

# **GEM**

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*"And I will put my spirit within you,  
and cause you to walk in my statutes . . ."*

*Ezekiel 36:27*



# TOGETHER WE CAN!

I know the danger that one faces when he begins to talk too much about the past. However, to a degree, we are shaped by our past experiences. I know that many of my work habits, standards, and values were learned as a boy. Some were learned the hard way on the end of a cross-cut saw.

Have you ever used a cross-cut saw? If you have, you remember the experience. If you haven't, it may be hard to explain since cross-cut saws are a thing of the past. However, in the not too distant past, a cross-cut saw was used to fell trees and to cut the timber into the desired length. The saw was about six to eight feet in length, with a vertical handle on each end. The teeth of the saw were coarse and could really turn out the saw dust. Two things were necessary to operate this fine piece of equipment—endurance and cooperation. Needless to say, one did not need an aerobics class after hanging on to the saw all day. It took endurance just to make it through, and it took cooperation to make the labor effective. One person would pull the saw his way, and then, without a pause, the other person would pull the saw his way. The labor was made easier and more productive by cooperating. I can still hear my Dad say, "Son, stand a little closer, let your arms flow smoothly, and don't ride the saw." When one stood too far from the work, he shortened the stroke of the saw, and it increased the time it took to do the job. When one rode the saw, he caused his partner to work harder.

Missouri Free Will Baptists know the importance of endurance and cooperation. Through the years, God has blessed our united efforts. He has blessed us with multiple ministries which aid the local churches in their ministries. He has given us a great State Missions program that has led in the planting of new churches. He has led in developing channels through which we are able to give our gifts to meet the needs of State and National Ministries. Missouri is number four (4) in the nation in giving to National Ministries. The foresight of past leaders led our churches to adopt the Cooperative Plan of support, and God has blessed it. Two years ago the State added the Show-Me Plan to underwrite the needs of our foreign missionaries, and God has added His blessing to what we are doing.

We praise God for all that He has done for and through Missouri Free Will Baptists. However, we still have much to do as we face the soon coming of our Lord. With all the 180 Free Will Baptist churches working together, we can make a difference. Together we can underwrite the needs of our missionaries—State, National Home, and Foreign. Together we can continue to aid the local church ministries. Dad's advice was sound when it came to sawing wood, and I believe it is sound advice for serving God. Let us stand close to the work and work together to accomplish the task that the Lord has given us. Join the many churches in Missouri which give consistently to the Cooperative and Show-Me Plans of support. God will bless you.

If you would like more information about the Cooperative Plan or the Show-Me Plan, call the state office at 1-417-532-6537.

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## LESSONS FROM NATURE

BY  
GARRY MATTHEWS

The turkeys had gobbled strong all morning long. They never hesitated to answer the call, but I couldn't get them to come in. They had hens with them, and the hens would not come off the state park, which does not allow hunting. My son, Chad, and I had watched hens fly out of the trees and onto the state park after daylight. At 7:00 a.m. he had to leave to go to work, and I had spent the morning intermittently talking to the turkeys and thinking.

It was late in the second week of spring turkey season, and I had only been out one other day. For the first time in 20-some years I had missed opening morning of the spring season. I looked at the longbow in my hand and thought about dad. After being healthy for 79 years, and not missing a Sunday behind the pulpit in my 46 years, he had suffered a major heart attack. He had been airlifted from the local hospital to Birmingham, Alabama, fighting for his life. Three days later he had undergone open-heart surgery. There had been "substantial" damage to the heart. In a three-week period my wife, Joyce, and I had made two trips to Alabama to help my parents and my brother during this difficult time. Now dad was home, and Joyce and my sister-in-law had helped to get dad started on his "heart diet". He still faced more surgery in the future, but at least now he was mending—slowly—but mending. During all this, the first week of turkey season had come while we were

in Alabama. The longbow in my hand was like an old friend, but we had not been together much for 3 or 4 months. Joyce had also been experiencing some health problems and "woods' time" and "practice time" had been limited—other things were more pressing.

Off in the distance I heard a gobble. I "cut" on the mouth call, and immediately he gobbled back, closely followed by three other gobblers from different directions. All were several hundred yards away. I looked at my watch—11:02 a.m. For the next twenty minutes I "yelped", "purred", "cut", "gobbled", and "whined". The gobblers were coming from different directions—but which one would get here first? I thought for a moment I heard a gobbler "drumming", but after seeing nothing, I decided it must have been the wind. I turned my head to the left and there stood a huge gobbler just breaking out of full strut at 20 yards. To get here from that direction he had crossed ditches, a creek, and a gravel road. I had heard "drumming" after all! He spotted my decoy and with his beard dragging the ground he came straight in. At about 15 yards he stopped and stretched his neck, looking all around. He spotted a second decoy and stepped closer. My bow was up and ready—I debated shooting straight into his backbone as he advanced with his head held low, covering his breast. No, wait for him to turn broadside. As if on command, he turned broadside, and I picked a feather on his wing and began my draw—then it happened! The worst case of "gobbler fever" you can imagine. I released the arrow and watched in horror as the broadhead-tipped arrow passed 18" over his back and split a sapling 3 yards behind him! He quick-stepped behind a clump of brush and gobbled. He

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walked away gobbling every few steps, but never gave me another shot. I looked at my watch—11:24 a.m. I had blown the perfect shot! (I still have nightmares about that!) I stepped off the distance to the sapling—12 steps. I had missed an unsuspecting gobbler in the 24-25 lb. range at less than 10 yards! After over 20 years of bow hunting, I never get "buck" or "gobbler fever" until after the shot—then I fall apart. Nerves shot, legs trembling, arms shaking, heart pounding, and ragged breaths—all after the arrow leaves the bow—but not today! Maybe it was all the emotional strain over the past weeks, maybe it was the lack of practice and lack of time spent in the woods. Whatever, I had lost my cool, and "blown" a "gimme" shot!

Later I thought about what had happened and realized that

God had just shown me another object lesson. No matter how long we've been a Christian, and no matter how "mature" we are—we are still human! We can experience "spiritual gobbler fever". We never completely outgrow the natural man's tendency toward sin. If we fail to keep "practiced up" through prayer, Bible study, and service, we can slip back into that sinful nature that lies just below the surface in all of us. If the stress of life keeps us from being at our very best—we stand a good chance of "blowing the shot". The Apostle Paul warns us in I Corinthians 10:12:

**"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."** My prayer is, that no one experiences "spiritual gobbler fever" that can wreck lives and destroy ministries, no matter how strong or effective they may have been in the past!

## A Small Part Of The Unfinished Chapter

### A Tribute to Marie Hanna

by Mark Hanna

At Mom's memorial service in Nashville, I missed a terrific opportunity. The service had gone on quite long before my time to speak—not long enough to do Mom justice, but too long for the endurance of all of the kind folks who had come to honor her, comfort her family, and praise her God for His work in her life. So, as I made my way to the platform, a leader on the stage rose to the podium and asked the congregation to stand.

When I arrived at the podium, what was I to do? I was faced with a standing, and tired, audience. It was a down moment. They were standing to get a break, to stretch their hurting backs. I sensed their weariness and wanted to give them a lift. So I said, "Now if you were all to clap, that would be a standing ovation! And we know who it would be for." It was enough to get them all back in their seats and I went on to briefly share with them some thoughts directly from my heart at that moment. But, given that fully unanticipated situation, here's what I could have said about my Mom to finish the thought.

Now if you were all to clap, that would be a standing ovation! We are told in Hebrews about a great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us; it's a part of the great chapter on faith which is as yet unfinished, for all the books on earth could not contain it. For me, the writer conjures up images of a great athletic competition with fans raring in the stands. When you're in a stadium, you stand up and cheer the success of what's being done on the field. What is happening today is kind of a mirror image of what happened with that great cloud of witnesses throughout Mom's life. We are here to applaud what we have seen in her life, but I've seen Mom live by faith and I know that that great cloud of witnesses has gotten excited and given her a lot of standing ovations. Many times and in many ways, she got them to stand up and cheer.

