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“...let us not forget the religious character of our origin. Our fathers were brought hither by their high veneration for the Christian religion. They journeyed by its light, and labored in its hope. They sought to incorporate its principles with the elements of their society and to diffuse its influence through all their institutions, civil, political, or literary. Let us cherish these sentiments, and extend this influence still more widely; in the full conviction, that that is the happiest society which partakes in the highest degree of the mild and peaceable spirit of Christianity.”

Daniel Webster



STATE CONVENTION REPORT AND PHOTOS

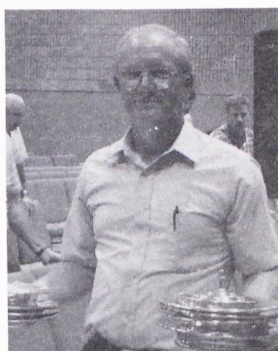
The 88th session of the Missouri Free Will Baptist Convention was hosted by the United Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains, Missouri. The beautiful facilities of this progressive church helped to make the meeting a success. Pastor Glenn Murray, the church staff, and the congregation were gracious hosts. They are to be commended for their hospitality during the three days of the convention.

Four hundred and eight registered to hear Reverends Jay Tilson, Wayne Phillips, Dan Minkler, and Tom Malone develop the theme of the convention, "Re-affirming our Stand." They also heard Rev. Lance Rogers deliver the Wednesday morning devotion. Each of the speakers were used of the Lord to challenge the hearts of the attendees. The highlight of the meeting was Tuesday evening when the congregation celebrated communion and the washing of the saint's feet following the evening message. What a glorious service!



The Christian Education Board sponsored a workshop with Rev. Tom Dooley, Director of the Master's Men Department, on Tuesday morning. Bro. Dooley also delivered the message for the morning worship service.

The first business session convened Tuesday afternoon with Moderator Rick Dablemont delivering the Moderator's message. During the Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning sessions, the



delegates heard reports from state and national ministries. They approved the Missouri budgets of the five standing boards, the Show-me plan, the bookstore and the Executive department. They also approved a change in the 2002 cooperative budget with a one percent increase to the National association, and approved



transferring the conference center allocation of three percent to the Show-me Plan. In other business they approved a constitution and by-law change, passed two

delegates heard reports from state and national ministries. They approved the Missouri budgets of the

resolutions, voted to hold the 89th session in the Civic Center in Lebanon, and voted to give the Wednesday evening offering of \$719.00 to the Show-Me plan.

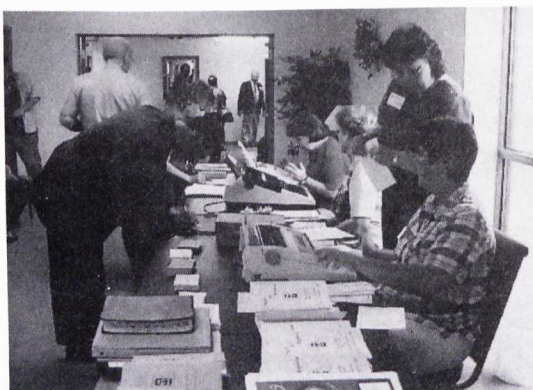
The delegates were delighted to hear that the State Home Mission Board is



starting a new work in Jefferson City and a Spanish ministry in Carthage. There were amens as the Youth Camp Chairman reported how God has provided laborers and finances for the new multi-purpose building and as he told how God had blessed during the last camp session. Reports of the Youth Ministries Board, the Christian Education Board, and the Senior Adult Ministries Board also drew positive responses. The Chairman of the Show-me Committee challenged the attendees with the need to increase our giving to the plan.

Richard Robinson, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church of Joplin, was elected to serve as Moderator. The other officers are: Jim Williams, Assistant Moderator; Rick Dement, Clerk; Lance Rogers, Assistant Clerk. Rev. Rick Dablemont, out-going moderator, is to be commended for his years of service as an officer of the State Association.

A special thanks is extended to the singers, musicians, ushers, registration committee, and the United church. Each one contributed to the success of the meeting.



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Missouri Women Active For Christ

Convention Report

"Reaffirming our Commitment" was the theme of the Missouri State Women Active for Christ at their June 4th meeting. One hundred twenty-five registered for the meeting, including fifteen missionaries. We were blessed to have the McDonald family from Japan, Charlotte Tallent on her way to France, the Pinkertons from Ivory Coast, and the Vandivorts who will be going to Ivory Coast soon.

Each missionary gave greetings and Carol Pinkerton shared her testimony during the devotion time. Carol related how unworthy she felt as a missionary and



Mary Holland \$500.00 from our operating fund to be used in their building project in Campinas, Brazil.

Judy Ruble presented the MOWAC Scholarship to Andrea Douglas of Fellowship Church of Flat River. Andrea plans to attend Hillsdale Bible College this fall.

The following officers were elected to serve as state officers for the next two years: Shirley Jackson, Co-ordinator; Judy Ruble, Assistant Co-ordinator;

LeAnn Wilfong, Secretary; Reva Baker, Treasurer; Debbie Beck, Field Worker; and Diane Anderson, Linda Hall, Barb Lee, and Jeanette Dalton, Members at Large.

"Making Cookies" was the program

used by Chef Carol Pinkerton on her famous television cooking show to install the new officers. Each officer was compared to a cookie ingredient, and it was pointed out how these ingredients work together to make the final product. The program was written by LeAnn Wilfong and was a wonderful analogy of how God uses a variety of personalities and talents to do His work.

A sweet spirit was present throughout the entire meeting. The worship services as well as the business magnified the Lord. One participant was heard to comment following the benediction, "It just couldn't have been better!"

