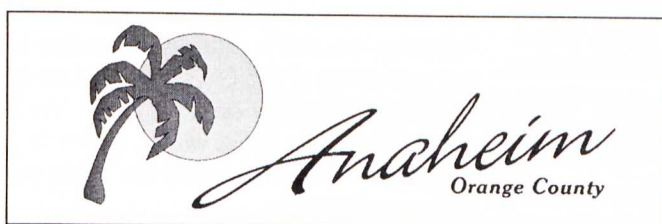


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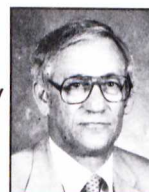
## National Association of Free Will Baptists

Anaheim, California  
July 16-20, 2000

Theme:  
*"Witnesses in the World"*



Winston Sweeney  
Tennessee



R. Edward Cook  
Arkansas



Doug King  
North Carolina



Tim Owen  
Florida



David Shores  
Illinois





## MOWAC NEWS

**M**issouri Women Active for Christ will meet Monday, June 5th at the First Free Will Baptist Church in O'Fallon. The theme for the 2000 meeting is "Transformed...", taken from Romans 12:2. Ken and Judy Bailey, Missionaries to Japan, will be

the missionary speakers.

Again this year local auxiliaries are asked to donate hand-crafted items. These will be sold to raise funds for hosting the 2004 National Convention. Also, Shirley Jackson will lead the state ladies in hosting a spaghetti supper on Tuesday evening at the O'Fallon Church. Tickets will be sold on Monday. The meal which will include spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and drinks will cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Pizza may also be available. Serving will start at 5:00 p.m. Money raised from this project will also be used for the 2004 National Convention.

Missouri Women Active for Christ, please pray that this state meeting will glorify the Lord and encourage each one who attends. As Free Will Baptist Women, we have a wonderful heritage because we have been "Transformed..."

*The MOWAC Executive Committee will meet after the Sunday evening worship service at the Trinity Church on June 4th. Final plans will be made for the MOWAC meeting the following day.*



## A Double Blessing

**T**he first Free Will Baptist Church in Ozark believes in sharing God's blessings. The church recently received the gift of a new van. They then decided to give their old fifteen passenger van to the mission church in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. In fact they went one step further, they had the name of the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church painted on the van before driving it to Poplar Bluff to surprise missionary Don Richmann. Shown in the photo is Ozark pastor Gary Mitchener presenting the keys of the van to Heritage pastor Don Richmann. Brother Don said that the van was in great shape and has been a great blessing to the mission church.



## First Student Missionaries to India

David Dodson, Missouri ministerial student at Free Will Baptist Bible College, will be one of the first two mission students to be sent to

India. Brother Carlisle Hanna, veteran missionary to India is very excited at the prospect of these students working with the school for young men that Free Will Baptists have in India as well as preaching in the churches.

They will be leaving May 22nd. The first five weeks will be spent teaching in the school. They will then move to the southern part of India for the last five weeks where they will be preaching in the churches and other preaching points in that area. A great opportunity to win souls and encourage the believers in India will be given to David. Please be in prayer for him, for not only are there many opportunities, but many dangers.

David, a senior ministerial student, is the son of Missouri pastor, Rev. Ken Dodson of Park Hills. He was elected Student Body Chaplin this last year and was also recently elected into the "Who's Who In American Colleges." He still has to raise one half of the \$3,000 cost for the trip to India. Those who would like to help may send donations to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department and designate it for the "David Dodson Mission Account."

## In Memory of Rev. William M. "Shorty" Austin

Rev. William M. Austin passed away on Saturday, January 22, 2000 in St. John's Regional Health Center in Springfield, Missouri at the age of 68. Brother Austin, known as "Shorty," was born on January 7, 1932 near St. George, Missouri, and was married in 1951 to Venita Faye Jones. They made their home on a dairy farm in Wright County.

Brother "Shorty" accepted Christ as his personal Savior in his late twenties and became a minister of the gospel in 1972. Through the years, he pastored several different churches in Wright, Texas and Laclede Counties, and had been serving as pastor of the Coon Creek Free Will Baptist Church until his health began to fail. He was devoted to his Master and his church and throughout his illness, prayed that he would be able to preach the gospel again.

He will be fondly remembered as a loving family man, a dedicated and concerned pastor, and a friend to all.

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# Senior Adult Retreat

Stonecroft Conference Center

**Session I      May 15 - 17**

**Session II     May 17 - 19**

Speakers:

**Nathan Ruble    Gary Sheets**  
**Gene Crewse    Jerry Norris**

Singers:

**The Keith Family**  
**Francis Simpson**

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone (    )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: Double      \$45:00 per person**

**All Others      \$40.00**

**\$10 per person desposit required**

We would like to attend: (Please check one)

☐ Session I - May 15 - 17

☐ No Preferecce

☐ Session II - May 17 - 19

☐ Both (If Space Available)

Staying with: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please send registration form to:*