Just after the Faith Chapter, Hebrews also tells us to lay aside our encumbrances and run with endurance the race that is set before us. It is probably because of Mom's example that I have such a personal appreciation for endurance in life—and endurance sports. Mom wasn't the proverbial rabbit. She was always in the race. She often said she didn't want to run ahead or lag behind God's leading. Marathon runners talk about hitting the wall. They reach a point where they feel that they can go no further and many do not complete the race. It is usually toward the end of a marathon that the group of leaders breaks apart and one comes out of the pack to take the tape. And then a great cloud of witnesses rises to their feet and cheers the performance. Mom didn't wait to get in the race, and she was in it until the very end. She ran the race with endurance.

Mom was a book of James kind of woman: quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger. Much of that might have come from her Dad and Mom and the mid-western culture in which she was

reared. What I knew of my grandparents was enough to prove to me that, for them, it mattered much more what you did than what you said. So Mom didn't say much, but her actions said plenty. So too, as you have heard repeatedly in the memorial service, Mom did that. In fact, it's probably better to say that Mom lived the Gospel in India than to say she carried the Gospel to India. It's the actions of the athlete and the work of faith that are cheered by the great cloud of witnesses.

When I was three, our family spent about a year in Nashville. My brother and sister went to school, my Dad went to college and took services. Dad traveled on the weekends while most other students got their work done. He must have done his work at night while most other students spent time with their families and slept. It probably was a difficult year for Mom. Today, I could draw the floor plan of the house where we stayed. How many of us could remember the place where we lived when we were three? And why do I? It's because Mom was working in every room of that house and I followed her around all day. I still have an image of her in my mind in that kitchen with a broom. Because the sunlight is coming in the window and it's morning, I could even tell you the direction the house faces. Through her actions, Mom demonstrated her love and concern for her family, and the great cloud of witnesses must have risen to cheer.

One day, when I thought I should be outside playing with my brother and sister, Mom took me into her bedroom in our Mussoorie house. (The house was named Aloha.) She wanted me to memorize a verse and worked with me until I got it. She also led me to understand its meaning. She knew what was most important for me that day. I expect she had prayed about it for a long time. I must have been in kindergarten or younger. I have only recently come to remember that experience, but I believe it was a time of angel rejoicing and wild cheering in that great cloud of witnesses. The verse was John 3:16. Like Mom, I'll never perish and I have everlasting life.

After my senior year in high school, Dad had to fly back to Sonapurhat to close the accounts before a six-month furlough. (Mom and Dad like to be in America while we began our transition to life over here.) Mom and I, along with Bharosi Bhai, our helper, and a lot of baggage, took the train. When we got to Lucknow, we had tickets for the remaining two nights and a day of travel across the hot plains of North India, but we had no reservations.

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Marie Hanna



## A TRIBUTE TO MARIE HANNA

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That evening, I got some coolies (porters) and took the luggage to the platform, but there was literally no space on the train. While Mom went back to the waiting room with the coolies and the luggage, I went to the ticket master's office with Bharosi Bhai. In my own youthful exasperation and impatience, I angered the man and he wouldn't give me reservations for the next train, which left the following morning. When I got back to the waiting room, all seats had been taken and Mom was sleeping on the floor. No man or woman in that room had thought to give her a couch or share a seat. I was angered: in my eyes she deserved much better. But she never complained about such hardships. The next morning, I went and bought tickets in an air conditioned compartment and thereby got the only remaining space on the train home. You've got to understand that the most luxurious place in India's heat is an air-conditioned sleeper. While she got situated on the train, I went to the station master's office to get paperwork for a refund on the unused tickets. By the time I got back to the

train, it was about to leave and Mom had settled in. I thought she looked like a queen in all of that luxury. That was more like what I thought she deserved. In the space of eight hours, I had seen her live Paul's testimony of knowing how to be abased and how to abound. I was so proud of her.

James says to consider it all joy when you encounter various trials because the testing of your faith produces endurance. The crowd doesn't cheer what you say: it cheers what you do. Mom's endurance is evidence that she considered it all joy. James also says that those who persevere under trial are blessed because they will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him. Recently, I believe, Mom received that crown. She is now a part of that great crowd of witnesses, having completed her own episode for that great chapter of faith. And when you and I demonstrate a living faith in the arena of life, she is standing to cheer us on. For all of the remembrances of her faithfulness you have heard today, she would say, "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

In India, the women wear a dot on their foreheads as a kind of beauty mark. It's usually blood red, but many other colors

are also used. It's a practice much like the western use of make-up. Hindus also receive a mark on their foreheads from the priests when they go to the temple to perform their worship rituals. Because of this association with a heathen practice, Mom always taught the Christian ladies to refrain from wearing a mark on their foreheads, as she also refrained. When Mom had her last stroke and the seizures associated with it, she fell and bruised her forehead. Every person who saw her in her casket saw that bruise on her forehead. Was it a cruel fact of life in India that no mortician was available to apply make-up and cover that bruise? I think not! God Himself placed that mark on her forehead to tell us what he thought of her. He gave her an authentic and visible external mark as a testament of her internal beauty!

Now, Mom would want me to say that the chapter on faith is yet to be finished and you and I have a part in it. She would want us to read Hebrews 11:1 - 12:3 and imitate her faith along with that of many others who have endured. And, I'm sure, she is a part of that great cloud of witnesses, vigorously cheering our endurance in the work of faith.



Mt. Pisgah Church

## Mt. Pisgah Dedicates New Steeple

The Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church located near Cabool, Missouri, was established in 1928. Since that time, the members have made many changes in the meeting place. In 1993 the congregation built a beautiful new sanctuary. Only one thing was lacking on the new building—a steeple. Just a few months ago, the church voted to establish a fund for the purpose of purchasing a steeple. To the surprise of many, it only took a few short months to raise the needed funds to install a beautiful steeple that complements the building.

A dedication service was held September 13, 1998. Ninety-eight people attended the morning worship service and many of those stayed for lunch and the afternoon dedication service. Rev. Nathan Ruble preached the message for the morning and afternoon services. Neil Hamilton and Bob Adkisson prayed the prayer of dedication.

Even though the church is presently without a pastor, it continues to reach new people. The Mt. Pisgah congregation is to be commended for their commitment to their community and to state and national ministries.

## HOMEGOING

*"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." Psalm 17:15*

This was the verse that Donald Stewart, a house parent at Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, studied on the morning of Monday, July 27th. That afternoon Donald was swarmed by a nest of ground yellow jackets while working in his yard. This verse became a reality for him, as he did not survive the attack of yellow jackets and went home to be with his Lord.

Donald enjoyed gardening and was trimming the grass around a flower bed outside the cottage where he and his wife worked when he inadvertently disturbed the nest and was engulfed by the wasps and stung multiple times.

Donald collapsed a few minutes later. Despite efforts of co-workers who provided first-aid and CPR, Donald's condition worsened. He was pronounced dead by the attending physician at Takoma Hospital in Greeneville, having been taken there by ambulance.

Donald Stewart and his wife, Anna, with their children, Rebecca and Emily, worked at the Baptist Children's Home in Thomasville, NC, before coming to FWBFM. They began work for FWBFM on December 1, 1996. Having worked with children and families for several years, the *Stewarts have shown a tremendous love for each child in their care*. Our staff and the children who were in their care will greatly miss Donald and the example of true Christianity that he demonstrated. Our prayers are with his family.

Donald had given his life to care for children. Many of our children regarded him as their "Dad." We feel the necessity to care for his wife and children by inviting you to help us help them.

A Trust has been set up at the Main Branch of the Greene County Bank in Greeneville, TN. We are asking our friends to give to that trust directly by contacting Stan Puckett at (423) 639-5111 at the Greene County Bank or through FWBFM by contacting Kevin Trimble at (423) 639-9449.



## Rocky Mountain High

by Wade Jernigan



Left to Right: Eleanor Diehl, Bob Thomas, Josh Thomas, Wade Jernigan

John Denver made popular a song by that title. God put meaning in the term. Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, Loveland, Colorado, experienced it. Truly, the fledgling congregation felt the full impact. Though only seven (7) months old, meeting in a basement thirty-six (36) in number, they had "rocky mountain high" big time August 16, 1998.