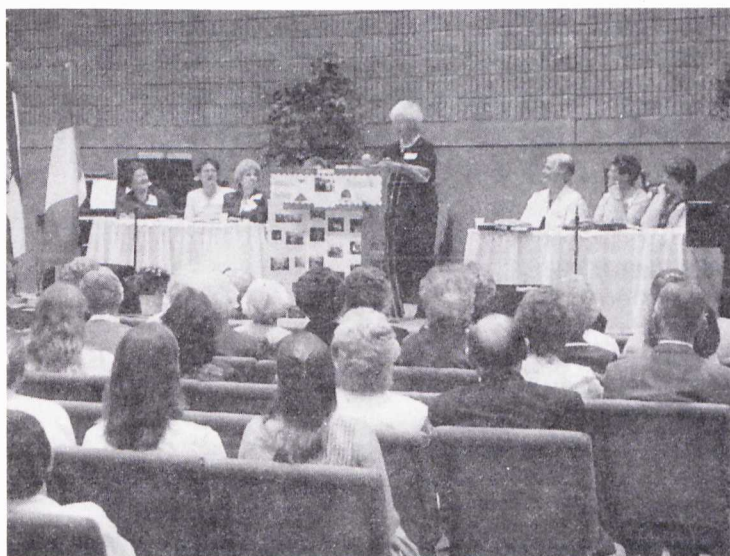
Former Missouri Pastor Retires

Rev & Mrs. Chesley (Bud) Hill are retiring after 47 years as a pastor and/or Minister of youth and Music. They have pastored in Tennessee, Missouri, Alabama and Florida. Bro. Hill has a B.A. degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College; B.S. in Education from Southwest Missouri State University; M.A. in Education from Drury College and has done college work at Albany State University. He has taught 16 1/2 years as a Special Education Teacher in Missouri and Georgia. He also taught 2 1/2 years of college.

He has been very active in both National, State and Local Associations. He worked for approximately 20 years with the National C.T.S. competition on all levels. He served on Youth Camp Boards in Missouri and Florida. He served 6 years as Editor of the "Free Will Baptist Gem" while in Missouri. He has served on other Boards in various capacities. He also served as Evangelist for Youth Camps in Tennessee, Mississippi, Florida, and Georgia. He has a unique ministry for young people as "Leggo the Christian Clown".

Mrs. Hill served with The Women's Auxiliary, taught Sunday School, C.T.S. and worked in VBS and Camps. She has been a great help in every church they have served and is an outstanding Pastor's wife.

They are moving to Pleasant View, Tennessee, to be near their Son-in-law, daughter and grand-children. Bro. Hill will be available for revivals, interim pastor and youth camp work. Their address is 7093 Hwy 41-A Pleasant View, Tennessee, 37146.



how God assured her that He had made no mistake in her calling. Ruth McDonald spoke at the 11 o'clock service. Her message both encouraged and challenged us to give God control of our lives, get out of our comfort zone to reach others, and to let God show us his power and provisions. State co-ordinator Shirley Jackson presided at the meeting and led the afternoon business session.. The following projects were adopted for the year 2002:

1. Missouri SHOW ME Plan \$3,000.00
2. Virgin Islands Gymnasium (Required by their law to remain in operation as a private school) \$3,000.00
3. Missouri State Youth Camp
Tabernacle Kitchen Equipment \$3,000.00
4. WNAC \$1,000.00

It was also voted to send Curt and



Winners Of 2001 Missouri State C.T.S. Competition

0.1 - 0.3 — BIBLE MEMORIZATION

- 0.1 Katilyn Snider Trinity - Bridgeton
0.3 Ashley Applegate Carthage

0.4 - 0.6 — BIBLE SWORD DRILL

- 0.4 Tadd Wagner Carthage
0.5 Christine Harkey Hartville 1st
0.6 Stephanie Hurst Springfield 1st

0.7 BIBLE TIC TAC TOE

HARTVILLE FIRST - HARTVILLE

0.8 BIBLE BOWL

HARTVILLE FIRST - HARTVILLE

1.1 VOCAL SOLO

AGE GROUP

- A Jordyn Dixon Mountain Grove 1st
B *Bethany Sprenkle Verdella - Liberal
Anne McDaniel Trinity - Bridgeton
D. *David Jones Calvary Fellowship - Fenton
Jason Thompson Verdella - Liberal

1.2 MALE VOCAL SOLO

- D *David Jones Calvary Fellowship - Fenton
Jason Thompson Hannon - Liberal

1.3 FEMALE VOCAL SOLO

- C Ashley Dixon Calvary Fellowship - Fenton
D *Christine Boddie Thayer 1st
Elizabeth McKay Verdella - Liberal

2.1 VOCAL ENSEMBLE -- DUETS, TRIOS, & QUARTETS

- A Hester - Synder Trinity - Bridgeton
B Katy & Bethany Verdella - Liberal
C Wolf Creek Trie Wolf Creek
D Amanda & Katie Calvary Fellowship - Fenton

2.2 ENSEMBLE - 5 - 12 MEMBERS

- B Middle Kids Praise Team Mountain Grove 1st

3.2 INSTRUMENTAL SOLO -- WIND

- B Kelly McKay Verdella - Liberal
C *Teddy Collier Springfield 1st
Deryk Schudy Union Grove
D Amanda Roberts Calvary Fellowship - Fenton

3.3 INSTRUMENTAL SOLO -- PERCUSSION

- A Wade Sprenkle Verdella - Liberal

4.1 INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE -- DUETS, TRIOS & QUARTETS

- B Derrek & Kelly Verdella - Liberal

4.2 INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE WITH 5 OR MORE MEMBERS

- B *Carthage Chimettes Carthage
Calvary Bell Choir Calvary Fellowship - Fenton
C Carthage Chimers Carthage

5.1 KEYBOARD SOLO

- A Joel Williams Carthage
B Katelyn Simpson Hannon - Liberal
C Codie Applegate Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove

5.2 KEY BOARD ENSEMBLE

- B Kaleb Jesse & Katherine Fry Mtn. Grove 1st

6.1 SPEECH

- D. Janette Wilson Verdella - Liberal

6.2 INDIVIDUAL DRAMA

- A Rachel Anderson Calvary Fellowship - Fenton
B Samantha Dozier Calvary Fellowship - Fenton
C Trey Dozier Calvary Fellowship - Fenton
D Katie Conway Calvary Fellowship - Fenton

6.3 INTERPRETIVE READING OF SCRIPTURE

- B Todd Wagner Carthage

6.5 GROUP DRAMA

- A Calvary Duo Calvary Fellowship - Fenton
B Hartville Farmers Hartville 1st
C O'Fallon Skit O'Fallon 1st
D Hannon Drama Team Hannon - Liberal

6.7 GROUP MIME/PANTOMIME

- D Hannon Mime Hannon - Liberal

6.8 PUPPETRY (Live)

- B The Wolf Gang Wolf Creek - Mansfield

6.9 PUPPETRY (Recorded)

- A Trinity Puppeteers Trinity - Bridgeton
B Hannon Puppeteers Hannon - Liberal
D Hannon Puppeteers Hannon - Liberal

