70
Monett	60	51	54	54	50	53
Myrtle		30	33	46	40	42
O'Fallon 1st				72	69	
Ozark	106	110	105	104	103	110
Park Hills	105	94	115	112		
Richwoods	42	32	35	34	30	
Rock Chapel	37					
Southside	21	28	37	33	30	47
Springfield 1st	104	116	126	124	112	121
Thayer	178			168	175	178
Trinity	98	85	86	88	77	73
United, West Plains	286	289	314	336	282	304
Willow Springs	57	54	62	65	66	52

The above is only a partial listing - there are 180 Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in the Sunday School average each month.

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