Pastor Bob Thomas and his wife, Rosa Lee, had extended an invitation to Bob L. Thomas, Wade T. Jernigan and Joshua Thomas to come for special services. Joshua brought greetings from Hillsdale. He followed with a good report of the past year—a report that signaled progress and promised better things ahead. Wade followed with a "me too" kind of report encouraging the young assembly to pray and pay. Emphasis was likewise put on "send us your youth."

Continuing in the service Joshua preached on Sin. Wade brought a message of Christ Building His Church. Bob L. spoke about The Big Question. Special singing interspersed the preaching. From 9:30 A.M. until 12:00 the service took on a mini Bible conference atmosphere. Very intently the people listened to "three (3) generational preaching." A preacher for every age if you will.

Prior to the day, Pastor Thomas had let it be known that it would be a Hillsdale Day. His congregation had been instructed to come prepared to give a sizable gift. Two words surrounded the offering. Anticipation before. Anxiousness afterward. Both words met in exuberance when a super-size check was presented to Joshua Thomas, revealing the amount of one thousand two hundred and fifty (\$1,250.00) dollars.

There was a bit of shouting, crying, laughing and other emotional sounds. For the Church it was victory. For the College it was value. For the Cause it was vision.

Emmanuel's generous offering was the first to be received toward the Christmas push thus answering the students' appeal, "Make Your Christmas List. Put Hillsdale At The Top. Do Your Christmas Shopping Early."

This latest of Free Will Baptist Churches in Colorado (the third to be organized by Bob Thomas) is a member of The Greater Colorado Quarterly Meeting which is a part of The Indian Creek Association of Missouri.

## You are Invited!

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries in Greeneville, TN, invites everyone to attend their Annual Homecoming Celebration on October 17th. As a ministry to abused children, this event provides FWBFM the opportunity to share with friends all the wonderful blessings that God has poured out on this ministry.

Special guest speakers will include Rev. Tim York, Assistant Moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and Zane Whitson, TN State Representative. Also, FWBFM's children's choir will be singing.

A delicious buffet lunch will be served, followed by several optional afternoon activities. FWBFM hopes to dedicate the first of two new shelters under construction on this special day.

Please, make plans to attend, especially if you've never visited the campus. You will be encouraged by what you experience.

## News of Interest

### **Bible Conference – Farmington Free Will Baptist Church**

The Farmington Free Will Baptist Church has scheduled a Bible Conference for November 8 - 11. Rev. Glenn Murray and Rev. John Williams will be preaching. If you would like more information, you may call the Farmington Church at 1-573-756-8933.

### **Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College**

The 1998/99 school year started with 176 students on campus and a full-time equivalency of 152. The enrollment has shown an increase for each of the last five semesters.

### **Free Will Baptist Bible College**

Welcome Days are scheduled for November 12 - 14, 1998.

## Five Advantages of a Revocable Living Trust (RLT)

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There is no area of Christian stewardship more important than one's estate planning. Everything we have or hope to have comes from the Heavenly Father. It seems that we should be just as careful and responsible with what we pass on to others, as what we have while living here on earth. Yet thousands of dollars worth of savings, investments and life insurance is not passed on to those whom we wish to receive it, because proper planning was not given to this important matter.

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists offers help in this area, through the Stewardship Commission. The services of a fine Christian attorney have helped many with this need. If we may be of help to you, please fill out this form and mail it to Rev. Clarence Burton, 1805 Christopher, West Plains, MO 65775, phone (417) 256-4811, or Rev. Jim Williams, P.O. Box 578, Carthage, MO 64836, phone (417) 358-3080.

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# NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

## FROM VIRGIL MANESS

Alyne and I have planned several meetings and programs since moving to Brookhaven, PA, to begin the Free Will Baptist Church. You are aware that we had no names or prospects. We were encouraged when our Fourth of July home fellowship was a success! A total of fourteen came and enjoyed an old fashion back-yard Bar-B-Q. Please pray for these five families which do not attend church.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission account. Your financial and prayer support has been faithful and appreciated. There has been a "slight" decline in the monthly account income causing a dip below the monthly expenses. Please be faithful and help us continue in this new area for Free Will Baptists.

## FROM JAMES MUNSEY

Dear Friends of Mexico,

This past month has been full of blessings for us here. First of all, Rachel and I are recovering from the transplant surgery of August 4th. Rachel is doing amazingly well just one month after surgery. We are still adjusting the anti-rejection medications that she must take the rest of her life. It requires a lot of lab work and follow-up visits, but Rachel is adept at medical procedures now. She wears a mask every time she leaves the house as her immune system is very suppressed. Over time, this will improve, but, right now, we do not want her to get sick. Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, letters, and gifts for Rachel. They have meant so much to all of us. We are overwhelmed by your concern for her.

On the 31st of August, the Seminary of the Cross in Reynosa, Mexico, had opening services for the new semester with over 200 attending. President Hilarino (Lalo) Gonzalez and his team has worked hard preparing for the new semester and recruiting students. We are pleased to announce that we have 26 students enrolled, each taking at least 9 hours. This is up from 11 last semester, a significant increase in enrollment, for which we are grateful. We must challenge the young people of Mexico to answer the call of God to reach the millions in Mexico still without Jesus Christ.

I just returned from a trip to Mexico City, where I visited with Pastors Jose Rendon and Oscar Hernandez. Our Christian brothers suffer much there, due to an alarming deterioration of the social order. You may have heard of the high crime rate in the area. In spite of this, our churches there are growing, souls are being saved, and new missions are being established.

In the new mission of Chilmalhuacan, Bro. Rendon took me to meet Bro. Rodolfo Galaviz, who is in charge of this new work. His son, Pedro, is about 35 years old. Just a week ago, he was kidnapped by the judicial police. A sack was put over his head, and he was driven out in the country about 1 1/2 hour from Cd. Neza. When he was taken out of the car, they told him to run, even though he had his head covered. When he ran, they shot the ground around him. He said he could feel the dirt kick up from the bullets. His legs and hands were full of cactus needles, as he could not see where he was running. They then took him in a house where they beat and kicked him.

He was told to sign a confession of a list of serious "crimes" which he refused to do, since he was not guilty. As Pedro retold the story, he pulled open his shirt and showed me about 20 cigaret burns where they tortured him. Just when he thought he could not resist any more, they gave up, admitting they had gotten the wrong man. I have often heard of this type of abuse, but this was the first time I had ever seen the results first hand. It moved me deeply.

Mexico is indeed a country in turmoil. The only hope for real peace for its 95 million inhabitants is to find Jesus Christ. That is why we labor there. The changed lives we see each day confirm the value of this work of God. The hopelessness we see about us motivates us to reach even more.

That is why we offer Christian training to the youth of Mexico. We must prepare them to reach their own countrymen for Christ. Thank you for helping us train them. We urge you to continue to help as we expand our witness for Christ in Mexico.

I wish we could personally respond to each one of you who so faithfully supports the work in Mexico. Please be assured that

we are aware of your contributions and we so appreciate all you have done.

We remain your servants for the Lord in Mexico.

## NOVEMBER is HOME MISSIONS MONTH

This special emphasis is a part of the "Together Way Plan" adopted by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

## Benjamin Randall Day November 22, 1998

The Home Missions Department is committed to helping our *missionaries and chaplains, church planting and church growth, and the cross-cultural ministry.* The opportunities for Free Will Baptists to make an impact on our country for Jesus Christ are unlimited. Please join us in striving toward our goals in the work of the Lord.

Every church is urged to give a special offering for the National Home Missions **General Fund**. We need your help! Please make this your best gift yet!

Free materials to promote *Benjamin Randall Day* may be obtained from the Free Will Baptist Home Missions Department, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

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# 1998 Missouri State Youth Conference

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Female Sponsors

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Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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Cost of the conference is \$35 per person. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Includes lodging and three meals.) (# attending) (Total Amount)

Mail completed registration form, Check and medical release forms to:

Missouri Youth Ministries Board

P.O. Box 444

Park Hills, MO 63601

(573) 431-3235 OR 431-5115

All forms must be postmarked by October 10. After October 10, the fee increases to \$40.