9.1 PAINTING

- C Ethan Dozier Calvary Fellowship - Fenton

9.2 GRAPHICS

- A Joel Williams Carthage
B Zack Hurtt Mountain Grove 1st
C Rae Ann Maestas O'Fallon 1st

9.3 THREE-DIMENSIONAL ART

- A Sarah Jones Calvary Fellowship - Fenton
B Carley Garret Carthage First - Carthage

9.4 PHOTOGRAPHY

- A Mikaela D. Thompson Mountain Grove 1st
B Amanda Brinkhoff Carthage
C Kendall Findley Wolf Creek - Mansfield

9.5 FABRICATED ART

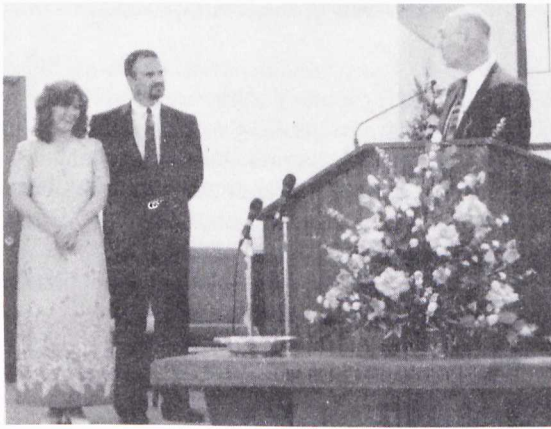
- A Johanna Brinkhoff Carthage
B Amanda Brinkhoff Carthage
C Bret Crockett Verdella - Liberal
D Hannah Williams Verdella - Liberal

* Denotes the highest rating in the category where there was more than one first place winner.

The Vandivorts Commissioned

A Commissioning Service was held June 2, 2001, for Terry and DD Vandivort and family - Ashley, Amber, Austin, and Aaron. The First Free Will Baptist Church of O'Fallon, MO, hosted the large crowd that was present for the occasion. Pastor Rick Dement welcomed guests, church members, and visiting ministers including Rev. Jerry Pinkerton, Rev. Steve Lytle, Rev. Nathan Ruble, Rev. James Forlines, and Rev. Dale Cochran. Missionary Jerry Pinkerton led in the invocation and Sister Vandivort provided the special music.

The Rev. James Forlines, Director of Foreign Missions, delivered a stirring message. He stated that this kind of service has been repeated for nigh on to 2,000 years. He continued by saying that the Vandivorts have made a commit-



ment because they see the world as Christ sees the world. The Commissioning Charge was then given by Rev. Steve Lytle, Foreign Missions Overseas Secretary. Following this Rev. Nathan Ruble, MO State Executive Secretary, led in the laying on of hands and prayer. Rev. Frank Owens of the Sylvan Park FWB Church of Nashville, TN, also took part in the service. Rev. Dale Cochran, pastor of the Hannibal FWB Church, prayed the benediction.

The Vandivorts will be leaving for Africa on August 2, 2001. Their first assignment is to the International Christian Academy in Bouake, Ivory Coast, for two years as dorm parents to twenty high school boys. Prior to their departure, they will be

traveling to services, packing, and training in New York State during the summer.

Terry, DD, and the children are excited about God's plan for their future. However, they realize that their success will depend a great deal on the faithfulness of their Missouri supporters. The Missouri Show Me Plan and your daily prayer support will help them overcome every obstacle.



Williford Receives Degree From Midwestern Seminary

Kevin Darrell Williford of Park Hills, MO., received a master of divinity degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during May 19 commencement exercises. Williford is the son of the Rev. Richard I. and the late Donna J. Williford of Potosi.

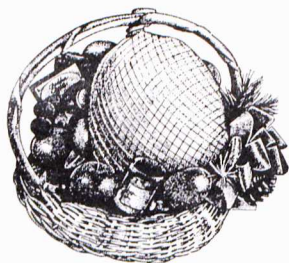
He serves as associate pastor of youth and children's ministries at Harmony Free Will Baptist Church in Parkville, Mo., and previously attended First Free Will Baptist of Park Hills. Williford also received the J.J. Owens Hebrew Award.

God Bless America

May freedom be seen, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right. May it ever be understood that our liberty is under God and can be found nowhere else.

May our faith be something that is not merely stamped upon our coins, but expressed in our lives To the extent that America honors Thee, wilt Thou bless America, and keep her true as Thou hast kept her free, and make her good as Thou hast made her rich. Amen.

From the prayers of Peter Marshall



News From the Cornerstone Mission Joplin, MO

Five Thousand Fed. Blind Receives Sight. Lame Walks. Lazarus Lives. Water Turns Wine. Fish Overload Fishing Boat. Lepers Healed. Tempests Stilled.

Many times in the Bible we see where Jesus performed miracles while ministering on earth. He came to give life to a dying world. He accomplished this by appealing to the needs of His audiences. Aren't we supposed to be like Christ? Aren't we told to take care of those who are in need? Matthew 25:35-46 tells us that we are to give food to the hungry, to give the thirsty a drink, to take in the stranger, to cloth those who are naked, to visit those who are sick, to go to those who are in prison. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." WOW! What a mission Jesus has laid out before us! I see a food pantry, a clothes pantry, a guest bed, a hospital/nursing home ministry, a prison outreach ... the possibilities are limitless!

It's upon these scriptures we base our ministry. Right now, we offer a food and clothes pantry to anyone who wants to come. The only requirement is that they stay for a short 30 minute service while we get the food boxes ready for them. We have had very few actually leave because of this. As a matter of fact, most are delighted to stay, and some continue to come back even though they don't need or take the food any longer. Jesus taught us not only to take care of the needs of others, but to go out and be witnesses for Him. That's our mission. What good have we done if we take care of the physical hunger, but never offer them the food that they'll never hunger again? Besides, there's something amazing that happens when you truly feed the hungry ... PEOPLE GET SAVED! Lives change. Homes heal. Marriages reconcile. Churches grow ... Disciples are made.

We are living proof of that! We started our church in 1997, and our pantry in 1998. We have changed various things as the past few years have gone by, but we have always had a "Pantry Service". We average 30+ boxes a week, with an average pantry attendance of over 40. Our congrega-

tion averages around 4 new families a week. Many people have come and gone. Many professing to have changed their lives have drifted. Many have stayed. Our Sunday attendance has grown by 10-15 because of our pantry. Over the last year, we have had 21 saved and 1 baptized. We've started new convert lessons and offer children's ministries to those who come on Sundays. With a full-time job and 5 children, the ministry hasn't always been easy, but the rewards are too numerous to count. We have given up very few things in exchange for things God counts blessed. (Not to mention the rewards in Heaven!) Our children have learned from an early age what it means to give. The older ones (ages 10 and 8) help with the book work, the dividing of food, the cleaning, the babysitting ... wherever they're needed. Even the 3-year-old can help divide the food up. They're learning to have a servant's heart at a very young age.