**SENIOR ADULT MINSTRIES BOARD**

**2040 OSAGE ST.**

**LEBANON, MO 65536**



## “The DOVES”

United Free Will Baptist Church

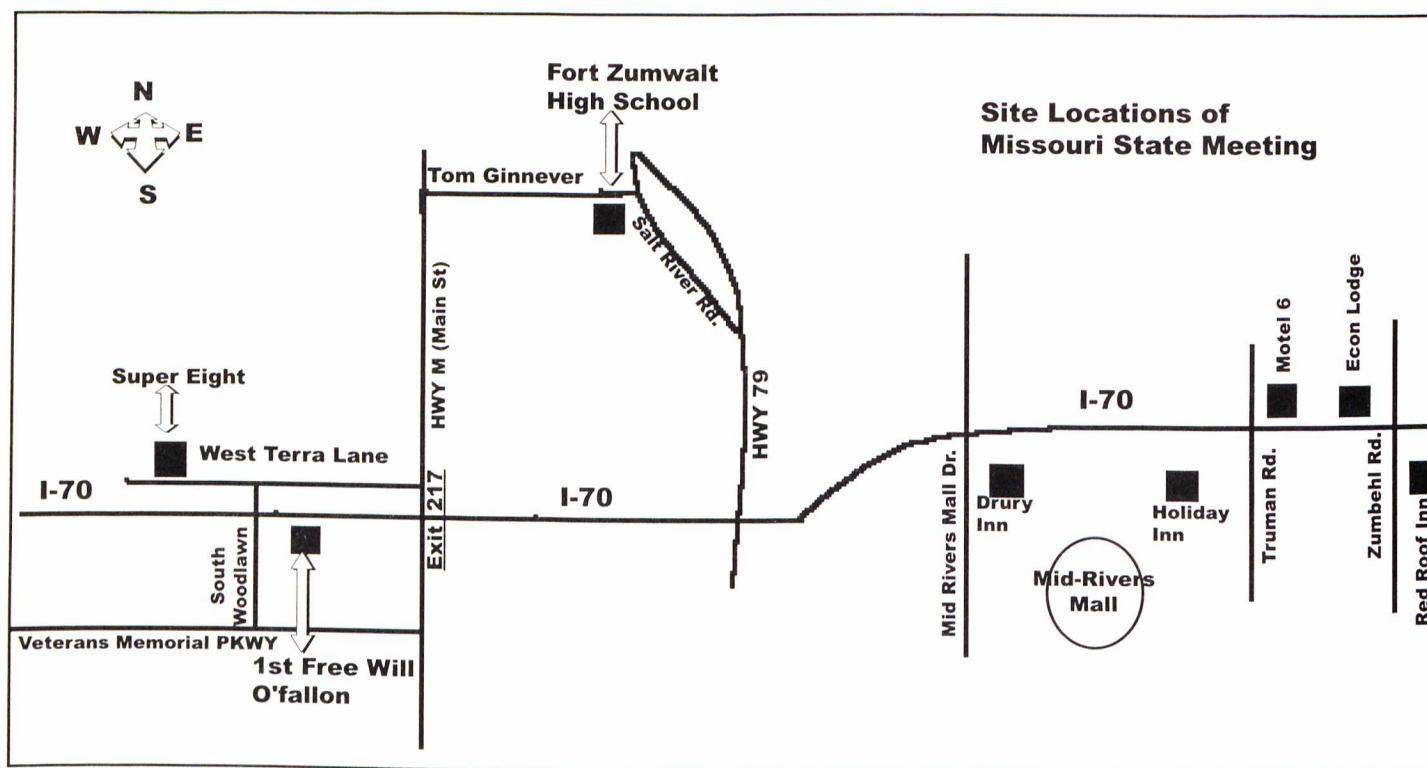
A new senior's group has been organized at the United Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains. Although the group has been together for quite some time and participates in the annual Senior Retreat each year, they had never officially organized until last October when they became known as “The DOVES.”

The acronym for DOVES is: D - dedicated; O - obedient; V - victorious, E - energetic; and S - saints. The feeling and prayer of all the DOVES is that these characteristics will be reflected in their everyday living for the Lord.

The following officers were elected for the group: President, Jim Lunyou; Vice President, Junior Brixley; and Secretary - Treasurer, Eudene Holt. Committees were also elected to plan

the programs, meals and trips.

The regular meetings are held on the third Thursday evening of each month. A cordial invitation is extended to any senior's groups throughout Missouri to “drop in for a visit.”



## Motel Information - State Meeting 2000

### Days Inn

2560 South Outer Road  
Lake St. Louis, MO (636) 625 1711  
Two Beds \$60.00  
One Bed \$44.00  
Make reservations as soon as possible-mention FWB convention  
*Continental Breakfast*

### Drury Inn

# 80 Mid Rivers Drive - St. Peters - @Mid Rivers Mall  
(800) 325-8300 ask to be connected to this Motel  
Two double Beds \$72.95  
One King size \$72.95  
Serving-Bagles, Donuts, Crumb Cake Muffins, Apple & Orange Juice, Skim Milk 2% Milk, Dry Cereal, Oatmeal & fresh fruit.  
Evening 5:30 p.m to 7:00 p.m Free soft drinks & snacks  
Bob Evans, Ruby Tuesday, Chili's, Olive Garden, Joe's Crab Shack

### Super Eight

987 West Terra Lane  
O'Fallon, MO 63366  
Phone (636)272-7272  
Two Queen Beds \$50.88 + tax  
One Bed \$46.88 + tax  
Continental Breakfast includes Doughnuts juice & coffee

### Motel Six

3800 Harry S. Truman Blvd  
St. Charles, MO.  
(636) 925-2020 One Bed \$41.99 Two Beds \$47.99

### Ramada Limited

1400 Continental Drive  
Wentzville, MO  
(636) 327-5515  
Continental Breakfast Toast, Doughnuts, three kinds of juice & coffee  
One Bed \$49.95  
Two Beds \$69.95  
\$10.00 off each room if ten rooms are reserved.

### Holiday Inn

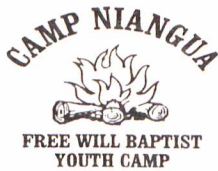
900 Corporate Pkwy.  
Wentzville, MO  
(636)327-7001  
One Bed \$79.00 —\$73.95 Corporate rate  
Two Beds \$79.00 - \$73.00 Corp. Rate Manager may give further discount if several rooms are reserved.

### Holiday Inn

4221 South Outer Road  
St. Peters, MO  
(636)928-1500  
One Bed \$64.00  
Two Beds \$64.00 Breakfast Buffett \$5.50

### Red Roof Inn

1-70 & Zumbuhl Road  
St. Charles  
(636)947-7770  
One Bed \$45.99 one person (two people \$50.99)  
Two Beds \$50.99 + tax  
*Bob Evans next door*



# PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

2000 SESSION  
CAMP NIANGUA FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP  
HCR - 83, BOX 22, NIANGUA, MO. 65713  
PHONE — (417) 473-6444



DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Please Print Name/Address Legibly

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FRIEND'S NO. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_ F.W.B. yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

If not F.W.B, What FW.B. church have you come with? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been treated by a physician within the past 6 months? \_\_\_\_\_ Brief nature of Treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you taking medication now? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have it with you? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you allergic to any medicine? \_\_\_\_\_

What medicine? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have allergies to weeds, pollen, insects, etc? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list what you are allergic to: \_\_\_\_\_

**All medication** must be dispensed by the Camp Medical Attendant and stored at the First Aid Center. Your medication will be dispensed according to the directions on the bottle or prescription. This is done to insure the safety of your child as well as the safety of others. Your cooperation is imperative!