**Camper Medical Release Form**  
***Windermere Baptist Assembly***  
**Roach, MO**

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

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

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

Residence Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Church Coming With \_\_\_\_\_

Allergic to any Medicine? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_

If not available in an emergency, notify:

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, having legal custody of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian) (Minor)

who resides with me at the above address, am entrusting the care of him/her to the adults responsible for the camp program in which the child has been enrolled during the dates of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_ at Windermere Baptist Assembly, located at Roach, Missouri.

Conference: *Missouri Free Will Baptist State Youth Conference*

**Authorization For Emergency Care**

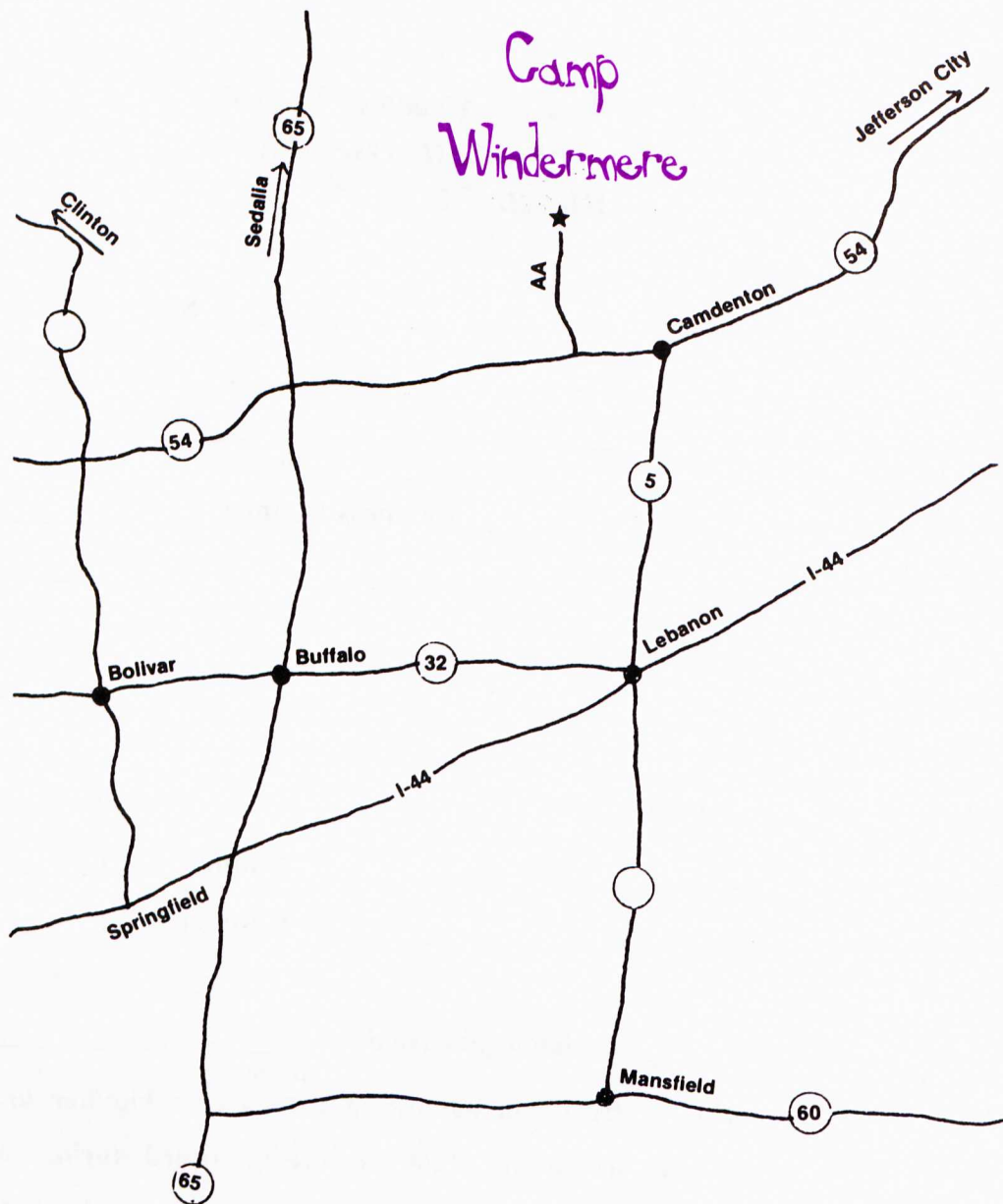
I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp personnel entrusted with the care of my child to order x-rays, routine tests and treatment for the health of my child, in the event I cannot be reached in an emergency. I hereby give permission to the said physician to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for my child as named above. I also authorize said physician or any physician or hospital who has previously treated my child, to disclose any information thus acquired, if requested, to the camp's insurance carrier.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

(PLEASE PHOTOCOPY ONE FOR EACH ATTENDEE)





## 1998 Missouri State Youth Conference Schedule

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1998

- 4:00 p.m. - Registration
- 7:00 p.m. - Supper
- 7:45 p.m. - Efh Concert
- 9:00 p.m. - Meet Tom Tufts (Life)
- 10:00 p.m. - Late Night Comedy Cafe
- 11:00 p.m. - Cabin Devotions
- 11:30 p.m. - LIGHTS OUT

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1998

- 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. - Session 2 with Tom Tufts (Faith)
- 10:00 a.m. - Break
- 10:30 a.m. - Session 3 with Tom Tufts (Purity)
- 12:00 noon - Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. - "OFF THE WALL" - (Youth)
  - "Youth Workers Only" w/Tom
- 2:00 p.m. - Free Time
- 3:15 p.m. - Closing Rally with Tom Tufts (Love)



# FAMILY NIGHTS

Jim Weidmann and Kurt Bruner with Mike and Amy Nappa

There is toothpaste all over the plastic covered table. Four young kids are having the time of their lives squeezing the paste out of the tube—trying to expunge every drop like Dad told them to. "Okay," says Dad, slapping a twenty-dollar bill onto the table. "The first person to get the toothpaste back into their tube gets this money!" Little hands begin working to shove the peppermint pile back into rolled up tubes—with very limited success.

Jim is in the midst of a weekly routine in the Weidmann home when he and his wife spend time creating "Impression points" with the kids. "We can't do it, Dad!" protests the youngest child.

The Bible tells us that's just like your tongue. Once the words come out, it's impossible to get them back in. You need to be careful what you say because you may wish you could take it back." An unforgettable impression is made.

Impression points occur every day of our lives. Intentionally or not, we impress upon our children our values, preferences, beliefs, quirks and concerns. It happens both through our talk and through our walk. When we do it right, we can turn them on to the things we believe. But when we do it wrong, we can turn them off to the values we most hope they will embrace. The goal is to find ways of making this reality work for us, rather than against us. How? By creating and capturing opportunities to impress upon the next generation our values and beliefs. In other words, through what we've labeled impression points.

The kids are all standing at the foot of the stairs. Jim is at the top of that same staircase. They wait eagerly for Dad's instructions.

"I'll take you to Baskin Robbins for ice-cream if you can figure how to get up here." He has the attention of all four kids. "But there are a few rules. First, you can't touch the stairs. Second, you can't touch the railing. Now, begin!"

After several contemplative moments, the youngest speaks up. "That's impossible, Dad! How can we get to where you are without touching the stairs or the railing?"

After some disgruntled agreement from two of the other children, Jacob gets an idea. "Hey, Dad. Come down here." Jim walks down the stairs. "Now bend over while I get on your back. Okay, climb the stairs."

Bingo! Jim proceeds to parallel this simple game with how it is impossible to get to God on our own. But when we trust Christ's completed work on our behalf, we can get to heaven. A lasting impression is made. After a trip up the stairs on Dad's back, the whole gang piles into the mini van for a double scoop of mint-chip.