In our pantry, we don't have a lot of freezer space. Out of necessity, we learned to give out as much as possible in anticipation of the next food-pick-up. We began to realize as we gained some extra room that giving with the faith that God would provide for the next week was no longer a necessity, but a conviction. We believe God blesses our ministry because we don't keep the "bigger barns full". Instead, we like to see how God's going to work His next miracle in our lives. The food always comes. Sometimes through sources we never thought possible. Sometimes through the giving of ourselves. We never know, but we have yet to send someone away hungry.

Our future plans include starting a shut-in's ministry. We hope to get that off the ground this summer. Time is always a hindrance, but God promises to be faithful to take care of all our needs ... and He does.

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NEWS FROM KOREA



Dear FWB Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As your missionaries in Korea for all countries in Asia, we thank you for your great concern for Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. We appreciate your support with prayer and offerings. With gratitude we send greetings from Seoul, Korea, the land of morning calm.

Here are our ministry's results by the grace of God through your prayerful support

1. The FWB National Association of Korea was officially organized on March 23, 2000. Now 35 ministers and 16 churches are members of the association.
2. The Asia FWB Seminary was started in March of 2000. Now six teachers are on staff and 683 students are enrolled (13 are studying on campus and 670 are studying on-line).
3. The outreach to China and North Korea is growing through our missionary who was sent from Korea.
4. The first FWB Church for All Nations was established last year in Seoul. Now about 100 believers are members. I preach every Sunday and have baptized 15 believers this month. (Picture - Baptism Ceremony)
5. The second FWB Church for All Nations was established in Pusan, the second largest city in Korea, on March 9 of this year with 15 members.

Your continuing prayers and strong support for our mission are very much needed and deeply appreciated. We thank you again for your partnership in our Free Will Baptist ministries in Korea.

May our Lord bless you abundantly.

Your missionaries in Korea,
Dr. and Mrs. John Chang



Out of the Closet

by
Phyllis Detherage

*But this is a people robbed and spoiled;
they are all of them snared in holes,
and they are hid in prison houses:
they are for a prey, and none delivereth;
for a spoil and none saith, Restore. Isaiah 42:22*

I hate small, enclosed spaces. I believe it is called claustrophobia by most, but I usually just call it a fear of small, enclosed spaces. Most of the time I can manage pretty well, but occasionally it does get the better of me. I don't run and scream or anything silly like that! I handle my distress in a very dignified manner! I giggle! First it starts as a quiet little snicker, then works up to a chuckle, but it usually ends up a full blown giggle by the time all is said and done.

Have you ever noticed how laughing is contagious? Well, giggling is the most contagious of all laughter. In fact, I have on occasion been known to leave an entire London subway car in stitches! That is no small feat when we take into consideration the stoic nature of some British people! If you're wondering, "Why the subway?" have you ever ridden one at rush hour? There is no smaller, enclosed space in the world! I'm not big on elevators either. I will take them in extreme cases but most generally I'd rather walk the stairs. It's good for the heart you know!

Now I don't know how most people who have this fear get it, but I do have a pretty good idea how mine came into existence. When I was a young child, I was playing in my, what seemed to be, very large closet. It was my little private playroom! I had my dolls and other favorite toys in there and I loved it. That is, until the doorknob came off. I worked frantically to get out but with little success. I did the yelling, crying, and screaming thing rather well! Just ask my older sister! Finally after much struggle and confusion, she got the door open. Ever since that time, I avoid small, enclosed spaces.

As hard as I try to avoid these very uncomfortable situations, I find that somehow I can get myself in the most awful spots in my spiritual life. I will walk up ten thousand stairs to avoid an elevator, but I'll back myself into a corner with the sinfulness of my nature and desires. I'll walk miles to avoid taking a subway, but I'll imprison myself behind the bars of sin and guilt. At least I'm not alone in this bizarre behavior! Isaiah tells us that the children of Israel did the same thing. Isaiah 42:22 says that they were, "snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses."

I have been very fortunate and blessed that I have never had to experience a jail or prison first hand, but just the mere idea of being locked and confined like that drives me nuts! Just watching television and hearing the clang of prison doors gives me shivers! Why will I allow myself to be imprisoned by sin?

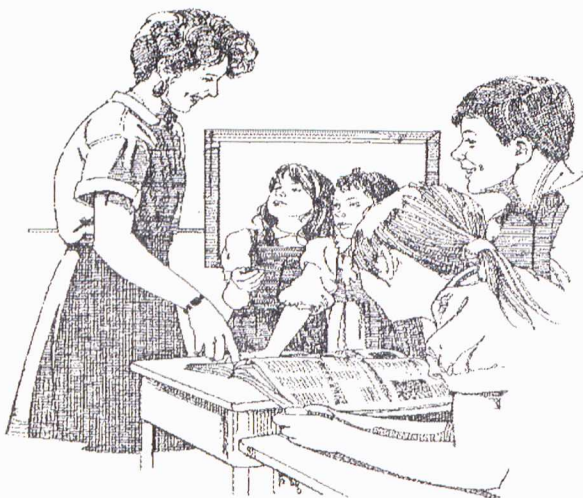
Probably because I don't go to the right source for pardon. Jesus has already paid the price for my crime! He opened the doors with the key of his shed blood and gives me the freedom to walk in the wide-open spaces of his love and mercy! Isaiah 43:1 says, "Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine." I may giggle on the subway, but you can bet that I will shout with victory in the freedom of God's forgiveness!