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT** "I \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Legal guardian), by my signature below, hereby authorize the Youth Camp Board, or their representative(s) to authorize such emergency treatment necessary to maintain the life or health of my child whose name appears upon this form. I am signing this statement in the presence of a witness, and by my signature, I authorize the attending physician and/or hospital staff to treat my child for any injury or condition that would threaten His/Her life or well being."

Father or Legal Guardian of Camper \_\_\_\_\_

Mother or Legal Guardian of Camper \_\_\_\_\_

"I \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby swear that I have seen the parents or legal guardians of this camper, read the above EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT. I have personal knowledge that the person/s who have signed this EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT are indeed the parents or legal guardians of this camper. I do hereby further swear that I have personally witnessed the person whose signature/s appear above, place their signature/s upon this form. I further swear that I am an adult and of sound mind."

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list below the following information:**

Family Physician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician's Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list below, names and numbers where you may be reached in case of an emergency:

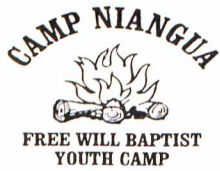
1. \_\_\_\_\_ PH. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ PH. \_\_\_\_\_

**Camp Fees: \$50.00 per camper \$15.00 per sponsor**

## PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING!

### THE CAMP DRESS CODE IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. CLASS & ACTIVITY TIME -. Girls & women may wear dresses, skirts or split skirts, that cover the knees or full-length jeans or slacks. Shirts, blouses or sweaters must be full length & cover the shoulder. No spaghetti strap, tank-tops etc.
2. WORSHIP TIME— Girls & women may wear dresses or skirts that cover the knees. Blouses or sweaters must be full length and cover the shoulder. No spaghetti strap, tank-top, etc.
3. CLASS & ACTIVITY TIME. Boys & men may wear full length slacks or jeans. Shirts are to be full length & cover the shoulder. No fish net, tank-top/muscle shirts, etc.
4. WORSHIP TIME. Boys & men may wear full length slacks or jean. Shirts are to be full length & cover the shoulder. No fish net, tank-top/muscle shirt, etc.



SWEAT PANTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR ANYONE TO WEAR AT CAMP. WE SUGGEST ALL GARMENTS WORN AT CAMP BE, "LOOSE FITTING." PLEASE BRING ONLY THE APPAREL THAT IS ACCEPTABLE BY THE ABOVE STANDARDS.

IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT EVERYONE SHOWER & WEAR CLEAN CLOTHES TO EACH WORSHIP SERVICE.

By placing your signature upon the following line, you are making a promise to abide by the rules of the Youth Camp to the best of your ability. No one can be registered as a camper, without signing!

"I \_\_\_\_\_ have read carefully the rules and regulations of the Youth Camp and do hereby PROMISE to keep these rules and regulations to the best of my ability. I also understand that disciplinary action may be taken against me should I break them."

SIGNATURE OF CAMPER \_\_\_\_\_

**"SPECIAL INSURANCE NOTICE, PLEASE READ WITH CAUTION"**

The Youth Camp Insurance Carrier is Church Mutual Insurance Company. The Insurance coverage provided by the camp is called Excess Insurance. The following is a brief description of coverages provided by Church Mutual.

1. Coverage is (ONLY) for accidents. There is no coverage for charges due to sickness.
2. Should an accident occur, all charges must be submitted to the campers (PERSONAL/PRIVATE) insurance carrier first.
  - A. If the personal/private insurance carrier has a deductible, Camp insurance will pay the deductible, not exceeding its own limits.
  - B. If a balance exists after the personal/private insurance carrier has paid to its limits, Camp Insurance will pay the unpaid balance, (not to exceed Church Mutual insurance limits).
  - C. If there is (NO) personal/private insurance, Camp Insurance shall serve as primary carrier and pay up to its limits.
3. Please keep in mind, any coverage by Camp Insurance shall be for accidents only. There is no benefits for any kind of sickness.

**PLEASE NOTE**— THE INSURANCE COVERAGE PROVIDED BY MISSOURI STATE F.W.B.. YOUTH CAMP IS VERY EXPENSIVE AND LIKE MOST INSURANCE CARRIERS, THEY ARE VERY STRICT REGARDING INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THEM THEREFORE [FAILURE OR REFUSAL] ON YOUR PART TO SUPPLY ANY NEEDED INFORMATION, WILL AUTOMATICALLY MAKE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY & ALL OF THE UNPAID BALANCE.

4. Since all claims must be submitted to your insurance carrier first, It is necessary that you submit the name, address & phone no. of your insurance provider, on the line provided below. If you have no personal insurance provider, please indicate on the appropriate line.

Name Of Personal Insurance Provider \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check on line, if you have no personal/private insurance coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

The Youth Camp Board would like to thank you for your cooperation regarding this very important insurance issue.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING**

The Youth Campgrounds and the equipment thereon has been dedicated to the Lord for use in His service.

(1) No one shall deface, destroy, or diversify any of the property or equipment. Anyone doing so will be required to pay for damages.

(2) No one shall bring/use tobacco, narcotics, or alcoholic beverages on the campgrounds. Those who do, may be expelled from the camp and refused further privileges.

(3) No profanity shall be tolerated BY ANYONE AT ANYTIME!

**Please come to the Tabernacle  
prepared to  
participate in worship!**

### **SPECIAL REGULATIONS, PLEASE NOTE!**

(1). All workers at the camp will work under the supervision & control of Youth Camp Board.

(2). The list of safety rules given by playground supervisor must be observed.

(3). Attendance at all classes WILL BE REQUIRED, unless excused by the General Camp Director.

(4). No one will be on the playground until the call for PLEDGE TO THE FLAG (7:30 except to go to the restrooms.

(5). Everyone is required to sign the agreement on the registration form that they will fully obey all rules governing the camp. EVERYONE WILL BE EXPECTED TO ABIDE BY THEIR PROMISE!