Six years ago, Jim and his wife Janet began setting aside time to intentionally impress upon the kids their values and beliefs through a weekly ritual called "family night." They play games, talk, study, and do the things which reinforce the importance of family and faith. It is during these times that they intentionally create these impression points with their kids. The impact? The kids are having fun and a heritage is being passed.

## ***Intentional or "Oops"?***

Sometimes, we accidentally impress the wrong things on our kids rather than intentionally impressing the right things. But there is an effective, easy way to change that. Routine family nights are a powerful tool for creating intentional impression points with our children.

The concept behind family nights is rooted in a Biblical mandate summarized in Deuteronomy 6:5-9.

*"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!"*

## ***How?***

*"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 doorframes of your houses and on your gates."*

In other words, we need to take advantage of every opportunity to impress our beliefs and values in the lives of our children. A growing network of parents are discovering family nights to be a highly effective, user friendly approach to doing just that. As one father put it, "This has changed our entire family life." And another dad, "Our investment of time and energy into family nights has more eternal value than we may ever know." Why? Because they are intentionally teaching their children at the wisdom level, the level at which the children understand and can apply.

## ***Truth is a Treasure***

Two boys are running all over the house, carefully following the complex and challenging instructions spelled out on the "truth treasure map" they received moments ago. An earlier map contained a few rather simple instructions that were much easier to follow. But the "false treasure box" it led to left something to be desired. It was empty. Boo, Dad! They hope for a better result with map number two.

*Step One: Walk sixteen paces into the front family room.*

*Step Two: Spin around seven times, then walk down the stairs.*

*Step Three: Run backwards to the other side of the room.*

*Step Four: Try and get around dad and climb under the table.*

You get the picture. The boys are laughing at themselves, complaining to Dad, and having a ball. After twenty minutes treasure hunting they finally reach the elusive "truth treasure box." Little hands open the lid, hoping for a better result this time around. They aren't disappointed. The box contains a nice selection of their favorite candies. Yeah, Dad!

"Which map was easier to follow?" Dad asks.

"The first one," comes their response.

"Which one was better?"

"The second one. It led to a true treasure," says the oldest.

"That's just like life," Dad shares. "Sometimes it's easier to follow what is false. But it is always better to seek and follow what is true."

They read from Proverbs 2 about the hidden treasure of God's truth and we end their time repeating tonight's jingle - "It's best for you to seek what's true." Then they indulge themselves with a mouthful of delicious candy!

## ***The Power of Family Nights***

The power of family nights is twofold. First, it creates a formal setting within which Dad and Mom can intentionally instill beliefs, values or character qualities within their child. Rather than defer to the influence of peers and media, or abdicate character training to the school and church, parents create the opportunity to teach their children the things that matter most.

The second impact of family nights is perhaps even more significant than the first. Twenty to sixty minutes of formal fun and instruction can set up countless opportunities for informal reinforcement. These informal impression points do not have to be created, they just happen—at the dinner table, while driving in the car, while watching television, or any other parent/child time together. Once you have formally discussed a given family night topic, you and your children will naturally refer back to those principles during the routine dialogues of everyday life.

If the truth were known, many of us hated family devotions while growing up. We had them sporadically at best, usually whenever our parents were feeling particularly guilty. But that was fine, since the only thing worse was a trip to the dentist. Honestly, do we really think that is what God had in mind when He instructed us to teach our children?

*Excerpt from Heritage Builders Family Night Tool Chest Book 1: An Introduction to Family Nights by Jim Weidmann and Kurt Bruner with Mike and Amy Nappa, Chariot Victor Publishing. Used by permission. Provided by David C. Cook Ministries.*



# MINISTER'S/LAYMAN'S RETREAT

If the thirty-eight golfers who participated in the retreat golf tournament were choosing a theme song for this year's scramble, "Rain Drops Falling on My Head" would have been appropriate. Those intrepid pursuers of golf balls experienced a wet course, frequent showers, and moderate temperatures, but they endured and had a great time. In fact, there was much praise to God for the rain which had been absent for about six weeks. The Ozark Church took home the golf honors this year.

State Moderator, Rick Dablemont, and State Missions Director, Dale Skiles, were the speakers for this year's retreat. Both men did an outstanding job of proclaiming the Word of God. Following the services, the five standing boards of the Missouri State Association met to plan the 1999 calendar. Listed below are dates for the 1999 activities.

When you consider all that you receive from this one day get-together, it is well worth the time to attend. You will receive the joy of fellowship with other Missouri Free Will Baptists on the golf course or at the camp where there is ping-pong, miniature golf, or just drinking coffee and talking. A great meal is served at 5:30 p.m., and then at 6:30 you have a great time praying and hearing the Word of God. If you didn't attend this year, make plans to attend next year.

## 1999 CALENDAR

### Ministers Retreat

March 22 - 24, 1999

Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, MO

### State Youth Competitive Activities

May 14 - 15, 1999

Stephens College, Columbia, MO

### Senior Adult Retreat

#### Group I

May 17 - 19, 1999

#### Group II

May 19 - 21, 1999

Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, MO

### Missouri State Convention/ Woman's Auxiliary Convention

June 7 - 9, 1999

Cowan Civic Center, Lebanon, MO

### Youth Camp

Teen Camp, June 20 - 25, 1999

Pre - Teen Group 1, July 25 - July 30, 1999

Pre - Teen Group 2, August 1 - August 6, 1999

**Please Note: There will only be one Teen session this year.**

#### Group 1

Greater Springfield

Indian Creek

Central Western

Mission

Cave Springs

Liberty

Niangua

Laclede

#### Group 2

Greater Kansas City

South Central

Northeast

St. Louis

St. Francois

Mid-Rivers

Bootheel

Northwest

### National Convention, NYC & WNAC

July 18 - 22, 1999

Atlanta, Georgia

### Missouri Women Active For Christ Retreat

August 20 - 21, 1999

### Preacher/Layman's Retreat and All Boards Meeting

September 13, 1999

Youth Camp, Niangua, MO

*Suggestion: Put this information on your Church Bulletin Board.*





## SHOW-ME MISSIONARY NEWS

### FROM THE PINKERTONS

When we arrived at church yesterday, the pull down door and window were closed with no one in sight, but that soon changed!

The room wasn't crowded, but it was almost full. Services began only 10 minutes late (but by African time, that's a wee bit early!). Jean-Luc was in charge. He read from Ps. 44, stressing verse 9, saying we needed to glorify God each and every day ... then asked if anyone had been praying for a long time without receiving an answer.

Several spoke of the burdens in their hearts ... all were related to spiritual matters except two (church land & a girl that has serious headaches). Jean-Luc then asked that we pray and glorify God even for these unanswered requests. "In all things give thanks ..."

One after another prayed either in words or song ... it was all so unscheduled! Yet, very precious and sincere. I don't know but feel that Heaven must be something like this!! I honestly can't describe it, but invite any/all to come & see for themselves.

It was perfect preparation for the sermon on PRAYER!

Thank you so very much for your interest, prayers & helps for His Church here in Abidjan.

### FROM THE HOLLANDS

I believe the CHURRASCO (Brazilian bar-b-que) was a success. We had 21 adult visitors and 20 of them were first-time visitors. In all we had 40 adults and 15 children present ... Please remember these visitors as we do follow-up visits with them.

Thanks for praying for Magal and Rita as they have been strengthened in their faith this past week. Rita had not spoken to her father in 15 years. Now that she and Magal are saved and serving the Lord, they went to her father to ask forgiveness and to forgive. They feel a great burden has been lifted from their past. PTL!

Continue to pray for our outreach in the Sao Jose area. The Lord is blessing and we need His leadership in making plans for the future of His work. Praise Him with us for those who are hearing the gospel message.

### FROM THE TURNBOUGHS

VACATIONS are winding down here. Most of the believers in both of the churches here have arrived safely back home, with the exception of two or three who are still out there somewhere. The fact is that public grade schools do not begin here until later in September. High schools and universities begin in October. Therefore the "vacation mentality" continues on into the first part of September. At least one believer in the Villalba Church confessed that he kind of felt as if he had not only taken a vacation from work, but also from the Lord and the church. With the pressure of being an evangelical Christian in Spain, I am sure that is a temptation. Please PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL for believers in Spain.