*Now I may giggle on the subway, and elevators I avoid,
But when I get to heaven, I'll laugh with abundant joy!*

Worship Service Averages February 2001 - May 2001

Churches:	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Beacon	106	125	123	121
Belton	47	53	50	52
Buffalo 1st	121	139	130	114
Calvary Chapel	254	262	265	245
Calvary Fellowship			276	
Cape Girardeau		64		59
Copper Mines	59	53	57	55
Cuba	131		140	
Columbia	34	37		
Crossroads - Wentzville	74			
Cross Roads - Lebanon			108	
DeSoto	208	231	228	
Hannibal	83	89	102	89
Hannon	135	143	134	133
Harmony - Parkville	98	125	115	87
Hartville	210	232	193	184
Hopewell	33	32	34	
Houston	62	66	74	67
Hurryville	101	109	111	99
Joplin 1st	85	91	104	
Lebanon 1st	135	164	174	144
Lebanon FWB	48	43	46	44
Mill Creek	93	86	100	88
Mt. Pisgah	88	82	85	75
Myrtle	32	30	39	32
New Life - Licking	73	61		
O'Fallon 1st	134	137	143	119
Ozark 1st	162	164		177
Oskaloosa	18			
Park Hills 1st	144	178		167
Parkview	95	118	96	
Pleasant Hill	41	48	51	45
Purdy	67	73	58	55
Richwoods	50	62		
Rock Chapel	62	54	60	55
Rolla 1st	41	40	41	30
Southside	20			
Springfield 1st	151	166	147	140
Thayer	188	224	222	
Trinity	92	97	109	
Twin Oak		87		
Union Grove	127	131	139	
United	609	699	702	564
Willow Springs			79	
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove				81

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



Why Sunday School Matters

Rosann Englebretson, Marlene LeFever and Steve Wamberg

Four million Sunday school teachers are reaching over 30 million students each Sunday.

Most of that teaching force is made up of dedicated volunteers. Stop and think: What other organizations have that many volunteers? With that kind of commitment from that many people, Sunday school teachers could change the world. . . couldn't they?

Well, to God's glory, that's our goal.

A Quick History of Sunday School

Religious education, particularly of children, has always been the responsibility of God's people. This mandate is summed up by Moses, speaking to God's people:

Hear, O Israel. The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door-frames of your houses and on your gates (Deuteronomy 6:1-9).

The command is clear: God's people are to keep His Word before their children. For thousands of years, the teaching of the next generation took place in, families and local synagogues and churches. Significant revivals throughout Church history brought with them a renewed interest in God's Word. Religious education was continually rediscovered as a vital part of a child's training-and also as an introduction to Christianity for those outside the faith.

Sunday school, as we have come to know it, began as a concerted effort in

eighteenth-century England. The "charity school movement," as it was known then, provided an alternative school for child laborers of the Industrial Revolution who worked through the week. The program provided basic training in reading, writing, arithmetic, and spiritual training as chosen by a local sponsor-which was almost always a church.

That same model was adopted in the American colonies and the young United States for children on the streets and across the frontier. This model became the pattern for the United States' public school systems. In 1824 the American Sunday School Union, based-in Philadelphia, was working in cities in the eastern United States. This association eventually moved throughout the Mississippi Valley providing basic education and spiritual training.

After a while, five-day-a-week common or "public" schools began to emerge on the scene. Because the First Amendment forbade preference for one church over another in the states, the spiritual training of public schools was based on those elements of Christianity that could be held as "common." Sunday schools then became more focused on specific doctrinal Christian teaching within local churches. Families looking for a strong theological emphasis looked to Sunday schools to complement the public schools.

This pattern, established nearly a century and a half ago, has lasted to this day for most families and churches in the United States. Families look to Sunday schools to complement their children's weekday education. In fact, Sunday school is a place where many parents and students expect to develop an intelligent response to the faith challenges that students encounter in some public schools.

Why We Bother with Christian Education

"Roger, it's time to get up."

A groan comes from under the covers. "Ugh. Let me sleep."

"Roger, you need to get ready for Sunday school."

Another groan. "Aw, it's so boring. Why do I have to go to Sunday school anyway?"

"Because, Roger, you're the teacher."

Be honest. There are Sundays when we feel just like Roger. We wake up asking, "Is this worth all my energy, my time?"

Yes! And here are just four reasons for a strong yes!

Reason 1: Sunday school can be a place where people meet Jesus Christ. This opportunity is often overlooked, but it shouldn't be. Think of the number of children, for instance, who come to Sunday school but never stick around for the church service where the Gospel is preached. Think of the number of teenagers who sit in the back of the church bored to tears, but who make it to Sunday school because in class you give them a chance to talk about what they think. Consider the adults who feel that the sermons go way over their heads, but who keep coming to Sunday school to learn more about God with their friends.

People can be exposed to the Gospel in a variety of ways as they participate in the church. Sunday school should be one of those places. Your classroom can be a place where students have the regular opportunity to encounter - and accept - Christ as their own Savior.

Reason 2: Sunday school can teach people how to become contributing members of the Christian community. Sunday school can help people sort through the issues that face Christians today - and suggest actions that can be taken in response to those issues. Sunday school can help people understand some of the practical implications of the Christian faith. This time of teaching can help explain sound Christian doctrine and clarify solid biblical ethics. These are all lofty objectives, to be sure. But Sunday school remains uniquely positioned to address each one of them.

Reason 3: Sunday school can help students appropriate their Christian heri-

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Free Will Baptist Bible College News

Legacy Scholarship To Be Given To Pastors' Children

Free Will Baptist Bible College has announced that it will give a \$2,500 per year scholarship to the dependent children of Free Will Baptist pastors. The program could potentially save pastors \$10,000 on each child's education.

The Legacy Scholarship will be extended to the senior pastors-part- or full-time-of Free Will Baptist churches. Each recipient will be required to:

- live in the dormitory
- take a full load (12 hours or more)
- be making satisfactory progress toward a degree offered by the college
- maintain consistent Christian character.

The scholarship is good for up to 8 semesters to students under 24 years of age.

For more information and/or an application, pastors may contact:

Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37205
1-800-76-FWBBC

Bible College To Begin Baseball Program

Free Will Baptist Bible College president Dr. Tom Malone has announced that the school hopes to launch a baseball program this fall and play home games on a diamond to be built on the new campus. The team will probably play a club season of about 12 games this year and hopes to schedule a full season in 2002-03, according to FWBBC Athletic Director Byron Deel.

The college fielded a baseball team several years ago, but problems caused by not having its own field forced the administration to suspend the program until FWBBC could build a field.

Coach Deel hopes to follow up on this program with new volleyball and softball programs for women and a new soccer program for men.

MARK BRAISHER NEWSLETTER

Dear Partner in Ministry.

It's been a long time since I've written and for that I ask for your forgiveness and understanding. It seems that time just gets away.

Let me bring you up to date with what is going on with your mission work in Overland Park, Kansas. As you know, Overland Park is a fast-growing suburb of the Kansas City Metropolitan area. Over 10,000 people a year move to our area. Because of this rapid growth, we are where we need to be to reach people from all over the world. With this rapid growth comes other issues. We are inundated with people who have no concept of Christianity. I'm amazed at the number of people who do not know that Jesus died for them and if they do know they have no idea what that has to do with them. We are working to reach these people for Christ.

