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87th Annual Session

# Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

Milan Ruble



O'Fallon, Missouri June 5-7, 2000







"Conscious of the Past, Challenged by the Present, Confidence in the Future"





Bill Evans



## THE 87TH SESSION OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

he 87th session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists meet June 5-7, 2000, in O'Fallon, Missouri. The day services will meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church in O'Fallon, and the evening services will meet a the Fort Zumwalt High School.

The theme for this year's convention is "Conscious of the Past, Challenged by the Present, Confidence in the Future". Four speakers - Rev. Milan Ruble, Rev. Don Walker, Rev. Jason Roberts, and Rev. Bill Evans - will develop the theme taken from Hebrews 13:8.

The Monday evening message will be delivered by Pastor Milan J. Ruble. Born in Laclede County, Missouri, Brother Ruble was converted in 1948, and then ordained to preach in 1964 in Yakima, Washington. He has pastored the following churches: Toppenish FWB Church, Toppenish, Washington; Sunnyview FWB Church, Lebanon, Missouri; Airport Road FWB Church, Twin Falls, Idaho; Valley FWB Church, Wenatchee, Washington; Hopewell FWB Church, Tunas, Missouri; and from 1992 to the present, is pastoring the Verdella FWB Church, Liberal, Missouri.

Brother Milan attended Free Will Baptist Bible College. He has served as Moderator of the Laclede County Association. He also served as a General Board member for the State of Washington, and a General Board member for the Central Western Association (1992 - present).

He and his wife, Marcella, have three children: Mrs. David (Patsy) Gardner, Mrs. Alan (Peggy) Cox, and Mrs. Russell (Phyllis) Detherage.

The Christian Education Board will be sponsoring a workshop with Rev. Ron Owens. Ron Owens is a speaker/songwriter/musician whose ministry of music has led him all over the world for the past thirty years. For the last ten years, Ron has been Henry Blackaby's associate in the office of Prayer, Revival, and Spiritual Awakening at the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is also a consultant for worship and music ministry at the International Mission Board.

Reverend Don Walker will fill the pulpit Tuesday evening. Brother Walker was born in Detroit, Michigan, converted in 1960 and ordained to preach in 1978 in Clarksville, Tennessee. He attended Free Will Baptist Bible College from 1968-72, and received a Master of Ministry degree from Moody Graduate School in 1992. He had pastored two churches: Pardue Memorial FWB Church in Clarksville, Tennessee (1978-94) and is presently pastoring the Central FWB Church in Grandview, Missouri (1994 - present).

Don served as Secretary / Clerk for the Northern Quarterly Association in Tennessee, and also served as the Tennessee State Clerk (1981-84), Tennessee State Assistant

Moderator (1984-89), and Tennessee State Moderator (1989-93).

He and his wife, Deidre, have two daughters: Mrs. Kyle (Kelley) Batke, and Kimberly.

Our Wednesday morning worship service will have Rev. Jason Roberts delivering the message. Brother Roberts was born in St. Louis, Missouri, converted in 1980, and ordained to preach in 1997 in Alton, Missouri. He graduated from Southwest Missouri State University with an Associates Degree in 1993. He is presently pastoring the Pleasant Hill FWB Church in Thayer, Missouri. He has also pastored the Wolf Creek FWB Church in Mansfield, Missouri (1996-98).

Jason and his wife, Mary Ann, have two children: Hannah and Jake.

Rev. William W. Evans will be our speaker for the Wednesday evening service. Brother Evans is Director for our Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement and The Free Will Baptist Foundation in Antioch, Tennessee. He accepted that position in 1993 after having served as Assistant to the Director from 1990-93.

He graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1962 with a B. A. degree in Bible. He has pastored the following churches: Littleton FWB Church, Littleton, New Hampshire (1962-67); Southside FWB Church, St. Louis, Missouri (1967-69); Farmington FWB Church, Farmington, Missouri (1969-74); Central FWB Church, Kansas City, Missouri (1974-79); Bellview FWB Church, Colquitt, Georgia (1979-82); and Second FWB Church, Ashland, Kentucky (1982-83). He served as Trust Services Representative for World Literature Crusade from 1983-88 and also as their Director of Trust Services from 1988-90.