Please pray for the CHURCH COUNCIL in the Villalba Church (RUBEN, JAVIER, NIEVES and JOSE MANUEL). The council is involved in evaluating the ministry of the church, examining its needs, and planning for the future. Council members, busy work lives make more activities difficult, if not impossible. Missionaries living in Villalba must "walk a fine line" between missionary and Christian participant roles. That is probably the single most significant prayer request for missionaries in Villalba at this point. Most believers attending local churches do not make a distinction between missionaries and other Christians. Therefore it is difficult to understand why they simply should not do any or everything.

TIM and KRISTI JOHNSON have their approval to come to Spain on September 29! The Lord has supplied their financial needs, and as of yesterday they have their visas in hand! All that is a major praise item. ANTHONY and LEA EDGMON just about

have all the necessary financial support, and they already have their visas AND their Spanish residencies are waiting here for them! We hope and pray that the support their account lacks will be there soon so they can follow the Johnsons within a matter of weeks. Please pray for that.

Please remember our teammates SAM and JUNE McVAY as they continue language study—both with a private tutor right now and then within a few weeks, Sam at the University of Madrid and June at Eurocentre Language School. Learning to communicate effectively in a new language is not an easy task. It is a full time job which drains you as much or more than a regular job.

Thanks for your interest in our lives and ministry. That is NOT merely a phrase we tack on for lack of nothing better to say. We really do appreciate your interest and prayers.

### FROM THE BAILEYS

We are praising the Lord for providing Japanese leadership, as Rev. Seiji Sabuta assumed the pastorate of the Iriso Church beginning in June. Brother Sabuta, wife Yoshiko, and 4-yr.-old daughter, Mayus Chan, came from Kobe where Seiji recently graduated from seminary. They have begun several new ministries, including an outreach to our unsaved English class members and their families. Our Sunday School attendance has also increased through their daughter's new friendships with neighborhood children. Pray for this young family as they minister in their first work

## Bible College Enrolls 333 For Fall Semester

Free Will Baptist Bible College enrolled 333 students from 28 states and nine foreign countries for the fall semester of the 1998-99 school year, according to Dr. Charles Hampton, Registrar.

By classes, the number breaks down to 82 seniors, 57 juniors, 81 sophomores, 111 freshmen and two special students. Ninety-six new students joined 237 returnees for the new year.

State breakdowns are as follows:

Alabama .....	24	Louisiana .....	1	Tennessee .....	67
Arkansas .....	23	Michigan .....	13	Texas .....	3
Arizona .....	2	Mississippi .....	6	Virginia .....	7
California .....	1	Missouri .....	19	West Virginia ....	6
Colorado .....	2	Nebraska .....	1		
Delaware .....	1	New Mexico .....	1		
Florida .....	14	North Carolina ....	24	Foreign .....	24
Georgia .....	14	Ohio .....	7		
Illinois.....	37	Oklahoma .....	6		
Indiana.....	4	Pennsylvania .....	1		
Kansas.....	1	South Carolina ....	16		
Kentucky .....	7	South Dakota .....	1		

Students (24) came from the following foreign countries:

Albania .....	1
Bahamas .....	9
Canada .....	6
Cote d'Ivoire .....	2
France .....	1
Korea .....	1
Panama .....	1
Russia .....	1
Spain .....	2

Opening services were crowned with many decisions by students. One young man was saved and another answered God's call to preach.

Please pray for Free Will Baptist Bible College as it begins its 56th year of ministry to God and service to Free Will Baptists.



## ANOTHER CHANCE

CAROL J. PINKERTON

Sunday evening services were drawing to a close, when someone from the village of Seroudi, came in whispering in Silas' ear. He whispered to someone else, then left. After the final "Amen," we went to the hospital. This is the story as it happened.

There had been a soccer match at the village that afternoon. The opposing Team were sorry losers. They picked up rocks and started throwing—anywhere and at anybody. One of the sharp rocks sliced open the head of Silas' mother. A truck had been found and brought her into town to see the doctor. She was in surgery as we arrived at the hospital ... blood was all over several bystanders as we waited. At last, the doctor came out saying she was okay.

She is such a cute little Lady. She's just a small thing, but has a large smile and a firm hand shake. And, she's got a twinkle in her eyes that doesn't stop. After prayers we left her at the hospital. The following days I made several visits to see her—lots of times it was just handshakes and smiles, since we have a language problem: she doesn't speak French and my knowledge of Koulango can be placed in a thimble. In spite of this hurdle, we became friends almost immediately.

After being released from the hospital, she stayed with friends in town so she could make regular visits back to see the doctor. I took Christian ladies with me to visit her. I explained the Gospel and they Preached it! Of course, I don't know what they said, but it always took longer when they spoke. That pleased me for I felt she was given a clear-cut witness ... Did she want to "pray" and receive Christ? NO.

I found that difficult to believe since she'd been so very close to death's door just a few days earlier. Well, yes, she did want to be a Christian, but there was her mother. Her mother wasn't a Christian and she couldn't become a Christian and leave her mother. No trouble Madame, your mother can receive Jesus too. He died for all. But the Mother didn't want to change ... so the daughter felt she couldn't either. Time passed. More visits, but the same results.

Word came months later that Silas' Grandmother had died. How sad. Such a good woman, just wasn't saved. I waited for time to pass, then went to the village to see "Mother." I gave my sympathy and waited ... until only a few were around. "Is it time now?" I asked. Oh no, she couldn't make a decision until 40 days of mourning had passed.

After the required days had gone by, I made another visit. This time we sat outside on a backless bench under a shade tree ... other women were present while the same appeal was made. I was given a sweet smile, but no decision was made. How can she wait and wait, I wondered. I poured my heart out, thinking only of her.

It was quite a shock a couple of days later when word came in from Seroudi that one of Silas' aunts had died. "Did I ever meet this aunt?" I asked Silas. And the reply that was given still echoes in my mind - "Oh yes, she was there on the bench with you as you spoke with my mother earlier this week." I had been so burdened for Silas' mother that my vision had been severely limited and I hadn't talked to the others. Did the aunt hear, understand and make a decision? I do not know.

Silas and many others have witnessed to this Mother. How many more chances will she have before it is too late? How many more chances will I have to talk to her? Lord, forgive me for my limited vision. Help me to see the multitudes that need you as well as the individuals.

The last time I talked to this dear Lady, she assured me that she is "thinking" about making a decision for the Lord. How many times has she been spared so far? Many. And how many times have I had tunnel vision instead of wide-angled vision? ... I'm afraid the answer is the same. May God be merciful to us both.

## Creeches Unable to Return to ICA Dorm

Missionaries Paul and Rhoda Creech will be unable to return to their ministry as dormitory parents at International Christian Academy in Bouake, Cote d'Ivoire.

After specialized evaluation of the Creeches' four-year-old son, doctors diagnosed Joseph with "Pervasive Development Disorder, Not Otherwise Specified." In lay terms, he had deficiencies in communication, social and play skills.

Paul and Rhoda recognize that ICA is not equipped to provide the special education and training Joseph will need, so they and the foreign missions staff are praying that the Lord will open another door in Africa or some other field where they can minister while providing for Joseph's needs. In the meantime they will continue their stateside ministry and seek to get the attention Joseph requires.

General Director R. Eugene Waddell expressed regret that the Creeches must change directions but commended them for their faithful service at ICA for the past six years.

In light of this change, the Foreign Missions staff and the Ivory Coast field council are urgently seeking a couple to accept the challenge of providing 20 MKs (boys) a "home away from home." This ministry offers the opportunity to encourage and counsel missionaries' children in the absence of their parents who are taking the message of Christ to unreached people.

Brother Waddell emphasized the urgency of getting a couple approved, prepared for the task and on the field before school opens in August of 1999. "Our agreement with the school obligates Free Will Baptists to provide dorm parents for this dormitory," says Waddell. "We must have someone soon. Interested parties should contact Foreign Missions by phone at (615) 731-6812, e-mail at [gene@nafwb.org](mailto:gene@nafwb.org) or by mail at P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002."