When we arrived here 16 months ago, there were 20 people attending Southern Hills. Today we are averaging 53 and there are over 75 people who call Southern Hills their home church. We have baptized 5 people so far this year. We have high days with as many as 89 people.

Our future plans include a big outreach on August 3. This will be our 2nd Annual Summerfest. This is a time to let the community know who we are and what we are about. We are looking for churches that would like to use this event as an opportunity to take a mission trip. We will need plenty of people to help us with the work of setting up games, food booths, etc. for the coming guests. We anticipate 500-600 people attending this event. Can you give to this or come and be a part?

We will also participate in this year's Operation Saturation on September 29. This is a time to deliver to the surrounding homes a quality piece that will tell our neighbors about Christ and our church. Last year we hit about 3,500 homes. This year we ought to hit 5,000. Can you give to help with the expenses of this or come and be a part?

In December we will have a Living Nativity. This will be our chance to tell our world about the real meaning of Christmas. This is an outside nativity with living animals and people. We will invite 4,000-5,000 people to this event. Can you come and be a part?

We will break ground for our new building in the spring 2002. This will be a huge undertaking! This county is tough on standards for construction. This starter building will cost between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. Can you be a part?

So, you see the next several months will be busy. We will then be witnessing, teaching, discipling, and assimilating those that God sends our way. We need your prayers that God would guide and give us wisdom, vision, and courage. Will you be a part?

This last month our Foreign Missions Department was challenged to help churches to live out Acts 1:8 by identifying and reaching out to their Jerusalem. Judea. Samaria. and world. You know that your Jerusalem is right where you live. You know where your world is, but would you like to partner with a church to reach your Judea? How about adopting Southern Hills as your Judea? You know, it's not right here where you live, but it's not around the world either. How can you partner? You can partner through: prayer - give me your e-mail and I'll keep you up-to-date; giving - the new construction is the big thing now, or you might want to help with one of the projects listed above; going - come and help us with one of the above projects, or you might have a skill that we can use in the construction of our facility. So, there is a lot to do.

I know you are busy, too. If there is a way that we can help you, let me know. God bless you in your ministry right there where you are.

In Christ,
Mark

Holland Highlights

Dear Missouri State Free Will Baptists,

The Sao Jose Church in Campinas, Brazil wants to express their appreciation for your generous gifts towards the construction of their church building! Through May 2001, Missouri FWB Churches and their people have given \$7,845 towards the Campinas Vision Fund! We wish we could be with you personally at the state meeting to share with you what the Lord is doing here in Brazil.

We are continuing to praise the Lord for the way that He is building HIS church in our midst. Each week is another reminder to us that we need this building to be completed as soon as possible. On Mother's Day we had over 35 mothers present! We have ordered more pews to be delivered by the end of May. We are using 3 borrowed pews each week to help out until the new ones arrive.

We will baptize 4 people on May 27th and more new converts are anxious to begin their new convert class. Disciples are being made and lives continue to be transformed and molded into the image of our Lord. Thanks for being a special part of what the Lord is doing in Brazil. Chances are good that we will be in the new building by JULY 2001

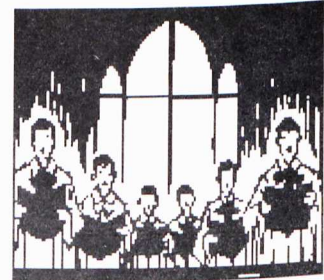
In HIM,
Curt and Mary Holland

tage. The Christian heritage is anything but mysterious. The legacy of our faith is built upon specific people at specific points in history. Our heritage stems from inspired written documents which have been gathered together as the sacred Scriptures. Sunday school presents a singular opportunity to offer this rich heritage to those we teach.

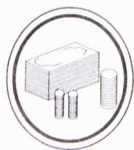
Reason 4: Sunday school can be a training ground for students to fulfill the Christian mission. A Sunday school class can be a strategic force in helping students put their faith into action in their everyday lives. This time with your students can be a place where day-to-day strategies are generated. Students can lovingly hold one another accountable for the commitments they make during their time together. They can keep one another in prayer, and share regular updates on how their faith out of the classroom is working. They can think and pray together on how best to implement what they believe at home, in school, and on the job. Sunday school is a fantastic place to transform tentative Christians into enthusiastic workers for the Kingdom of God.

About the authors: Dr. Rosann Englebretson has over 25 years experience as a teacher and children's ministry director. Marlene LeFever is the Ministry Relations Director for Cook Communications Ministries. Steve Ramberg has over 20 years experience as a curriculum writer, puppeteer, and church renewal worker. Used by Permission of Cook Communications Ministries

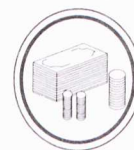
Choir Robes for Sale!



Grace Free Will Baptist Church has 35 choir robes and collars for sale. The robes are blue (2 have velcro cuffs), and the collars are gold satin, reversing to white satin. The price is \$20.00 per robe. Contact Bonnie Funston at 636-475-3615 or the church at 636-296-2380.



Financial Report May 2001



Cooperative Disbursements

May 2001	\$61,829.16
18.50% St Home Mission	\$11,438.40
17.50% Executive Office	10,820.10
3.00% General Fund	1,854.88
.50% Show-Me Plan	309.15
8.50% Youth Camp Board	5,255.48
3.50% Y, C. Restricted	2,164.02
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd	1,236.58
2.00% Christian Ed Board	1,236.58
2.00% Senior Adult Board	1,236.58
9.00% MO Retirement	5,564.62
30.50%	18,857.90
National Ministries, Hillsdale and California Christian College	
Foreign Missions Board	
National Home Missions Board	
Same Allocation	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	
Executive Department	
Layman's Board	
Radio & TV Commission	
Theological Commission	
Historical Commission	
Board of Retirement & Insurance	
1.00% California Christian College	
3.00% Missouri State Conference	
Center Fund	1,854.87
Total	\$61,829.16