(6). No teenager shall serve as a sponsor.

(7). Each church sending campers shall have, at least, one sponsor for the boys and one sponsor for the girls. No campers shall be registered or assigned to a cabin, by the registrar, without a sponsor!

(8). All campers and workers and sponsors are required to attend the Evening Worship Service, unless excused by the Camp Director, Due To Sickness. (THIS MEANS EVERYONE!)

(9). Due to State Health Regulations, no unauthorized people will be allowed in kitchen area.

(10). No special menus (diet, etc.) will be prepared by those working in food-service. (Please Don't Ask).

(11). The First Aid Center will be closed from 9:00 - 12:00 each morning. In case of emergency, contact the General Director or one of the Board Members present.

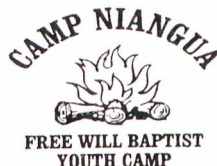
(12). Pre-registration will be required by all campers. This year the registration forms and brochures are being published in the Gem. Also a copy of each is being sent to everyone attending camp in the last few years. Please

make as many copies as necessary, so everyone from your church will have a registration form & brochure!

(13). AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT ON THE REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, BEFORE A CHILD CAN BE ADMITTED TO CAMP.

**CHILDREN MAY MAKE PHONE CALLS FROM CAMP, PROVIDING THEIR SPONSOR IS WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES.** Only collect or credit card calls are permitted. Also children may receive in-coming calls, but most of the time it is difficult to find the child quickly. Therefore, it is suggested when you call, leave a message for your child and they will get back with you at their earliest opportunity.

SHOULD YOUR CHILD HAVE TO LEAVE THE CAMPGROUNDS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE, SICKNESS ETC. IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK THEM UP..



**PLEASE NOTE:** The Schedule of services and activities is to be followed by (all) unless altered by the Camp Board. All Sponsors, please note & keep a copy of the schedule in your cabin.

#### **(SUNDAY SCHEDULE ONLY)**

2:00 p.m. .... Registration  
5:15 p.m. .... Evening Meal  
7:30 p.m. .... Get Ready Time  
8:00 p.m. .... Worship Time  
— - 10:00 p.m. .... Free Period  
10:00 - 10:30 ..... Cabin Devotion  
10:30 p.m. .... Lights Out

#### **THE DAILY SCHEDULE**

7:00- 7:35 a.m. .... Rise & Shine  
7:35- 7:45 a.m. .... Salute The Flag  
7:45- 8:30 a.m. .... Breakfast  
8:30- 9:00 a.m. .... Workers Meeting  
9:00- 9:30 a.m. .... Morning Devotion  
9:35 -10:05 a.m. .... Class One  
10:05-10:40 a.m. .... Break Time

10:40-11:10 a.m. .... Class Two  
11:15-12:00 noon .... Announcements  
12:00-1:00 p.m. .... Lunch  
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. .... Girls Swimming  
2:30 -3:30 p.m. .... Women's Swimming  
3:30 -5:00 p.m. .... Boys Swimming  
5:00 -6:00 p.m. .... Mens Swimming  
1:00 - 5:15 p.m. .... Supervised Play  
5:15 - 6:15 p.m. .... Evening Meal  
6:15 - 6:45 p.m. .... Supervised Play  
6:45 - 7:15 p.m. .... Get Ready Time  
7:15 - — p.m. .... Worship  
— 10:00 p.m. .... Free Period  
10:00-10:30 p.m. .... Cabin Devotion  
10:30 — p.m. .... Lights Out

#### **SCHEDULE FOR CRAFT CENTER**

Pre Camper Age a.m. .... 10:10 -10:30  
Boys ..... 1:00 - 2:00  
Adults (Tole & Regular) 2:00 - 3:00  
Girls ..... 3:00 - 5:00  
(Check With Craft Director For Prices)

#### **SUNDAY THRU THURSDAY, TEENS ONLY**

9:30 - 10:30 p.m. Late Night Activity  
10:30 - 11:00 p.m. .... Cabin Devotion  
11:00 p.m. .... Lights Out

#### **SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY ONLY**

7:00 - 7:00 a.m. .... Rise & Shine  
(Pack-up Load-up & Clean-up Cabins)  
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. .... Worship  
9:00 - 9:15 a.m. .... Announcements  
9:15 - a.m. .... Brunch & Departure  
**Sponsors: Close windows, Sweep,  
turn off lights, fans, air & Shut doors.**

#### **THE YOUTH CAMP BOARD**

Rev. Ronnie Blanks ..(417) 256-5693  
Rev. Russell McDaris (417) 362-3637  
Rev. Gary Parker .....(417) 235-3968  
Rev. Jimmy Kiser..... (816) 891-8399  
Rev. Bob Thebeau ....(314) 586-3084

#### **STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD—**

We look forward to serving you, to the best of our ability. We want to provide a safe, Christian atmosphere for all who attend the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. To do this, we must have the full cooperation of everyone. We pray souls will be saved and every saved soul, will grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, WHOSE CAMP THIS IS!

# Willow Springs Seniors Enjoy Christmas Banquet



On December 18, 1999, the senior adults at Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove were treated to their annual Christmas banquet. This event has been hosted for several years to honor the seniors and show them how much they are appreciated and loved.

After a delicious meal, gifts were chosen by having a number drawn. The winners could then choose from many

wrapped gifts.

The night was an enjoyable time of fun, food and fellowship. Hostesses for the event were Peggy Adamson, Carol Green, Audry Lawson and Deanna Thompson.

## Housing Form

### National Association of Free Will Baptists / National Convention Anaheim, California • July 16-20, 2000

Print or type all information requested and phone, mail or FAX form to the hotel of your choice by June 16, 2000. If form is faxed, keep your transaction report as proof of transmittal. You will receive acknowledgment of your hotel assignment by mail within two weeks of the time the form is received by the hotel. All reservations, changes and cancellations should be made directly with the hotels.

**DEPOSIT REQUIRED:** An advance deposit of **\$135 per room** is required. Your deposit will be charged to your credit card by providing the information requested below. Deposits being made by check should be for **\$135 per room** payable to the hotel of your choice and mailed to the address below. Forms received without credit card information or a check for the deposit will be returned and reservations will not be processed. Hotel refund policies vary. The hotels prefer credit cards rather than checks.