Brother Bill is now directing the FWB Retirement in marketing, servicing and investment of funds for church employees. He has worked with Christian families from coast to coast in arranging major gifts and estate settlements to support various missionary efforts. This has involved people who are of modest means as well as very well-to-do. Agreements arranged to benefit the Lord's work during the last twelve years are valued in excess of 25 million dollars.

Bill and his wife, Brenda, have three sons: Jeffrey William, Lee DeWitt, and Benjamin Scott.

# Plan to Attend the 87th Session of the Missouri State Convention!

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## PROGRAM MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Theme: "When They Had Prayed" Scripture: Acts 4:31

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10:30 a.m ExecutiveCommittee Meeting.....O'Fallon Church 1:30 p.m General Board Meeting......O'Fallon Church

#### MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2000

Missouri State Women Active For Christ Convention

Theme: "Transformed" Romans 12:2

Fellowship Church

9:00 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Congregational Singing.....Becky Gwartney

Prayer

Welcome......Kristin Nettles
Response.....Reva Baker

Special Music

Morning Devotion.....Judy Bailey

(Missionary to Japan)

Seating Delegates

Appointment of Committees

Greetings From Missionaries and National Ministries

Recess

11:00 a.m. Congregational Singing

Prayer

Congregational Singing

Offertory Special Music

Message.....Ken Bailey

(Missionary to Japan)

Benediction

1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing

Special Music
Puppet Show
Business Session
Benediction

Song Leader - Becky Gwartney

Pianist - Wanda Ragsdale

Organist - Serena Bolden

"Conscious of the Past"

#### TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 6, 2000 O'FALLON CHURCH

#### **TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 6, 2000**

1:30 P.M. Business Session......O'Fallon Church
Presiding ......Rick Dablemont, Moderator

7:30 p.m School EVENING WORSHIP...Fort Zumwalt High

Message......Rev. Don Walker

"Challenged by the Present"

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 7, 2000 O'Fallon Church

9:00 a.m Business ..

Business ......Presiding - Moderator Rick Dablemont

11:00 a.m

MORNING WORSHIP

Message......Rev. Jason Roberts

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 7, 2000

Bussiness .....Presiding - Moderator Rick Dablemont Devotional Message......Ron Swarengin

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 7,2000

7:30 p.m

1:30 p.m

EVENING WORSHIP...Fort Zumwalt High School Message......Rev. Bill Evans

"Confidence in the Future"



### **Message From the Moderator:**

Pastor R.E. Dablemont

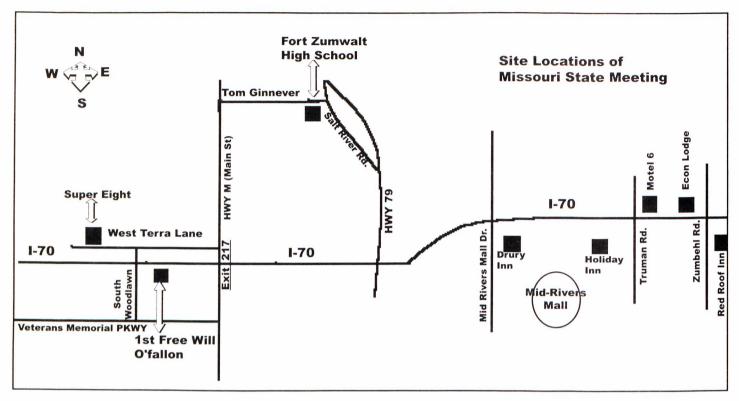
What a great time it will be! June 5-7 at St. Peters, Mo when Missouri FWB's from all across the state will join together in worship, business, and fellowship. All our pastors are encouraged to bring groups of their people from their local churches to this year's state meeting. Why?

