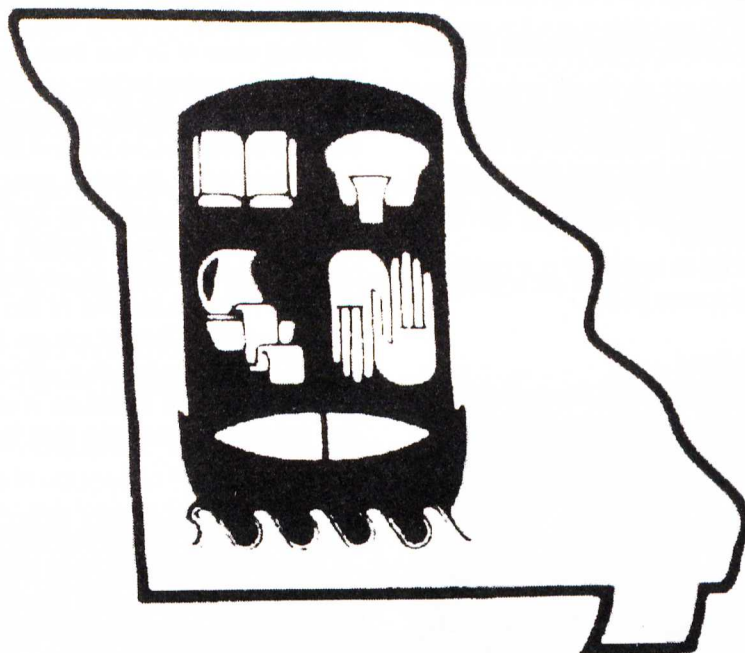


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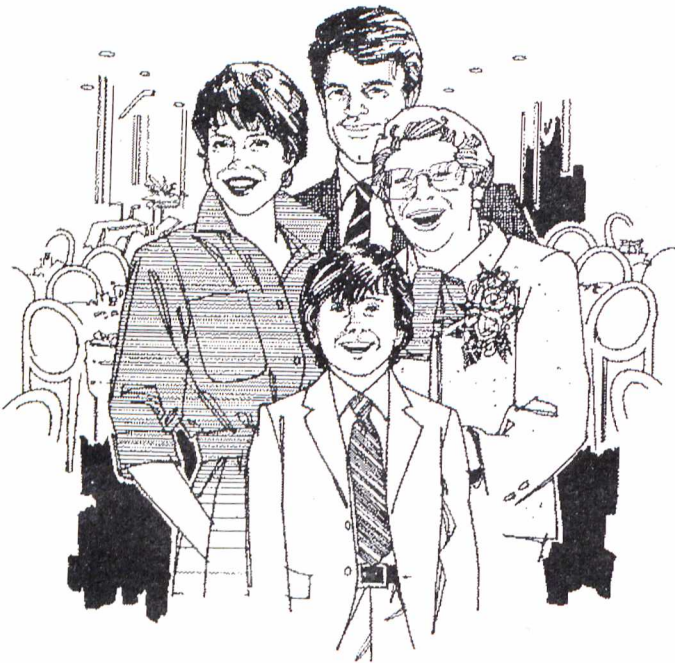
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# **TOGETHER**

**1914**

...stand fast in one  
spirit, with one mind  
striving together for  
the faith of the gospel;  
Phil. 1:27



# How You Can Have a Happy New Year

By Spiros Zodhiates

**A**s we turn to a new year, how many of us in a pensive moment may wish we had an opportunity to start all over again?

## ***If We Could Go Back to Do it Over, What Would Be Our First Priority?***

Let us suppose that we could go back and start over the year just concluded. What would we choose to do first, giving it priority status? What would be that one thing that we would work for above everything else? Would it be more education, more fame, more money?

A very appropriate time for us to consider our past and our future is at the beginning of a new year.

## ***Avoiding the Mistakes of the Past***

Few of us can claim that we have not made mistakes which we would like to remedy in the days to come. No mistakes of the past, no matter how great they were, should at any time make any of us give up the hope and the effort for a better tomorrow with fewer mistakes.

## ***Keep on in Spite of Mistakes***

Let us imitate a violinist. If he somehow misses a note, he does not throw his violin away. He finishes his piece with the determination that when he plays it again, he will avoid that mistake.

A famous artist was asked the question, "Which has been your greatest work?" His immediate answer was, "My next one."

An artist at the very zenith of his fame was heard lamenting, "It's too bad that I have failed." A friend of his asked

him why he thought so, and he answered, "Because I have lost the hope of improvement." He was right. Only the person who has lost hope of improvement should consider himself as having failed.

## ***The Future Ahead or Behind Us?***

In South America there is an Indian tribe which has a different view of failure than we do. Ordinarily we consider the past as being behind us and the future as being in front of us. These Indians, however, place their past in front of them and their future behind them. We should not attribute less intelligence to these people than we possess. They actually possess a deeper logic than we do. They consider that which they have already tasted and lived through as being in front of them as an example by which they may be taught. The tribulations of the past have become lessons for the future. That which we have thought as only a wise saying, they have made a philosophy of life. The future they see behind them because it is entirely unknown to them. The future is something that follows them; it does not precede them.