Co-op

Amity	\$439.88
Aulsbury Chapel	\$244.83
Bailey	\$265.00
Belton	\$384.70

Berean	\$60.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$117.85
Bethel- Northview	\$629.00
Black Oak	\$587.19
Bourbon	\$36.54
Byrd	\$110.25
Cabool 1st	\$294.54
Calvary Chapel	\$1,179.26
Cape Girardeau	\$486.90
Central	\$1,201.84
Chapel of the Ozarks	\$222.11
Christ Chapel	\$295.93
Clifton	\$66.50
Columbia	\$342.11
Copper Mines	\$687.04
Cornerstone	\$621.58
Crossroads- Wentzville	\$829.00
Cuba	\$949.11
Desoto 1st	\$2,177.00
Emmanuel-Colorado	\$67.45
Faith & Hope- Aurora	\$50.70
Faith & Hope- Willow Spgs	\$168.30
Fellowship	\$1,200.00
Fordland	\$773.25
Fourth	\$307.05
Fredericktown 1st	\$420.00
Freeman Chapel	\$692.00
Friendship	\$335.89
Grace	\$1,569.00
Grant Avenue	\$1,245.92
Hannibal	\$568.00
Hannon	\$1,243.00
Harmony Fellowship	\$121.00
Harmony-KC	\$622.00
Hartville	\$1,237.00
Hartville	\$818.00
Hopewell	\$253.00
Houston 1st	\$480.75
Hurryville	\$552.13

Jackson	\$178.92
Jeruel	\$66.47
Jones Chapel	\$1,079.43
Joplin 1st	\$824.03
Kirkville 1st	\$60.20
Lead Hill	\$332.00
Lebanon	\$239.19
Lebanon 1st	\$1,174.50
Lone Star	\$66.40
Macedonia- Niangua	\$169.51
Marshfield	\$263.00
Merls Chapel	\$184.00
Mill Creek	\$653.78
Mine LaMotte	\$73.84
Monett 1st	\$630.26
Mountain Grove 1st	\$1,515.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$455.00
Mt. Zion- Gower	\$60.00
Myrtle	\$244.85
Myrtle	\$210.51
Neosho 1st	\$95.00
New Hope	\$70.00
New Life- Licking	\$424.90
Niangua	\$300.00
Number One	\$119.10
Oak Grove- Mountain Gr	\$198.13
O'Fallon 1st	\$1,544.60
Olivet	\$500.00
Overland	\$115.00
Ozark 1st	\$1,822.90
Park Hills 1st	\$950.36
Parkview	\$645.40
Pleasant Hill	\$230.23
Pleasant Home	\$246.60
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$96.00
Potosi 1st	\$211.97
Republic	\$100.00
Republic	\$100.00
Richwoods 1st	\$787.00

Rock Chapel	\$425.77
Rolla 1st	\$284.00
Royal Oak	\$128.00
Seymour	\$506.00
Smyrna	\$72.00
South Fremont	\$2,166.00
Southern Hills	\$405.11
Springfield 1st	\$1,188.64
St. Francois Dist Assn.	\$39.00
St. Peter's	\$635.00
Stockton	\$290.00
Terrill Road	\$235.00
Thayer	\$1,112.00
Trinity	\$1,072.74
Union Grove	\$607.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United	\$1,830.92
Unity	\$400.00
Verdella	\$668.10
Viburnum	\$992.49
Victory- KC	\$3,553.07
Victory-Alton	\$355.76
Waynesville 1st	\$492.59
West Plains 1st	\$804.00
West Plains 1st	\$745.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Gr.	\$373.12
Wolf Creek	\$307.17
Total	\$61,829.16

Show-Me Plan

Barker, Rev. J.	\$15.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado	\$335.73
Bethel - Festus	\$45.00
Big Creek	\$55.00
Black Oak	\$60.00
Bourbon	\$15.00

Buxton, G.	\$30.00
Cabool	\$135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	\$135.00
Central	\$322.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Columbia	\$75.00
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines - Teen & Jr Cl.	\$30.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult Cl.	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	\$364.10
Cuba	\$379.62
Darnell, W.	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$552.50
DeSoto Yg. Adult SS Class	\$15.00
Faith - St. Louis	\$35.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.	\$120.00
Fellowship	\$611.16
Fordland	\$250.00
Fourth	\$60.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$150.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Garrett, R.	\$15.00
Grace	\$380.00
Grant Ave.	\$355.00
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannon	\$1,493.00
Happy Hill	\$30.00
Harmony - Parkville	\$87.41
Hartville	\$240.00
Hartville	\$240.00
Houston 1st	\$401.00
Hurryville	\$350.40
Jackson	\$20.00
Joplin 1st	\$265.00
Ken Reiter	\$30.00
Leadington	\$207.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Lebanon F.W.B.	\$30.00
Macedonia - Purdy	\$6,000.00
Matthews, G.	\$45.00
Merl's Chapel	\$200.00
Mill Creek	\$110.00
Mill Creek C. W. F.	\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S.C.	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$45.00
Missouri State WAC	\$678.50
Monett 1st	\$230.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$475.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Neosho 1st	\$210.00
New Home - Hartville	\$850.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$105.00
New Life - Licking	\$92.00
New Life - Monett	\$75.00
New Testament	\$15.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Houston	\$30.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$210.50
Olivet	\$15.00
Ozark 1st	\$30.00
Park Hills 1st	\$285.12
Parker, G.	\$15.00
Parkview - Desloge	\$283.97
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Home	\$300.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$50.00
Purdy	\$285.00
Ratterree, Tom	\$15.00
Ratterree, Tom	\$15.00
Rehkop, Lon	\$60.00
Richwoods	\$82.50
Rock Chapel	\$225.00
Rogers, B.	\$15.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble N.	\$45.00
South Fremont	\$510.00

Springfield 1st	\$515.00
St. Peters	\$75.00
Stockton	\$289.45
Thayer	\$257.50
Thomas, E.	\$15.00
Trinity	\$690.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United - West Plains	\$714.10
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$1,048.10
Viburnum	\$65.00
Victory - Alton	\$355.76
Victory - K.C.	\$520.00
Walnut Grove	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st	\$491.00
White, R.	\$15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	\$70.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Total	\$26,832.42

Foreign Missions

Carthage Aux.	\$225.00
Chapman, A.	\$20.00
Cuba	\$63.27
Fordland	\$190.00
Grant Ave.	\$71.00
Haney, A.	\$30.00
Harmony Fellowship (CO)	\$172.00
Houston 1st	\$20.00
Lewis, D.	\$10.00
Minor, K.	\$10.00
Myrtle	\$200.00
Neosho 1st	\$15.00
New Testament	\$70.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$25.00
Rock Chapel	\$62.00
St. Peters	\$20.00
Thayer	\$75.00
Trinity	\$915.01
Victory - K.C.	\$80.00
Williams, V.	\$10.00
Total	\$2,283.28