God is doing great things in Missouri among Free Will Baptists! Attendance and participation at state meeting gives our people the opportunity to see a bigger picture—to get a better perspective of the great diversity and broad-based outreach of God's work among us as we labor together for His glory. This happens in alot of ways. WORSHIP TOGETHER

Something special happens when hundreds of people with the same Lord, the same love, and the same leading of the Holy Spirit join together at the feet of Jesus expressing their adoration and renewing their commitment to Him! WORK TOGETHER

It has often been said, "we can do alot more together than we can do alone." I don't know who first said this, but it

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## **Motel Information - State Meeting 2000**

#### Days Inn

2560 South Outer Road

Denny's is next door

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 & Zumbehl 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

#### New Life FWB Church Elects "King And Queen"



The New Life Free Will Baptist Church in Licking, Missouri enjoyed a Valentine Banquet on Sunday evening, February 6. A King and Queen along with 1st and 2nd runners up were elected. The congregation and friends voted for all the candidates by contributing one cent for each vote. The money raised went to Camp Niangua's New Tabernacle Fund.

Walker Ray was crowned "Valentine King" with \$142.96. Taylor Arthur was crowned "Valentine Queen" with



\$82.42. Runners up were C. W. Hadley, Dustie Sutton, Brian Barker and Jenny Vandivort with a combined total of \$189.06. A large dish was filled with pennies, nickels, dimes &

quarters, with a total of \$663.00 raised. As awards, Bibles were presented to the King and Queen, and videos were presented to all the runners up.

Phyllis Hadley made the capes, crowns, scepters, and decorated the bank-jars for the contest. Grey Hadley, Melva Watson and Mary Barker counted the change.

Brother Max Courtney, pastor of the church said, "We believe that everyone who participated were winners!"

### The Apostle Paul **Portrayed In Character**

Marc Archambo of First Free Will Baptist Church in Park Hills, Missouri is doing a phenomenal job in portraying New Testament characters. Ken Dodson, pastor of the church reports that Marc has truly been blessed by the Lord to do such a remarkable job in character portrayals. Marc has been holding services in several Free Will Baptist churches as well as others who are hearing of the blessed services that are taking place. Marc dresses to character and quotes biblical passages. Brother Dodson says that not only does he look the part, you feel that Marc is actually Paul or John or whoever he portrays. Souls have been saved and the saints uplifted. Brother Marc Archambo would like to come to your church. He will come for a love offering. He has been to the following Free Will Baptist churches: DeSoto, Hurryville, Twin Oaks, Leadington, and Springfield First. If you would like to have this exceptional and different type of service at your church, you can contact Brother Marc at 573-760-1115.



**GIFT** FOR THE **ARCHIVES** 

Rev. Keith Garrison is shown presenting a booklet to Executive Secretary Nathan Ruble. The booklet which was printed in 1881, contains the minutes of the Big Creek Association. If you have old material you would like to donate to the archives, please call the state office.

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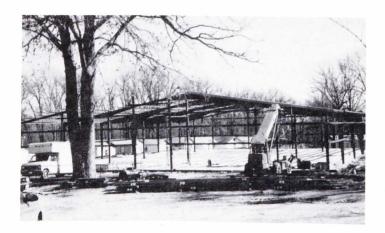
is clearly a principial teaching of Christ. Jesus put us together and prayed for our unity, so the business of the FWB State Association is His business that He has called us to do together As we worship and work together, we can expect the hand of God to help us accomplish his purpose and good pleasure among us. This togetherness in ministry is what the bible simply calls FELLOWSHIP! It's much more than eating a big dinner together at the local church on Sunday afternoon ... It includes a realization of our total mission together as pastors, deacons, church leaders, and lay people uniting together under Christ's Lordship with a common purpose and a clear vision of the future

God uses our state meeting to touch our hearts, instruct our minds, and strengthen our resolve to better prepare us to worship and work together to be used of Him for His glory. Missouri FWB'S have a great future, come and get a better glimpse of it at state meeting this year. Bring a van load of the brethren with you!

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## **Testimony About Camp** Niangua

By Lucy Hyman (formerly Lucy Wisehart)



#### New Tabernacle

was privileged to attend the first youth camp session heldon the newly acquired grounds near Niangua, Mis souri. That experience changed my life forever.

That first year, we had no modern conveniences, such as air-conditioning, swimming pool, or indoor plumbing. What we did have was some of the most dedicated and loving leaders Free Will Baptists had to offer.

Brother Reeves, who had graciously consented to move there as the director of the building and grounds, had labored long and hard to get things ready for that first camp session. Only a few cabins had been built, and actually, we only needed a few. Our church at Myrtle had sent money to build a cabin, and two or three others had been built.