## ***New Opportunities Are Better Than Past Ones***

It is impossible for us to relive the past year. This, however, does not mean that the opportunities of last year were better than the opportunities that we shall have this year. In reality, this will depend on us. Let us not waste our time and energy weeping over what we lost; instead let us think on what we may gain in the future. Let us not lament over what we are not, but let us consider seriously that which we may become. That which lies ahead may shine far brighter than that which lies behind us.

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# CAMP NIANGUA PROGRESS REPORT

By Ron Blanks



**Tabernacle Construction Underway**

for construction work to begin.

In mid-October our building contractor moved several tons of crushed rock onto the building sight. This rock will serve as the base for the concrete slab. At the same time he ordered the steel for our building. These materials are scheduled to arrive the first week of January.

After a few delays, construction on the new tabernacle is scheduled to begin on December 6. The contractor will then start digging the footing, setting the forms, stubbing the plumbing and pouring the slab. We are all very anxious to see this part of the work begin.

When the contractor finishes his work the outer shell of the building will be completed with all exterior doors and windows installed. We will then begin the inside finish work. We know this approach will take us longer to complete the work, but the board felt this was the wisest use of the Lord's money.

**What can an individual or church do to help make this project a success?**

Three things:

1. **PRAY** for the camp board as we direct the work. We need wisdom from the Lord to make right decisions concerning the building.

2. **SUPPORT** the project financially. We are now in the process of raising \$100,000 in addition to the \$40,000 given by the State Association and the loan of \$160,000 from the conference center fund. At the last report we had received over \$33,000 toward our \$100,000 goal. Thanks to each of you who have already given, and to you who plan to give.

3. **VOLUNTEER** to give of your time, talent and labor as we join together to finish the building. Some have already given several hours of their time and energy toward this project. We certainly do appreciate the help of Brother Brent Smith. He attends the First FWB Church in Springfield, and has been a great asset to our camp.

In the next few months we will be issuing calls for help to men, women and young people throughout the state. Please answer the call and join us as we seek to finish this great work of the Lord!



**Clearing the New Ball Field**

Some exciting events have taken place at Camp Niangua since the end of the camp season this past August. In late September the excavation contractor moved his heavy equipment to the camp and started moving dirt and rocks. A few days later, when the dust settled, the land for the new ball field had been cleared, leveled and ready to topsoil. The site for the new tabernacle multi-purpose building was also leveled, compacted and ready



**The Reason for Building**

*The nicest thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.*



# Harvest Sunday At Trinity FWB In Bridgeton

By Melba Burch

The annual Harvest Sunday was observed at Trinity FWB Church in Bridgeton on November 21st. Our practice is to have a guest speaker with a special offering going to their cause. Today's guests were Brother Nathan and Sister Judy Ruble. Brother Nathan serves as Executive Secretary for Missouri Free Will Baptists. Special offerings were designated for Home Missions and the Youth Camp Tabernacle Development Fund.

During the Sunday school hour, the adults met in the sanctuary to hear Brother Ruble speak about Home Missions and the Youth Camp project. He also brought the message in the morning worship hour. The theme for our service was on missions and giving thanks. There was a choral worship and drama, *"They Will Know Us By Our Love"* directed by Brother Gary Walls.

At noontime, we enjoyed a Harvest Sunday meal featuring turkey, dressing and gravy. Families brought potluck to accompany the meal. It was a wonderful time of dining and fellowship. After the meal, we gathered for a period of questions and answers about our state work led by Brother Ruble.

Harvest Sunday '99 left us with thankful hearts for having the Rubles with us, in singing praises, hearing the Word preached, and learning about what is going on in our state. Rev. Lynn Davenport pastors the church.

## Bible College Welcome Days Enrolls 261

Free Will Baptist Bible College's fall Welcome Days attracted 261 visitors from 82 churches in 18 states, according to Stewart-Allen Clark, Assistant director of Enrollment Management. This includes 196 prospective students and 65 sponsors.

Mr. Clark considers the fall Welcome Days a success. He says, "Compared to last fall, more churches than ever were represented. A special thanks goes to all sponsors who sacrificed their time and efforts to expose their young people to FWBBC."

States represented by the most visitors were Illinois (26), Tennessee (23), and North Carolina (22). There was a tie for the largest church group between Peace FWB Church (Granite City, IL), and Maple Lane FWB Church (St. Mary's, WV) with eight from each.

Bible College alumnus Brian Tippet, youth pastor at Peace FWB Church, Wilson, NC, spoke in chapel. Visitors also got a preview of the proposed new campus to be completed by fall 2002.

Visitors watched the Flames score an impressive 85-82 victory over Oakwood College (AL) in front of a standing-room only Welcome Days crowd. Student Body President Darin Miles' 3-pointer with 2.6 seconds left in overtime was the margin of victory. Miles led FWBBC in scoring with 30 points.

A Hawaiian-style luau on Friday night wrapped up an action-packed weekend. Several visiting seniors turned in applications for admission before leaving the campus on Saturday morning.

The spring Welcome Days at FWBBC is scheduled for March 23-25, 2000. For information, call 1-800-76-FWBBC.

## Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

In reading a recent issue of the Non-Profit Board Report, new research reveals an important insight: "Having a worthy cause isn't enough to win donor support anymore." They found that givers have become more sophisticated and hold higher expectations of non-profits. Gone are the days when donors gave generously and trusted that the non-profits used their money wisely. In fact, 79% of the respondents said they expect non-profits to be more accountable than ever as to how donations are spent. And they have good reason, with scandals rocking many non-profits this past decade.