Changes or cancellations should be made directly with the hotel. Check your hotel confirmation for instructions regarding cancellation policies and check-in times. Reservations received after June 16, 2000 (or once block is full) will be on a space and rate available basis.

#### CIRCLE ROOM TYPE REQUESTED BELOW

(Rooms with two beds are limited. Please utilize rooms with one bed whenever possible.)

Check Hotel choice ↓	HOTELS	SINGLE 1 bed / 1 person	DOUBLE 1 bed / 2 persons	DBL/DBL 2 beds / 2 persons	TRIPLE 2 beds / 3 persons	QUAD 2 beds / 4 persons	SELF PARKING
	Hilton Anaheim (Headquarters)	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$9 day in/out
	Anaheim Marriott	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$10 day max

Rates do not include tax which is currently 15% in California, plus 15¢ sales tax per room per night and other applicable taxes.

Indicate Special Requests:

- ☐ Wheelchair Accessible    ☐ Non-Smoking    ☐ Crib    Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Rollaway (Upon availability at an additional charge.)  
 [Only one rollaway per room]

Four ways to make reservations:	By Internet	By Phone	By FAX	By Mail
Hilton Anaheim: (Headquarters Hotel)	hilton.com Group Code --AFW	In CA: 1-800/233-6904 Outside CA: 1-800/222-9923	714/740-4737	Attn: Reservations 777 Convention Way Anaheim, CA 92802-3497
Anaheim Marriott:	(not available)	714/750-8000 or 1-800/228-9290	714/748-2449	Attn: Reservations 700 West Convention Way Anaheim, CA 92802-3483

ARRIVAL DATE / / TIME DEPARTURE DATE / /

APPLY DEPOSIT TO:    ☐ MASTERCARD    ☐ VISA    ☐ DISCOVER    ☐ AMEX  
 CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME ON CARD: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CHECK ENCLOSED    CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

ROOMMATES: (LIST ALL OCCUPANTS OF ROOM)

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON TO WHOM CONFIRMATION SHOULD BE MAILED. (Please Print or Type Clearly.)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Send only  
one (1)  
form per room.**

## Missouri State CTS Competition May 5-6, 2000 Southwest Baptist University Bolivar, MO

The 2000 Missouri State Competition is just around the corner. Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar will be the site for this year's competition. We're expecting the largest number of entries ever.

Remember these rules: Individual contestants may enter no more than three (3) categories and divisions, excluding Bible Competition entries. Any church having four (4) or more entries in Music and Arts Categories 1-9, must have at least one Bible Competition entry at the lowest level of competition.

Coaches and Sponsors need to be thoroughly familiar with the **NYC Guidelines**. Copies of the *Guidelines* can be obtained from the Lebanon Bible and Book Store (417) 532-9516.

Entry Fees for the competition shall be:

- \$15.00 per single entry category
- \$25.00 per group entry (2-8 people)
- \$50.00 per group entry (9+ people)

The entry deadline is April 10, 2000.

**Please use a separate form for each entry.** Send entry forms and appropriate fees to:

Missouri Youth Ministries Board  
 c/o Curt Gwartney  
 P. O. Box 444  
 Park Hills, MO 63601  
 (573) 431-3235 or 431-5115

## MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CTS COMPETITION

Motel accommodations will be through the Super 8 Motel at Junction 13 and T Highway in Bolivar - Phone (417) 777-8888. Room rates are as follows:

- 1 -2 persons per room . . . \$48.49
- 3 persons per room . . . . \$52.09
- 4 persons per room . . . . \$56.59

If you call for accommodations, it is important to inform the hotel clerk that you are registering with the Free Will Baptist CTS group.

# National Youth Conference Competition Registration Form

## District-State-National

### COMPETITION CODES

Circle the appropriate information below and write correct code numbers in the boxes in the top right-hand corner:

#### AGE GROUP...

- A Grades 1-3
- B Grades 4-6
- C Grades 7-9
- D Grades 10-12

#### BIBLE DIVISIONS...

- 0.1 Bible Memorization - Grade 1
- 0.2 Bible Memorization - Grade 2
- 0.3 Bible Memorization - Grade 3
- 0.4 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 4
- 0.5 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 5
- 0.6 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 6
- 0.7 Bible Tic Tac Toe
- 0.8 Bible Bowl
- 0.9 Turning Point
- 0.0 Horizon

#### MUSIC & ARTS...

##### Vocal Solo

- 1.1 Vocal Solo (Age A - B)
- 1.2 Male Vocal Solo (Age C - D)
- 1.3 Female Vocal Solo (Age C - D)

##### Vocal Ensemble

- 2.1 Duets, Trios, or Quartets
- 2.2 Ensemble with 5-12 members
- 2.3 Ensemble with 13 or more members

##### Instrumental Solo (non-keyboard)

- 3.1 Strings
- 3.2 Wind
- 3.3 Percussion

##### Instrumental Ensemble

- 4.1 Duets, Trios, or Quartets
- 4.2 Ensemble with 5 or more members

##### Keyboard

- 5.1 Manual/Electronic Solo
- 5.2 Keyboard Ensemble

##### Communication Arts

- 6.1 Speech
- 6.2 Individual Drama
- 6.3 Interpretive Reading of Scripture
- 6.4 Mime/Pantomime
- 6.5 Group Drama
- 6.6 Readers Theater
- 6.7 Group Mime/Pantomime
- 6.8 Puppetry (live)
- 6.9 Puppetry (recorded)

##### Creative Writing

- 7.0 Creative Writing

##### Electronic Media

- 8.0 Electronic Media

##### Creative Arts

- 9.1 Painting
- 9.2 Graphics
- 9.3 Three-Dimensional Art
- 9.4 Photography
- 9.5 Fabricated Art
- 9.6 Promotional Graphic Art

### COMPETITION FEES

- \$15.00 Per single entry category
- \$25.00 per group entries of 2-8 people
- \$50.00 per group entries of 9+ people

20    
Year

Record code numbers from left column here →  -

Name of participant or group (as you want it to appear in the directory)

Name of Church

City

State

Pastor's Name

Pastor's phone number

 -  - 

Name of director (or coach)

Director's phone number

 -  - 

Name of Association

Total Fee for this entry

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Complete the following information for each participant in this entry:

1. Name

Address

City St. Zip

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For groups larger than 14, please use two forms to record additional information.