## Sunday School Averages March 1998 - August 1998

CHURCHES	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Belton	41	45		35	30	31
Calvary Chapel	130	116	108	118	126	138
Copper Mines	46	50	47	52	42	
Cuba	134	117	122	111	86	110
Columbia		15	16	17	20	
DeSoto	157	169		154	165	161
Farmington	315	276	266	257	289	336
Hannon	102	104	101	99	99	103
Harmony			51			
Hartville	120	117	115	101	109	106
Hazel Creek	64	70	63	64		
Hopewell	27	33	31	24	28	32
Houston	55	52	50	51	47	50
Lebanon 1st	119	115	102	106	102	
Lebanon FWB	43	44	42	44	38	44
Mill Creek	77	80	71	70	73	80
Monett	54	54	50	53		
Mt. Pisgah					73	
Myrtle	33	46	40	42	40	
O'Fallon 1st	72	69		78		86
Oskaloosa				14	14	14
Ozark	105	104	103	110	106	113
Park Hills	115	112	115	107	107	116
Richwoods	35	34	30	24	28	
Rock Chapel				47		
Rolla 1st						23
Southside	37	33	30	24	27	32
Springfield 1st	126	124	112	121	116	111
Thayer		168	175	178	172	186
Trinity	86	88	77	73		76
United, West Plains	314	336	282	304	262	295
Willow Springs	62	65	66	52	61	

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.



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## AUGUST 1998 COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board.....	\$7,002.95
17.50% Executive Office.....	6,624.40
3.00% General Fund.....	1,135.61
.50% Show-Me Plan.....	189.27
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.....	3,217.57
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.....	946.34
2.50% C.E. Board.....	946.34
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Bd.....	946.34
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program.....	3,406.84
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College.....	11,545.39
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% Calif. Christian College	
(\$189.27 included in \$11,545.39)	
5.00% Mo. State Conference Center Fund.....	1,892.69
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$37,853.74</b>

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

## AUGUST 1998 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Aulsbury Chapel.....	\$317.94
Bailey Chapel.....	200.00
Bailey - Alton.....	157.00
Belton.....	236.37
Bethel.....	168.46
Bethel - El Dorado Springs.....	53.22
Black Oak.....	228.31
Bourbon.....	87.00
Byrd.....	61.75
Cabool 1st.....	265.51
Calvary Chapel.....	868.88
Calvary Fellowship.....	409.67
Cape Girardeau.....	500.00
Cape Girardeau 1st.....	375.00
Central.....	798.08
Columbia.....	115.14
Copper Mines.....	296.51
Cornerstone.....	52.00
Cornerstone.....	10.60
Crossroads - Wentzville.....	409.51
DeSoto 1st.....	1,300.00
Faith & Hope - Willow Springs.....	40.00
Farmington 1st.....	2,499.66
Farmington 1st.....	2,379.77
Fellowship - Park Hills.....	400.00
Fordland.....	536.68
Fourth.....	360.05
Fredericktown 1st.....	290.00
Freeman Chapel.....	225.19
Friendship.....	541.93
Grace.....	976.00
Grant Avenue.....	771.12
Hannibal.....	85.00
Hannibal.....	20.00
Hannibal.....	90.00
Hannibal.....	30.00
Hannon.....	662.06
Harmony - K.C.....	333.00
Heritage.....	100.00
Hopewell.....	172.00
Houston 1st.....	296.15
Hurryville.....	430.70
Jackson.....	148.67
Jones Chapel.....	717.12
Joplin 1st.....	562.62
Lead Hill.....	284.83
Lebanon 1st.....	876.04
Lebanon FWB.....	329.03
Lone Star.....	49.10
Macedonia - Niangua.....	73.13
Merls Chapel.....	119.00
Mill Creek.....	402.44
Mine La Motte.....	58.28
Monett 1st.....	531.48
Mt. Pisgah.....	245.00
Mt. Zion - Gower.....	47.20

Neosho 1st.....	95.00
New Home - Lebanon.....	221.00
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	50.00
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	50.00
New Life - Licking.....	289.60
Niangua.....	87.00
North 5.....	105.93
O'Fallon 1st.....	1,288.00
Overland.....	120.00
Ozark 1st.....	990.14
Parkview.....	655.60
Pleasant Hill.....	110.60
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove.....	281.45
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana.....	72.00
Potosi 1st.....	110.11
Republic.....	100.00
Rock Chapel.....	364.52
Rolla 1st.....	132.29
Royal Oak.....	134.00
Seymour.....	275.00
Smyrna.....	75.00
South Fremont.....	500.00
Southside.....	155.91
Springfield 1st.....	1,135.47
St. Francois Assoc.....	30.00
Stockton.....	150.19
Thayer.....	1,166.00
Trinity.....	1,057.40
Tyrone.....	200.00
Union Grove - Norwood.....	440.00
Union Light.....	100.00
United.....	1,040.57
Unity.....	350.00
Verdella.....	515.36
Victory - K.C.....	1,128.39
Victory - Alton.....	283.08
Waynesville 1st.....	230.97
West Plains 1st.....	577.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	223.71
Wolf Creek.....	368.25
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$37,853.74</b>

## SHOW-ME PLAN

Aulsbury Chapel.....	\$150.00
Belton.....	105.00
Belton Ladies Aux.....	15.00
Berean.....	30.00
Berry, R.....	15.00
Bethel - El Dorado.....	201.45
Bethel - Festus.....	25.00
Big Creek.....	55.00
Bishop, B.J.....	15.00
Black Oak.....	30.00
Bourbon.....	15.00
Buffalo 1st.....	60.00
Buxton, G.....	30.00
Cabool.....	135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo.....	105.00
Calvary Fellowship.....	2,586.00
Central.....	373.00
Chism, B.....	5.00
Chism, B.....	5.00
Chrisman, M.....	30.00
Columbia.....	45.00
Copper Mines.....	30.00
Copper Mines - Hi Teen, Teen, Jr.....	15.00
Copper Mines - Young Adult Class.....	15.00
Darnell, W.....	15.00
Darnell, W.....	15.00
DeSoto 1st.....	400.00
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class.....	15.00
DeSoto - Young Adult S.S. Class.....	45.00
Eastern Gate - WAC.....	20.00
Eastern Gate - WAC.....	20.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.....	60.00
Farmington 1st.....	705.00
Farmington 1st.....	300.00
Farmington 1st.....	765.00
Fellowship.....	852.39
Fordland.....	125.00
Fourth.....	210.00
Francis, N.....	15.00
Fred Harris.....	45.00
Fredericktown 1st.....	150.00
Freeman Chapel.....	540.00
Garrett, R.....	15.00
Gospel Light.....	675.00
Gospel Light.....	675.00
Grace.....	431.00
Grant Avenue.....	315.00
Greenfield.....	180.00
Hannibal - WNAC.....	15.00
Hannon.....	1,012.06
Happy Hill.....	15.00
Harmony.....	34.00
Houston 1st.....	213.00
Hurryville.....	300.00
Hurryville - Senior Adult Class.....	16.00
Jackson.....	30.00
James Barker.....	15.00

James Cartee.....	15.00
Janet Bowers.....	180.00
Jones Chapel.....	435.00
Joplin 1st.....	312.70
Lebanon 1st.....	75.00
Lebanon F.W.B.....	30.00
Liberty - Gatewood Youth.....	15.00
Liberty - Gatewood Youth.....	15.00
Macedonia Aux.....	1,000.00
Maggart, D.....	45.00
Merl's Chapel.....	150.00
Mill Creek.....	90.00
Mill Creek - Young Adult S.S. Class.....	15.00
Mine La Motte.....	45.00
Missouri State Woman's Aux.....	554.42
Monett 1st.....	218.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer.....	30.00
Neil, R.....	45.00
Neosho 1st.....	195.00
New Home - Hartville.....	150.00
New Home - Lebanon.....	45.00
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	75.00
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	75.00
New Life - Licking.....	88.85
New Testament.....	15.00
Noel, D.....	15.00
Oak Grove - Houston.....	15.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	193.00
Ozark 1st.....	15.00
Parkview - Desloge.....	313.88
Parson, O.....	15.00
Pinkerton, J.....	45.00
Pleasant Hill.....	30.00
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove.....	45.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana.....	50.00
Purdy.....	180.00
Rachel Wilson.....	15.00
Richardson, O.....	15.00
Richwoods.....	52.50
Rock Chapel.....	300.00
Rogers, F.....	15.00
Royal Oak.....	120.00
Ruble, N.....	45.00
Ruble, L.....	45.00
Sharon Graham.....	15.00
South Fremont.....	110.00
Springfield 1st.....	575.00
Trinity.....	480.00
Union Light.....	120.00
United - West Plains.....	300.00
Unity.....	75.00
Verdella.....	875.36
Viburnum.....	95.00
Victory - K.C.....	225.00
Walker, H. Jr.....	15.00
West Plains 1st.....	210.00
White, R.....	15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	85.00
Willow Springs 1st.....	150.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$21,187.61</b>