We, at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, have a worthy cause—of that there is no doubt. We account to a regional Board of Trustees quarterly and to the Oklahoma State Association annually, and have our books audited by an independent accounting firm. Our records reveal that the money given is used wisely and where specified. We want to be good stewards of all that God has blessed us with.

However, our greatest asset and area of responsibility, as a college, is to our students. Our purpose is to teach and train them to be all they can be for God and to make a difference for Him in this world. Our faculty and staff are committed to doing this as well. We have a record enrollment of 330+ students at this time, with about one fourth of them preparing for full-time Christian service. Some of our students have been saved, some called to the ministry on our campus (two recent ones are Zach Archer and Josh Harris) and many who have committed to a closer walk with God. All of our students, regardless of their profession, are challenged to make a difference for Christ. Hillsdale is true to its mission and is worthy of our best support.

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 1-405-912-9004.

In Christ,  
Carl Cheshier

*A person with a closed mind can get by nicely if he keeps his mouth closed, too.*





# Minister's Retreat

March 20 - 22, 2000

Stonecroft Conference Center  
Branson, Missouri

## Speaker

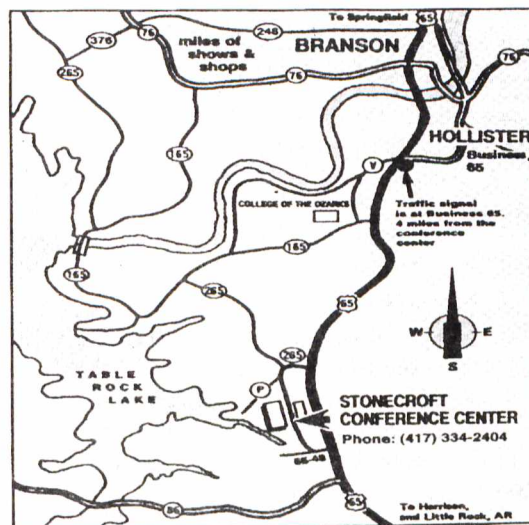
Dr. Jack Williams has pastored churches in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee; served as Academic Dean of California Christian College; and has served in various state positions. Since 1977, he has served as editor of *Contact* magazine, Convention Coordinator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and Executive Assistant to the Executive Secretary. Brother Jack is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and holds a Ph.D from Baptist University in Shreveport, Louisiana.

## Cost

Double Occupancy - \$70.00 per person (Cost includes two nights lodging, five meals and two snacks.)

## Directions

Approximately 45 miles south of Springfield, Missouri, on Highway 65 (four miles south of Branson), turn right on 265 and stay left one mile to center.



DIRECTIONS

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to room with \_\_\_\_\_

**A \$20 non-refundable deposit is required for each person.** Please return this registration from to: Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536. Registration forms must arrive at the state office on or before the 10th of March.

*Note: Minister's wives are welcome to accompany their husbands.*





## Greetings From Seoul, Korea

Dear Faith Partner for Christ:

I wish you and your church a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of 2000. I send warm greetings from Korea, the Land of Morning Calm in this holiday season.

1999, the last year of the 20th century will soon be ended. We feel that time flies so fast. I thank you very much for your prayers and support.

Since my wife and I were appointed as missionaries for Free Will Baptists on December 10, 1998, God has given us many blessings for our mission work for the past year:

1. 20 ministers enlisted and 10 churches have joined Free Will Baptists.

2. After visiting China on October 2-8, there are new mission possibilities in North Korea and China.

3. We contracted a church building to establish a Free Will Baptist Bible Institute with the support of FWB Foreign Missions for \$350,000.

The year 2000, the first year of the new millennium, will be such a meaningful year for these reasons:

1. We are hopeful to have 30 Free Will Baptist ministers and churches.

2. The establishment of a Free Will Baptist National Association of Korea.

3. The training of faithful Christian workers at the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in order to take the Gospel to Asia and the rest of the world in the 21st century.

In order for the Gospel to be taken to Korea and Asia in 2000, more prayers and support are needed. I would like to ask you to stand with us for our Free Will Baptist missions continuously.

May the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your church.

From Seoul, Korea  
Your missionaries,

Dr. John and Mrs. Esther Chang

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## H i g h l i g h t s

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for your faithful prayers for us. Please rejoice and celebrate with us this week! This Sunday, 12-12, we will be officially organizing the 2nd Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas (Sao Jose neighborhood). We will be voting on our by laws and a board that will represent the church before the Brazilian government. This is a very exciting next step for the establishment of a self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating church here in Brazil.

We continue to thank the Lord for His ministry in our midst and for the lives that have been transformed. Mary and the ladies had the first Baby Shower in the church for Adriana on Sunday. We expect the first baby of the new millennium and new church to be born sometime in late January. Since we are in the middle of summer here in Brazil, sometimes the summer slump in church attendance creeps up on us, but thankfully the Lord is teaching our people faithfulness. Please keep praying for the Christmas presentation on Dec. 19th and for our new converts, Roberto, Rosana and Elvira.