State Home Missions

Belton	\$56.00
Desoto 1st	\$120.00
Farmington	\$115.00
Fellowship-Park Hills	\$100.00
Fordland	\$5.00
Grace	\$25.00
Grace	\$30.00
Larry Wormington	\$30.00
Lebanon Bible And Book	\$330.00
Merls Chapel	\$70.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$25.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$58.60
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Park Hills 1st	\$20.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$20.00
Thayer	\$62.50
Trinity	\$53.64
United	\$25.00
Waynesville 1st	\$50.00
Total	\$1,205.74

Nat'l Home Missions

Belton	\$81.50
Chapman, A.	\$10.00
Columbia	\$25.00
Cuba	\$189.81
Degonia, C.	\$5.00
Desoto 1st	\$558.00
Desoto Adult Class	\$10.00
Faith & Hope- Aurora	\$50.70
Fordland	\$55.00
Fortner, R.	\$5.00

Fourth	\$50.00
Grace	\$133.00
Grant Avenue	\$22.00
Hannon	\$746.00
Harmony Fellowship	\$202.00
Hartville	\$100.00
Hartville	\$100.00
Houston 1st	\$55.00
Huffman, T.	\$15.00
Jackson	\$55.00
Jerry Rader	\$20.00
Joplin 1st	\$20.00
King, B.	\$5.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$7,100.00
Monett 1st	\$105.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$75.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Myrtle	\$40.00
Myrtle	\$40.00
Nathan Ruble	\$10.00
Neosho 1st	\$125.00
New Home- Hartville	\$10.00
New Life-Monett	\$50.00
New Testament	\$170.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$58.60
Park Hills 1st	\$280.08
Pleasant Home	\$81.37
Richwoods 1st	\$136.00
Rock Chapel	\$97.28
Rogers, B.	\$25.00
South Fremont	\$165.00
Thayer	\$425.00
Thebeau, B.	\$5.00
Trinity	\$63.64
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
United Youth Group	\$170.00
Unity	\$50.00
Verdella	\$10.00
Viburnum	\$106.00
Victory-KC	\$492.64
West Plains 1st	\$25.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Total	\$12,774.62

Youth Camp

Hartville	10.00
New Home-Hartville	10.00
Niangua	80.00
Cabool 1st	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	180.00
Cornerstone	25.00
Kasterke, V.	100.00
New Life- Monett	136.65
Thayer	50.00
Park Hills	46.33
Rolla 1st	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove	15.00
Mountain Grove 1st	10.00
Hannon	30.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Verdella	10.00
Trinity	9.00
Hartville	10.00
Total	\$831.98

Camp Development Fund

Myrtle	140.00
Macedonia-Purdy(chairs)	2,000.00
Indian Creek Association(chairs)	96.74
Wolf Creek	54.33
West Plains 1st	50.00
Houston 1st	100.00
Myrtle	126.00
Total	\$2,567.07

C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..	130.00
Total	\$130.00

Senior Adult Ministries

Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..	130.00
Total	\$130.00

Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..	130.00
Total	\$130.00

Free Will Baptist Bible College

Ruble, N.	15.00
Thayer	50.00
Mountain Grove 1st	30.00
Desoto 1st	40.00
Verdella	133.62
Total	\$268.62

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Victory-K.C.	222.65
Thayer	50.00
Grant Ave.	10.00
Belton	25.00
Hannon	50.00
Neosho 1st	50.00
Joplin 1st	75.00
Total	\$482.65

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Myrtle	6.00
New Life-Monett	136.65
Belton	50.00
Hannon	100.00
New Hope	30.00
Unity	20.00
Desoto 1st	55.00
Nosser, M.	25.00
Total	\$422.65

Rev. John McClure

Central Western WAC	15.00
Monett 1st	85.00
Thayer	5.00
Mountain Grove 1st	47.50
Chapman, A.	10.00
Purdy	20.00
Grace	15.00
Central Western WAC	15.00
Total	\$212.50

Morgan Minkler

Belton	30.00
Total	\$30.00

Richard Stanley

Chapman, A.	10.00
Trinity	20.00
Total	\$30.00

Mile High Church

Trinity	15.00
Total	\$15.00

Cornerstone FWB Church

(Brian Brinkoff)	
New Testament	10.00
Merls Chapel	50.00
Total	\$60.00

Vergel Maness

Gospel Light	160.00
Total	\$160.00

McDonald Update

Dear Show-Me Plan Supporters for World Missions,

Wow! What a week!

We have just returned from Atlanta where all of our Free Will Baptist mission family gathered for a foretaste of heaven. We came from every field, all of the foreign missionaries, board and staff, and a good number of former and retired missionaries. Never before has there been such a gathering there were several we had never even met in person before. A common comment heard was, "You don't look like your prayer card pictures!"

God moved in our midst in an unusual way, giving new enthusiasm, healing and vision. We felt so humbled to be a part of such a gathering and thankful once again to be ambassadors for the great and mighty God.

On the first night of our gathering, we were touched to see home video footage of some of our earliest missionaries — Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Mom and Pop Willey, the Cronks and the Woolseys, to name a few. We were also moved to tears to see photos of the 34 members of the foreign mission team who are already safely home with the Lord. And, included in this presentation entitled "Celebrating Our Heritage" was footage of a young missionary couple signing their commissioning papers and committing to a lifetime of service. We did a double take as we realized that it was us, solemnly promising to be faithful in taking the gospel to Japan way back in June of 1986.

Time has certainly changed a few things about us — we're a little older, a little heavier, and a little grayer to be sure. But we realized as we watched that our calling remains the same. As we make final preparations to move our family in July to the world's largest city of Tokyo with its 29.9 million people, we know that we face a Goliath size task. As on that commissioning day 15 years ago, we do not know what we're getting into — only that God is leading and we must follow. Looking at our youthful faces in that film, we found ourselves weeping as we told the Lord that we want to sign up again! We cannot imagine ourselves failing to follow when the Holy Spirit is so clearly pointing the way.

Our simple appeal to you is this: will you recommit to partner with us in this task? Will you stand with us in prayer, storming the gates of hell and seeking God's outpouring of His power on our ministry? Will you pray that He will show you how YOU can become involved in helping to plant a church in the great city of Tokyo? We need you as never before and are looking forward to sharing in this great adventure with you.

For His glory,
Donnie and Ruth McDonald

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