**PARTICIPANT'S PLEDGE** (to be signed by the individual participant or by the director (coach) of a group)

I certify that the information on this form is correct and that I (or each group member) meet the requirements for competition indicated above as stated in the Guidelines for Competitive Activities, and I promise to conduct myself (or group) in a manner becoming to a Christian and representative of my church, district, and state.

**PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ENTRY!**

Signature of Participant or Director (Coach)

Mail to:  
Missouri Youth Ministries Bd.  
% Curt Gwartney  
P.O. Box 444  
Park Hills, MO 63601-0444

## Worship Service Averages

January 2000 - February 2000

Churches:	Jan	Feb
Belton	44	49
Buffalo 1st	75	91
Calvary Chapel	241	247
Calvary Fellowship	287	317
Cape Girardeau	58	50
Copper Mines	57	
Cuba	166	147
Columbia	30	
Crossroads -Wentzville		63
DeSoto	* 192	
Fredericktown 1st	37	
Hannibal	55	57
Hannon	132	124
Hartville	* 102	* 105
Hopewell	37	46
Houston	* 50	* 46
Hurryville	105	111
Lebanon FWB	70	80
Mill Creek	79	94
Myrtle	32	34
New Life - Licking	73	66
Oak Hill	32	
O'Fallon 1st	114	93
Ozark 1st	157	162
Oskaloosa		18
Parkview - Desloge		102
Pleasant Hill	* 55	
Purdy	76	70
Richwoods	34	32
Rock Chapel	* 40	
Rolla 1st	* 28	39
Springfield 1st	131	
Thayer	* 122	
Trinity	* 64	* 73
Union Grove		122
United	541	537
Willow Springs	61	

This is only a partial listing. There are 180 Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in their Worship Service average each month. (\* S.S. Average)

## 50th Wedding Anniversary Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones

The family of Rev. Bill and Wilma Jones of Grovespring hosted a 50th wedding anniversary reception in their honor on Sunday, February 13, at the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church near Phillipsburg.

Wilma (McClanahan) and Bill Jones were married February 10, 1950, in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Bill retired from VanStavern Construction in September, 1991. He has pastored Pleasant View, Little Vine, Cope, Happy Hill, and is currently at Liberty.

Congratulations to Brother Bill and Sister Wilma on this happy occasion!

## Financial Report



### February 2000

#### Cooperative Disbursements

February 2000 ..... \$45,389.12

18.50% MO Home Miss	\$8,396.99
17.50% Executive Office	7,943.10
3.00% General Fund	1,361.67
.50% Show-Me Plan	226.95
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.	3,858.08
3.50% Y. C. Restricted Fd.	1,588.62
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd.	907.78
2.00% C. E. Bd.	907.78
2.00% Senior Adult Min Bd.	907.78
9.00% MO St Retirement	4,085.02

30.50%	13,843.68
National Ministries, Hillsdale and	
California Christian College	
Foreign Missions Board	
National Home Missions Bd	
Same Allocation	
F W B Bible College	
Hillsdale FWB College	
Executive Department	
Layman's Board	
Radio & TV Commission	
Theological Commission	
Historical Commission	
Board of Retirement	

1.00% CC C	138.44
3.00% Conf. Center Fd.	1,361.67

**Total** ..... **\$45,389.12**

#### Co-op

Amity	\$134.26
Aulsbury Chapel	\$250.88
Bailey - Alton	\$223.00
Bailey Chapel	\$250.00
Belton	\$324.45
Berean	\$45.00
Bethel - El Dorado Springs	\$69.71
Bethel - Northview	\$261.00
Black Oak	\$348.85
Bourbon	\$78.07
Byrd	\$106.15
Cabool 1st	\$545.23
Calvary Chapel	\$1,021.68
Cape Girardeau 1st	\$323.89
Carthage	\$251.05
Carthage	\$316.90
Central	\$1,212.64
Central	\$1,074.82
Christ Chapel	\$262.00
Clifton	\$61.22
Columbia	\$192.20
Copper Mines	\$454.21
Cornerstone - Mt. Grove	\$387.55
Cross Roads - Lebanon	\$237.00
Crossroads - Wentzville	\$1,115.00
Cuba	\$739.00
DeSoto 1st	\$1,676.00
F & H - Aurora	\$98.51
Faith & Hope - Willow Spgs.	\$104.35
Fellowship - Park Hills	\$1,500.00
Fourth	\$297.83
Fredericktown 1st	\$324.00
Freeman Chapel	\$613.63
Friendship	\$418.40
Grant Avenue	\$1,273.46

Hannibal	\$323.00
Hannon	\$974.87
Harmony - Parkville	\$418.00
Hartville	\$1,041.00
Hopewell	\$214.00
Houston 1st	\$391.27
Hurryville	\$520.82
Jackson	\$148.66
Joplin 1st	\$710.86
Koshkonong	\$133.00
Lebanon	\$335.47
Lebanon 1st	\$946.71
Lone Star	\$68.81
Macedonia - Niangua	\$75.31
Merls Chapel	\$149.66
Mill Creek	\$379.79
Mine La Motte	\$87.76
Monett 1st	\$467.38
Mountain Grove 1st	\$1,722.77
Mt. Pisgah	\$381.00
Mt. Zion - Gower	\$123.10
Myrtle	\$349.88
Neosho 1st	\$95.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$70.00
New Life - Licking	\$493.02
New Life - Licking	\$402.48
Niangua	\$238.00
North Five	\$176.00
Number One	\$88.11
Oak Grove - Mtn. Grove	\$150.40
O'Fallon 1st	\$1,106.00
Olivet	\$421.00
Overland	\$125.00
Ozark 1st	\$1,790.06
Park Hills 1st	\$913.51
Parkview	\$465.86
Pleasant Hill	\$200.05
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$97.00
Potosi 1st	\$158.97
Republic	\$100.00
Rock Chapel	\$365.54
Rolla 1st	\$249.00
Royal Oak	\$94.00
Salem	\$90.00
Seymour	\$445.00
Smyrna	\$58.00
Springfield	\$219.00
Springfield 1st	\$1,241.80
St. Francois Dist. Ass'n.	\$30.00
St. Peters	\$1,002.00
Stockton	\$169.95
Thayer	\$1,551.00
Trinity - Bridgeton	\$845.78
Union Grove	\$477.00
Union Light	\$169.00
United	\$1,507.87
Unity	\$500.00
Verdella	\$621.86
Victory - Alton	\$203.99
Waynesville 1st	\$505.47
West Plains 1st	\$832.00
Willow Springs	\$243.95
Wolf Creek	\$321.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,389.12</b>