Please be in special prayer for Mary and I as have an important meeting on Wednesday night. Thanks for remembering our girls in your prayers too. They are looking forward to the upcoming Christmas break.

In HIM,

Curt Holland

**Resolve to support the Show-me plan in this new millennium. Together we will make a difference. Shares are just \$15 per month.**



# MISSOURI STATE RETIREMENT PROGRAM

In order for a pastor, associate pastor, or full-time youth minister to participate in the Missouri Retirement Program, the church he is serving must support the Missouri State Cooperative Program with the full 10% of its regular tithes and offerings. This ministry is funded through cooperative giving. (The associate pastor and/or full-time youth minister must receive his salary from the church as a full-time employee.) The individual must also enroll with the Board of Retirement & Insurance in Nashville, Tennessee. The enrollment fee is \$10.00. This may be paid through the State Office, but it goes to the Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement & Insurance.

A Retirement Pension Enrollment Form supplied by the State Office shows the three plans for participation in the program..

Plan 1 is defined as Full Employer participation with the church contributing at least 5% of the base salary. A \$25,000 term life insurance policy is mandatory with this plan. The premiums are deducted from the employer contributions.

Plan 2 is defined as an Individual Plan with the employer or the individual contributing at least 3% of the base salary. The term life insurance is optional for Plan 2.

Plan 3 is an introductory plan. The individual or the employer contributes at least \$ 10.00 per month. The life insurance is not available with this plan.

Tax Deferred Contribution information: Only 25% of base salary is allowed for total tax deferred contributions. The 25% includes both Salary Reduction Agreement (SRA) ( this SRA form may be obtained from the State Office or the Board of Retirement & Insurance) and employer (church) contributions. Base salary is taxable income which excludes benefits such as housing allowance. Ministers may include compensation for honorariums, revival offerings, etc.. Older ministers may, under certain circumstances, exceed the 20% by completing a form.

A new SRA may be filed once in any 12 month period. It is not retroactive. Increases may not be credited prior to the date of signature.

It is a member's responsibility to maintain and keep accurate records for tax liability and reports to IRS. It is recommended that you keep all SRA forms, semiannual statements, and correspondence, and that you seek competent counsel in all tax matters.

All tax deferred contributions are subject to income taxes the year of withdrawal or distribution. Early withdrawals may be subject to an added 10% penalty. At retirement, distributions for ordained members may be designated housing allowance and tax free (determined by current IRS regulations). Distributions from tax deferred funds to unordained spouses are subject to taxes.

Twice each year, shortly following January 1 and July 1, the Board of Retirement & Insurance, who holds the money in trust, disburses the amount stated by the Missouri State Association to the account of the participant. Presently the amount is \$350.00. Before this transfer is made the treasurer of the local church is asked to sign a form, sent from the State Office, stating that the church has supported the Missouri State Cooperative Program with the full 10% of its regular tithes and offerings.

There are several options at retirement. Space will not permit including all of this information. Please do not hesitate to call, write, or come by for any help that is needed.



The Chuck Lotz family is moving to Colorado to begin their mission ministry. Please undergird this family with your prayers and financial support.

## New Year's Resolutions

**Resolved, to live with all my might while I do live.**

**Resolved, never to lose one moment of time, to improve it in the most profitable way I can.**

**Resolved, never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another.**

**Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge.**

**Resolved, never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.**

Jonathan Edwards



## **(Happy New Year from page 4)**

### ***The Fear of the Unknown***

A young boy was sent by his mother to a place where he had not been before. The little fellow, however, did not want to reveal that in reality he was afraid to go into the unknown. Isn't it true that we are often too proud to show that we are afraid of the future? We want to hide our real feelings. Our moral stature is frequently gauged by how we try to subdue our real feelings which make us afraid. According to the Scriptures, a characteristic of greatness is humility and confession of our weaknesses.

The little boy hesitated to leave home on the errand and lingered at the door. Turning to his mother, he said, "You know mother, where you're asking me to go is pretty far. I don't know the way. It's a new road. I'm not really afraid, but if you could come with me for just even part of the road, it would be great."

The mother could easily see that the boy was really disturbed. She said to him, "Mother will come with you not only part of the way, but all the way." She took, hold of his little hand and together they started on the way. The fear in the heart of the little boy was replaced by a song on his lips.

### ***The Companionship of One Stronger Than Us***

Let us do something similar as we leave the old year and welcome the new. Let us lay our pride aside and confess that our greatest need is the companionship of someone who is stronger than we are. We need someone who is familiar with the road of the future. That someone who is stronger and knowledgeable is the Lord Jesus Christ.

### ***Christ's Promise to Be With Us Is Conditional***

The mother of the little boy volunteered to go with him, but would the Lord Jesus Christ consent to walk with us no matter who we are and where we want to go? There are two things that cannot co-exist: man's sinfulness and God's holiness. No matter how hard we try, we can never mix water and oil. The same God who created two substances which cannot mix in the physical world also created spiritual values that cannot mix.

We are conscious of the need of God, But . . . ! Let us be honest and confess it—we are sinners. In reality, what in our subconscious we want to do is to bring God down to our own pathway. We don't want to walk on God's road but we want Him to walk with us where we are and where we want to go.

The basic reason why God, in essence was spirit, became man was that He could walk with us, live among us and give us the privilege of His redemption by dwelling in us and walking with us. "And the word became flesh and dwelt among us," or better still, as the Greek preposition *en* really means, *in us* (John 1:1a, 14a).