## FOREIGN MISSIONS - DESIGNATED

Calvary Fellowship.....	\$252.33
Cape Girardeau.....	150.00
Cape Girardeau.....	200.00
Central.....	20.00
Chapman, A.....	20.00
Farmington 1st.....	25.00
Farmington 1st.....	25.00
Fordland.....	5.00
Grant Avenue.....	51.00
Greenfield.....	10.00
Harmony Fellowship - CO.....	182.00
Joplin 1st.....	135.00
Lewis, D.....	10.00
Merl's Chapel.....	50.00
Minor, K.....	10.00
Neosho 1st.....	20.00
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	20.00
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	20.00
New Testament.....	120.00
Oak Grove - Mtn. Grove.....	75.10
Ozark 1st.....	25.00
Southern Hills.....	53.02
Thayer.....	320.00
Trinity.....	581.57
Union Light.....	10.00
Viburnum.....	10.00
Victory - K.C.....	65.00
Waynesville 1st.....	50.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$2,515.02</b>

## STATE HOME MISSIONS

Belton.....	\$25.50
Calvary Fellowship.....	1,250.47
Central.....	35.00
DeSoto 1st.....	50.00
DeSoto 1st - Children's Church.....	20.00
Faith - Chandler, IN.....	25.00
Farmington.....	125.00

Farmington 1st.....	5.00
Gospel Light.....	40.00
Gospel Light.....	40.00
Grace.....	40.00
Grant Avenue.....	10.00
Harmony - K.C.....	5.00
James Mullen.....	170.00
Jerrie Wormington.....	30.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	315.00
Macedonia.....	50.00
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	65.00
Ozark 1st.....	291.75
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana.....	20.00
Richard White.....	10.00
Thayer.....	45.00
Trinity.....	10.00
Union Light.....	51.00
United.....	25.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$2,763.72</b>

## NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Belton.....	\$25.50
Bethel - Festus.....	25.00
Buffalo 1st.....	50.00
Calvary Fellowship.....	473.98
Cape Girardeau.....	225.00
Cape Girardeau.....	300.00
Central.....	10.00
Chapman, A.....	20.00
Cornerstone.....	10.00
Crossland, M.....	5.00
DeSoto 1st.....	623.00
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class.....	10.00
Farmington 1st.....	100.00
Farmington 1st.....	5.00
Farmington 1st.....	10.00
Fordland.....	25.00
Grace.....	110.00
Grant Avenue.....	131.11
Hannon.....	397.24
Harmony Fellowship - Colorado.....	200.00
Hoggard, J.....	10.00
Houston 1st.....	45.00
J.W. Rader.....	20.00
Jackson.....	30.00
Joplin 1st.....	20.00
King, B.....	10.00
Lebanon F.W.B.....	5.00
Macedonia Auxiliary.....	6,100.00
Monett 1st.....	91.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	25.00
Neosho 1st.....	60.00
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
New Home - Lebanon.....	90.00
New Testament.....	280.00
Oak Grove - Mtn. Grove.....	37.55
O'Fallon.....	65.00
Ozark 1st.....	105.00
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove.....	99.65
Richwoods.....	69.00
Rock Chapel.....	60.80
South Fremont.....	15.00
Thayer.....	227.00
Thebeau, B.....	5.00
Trinity.....	25.00
Union Light.....	85.00
United.....	150.00
Unity.....	50.00
Viburnum.....	51.00
Victory - K.C.....	55.00
Waynesville 1st.....	50.00
West Plains 1st.....	105.00
White, R.....	10.00
Wolf Creek.....	75.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$10,891.83</b>

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Grant Avenue.....	\$1.00
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## BLUE SPRINGS FWB CHURCH

Verdella (In Memory of Orville Foger).....	\$668.00
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## MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP

Hannon.....	\$15.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	10.00
Niangua.....	20.00
Buffalo 1st.....	50.00
Thayer.....	45.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store.....	195.00
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
Trinity.....	14.00
Cabool.....	10.00
West Plains 1st.....	25.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	10.00
Ozark 1st.....	10.00
DeSoto 1st.....	50.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$464.00</b>

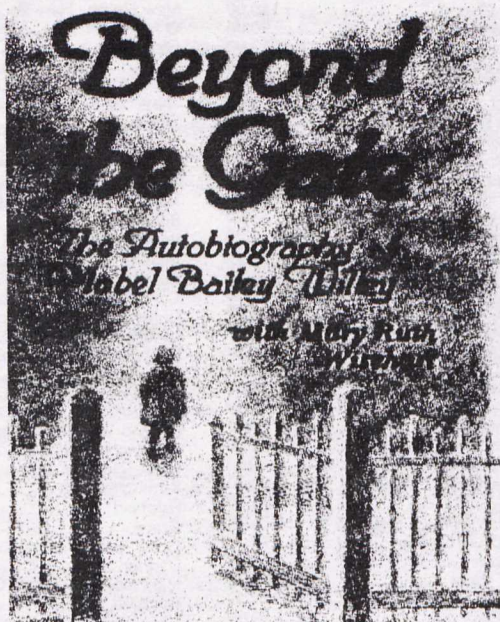
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Farmington 1st.....	\$152.61
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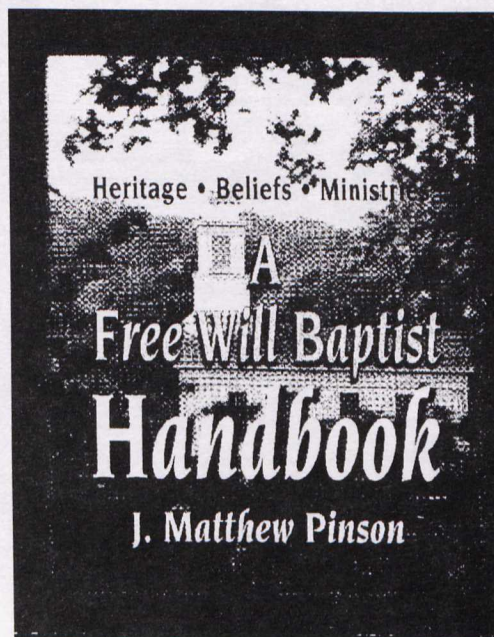
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Verdella.....103.07  
Farmington 1st.....152.61  
**TOTAL.....\$498.29**

#### HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Hannon .....\$50.00  
Farmington 1st.....94.80  
Thayer.....50.00  
Neosho 1st .....60.00  
Grant Avenue.....8.00  
Joplin 1st .....75.00  
Fordland.....5.00  
Victory .....116.42  
Farmington 1st.....94.80  
Farmington 1st.....25.00  
**TOTAL.....\$579.02**

#### CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington 1st.....\$52.62  
Farmington 1st.....52.62  
**TOTAL.....\$105.24**

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Monett 1st .....\$35.00  
Thayer.....5.00  
New Home - Hartville .....10.00

Central Western WAC.....30.00  
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Belton .....50.00  
Unity .....10.00  
DeSoto 1st.....120.00  
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DeSoto 1st.....\$50.00  
Farmington 1st.....20.00  
**TOTAL .....\$70.00**

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