#### Show-Me Plan

Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00

Bethel - El Dorado .....	\$189.42
Bethel - Festus .....	\$45.00
Big Creek .....	\$55.00
Bishop, B. J. ....	\$15.00
Black Oak .....	\$30.00
Bourbon .....	\$15.00
Buxton, G. ....	\$30.00
Cabool .....	\$135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo .....	\$105.00
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$1,156.00
Central .....	\$170.00
Central .....	\$635.00
Chism, B. ....	\$5.00
Chrisman, M. ....	\$30.00
Columbia .....	\$50.00
Cook, J. ....	\$360.00
Copper Mines .....	\$150.00
Copper Mines - Teen & Jr. ....	\$30.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult .....	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove .....	\$332.50
Cross Roads - Lebanon .....	\$30.00
Cuba .....	\$183.06
Darnell, W. ....	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$497.50
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Cl .....	\$15.00
DeSoto Yg. Adult SS Cl .....	\$45.00
Faith & Hope - W.S. ....	\$60.00
Fellowship .....	\$957.36
Fourth .....	\$150.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$150.00
Freeman Chapel .....	\$540.00
Garrett, R. ....	\$15.00
Gospel Light .....	\$825.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$370.00
Greenfield .....	\$180.00
Hannibal - WNAC .....	\$30.00
Hannon .....	\$1,224.87
Harmony - Parkville .....	\$101.33
Harris, F. ....	\$45.00
Hartville .....	\$240.00
Houston 1st .....	\$324.56
Hurryville .....	\$360.00
Jackson .....	\$30.00
Jones Chapel .....	\$135.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$95.00
Kirk, G. ....	\$75.00
Leadington .....	\$195.00
Lebanon 1st .....	\$150.00
Lebanon F.W.B. ....	\$30.00
Macedonia - Purdy .....	\$1,000.00
Maggart, D. ....	\$45.00
Matthews, C. ....	\$50.00
Matthews, G. ....	\$350.00
Merl's Chapel .....	\$200.00
Mill Creek .....	\$105.00
Mill Creek Young Adult .....	\$15.00
Mine La Motte .....	\$45.00
Mission Assn. ....	\$6,202.86
MO State Womans Aux. ....	\$539.24
Monett 1st .....	\$300.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$395.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer .....	\$30.00
Myrtle .....	\$75.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$210.00
New Home - Hartville .....	\$150.00
New Hope - Fredericktown ...	\$105.00
New Life - Licking .....	\$97.50
New Life - Licking .....	\$131.63
New Life - Licking .....	\$109.50
New Testament .....	\$15.00
Noel, D. ....	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Houston .....	\$15.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$118.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$40.00
Park Hills 1st .....	\$299.05
Parkview - Desloge .....	\$277.24
Pinkerton, J. ....	\$45.00
Pleasant Grove - Anderson ..	\$135.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana .....	\$50.00

Purdy .....	\$285.00
Reagan, Jimmie .....	\$600.00
Richardson, O. ....	\$15.00
Richwoods .....	\$67.50
Rock Chapel .....	\$360.00
Rogers, B. ....	\$15.00
Royal Oak .....	\$120.00
Ruble N. ....	\$40.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$530.00
St. Francois Dist. Assn. ....	\$53.70
St. Peters .....	\$160.00
Thayer .....	\$370.00
Thomas, E. ....	\$30.00
Trinity .....	\$390.00
Tyrone .....	\$180.00
Union Light .....	\$120.00
United - West Plains .....	\$1,204.71
Unity .....	\$75.00
Verdella .....	\$1,101.86
Victory - Alton .....	\$203.99
Waynesville 1st .....	\$421.50
West Plains 1st .....	\$10.00
White, R. ....	\$15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove ...	\$85.00
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$150.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$28,674.88</b>

#### Foreign Missions

Belton .....	\$20.00
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$60.00
Cape Girardeau .....	\$129.56
Central .....	\$5.00
Chapman, A. ....	\$20.00
Cuba .....	\$30.50
Fourth .....	\$50.00
Fourth .....	\$340.75
Gospel Light .....	\$60.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$67.00
Harmony Fellowship (CO) ....	\$282.00
Houston 1st .....	\$40.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$40.00
Lebanon 1st .....	\$60.00
Lewis, D. ....	\$10.00
Macedonia - Purdy .....	\$1,000.00
Minor, K. ....	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$5.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$30.00
New Testament .....	\$70.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$20.00
Pitts, E. ....	\$10.00
St. Peters .....	\$497.00
Thayer .....	\$65.00
Trinity .....	\$165.18
Union Light .....	\$10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,096.99</b>

#### Nat'l Home Missions

Belton .....	\$60.50
Bob Thebeau (DeSoto 1st) .....	\$5.00
Brenda King (DeSoto 1st) .....	\$5.00
Bud Rogers (DeSoto 1st) .....	\$20.00
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$1,090.00
Carthage .....	\$65.00
Carthage .....	\$75.00
Cuba .....	\$91.50
DeSoto 1st .....	\$792.00
DeSoto 1st Auditorium Cl .....	\$10.00
Ella Ruth King .....	\$25.00
F & H - Aurora .....	\$98.52
Fourth .....	\$50.00
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$152.35
Hannon .....	\$584.93
Harmony Fellowship .....	\$351.00
Hartville .....	\$100.00
Houston 1st .....	\$80.00
Jackson .....	\$40.00
Jerry Rader .....	\$20.00