Jesus Christ, being God, is holy. We are sinners. In coming to earth He did not cease to be God, but in addition to His Godhead, He took upon Himself flesh without becoming sinful. He did not come to earth in order to appropriate our sinful ways, but simply took upon Himself the flesh of our sinful nature in order to suffer the consequence of His sin-bearing death on the cross in order to redeem us from that sin. He knew that the only way whereby He could con-

sent to walk with us was to become like us that we might be holy like Him. A holy God can only walk with the man who has been redeemed through Jesus Christ for then they can walk in agreement and holiness. This unity of spirit can only come through our consent to the change that He came to make in us.

### ***Jesus Redeems Us First and Then Condescends to Walk With Us***

The fact that Jesus Christ was not willing to walk with us in our sinfulness but must change us first is demonstrated by the message which John the Baptist brought as recorded in Mark 1:4: "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins." We must first repent and receive the remission of our sins for God, in the person of the Lord Jesus, to consent to walk with us all the way. John the Baptist did not baptize people without first preaching to them that baptism is something which is demonstrative of the inner repentance by man and forgiveness by God. He has given us absolute guarantee of the forgiveness of sins but repentance is our duty. In case of our refusal to repent, we have also an unfailing promise: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

### ***The Greatest Need in Our Lives***

What is the greatest need in our lives? It is the repentance from our sins.

As a result of the sin of Adam, we are all born sinful: "All Have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

The greatest consideration for every one of us as we turn to a new year is to reflect on whether we are truly saved or not.

A little girl who had just received Jesus Christ as her Savior was asked what is repentance? She thought for a few moments and then gave a very wise answer: "Before I was saved I tried to please myself, and I was not at all sorry for my sins. Really, I did not consider myself at all sinful. Since I found Christ it is Him that I try to please the most."

Let us adopt this little girl's philosophy of life, and the future will be brighter.

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**February  
is State Home  
Mission's  
Month**



## Sunday School Averages June 1999 - November 1999

The above is only a partial listing- there are 184 Free Will Baptist Churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in their Sunday School average each month.

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# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Cooperative Disbursements

<b>November 1999</b>	<b>\$56,305.89</b>
18.50% Home Missions Bd	10,416.59
17.50% Executive Office	9,853.53
3.00% General Fund	1,689.18
.50% Show-Me Plan	281.52
8.50% Youth Camp Bd	4,786.00
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd	1,407.65
2.50% C. E. Board	1,407.65
2.50% Senior Adult Bd	1,407.65
9.00% MO Retirement	5,067.53

30.50%

National Ministries, Hillsdale and California Christian College	\$ 17,173.30
Foreign Missions Board	
National Home Missions Bd	
Same Allocation	
FWBBC	
Hillsdale FWBC	
Executive Department	
Layman's Board	
Radio & TV Commission	
Theological Commission	
Historical Commission	
Board of Retirement	
1.00% California Christian	
College (\$171.73) included in	\$17,173.30

5.00% Conference Center Fund	\$2,815.29
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Total \$56,305.89

## Co-op

Amity	\$253.37
Aulsbury Chapel	\$357.37
Bailey	\$230.00
Bailey Chapel	\$275.00
Belton	\$239.25
Berean	\$50.00
Bethel - El Dorado Spgs	\$77.89
Black Oak	\$416.36
Buffalo 1st	\$100.00
Buffalo 1st	\$100.00
Cabool 1st	\$261.22
Cabool 1st	\$337.84
Calvary Chapel	\$1,110.95
Cape Girardeau 1st	\$237.44
Carthage	\$291.67
Central	\$970.04
Christ Chapel	\$253.35
Clifton	\$68.82
Columbia	\$205.73
Copper Mines	\$450.16
Cornerstone - Mt. Grove	\$408.97
Crossroads - Wentzville	\$908.00
Cuba	\$748.00
DeSoto 1st	\$800.00
Emmanuel	\$60.42
F & H - Aurora	\$76.25
Faith & Hope - Wil. Spgs	\$40.00
Farmington 1st	\$3,038.20
Farmington 1st	\$2,934.96
Fellowship - Park Hills	\$1,000.00
Fordland	\$940.61
Fourth	\$254.30
Fredericktown 1st	\$346.00
Freeman Chapel	\$461.00
Friendship - Kirbyville	\$749.47
Grace - Arnold	\$1,367.00
Grant Avenue	\$1,337.00
Hannibal	\$284.00
Hannon	\$977.26
Harmony - Parkville	\$593.00
Hartville	\$990.00
Hopewell	\$233.00
Houston 1st	\$401.02
Hurryville	\$494.35
Jackson	\$252.78
Joplin 1st	\$764.07
Koshkonong	\$196.00
Lead Hill	\$352.68
Lebanon	\$352.33
Lebanon 1st	\$940.75
Lone Star	\$59.90
Macedonia	\$88.35
Merls Chapel	\$126.70
Mill Creek	\$577.88
Mine LaMotte	\$58.15
Monett 1st	\$484.24
Mt. Pisgah	\$396.00
Mt. Zion - Gower	\$123.60
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$2,432.18
Myrtle	\$272.97
Neosho 1st	\$95.00
New Harmony	\$161.54
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$70.00
New Life - Licking	\$393.17
Niangua	\$192.00
North Five	\$138.00
Number One	\$88.15
Oak Grove - Mtn. Grove	\$277.95
O'Fallon 1st	\$790.00
Olivet	\$511.00
Overland	\$125.00
Ozark 1st	\$1,612.78
Park Hills 1st	\$995.42
Parkview	\$519.34
Pleasant Hill - Thayer	\$238.57
Pleasant Home	\$745.25
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$123.00
Potosi 1st	\$173.86
Republic	\$100.00
Rock Chapel	\$819.56
Rolla 1st	\$330.00
Royal Oak	\$139.00
Salem	\$90.00
Seymour	\$394.00
Smyrna	\$87.00
South Fremont	\$1,850.00
Springfield	\$249.00
Springfield 1st	\$1,237.70
St. Francois Dist. Ass'n	\$30.00
St. Peters	\$555.07
Stockton	\$182.92
Terrill Road	\$465.00
Thayer	\$1,313.00
Trinity - Bridgeton	\$1,182.83
Union Grove	\$504.00
Union Light	\$129.00
United	\$2,388.36
Unity - Lebanon	\$450.00
Verdella	\$658.60
Viburnum	\$442.59
Victory - Alton	\$395.83
Waynesville 1st	\$389.08
West Plains 1st	\$876.50
Willow Springs - Mtn. Gr	\$234.85
Wolf Creek	\$354.12
Total	\$56,305.89