These cabins were simple wood structures with wood floors and built-in bunk beds which Brother Reeves had constructed. We did have a mattress for the beds!

The chapel was open-air with only a roof over us and with wooden benches and a dirt floor. However, the 25 more or less campers didn't notice any inconveniences. We even ate outside on wooden tables and benches. But the food was so delicious in the fresh air.

As I said before, we had some of the best leaders in our denomination who taught classes, preached and loved us all. They were Rev. Robert Crawford, Dr. Lavern Miley, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Thora Arbogast (Mrs. John Grider), Rev. Bob Wilfong and Rev. Harvey Hill.

Since we were a small group, we got to know each other very well and we made lasting friendships. No one seemed to notice that we were "roughing it." We were having too much fun and receiving manna from on high.

It was there that I felt the call to go as a missionary. I never deviated from that decision. I received guidance from these counselors suggesting that I attend Free Will Baptist Bible College after graduating from High School. That's what I

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## Adopt a Share of the Missouri Show-Me Plan. Together we are making a Difference!

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Belton	44	49	59
Buffalo 1st	75	91	84
Calvary Chapel	241	247	238
Calvary Fellowship	287	317	
Cape Girardeau	58	50	52
Copper Mines	57	63	
Cuba	166	147	
Columbia	30		38
Crossroads - Wentzvil		63	83
DeSoto	* 192	* 201	
Fredericktown 1st	37	52	
Hannibal	55	57	59
Hannon	132	124	154
Harmony - Parkville	89	91	
Hartville	* 102	* 105	156
Hopewell	37	46	40
Houston	* 50	* 46	* 46
Hurryville	105	111	117
Lebanon FWB	70	80	72
Mill Creek	79	94	89
Myrtle	32	34	37
New Life - Licking	73	66	78
Oak Hill	32	25	28
O'Fallon 1st	114	93	122
Ozark 1st	157	162	203
Oskaloosa		18	445
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Pleasant Hill	* 55	70	63
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Thayer	* 122	142	
Trinity	* 64	* 73	100
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United	541	537	625
Willow Springs	61	59	023
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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)

### FREE WILL BAPTIST NATIONAL CONVENTION TO MEET IN ANAHEIM

The National Association of Free Will Baptists meets in Anaheim, California, on July 16-20, 2000, for its 64" annual session. Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington says he expects 4,000 delegates and visitors from 40 states at the Anaheim Convention Center for the five-day meeting. For the fifth time California's 3,200 members and 62 churches will host the national convention. The National Association previously met in California in 1950 (Richmond), 1960, 1970 (Fresno) and 1980 (Anaheim).

The National Association of Free Will Baptists includes 2,500 churches with more than 215,000 members in 40 states. The denomination supports 105 missionaries in 10 foreign countries and 70 home missionaries in the United States. Canada. Mexico, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

National convention delegates are expected to approve denominational budgets which will exceed \$18 million. Moderator Carl Cheshier (President of Hillsdale FWB College in Moore, Oklahoma) will gavel the voting body through electing 30 board and commission members and general officers. Each national agency and commission will submit an annual report to delegates during the two-day convention business session on Wednesday and Thursday.

The 2000 convention theme is "Witnesses in the World." Five \*pastors will deliver major addresses: Winston Sweeney (Tennessee), Ed Cook (Arkansas), Doug King (North Carolina), Tim Owen (Florida) and David Shores (Illinois).

Meeting simultaneously with the National Association are the 33rd annual National Youth Conference, with an expected 2,000 registrants and the 65th annual Women Nationally Active for Christ (WNAC) Convention with more than 800 women anticipated.

The four-day National Youth Conference (NYC) which includes Bible competitive activities as well as a music and arts festival will rally around the theme, "I Press Toward the Goal."

#### **Pre-Registration Form**

for National Association of Free Will Baptists Women Nationally Active for Christ National Youth Conference

Anaheim, California / July 16-20, 2000

DEADLINE: Must be postmarked on or before June 9, 2000

Please Print: (Only one person per form-make copies if needed.)