Joplin 1st .....	\$20.00
Macedonia - Purdy .....	\$2,100.00
Merls Chapel .....	\$60.00
Monett 1st .....	\$182.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$70.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$25.00
Myrtle .....	\$40.00
Nathan Ruble .....	\$5.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$60.00
New Home - Hartville .....	\$10.00
New Testament .....	\$180.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$68.50
Ozark 1st .....	\$555.00
Park Hills 1st .....	\$587.70
Richwoods 1st .....	\$94.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$88.50
Thayer .....	\$235.00
Trinity - Bridgeton .....	\$15.00
Union Light .....	\$96.00
United .....	\$150.00
United Youth Group .....	\$170.00
Unity .....	\$50.00
Verdella .....	\$10.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$140.00
Wolf Creek .....	\$75.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$8,882.50</b>

#### State Home Missions

Belton .....	\$50.00
Central .....	\$130.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$90.00
DeSoto 1st Children's Ch .....	\$20.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$115.00
Fellowship - Park Hills .....	\$125.00
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
Larry Wormington .....	\$30.00
Lebanon Bible & Book .....	\$288.75
Macedonia - Purdy .....	\$1,000.00
Mission District Ass'n. ....	\$3,101.43
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$68.50
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Park Hills 1st .....	\$75.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana .....	\$20.00
Richard White (DeSoto 1st) ..	\$10.00
Thayer .....	\$55.00
United .....	\$25.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,343.68</b>

#### Youth Camp

Niangua .....	20.00
Cabool .....	10.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove .....	25.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	20.00
Lebanon Bible & Book .....	157.50
Hartville .....	10.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	15.00
New Home - Hartville .....	10.00
Thayer .....	55.00
Willow Springs .....	10.00
Trinity - Bridgeton .....	14.00
DeSoto 1st .....	55.00
Verdella .....	10.00
Ozark 1st .....	10.00
Park Hills 1st .....	39.69
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$461.19</b>

#### Camp Development Fund

Rock Chapel .....	200.00
Myrtle .....	80.00
Clifton .....	1,000.00
St. Francois District Assoc .....	166.01
Belton .....	80.00
So. Central District Assoc .....	1,125.11
Houston 1st .....	100.00
Willow Springs .....	15.00
Charles Case .....	200.00
New Home - Hartville .....	500.00
Salem .....	500.00
New Life - Licking .....	661.88

Joyful Learning Cent - Festus .....	200.00
West Plains 1st . . . (\$25.00 in memory of Pauline Morris) .....	283.00
Wolf Creek .....	21.42
Macedonia - Purdy .....	1,000.00
Anonymous Donor .....	125.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$6,257.42</b>

#### C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Book .....	113.75
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$113.75</b>

#### Senior Adult Ministries

Lebanon Bible & Book .....	113.75
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$113.75</b>

#### Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Book .....	113.75
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$113.75</b>

#### Free Will Baptist Bible College

Nathan Ruble .....	15.00
Thayer .....	50.00
DeSoto 1st .....	40.00
Verdella .....	124.37
Garry Matthews . . . . . (Re-location Fund) .....	200.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$429.37</b>

#### Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Hannon .....	50.00
Grant Avenue .....	10.00
Thayer .....	50.00
Joplin 1st .....	75.00
Neosho 1st .....	60.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$245.00</b>

#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

Myrtle .....	8.00
Unity .....	10.00
New Hope - Fredericktown .....	30.00
Hannon .....	100.00
Belton .....	90.00
DeSoto 1st .....	80.00
New Life - Licking .....	117.45
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$435.45</b>

#### Rev. John McClure

Gospel Light .....	80.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	17.50
Monett 1st .....	35.00
Carthage .....	30.00
Thayer .....	5.00
Harrol Parks (Gospel Light) ...	120.00
Trinity - Bridgeton .....	10.00
Central Western Woman's Aux ..	30.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$327.50</b>

#### Steve Smith

DeSoto 1st .....	55.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>

#### Cornerstone FWB Church

(Brian Brinkhoff)	
Merls Chapel .....	50.00
New Testament .....	10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>

#### FWB Board of Retirement

Grant Avenue .....	1.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>

#### FWB Together-Way Plan

So. Central District Assoc .....	1,125.12
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,125.12</b>

#### North Carolina Flood Relief

Mt. Pisgah - Cabool .....	\$123.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$123.00</b>

#### Melanie Walker (Denver Street Sch)

Verdella .....	50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

# Often Asked Questions

By Pastor R. E. Dablemont

## Who Needs Their Kind?

The first disciples of Jesus were once asked the following question: "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus must have overheard the question because he interrupted them and said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:30-32).

Obviously, some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law just could not understand what Jesus was talking about. To them the idea of God loving all with a willingness to forgive and redeem all was unacceptable. This is a sad admission, but during the course of my ministry, I have heard the following comments made by various professional Christians and even ministers:



"We don't need that kind of people in our church."

"Their church is made up mostly of low-lives."

"Who's going to listen to his testimony? After all, everyone knows what he used to be!"

"She never amounted to anything and never will."

Statements such as these reflect an ignorance or misunderstanding of the grace of God, and are usually made by self-righteous hypocrites who esteem themselves better than others. I realize these are harsh, blunt words, but feel compelled to say them; and I believe my congregation would assure you that they have often heard them!

If we truly understand the significance of the words and actions of Jesus in reply to the Pharisees and teachers of the law, we will all, as Christians, strive to make the local church:

A Place of Heart . . . there should be an expression of love and acceptance of all people, regardless of their reputation or social standing.

A Place of Healing . . . there should be an ever present effort of assistance to those who are struggling with sin to overcome it.

A Place of Hope . . . there should be a consistent encouragement to those who fail, that through faith in Christ they may become overcomers.

A Place of Honesty . . . there should be an humble admission by all who profess to be Christians that we all are in need of God's grace and mercy.

The Pharisees and teachers of the law had forgotten or were ignorant of the fact that they themselves were sinners in need of the grace of God. Perhaps some in today's modern church have done likewise. Let us remember that Jesus died for their kind. Reach out to them, remembering that Jesus reached out to you!

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