## Show-Me Plan

Aulsbury Chapel	\$150.00
Barker, Rev. J.	\$15.00
Belton	\$150.00
Berean	\$30.00

Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado	\$185.78
Bethel - Festus	\$45.00
Big Creek	\$55.00
Bishop, B. J.	\$15.00
Black Oak	\$30.00
Blue Springs	\$502.49
Buffalo 1st	\$60.00
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Buxton, G.	\$30.00
Cabool	\$135.00
Cabool	\$135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	\$105.00
Carter, J.	\$15.00
Carthage	\$257.50
Carthage Aux.	\$250.00
Central	\$390.00
Chapel of the Ozarks	\$418.37
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Columbia	\$75.00
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines - Teen Classes	\$30.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult Class	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	\$344.00
Cuba	\$217.23
Darnell, W.	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$460.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.	\$60.00
Farmington 1st	\$930.00
Farmington 1st	\$825.00
Fellowship	\$1,037.02
Fordland	\$215.00
Fourth	\$210.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$150.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Gospel Light	\$735.00
Grace	\$448.40
Graham, S.	\$15.00
Grant Ave.	\$350.00
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannibal - WNAC	\$15.00
Hannon	\$1,177.26
Happy Hill	\$30.00
Harmony - Parkville	\$46.00
Harris, F.	\$45.00
Harris, F.	\$45.00
Hartville	\$195.00
Houston 1st	\$310.00
Hurryville	\$300.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class	\$16.00
Indian Creek Assn.	\$549.54
Indian Creek Aux.	\$112.50
Jackson	\$30.00
Jones Chapel	\$1,000.00
Joplin 1st	\$95.00
Joplin 1st	\$1,665.04
Joplin 1st Joy Harvesters	\$50.00
Leadington	\$210.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Lebanon F.W.B.	\$30.00
Macedonia - Purdy	\$4,933.50
Macedonia Aux.	\$1,000.00
Maggart, D.	\$45.00
Matthews, C.	\$55.00
Matthews, C.	\$55.00
Matthews, G.	\$350.00
Merl's Chapel	\$200.00
Merl's Chapel	\$250.00
Mill Creek	\$105.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S.C.	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$45.00
Missouri State Womans Aux.	\$1,278.40
Monett 1st	\$300.00
Monett 1st	\$475.13
Monett 1st Ladies Aux.	\$50.01
Mountain Grove 1st	\$850.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$100.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Neosho 1st	\$210.00
Neosho 1st	\$500.00
Neosho Aux.	\$500.01
New Harmony	\$807.73
New Home - Hartville	\$150.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$105.00
New Life - Licking	\$94.30
New Life - Monett	\$1,307.33
New Testament	\$15.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Houston	\$15.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$148.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Park Hills 1st	\$313.62
Parker, R.	\$35.00
Parkview - Desloge	\$311.17
Parson, O.	\$15.00
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Grove - Anderson	\$255.93
Pleasant Home	\$180.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$50.00
Purdy	\$920.50
Reagan, Jimmie	\$300.00
Richardson, O.	\$15.00
Richwoods	\$52.50
Rock Chapel	\$240.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble N.	\$35.00
South Fremont	\$385.00
Springfield 1st	\$515.00
St. Francois Dist. Assn.	\$53.70
St. Peters	\$150.00
Thayer	\$305.00
Thomas, E.	\$50.00
Trinity	\$555.00
Union Light	\$120.00
United - West Plains	\$1,204.90
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$1,028.60
Viburnum	\$95.00
Victory - Alton	\$395.83
Walker, H. Jr.	\$45.00
Waynesville 1st	\$321.25
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	\$85.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Total	\$38,739.54