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☐ Foreign Missionary (nfm)		y \$22* Pre-Registration Fee if:
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#### **Housing Form** National Association of Free Will Baptists / National Convention July 16-20, 2000 Anaheim, California •

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

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	Hilton Anaheim (Heodquarters)	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$9 day in/ou
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did, and after graduating from Bible College, I was sent to Cuba to work with the Willeys, the Phenicies and Miss Yeley. I count it a great privilege to have had the opportunity to work at the Cedars of Lebanon Seminary with the Willeys. I served in Cuba for seven years until Castro and communism took

I still remember several of the campers from that first year and I see the results of that vision that Brother Reeves and others had for the young people in Missouri. Bud Hill became a pastor and is presently pastoring in Georgia. Don Hill is a Christian Psychologist with a counseling ministry in Montgomery, Alabama. My sister, Mary Ruth Wisehart, became Dr. Wisehart teaching at Free Will Baptist Bible College for many years and then served as the executive secretary for WNAC for 13 years. Harvey Hill's son, Edwin, has sung with the J. D. Sumner guartet for several years.

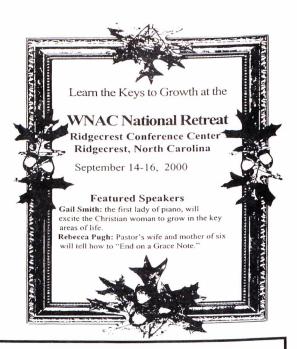
The campers knew that all the leaders there loved us. Brother Reeves was always working to make things go smoothly. Harvey Hill was there to play with us and help us have fun, and we did. There was not a lot of sports equipment, just a ball and bat which we used for ball games in the open field. We had a great time enjoying good food and fellowship and blessings from on high.

For 15 years now I have served as Manager/Editor of the Spanish Department at Randall House Publications. God uses the abilities and knowledge we have and the Spanish I learned on the mission field has been an asset for me. I feel that my missionary work has continued as I have worked to get our Sunday school literature translated into Spanish for the Hispanic churches.

I rejoice for what has been accomplished through the years at Camp Niangua and I am so happy to know that a new tabernacle is being constructed. If Brother Reeves is looking down from Heaven, I'm sure he is rejoicing also. His work was not in vain.

Thanks to the Free Will Baptists of Missouri who had a vision for young people. It has been some 50 years I suppose since the first youth camp was held there and I thank God when I see that the vision continues. I hope I can return some day to see the new tabernacle. I will always have fond memories of my days spent at Camp Niangua, and I will be forever grateful and thankful for the opportunity I had. What a difference it made in my life!

> Support The Camp **Tabernacle** Fund!



#### Reservation Form Freewill Baptist WNAC National Retreat

Ridgecrest Conference Center Ridgecrest, North Carolina

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

(per person for 2 nights plus 5 meals, including program fee): Please indicate the # of rooms requested:

1 per room: \$17	7
2 per room: \$10	)

3 per room: \$112 4 per room: \$106

Please list all names and adddresses of those staying in your room (Make additional copies if needed):

Your Name: Group/Church Name (if applicable): Home Telephone: \_\_ Work Telephone: \_\_\_ Name: Address:

Address: \_

Special Needs: Disabled access First floor

GROUP RESERVATIONS:

Name:

Total number of rooms needed \_

Number of persons in group \_

Attach list of participants, grouped by roommates. Indicate special needs for each room (disabled access: first floor required). Group should plan to pay with one check, if possible; if not, please notify Ridgecrest in advance.

Theme: Keys to Growth September 14-16, 2000

If planning to arrive or depart early, please indicate below:

Arrival date: \_ First meal: \_ Departure date: \_ Last meal:

HOW TO PAY: Enclose deposit of \$40.00 per person. Reservations will not be processed without deposit. Deposit will be credited to your account at check-in.

SEND TO: Ridgecrest Conference Center, P.O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770. Fax(828) 669-9721; Telephone 1-800-588-7222.

NO REFUNDS after August 31,2000.

Daytime only participants: \$35.00 per adult plus meal costs. Breakfast: \$5.75; Lunch: \$7.00; Dinner: \$8.00.

#### Transportation:

Ridgecrest is located 17 miles east of Asheville, NC, on Interstate, 40, exit 66. At the top of the ramp, turn left. At the first junction, turn right onto Old U.S. 70. The Ridgecrest entrance is on the left.