## Foreign Missions

Cape Girardeau	\$95.00
Central	\$5.00
Cuba	\$36.20
Faith - St. Louis	\$26.50
Farmington 1st	\$25.00
Farmington 1st	\$25.00
Fordland	\$4.00
Gospel Light	\$60.00
Grant Ave.	\$96.00
Greenfield	\$10.00
Harmony Fellowship (CO)	\$296.00
Houston 1st	\$50.00
Joplin 1st	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$5.00
Neosho 1st	\$15.00
New Testament	\$70.00
Ozark 1st	\$25.00
Rock Chapel	\$35.00
Thayer	\$165.00
Trinity	\$355.56



Union Light ..... \$10.00  
Total ..... \$1,419.26

#### Nat'l Home Missions

Bailey - Alton ..... \$321.76  
Belton ..... \$49.00  
Carthage ..... \$80.00  
Carthage ..... \$85.83  
Carthage Auxiliary ..... \$83.33  
Chapel of the Ozarks ..... \$139.46  
DeSoto 1st ..... \$330.00  
F & H - Aurora ..... \$76.25  
Farmington 1st ..... \$185.00  
Farmington 1st ..... \$310.00  
Fordland ..... \$54.00  
Gospel Light ..... \$60.00  
Grace - Arnold ..... \$130.00  
Grant Avenue ..... \$174.70  
Hannon ..... \$596.36  
Harmony Fellowship ..... \$367.00  
Hartville ..... \$100.00  
Houston 1st ..... \$80.00  
Indian Creek District Ass'n. .... \$183.18  
Indian Creek District Aux ..... \$37.50  
Jackson ..... \$45.00  
Jerry Rader ..... \$20.00  
Jones Chapel ..... \$333.33  
Joplin 1st ..... \$240.00  
Joplin 1st ..... \$555.02  
Joplin 1st Joy Harvesters ..... \$16.66  
Macedonia ..... \$1,644.50  
Macedonia Auxiliary ..... \$100.00  
Merls Chapel ..... \$60.00  
Merls Chapel ..... \$83.34  
Monett ..... \$158.37  
Monett 1st ..... \$241.00  
Monett Auxiliary ..... \$16.66  
Mt. Pisgah ..... \$25.00  
Mtn. Grove 1st ..... \$80.00  
Myrtle ..... \$40.00  
Nathan Ruble ..... \$10.00  
Neosho 1st ..... \$25.00  
Neosho 1st ..... \$166.67  
Neosho 1st Auxiliary ..... \$166.66  
New Harmony ..... \$807.73  
New Home - Hartville ..... \$10.00  
New Life - Monett ..... \$435.78  
New Testament ..... \$150.00  
O'Fallon 1st ..... \$103.50  
Ozark 1st ..... \$15.00  
Park Hills 1st ..... \$343.54  
Pleasant Grove - Anderson ... \$85.31  
Pleasant Home ..... \$183.37  
Purdy ..... \$306.83  
Richwoods 1st ..... \$93.00  
Rock Chapel ..... \$89.45  
South Fremont ..... \$105.00  
Springfield ..... \$387.34  
St. Francois Dist. Ass'n. .... \$3,987.90  
Thayer ..... \$305.00  
Trinity - Bridgeton ..... \$55.00  
Union Light ..... \$96.00  
United ..... \$150.00  
United Youth Group ..... \$170.00  
Unity - Lebanon ..... \$50.00  
Verdella ..... \$10.00  
Viburnum ..... \$121.00  
West Plains 1st ..... \$359.00  
Wolf Creek ..... \$75.00

Total ..... \$15,965.33

#### State Home Missions

Belton ..... \$38.50  
Carthage ..... \$85.83  
Carthage Auxiliary ..... \$83.34  
Central ..... \$40.00

Chapel of the Ozarks ..... \$139.45  
Cuba ..... \$36.20  
DeSoto 1st ..... \$90.00  
DeSoto 1st Children's Ch ..... \$20.00  
Farmington 1st ..... \$110.00  
Farmington 1st ..... \$125.00  
Fellowship - Park Hills ..... \$135.00  
Gospel Light ..... \$60.00  
Grace - Arnold ..... \$40.00  
Indian Creek Dist. Ass'n. .... \$183.18  
Indian Creek Dist. Aux. .... \$37.50  
Jones Chapel ..... \$333.33  
Joplin ..... \$555.01  
Joplin Joy Harvesters ..... \$16.67  
Larry Wormington ..... \$30.00  
Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..... \$315.00  
Macedonia ..... \$1,644.50  
Merls Chapel ..... \$83.33  
Monett ..... \$158.38  
Monett Auxiliary ..... \$16.66  
Mtn. Grove 1st ..... \$25.00  
Neosho 1st ..... \$166.67  
Neosho 1st Auxiliary ..... \$166.66  
New Home - Hartville ..... \$10.00  
New Life ..... \$435.77  
O'Fallon 1st ..... \$78.50  
Ozark 1st ..... \$10.00  
Pleasant Grove ..... \$85.32  
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana ..... \$20.00  
Purdy ..... \$306.83  
Thayer ..... \$50.00  
United ..... \$25.00  
Waynesville 1st ..... \$50.00