The Asheville Regional Airport is serviced by the following airlines: Delta, American, US Air and United.

#### A Few Ridgecrest Guidelines:

Ridgecrest is a Christian conference center. Guests are expected to dress reflecting a Christian example.

Ridgecrest facilities and grounds are designated as a tobacco-free environment.

No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are permitted on the conference center campus.

We accept personal checks, Visa, MC, and Discover cards. If

using a credit	card, please compl	ete the following informa-
tion (credit ca	ard users may FAX o	or phone in reservations):
Visa	Master Card	Discover

Cardholder's Name (print clearly):

Card Acct #:

Exp. Date: \_\_\_



#### Speaker Yvonne Howard Chapman

Powerful Testamony

Gifted Speaker

Outstanding Musician

## Missouri Women Active For Christ Retreat

#### Stonecroft Conference Center August 18-19, 2000

Theme:
"Is Your Closet In Order"

## RETREAT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

For those STAYING

at the Conference Center

List the ladies that will be staying in the same room (each room has 2 double or queen size beds). You may copy this form or add a sheet for additional names.

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## RETREAT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

For those NOT STAYING

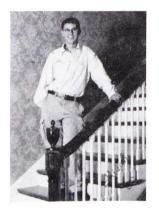
at the Conference Center

List the ladies attending the retreat, but providing their own accommodations. Check which meals they will be eating at Stonecroft. The cost for registration and all meals will be \$30.00

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In order to accommodate the maximum number of ladies attending, there must be 4 ladies to each room. Rooms are assigned as reservations are received. Reservations will not be accepted before June 19, 2000. Due to limited space and the purpose of the retreat, we request no babies please.

Total amount inclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_. PLEASE SEND ONE CHECK FOR ALL REGISTERING WITH YOUR GROUP. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MISSOURI STATE WAC (no cash please). As in years past, no refunds will be given, but substitutions may be made. PLEASE SEND FORM, CHECK, AND SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO: Judith Ruble - 610 Hunters Creek Dr. - Lebanon, MO 65536.



## Missouri Student Prepares For Foreign Missions Service

Dear People of Missouri:

My name is Micah Derby, and I attend the Calvary Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Fenton, Missouri. I am currently attending the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. This spring I will receive my BA degree in Bible with a minor in Missions. My goal

after graduation is to continue my preparation for long-term missionary work in France.

While I have felt God leading me to a ministry in missions for some time, it was only in the spring of 1999 that I realized that God's direction for my life is to work among the Muslim people living in France. After much prayer, I applied and

was approved for a one-year term of service in France with the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department.

My first few months in France will be spent attending classes on French and Islamic cultures, religions, and learning how to share my faith with these people. But I won't just be going to school. During the year I will participate in evangelism outreach to both French and Islamic people while I attend training programs and learn French at a local university. I will also receive hands-on training while working in a local French church with veteran missionary, Jerry Gibbs.

The time of my departure has not been confirmed, but if all the funds are raised, I could leave as early as June. The budget for my short-term of service is estimated at \$13,000.

The funds will provide my airfare, living expenses, ministry opportunities, and minimal school fees. Please let me know what help can be given. I would be happy to share with you in person during a Sunday service if you would like. For other information please call me at (615) 844-5024, or write me here at 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205. Thank you for your time and help.



## Financial Report March 2000



Cooperative Disbursements	
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Buffalo 1st	\$100.00
Byrd	\$88.30
Cabool	\$271.91
Cabool 1st	\$527.37
Calvary Chapel	\$931 24
Cape Girardeau 1st	\$346.43
Carthage	\$287 37
Chapel of the Ozarks	\$203.00
Christ Chapel	\$214 45
Clifton	\$53.83
Columbia	\$244.75
Columbia	\$250.04
Copper Mines	919100
Cornerstone - Jonlin	\$235.00
Cornerstone - Mt. Grove	\$420.18
Crossroads - Wentzville	\$779.00
Cuba	\$712.00
DeSoto 1st	\$1,400,00
Emmanuel	\$137.66
F & H - Aurora	\$77.00
Faith & Hope - Will. Sps	\$166.17
Farmington 1st	\$3.483.66
Fellowship - Park Hills	\$1,200.00
Fordland	\$670.00
Fordland	\$963.88
Fredericktown 1st	\$319.00
Freeman Chapel	\$553.00
Friendship - Kirbyville	\$394.20
Grace	\$1.671.00
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Grant Avenue	\$1,324.00
Hannibal	\$300.00
Hannon	\$300.00
Harmony - Parkville	Ψ547.00
Hartville	\$940.14
Hazel Creek	ΦΕ10.14
Hopewell	\$510.11
Houston 1st	\$200.00
Hurryville	\$341.78
Jackson	\$600.64
Jones Chapel	\$183.29
Joplin 1st	\$732.39
Kirkovilla 4-4	\$637.12
Kirksville 1st	\$23.00
Koshkonong	\$157.00
Lead Hill	\$336.43
Lebanon	\$429.51

Lebanon	\$427.39
Lebanon 1st	
Lone Star	\$60.00
Macedonia - Niangua	\$80.60
Merls Chapel	\$121.00
Mill Creek	\$507.12
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Monett 1st	Ψ47E 60
Monett 1st	
Mt. Pisgah - Cabool	\$300.11
Mt. Zion - Gower	\$361.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$52.70
Myrtle	\$1,332.19
Myrtle	\$272.28
Neosho 1st	\$95.00
New Home - Lebanon	\$400.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$70.00
New Life - Licking	
Niangua	\$230.00
Niangua	
North Five	\$103.08
Number One	\$59.35
Number One	\$107.03
Oak Grove - Mtn. Gr	\$188.11
O'Fallon 1st	\$1,082.00
Olivet	\$365.00
Oskaloosa	\$436.98
Overland	\$100.00
Ozark 1st	
Park Hills	\$732 16
Parkview	\$527.92
Pleasant Hill - Thayer	\$214.06
Pleasant Home	\$314.50
Pleasant Home	
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	9400.00
Potosi 1st	\$150.50
Republic	
Rock Chapel	\$424.70
Rolla 1st	\$424.70
Royal Oak	
Seymour	
South Fremont	
Springfield	
Springfield 1st	
St. Peters	\$735.00

Stockton	\$192.15
Terrill Road	\$519.00
Terrill Road	\$231.00
Thaver	\$1,030.00
Trinity - Bridgeton	\$1,002.64
Twin Oak	\$823.13
Jnion	\$60.00
Jnion Grove	\$410.00
Union Light	\$134.00
United	\$1,727.25
Unity - Lebanon	\$340.00
Verdella	\$461.66
Viburnum	\$294.30
Victory - Alton	\$520.62
Waynesville 1st	\$505.47
West Plains 1st	\$722.25
West Plains 1st	\$700.00
Willow Springs	\$216.01
Wolf Creek	\$316.39
Total	. \$55,858.88

Show-Me Plan	
Aulsbury Chapel	\$150.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, R	\$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado	\$161.38
Bethel - Festus	\$45.00
Bethlehem	\$60.00
Big Creek	\$55.00
Bishop, B. J	\$15.00
Black Oak	\$30.00
Bourbon	\$15.00
Buffalo 1st	
Burns, J.	\$60.00
Buxton, G	\$30.00
Cabool	
Cabool	\$135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	\$105.00
Chrisman, M	\$30.00
Columbia	
Columbia	
Copper Mines	
Copper Mines - Teens	
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult .	
Cornerstone - Mtn. Gr	