Total ..... \$5,806.63

#### Youth Camp

Buffalo 1st ..... 100.00  
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove ..... 25.00  
Niangua ..... 20.00  
Mt. Pisgah ..... 15.00  
Hartville ..... 10.00  
Lebanon Bible & Book Store .. 195.00  
Cabool 1st ..... 20.00  
Thayer ..... 50.00  
Trinity ..... 14.00  
Hannon ..... 15.00  
New Home - Hartville ..... 10.00  
Ozark 1st ..... 10.00  
Willow Springs ..... 10.00  
Verdella ..... 10.00  
Mt. Grove 1st ..... 10.00  
DeSoto 1st ..... 55.00  
Park Hills 1st ..... 35.76

Total ..... \$604.76

#### Camp Development Fund

Houston 1st ..... 100.00  
Willow Springs ..... 10.00  
Belton ..... 3,000.00  
Harmony - Parkville ..... 35.00  
Monett 1st Women's Auxiliary 120.00  
West Plains 1st ..... 349.00  
David Bowers ..... 100.00  
Wolf Creek ..... 96.39  
Melba Burch ..... 40.00

Total ..... \$3,850.39

#### Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Book ..... 105.00  
Total ..... \$105.00

#### Senior Adult Ministries

Lebanon Bible & Book ..... 105.00  
Total ..... \$105.00

#### C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store .. 105.00

Total ..... \$105.00

#### Missouri State WAFC

Belton ..... 15.00

Total ..... \$15.00

#### Free Will Baptist Bible College

Farmington 1st ..... 264.00  
Thayer ..... 50.00  
Nathan Ruble ..... 15.00  
Verdella ..... 131.72  
DeSoto 1st ..... 40.00

Total ..... \$500.72

#### Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Farmington 1st ..... 180.00  
Thayer ..... 55.00  
Joplin 1st ..... 75.00  
Hannon ..... 50.00  
Neosho 1st ..... 70.00  
Grant Avenue ..... 10.00

Total ..... \$440.00

#### California Christian College

Farmington 1st ..... 156.00

Total ..... \$156.00

#### Missouri Retirement Program

Lebanon Bible & Book ..... 142.50

Total ..... \$142.50

#### Stewardship Commission

Lebanon Bible & Book ..... 225.00

Total ..... \$225.00

#### FWB Board of Retirement

Grant Avenue ..... 1.00

Total ..... \$1.00

#### Steve Smith

DeSoto 1st ..... 55.00  
Farmington 1st ..... 5.00

Total ..... \$60.00

#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

Myrtle ..... 3.00  
Hannon ..... 100.00  
New Hope - Fredericktown ..... 30.00  
Unity ..... 10.00  
Belton ..... 100.00  
DeSoto 1st ..... 55.00  
Fordland ..... 10.00  
Farmington 1st ..... 15.00

Total ..... \$323.00

#### Rev. John McClure

Gospel Light ..... 80.00  
Monett 1st ..... 35.00  
Thayer ..... 10.00  
Trinity ..... 20.00  
Mt. Grove 1st ..... 42.50  
Grace - Arnold ..... 15.00  
Garry Matthews ..... 150.00

Total ..... \$352.50

#### Denver Street School

Melanie Walker  
Verdella ..... 20.00

Total ..... \$20.00

#### North Carolina Flood Relief

New Life - Monett ..... 223.25

Total ..... \$223.25

#### Cornerstone FWB Church (Brian Brinkhoff)

New Testament ..... 10.00  
Carthage ..... 1085.84  
Carthage Auxiliary ..... 83.33  
Chapel of the Ozarks ..... 139.45  
Indian Creek District Ass'n. .... 183.17  
Indian Creek District Aux ..... 37.50  
Jones Chapel ..... 333.34  
Joplin 1st ..... 555.01  
Joplin 1st Joy Harvesters ..... 16.67  
Macedonia ..... 1644.50  
Merls Chapel ..... 83.33  
Monett ..... 158.37  
Monett Auxiliary ..... 16.67  
Neosho 1st ..... 166.66  
Neosho 1st Auxiliary ..... 166.67  
New Life - Monett ..... 435.77  
Pleasant Grove - Anderson ..... 85.31  
Purdy ..... 306.84

Total ..... \$5508.43

*Have you given to  
God all that the  
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allow?*





## 2000 Calendar

### Ministers Retreat

March 20 - 22, 2000

Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, MO

### State Youth Competitive Activities

May 5 - 6, 2000

### Senior Adult Retreat

#### Group I

May 15 - 17, 2000

#### Group II

May 17 - 19, 2000

Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, MO

### Missouri State Convention/

### Woman's Auxiliary Convention

June 5 - 7, 2000

1st FWB Church O'Fallon & Fort Zumwalt High School

### Youth Camp

Teen Camp, June 18 - 23, 2000

Pre - Teen Group 2, July 23 - July 28, 2000

Pre - Teen Group 1, July 30 - August 4, 2000

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

### Group 1

Greater Springfield

Indian Creek

Central Western

Mission

Cave Springs

Liberty

MO-ARK

Niangua

Laclede

### Group 2

Greater Kansas City

South Central

Northeast

St. Louis

St. Francois

Mid-Rivers

Bootheel

Northwest

### National Convention, NYC & WNAC

July 16 - 20, 2000

Anaheim, Calif.

### Missouri Women Active For Christ Retreat

August 18 - 19, 2000

Stonecroft Conference Center

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

September 11, 2000

Youth Camp, Niangua, MO

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