Cuba	\$158.40	Trinity	\$735.00	Park Hills 1st	\$691.01	New Life - Licking	323.50
Darnell, W		Union - Success		Pleasant Home	\$75.59	Bethel Fellowship-Festus	100.00
DeSoto 1st		Union Light	\$120.00	Pleasant Home	\$61.57	Total	. \$7,431.23
DeSoto 1st - Audit Cl		United - West Plains		Richwoods 1st	\$106.00		
aith & Hope - W.S		Unity	\$75.00	Rock Chapel	\$69.50	Youth Ministries Board	
armington 1st		Verdella	\$941.66	South Fremont	\$145.00		112 75
ellowship		Viburnum		Thayer		Lebanon Bible & Book	
ordland		Viburnum		Trinity - Bridgeton		Total	\$113.75
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ourth		White, R		United			112 75
redericktown 1st		Willow Springs - Mtn. G		United Youth Group		Lebanon Bible & Book	
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Sarrett, R				Viburnum		Lebanon Bible & Book	113.75
Sospel Light		Foreign Missions		West Plains 1st		Total	\$113.75
Grace	\$1,264.00	Cape Giradeau	\$138.56				
Grace	\$334.00	Chapman, A		Wolf Creek			
Grant Ave	\$320.00	Cuba		Total	\$6,926.90	Free Will Baptist Bible C	
Greenfield		Faith - St. Louis	\$22.00			Farmington 1st	
lannibal - WNAC		Faith - St. Louis	\$25.00	State Home Missions		Thayer	
łannon	\$1,045.03	Faith - St. Louis	\$25.00	Belton	\$50.00	Mountain Grove 1st	15.00
larmony - Parkville		Gospel Light	\$60.00	Benny Boyd	\$55.00	Nathan Ruble	
łartville	\$240.00	Grant Ave		DeSoto 1st	\$90.00	Verdella	92.33
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furryville	\$360.00	Joplin 1st		Farmington 1st			
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Matthews, G	\$350.00	10tai	\$1,007.41	Park Hills	\$75.00	Farmington 1st	
Merl's Chapel				Pleasant Ridge - Urbana		Thayer	
Mill Creek		Nat'l Home Missions		Richard White	\$10.00	Ozark 1st	
Mill Creek C. W. F		Belton	\$60.50	Thayer	\$62.50	Grant Avenue	8.0
Mill Creek Young Adult .	\$15.00	Bob Thebeau (DeSoto		United		Hannon	50.0
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Mt. Zion - Thayer	\$30.00	Ella Ruth King (Park F		Hartville		Farmington 1st	
Myrtle	\$75.00	F & H - Aurora		Cornerstone - Mtn. Grov		Belton	
Myrtle	\$75.00	Farmington 1st	\$326.00	Thayer		New Life - Monett	
Neosho 1st	\$180.00	Fordland	\$55.00	Trinity - Bridgeton	14.00	Unity - Lebanon	
New Home - Hartville	\$150.00	Fordland	\$45.00	Ozark 1st	10.00	,	
New Home - Lebanon	\$150.00	Fourth	\$50.00	Lebanon Bible & Book S	Store 157.50	Hannon	
New Hope - Fredericktov		Gospel Light	\$80.00	New Home - Hartville	10.00	New Hope - Frederickton	
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Pleasant Home		Macedonia	\$100.00	Camp Development F		DeSoto 1st	10
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ourdy	\$285.00	Monett 1st	\$205.00	Springfield 1st		Total	
Reagan, Jimmie		Monett 1st	\$167.00	Mt. Pisgah		. otai	
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#### Thank You Missouri!



**Lotz Family** 

by Gary Bruson

e are delighted to have Bro. Chuck Lotz and his precious wife to pastor the Mile High Church in Northglenn, Colorado.

For over 14 months we prayed for him and the work God called him to do. Since February when he moved here our church has increased in attendance, we were averaging around 15 in SS and 20 in Church with no Wed. night service. For the last four weeks we have had 34, 28, 65, and 41 for our Sunday Morning Services. We have also had several people make decisions for the Lord, added one new class, began Wed. night services and seen some major improvements made on the church building. We are so pleased with the spirit in our church and the excitement that our people feel.

Our highest day was Roll Call Sunday on March 26th. Not really having a lot of time to work on it because Bro. Chuck had just moved here we used the "Friend Day" emphasis and was so blessed by having over 25 visitors attending that day for a total of 65. We are spring boarding off of this and seeing new people in Sunday School and church each Sunday. What we have need of is a youth minister and music minister. Please pray for us as we see more people come into the church that God will raise up his staff for our church.

Bro. Trymon Messer always told us in Salina, Kansas that the answer to our needs in the church are out there in the community. We just need to reach them and disciple them for the positions needed in the church. God bless all that pray and support our church through your gifts to Bro. Chuck Lotz's account. We are so confident that before the year is out we will have our building filled and be looking to build. Our current facility will only accommodate around 80 to 90. Thank you Missouri for lending us one your pastors and standing behind him. Gary T. Brunson

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