

# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

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## PROCLAIM FREEDOM THROUGHOUT THE LAND!



*"Righteousness  
exalts a nation,  
But sin is a  
reproach to any  
people."*

*Proverbs 14:34*



# State Convention Report

Great preaching, singing, and fellowship characterized the 87th session of the Missouri Free Will Baptist Convention. Three hundred and twenty-one registered to hear Reverends Milan Ruble, Don Walker, Jason Roberts, and Bill Evans develop the theme of the convention, "Conscious of the Past, Challenged by the Present, Confidence in the Future." Hearts were stirred and challenged by each speaker's presentation of the Word. Rev. Steve

Reeves delivered the Wednesday morning devotion that prepared the attendees for the final session of business.

The Missouri Christian Education Board sponsored a workshop and morning worship service with Rev. Ron Owens. There were tears, shouts of joy, and rededications as the Holy Spirit moved in a special way during the services.

Tuesday afternoon, Moderator Rick Dablemont delivered a timely Moderator's message before presiding over the business sessions.

Tuesday afternoon and

Wednesday morning, the delegates heard the reports and approved the budgets of the state boards. The delegates also approved a \$5,000 gift from the Executive Office to Free Will Baptist Bible College and \$5,000 to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. In other business they approved a constitution and by-law change, three resolutions, voted to hold the 88th session at the United Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains, and to give the Wednesday evening offering of \$957.53 to the Show-Me Plan. The other offerings of \$422.46 will be used for convention expenses. Please note the reports at the end of this

article. The State Officers, Moderator Rick Dablemont, Assistant Moderator Richard Robinson, Clerk Jim Williams, and Assistant Clerk Rick Dement, are to be commended for the excellent job of handling the business.

The convention music was led by Curt Gwartney, Jim Williams, and Howard Dobkins. The special music featured several young people who blessed the hearts of the people. Our thanks is extended to all those who sang and played. ("Heart and Soul", Ozark Youth Choir, Mountain Grove Hand-Bell Choir, Casey Gwartney, Ashley Dixon, The Brawley Trio, The Gwartneys, Frances Simpson, The Calvary Fellowship Trio, Gene Howell, David Brawley, and Ron Scott.)

A special thanks is extended to the ushers, the registration committee, the O'Fallon Church, and the Mid-Rivers Association. Each one helped make the meeting special. Several people were heard to say they thought this was the best meeting they had attended.

## New Board Members:

State Home Missions: Frank Webster (2002) Gary Mitchener (2005)  
Youth Ministries Bd: Travis Watson (2005)  
Hillsdale Board Member: Rick Dablemont (2003)  
Historical Commission: John Postlewaite (2001)  
Executive Committee: Glenn Rehkop (2002)

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# Missouri Women Active For Christ

Under the able leadership of Shirley Jackson, the Missouri State Women Active for Christ was again a resounding success. Every year it seems to get better. The O'Fallon ladies graciously hosted the meeting, using the theme "Transformed" from Romans 12:2. The sanctuary of the O'Fallon church was beautifully decorated in a garden motif complete with a variety of butterflies. Sister Kay Reiter's banner with the theme and scripture added to the ambience of worship.



Both Brother Ken and Sister Judy Bailey shared their hearts and their love for the Japanese people during the worship times. They related the transformation Jesus has made in the lives of those Christians in Japan. They expressed their appreciation to the MOWAC for helping them remain in Japan where God has called them.

The following recommendations were approved during the business session: The projects for the year 2001 are the Missouri "Show Me" Plan - \$3,000; Tim and Jessica Lewis (Ogden, UT) - \$3,000; Youth Camp Tabernacle Fund - \$3,000; and WNAC - \$1,000. Also, all District and Local

WAC are encouraged to promote Missouri State Home Missions in February.

The Missouri WAC Scholarship in the amount of \$500 was awarded to Stacie Jean Turner of West Plains. Stacie will be attending Free Will Baptist Bible College this fall. We encourage all our Missouri women to promote the scholarship in their local church so that more young women might take advantage of this opportunity.

Following the business session, LeAnn and Vernon Wilfong, along with Wendy and Wilbur Worm shared a wonderful message through song (??) and dialog. Their performance carried out the theme of "Transformed" and was truly memorable.



On Tuesday evening, MOWAC served a delicious spaghetti dinner in the church basement. In fact,, the food was so good it was served again Wednesday for lunch! The proceeds from these meals, the crafts sold, and the silent auction that was arranged by the O'Fallon women, was over \$1,000. (This brings the fund to host the National WAC in 2004, to over \$3,000. This is a good start toward the \$12,000 needed.) It has been suggested that instead of having a craft sale during the 2001 State Meeting, that each local or district have their own sale and designate the proceeds to the 2004 fund)



As with any large meeting, there are always those who work behind the scenes to make it a success. God bless each of those who worked so hard! The meeting was certainly a success.

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## Give a Gift to Help Complete The New Tabernacle at Camp Niangua





# Winners Of 2000 Missouri State Competition

## 0.1 - 0.3 — BIBLE MEMORIZATION

- |     |                  |                             |
|-----|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0.1 | Gillian Moon     | Hartville First - Hartville |
| 0.2 | Ashley Applegate | Willow Springs - Mt. Grove  |
| 0.3 | Jeannetta Baumer | Hartville First - Hartville |

## 0.4 - 0.6 — BIBLE SWORD DRILL

- |     |                  |                                 |
|-----|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 0.4 | Christine Harkey | Hartville First - Hartville     |
| 0.5 | Stephanie Hurst  | Springfield First - Springfield |
| 0.6 | Steven Holland   | Union Grove - Norwood           |

## 0.7 BIBLE TIC TAC TOE

### HARTVILLE FIRST - HARTVILLE

Beth Kinser, Joni Dixon, Caleb Moon & Richard Baumer

## 0.8 BIBLE BOWL

### HARTVILLE FIRST - HARTVILLE

Jason Nichols, Andrew Reynolds, Amber Jones, & Jessica Palmer

## 1.1 VOCAL SOLO

### AGE GROUP

- |     |                  |                           |
|-----|------------------|---------------------------|
| * A | Chelsea Teed     | Carthage First - Carthage |
| B   | Bethany Sprenkle | Verdella - Liberal        |

## 1.2 MALE VOCAL SOLO

- |   |                |                             |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|
| C | Jason Thompson | Hannon - Liberal            |
| D | Ryan Bowlin    | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |

## 1.3 FEMALE VOCAL SOLO

- |   |                  |                             |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------|
| C | Ashley Dixon     | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
| D | Melisha Thompson | Hannon - Liberal            |

## 2.1 VOCAL ENSEMBLE -- DUETS, TRIOS, & QUARTETS

- |     |                     |                             |
|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| * A | Jones - Johnson     | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
| B   | Heart & Soul        | Farmington 1st - Farmington |
| * C | Esther & Kelly      | Verdella - Liberal          |
| D   | Tabitha & Elizabeth | Verdella - Liberal          |

## 3.1 INSTRUMENTAL SOLO -- STRINGS

- |   |              |                        |
|---|--------------|------------------------|
| B | Carley Keith | Wolf Creek - Mansfield |
|---|--------------|------------------------|

## 3.2 INSTRUMENTAL SOLO -- WIND

- |   |             |                             |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------|
| B | Kelly McKay | Verdella - Liberal          |
| C | Amanda Ross | Pleasant Home - Mt. Grove   |
| D | Lee Hopper  | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |



## 3.3 INSTRUMENTAL SOLO -- PERCUSSION

- |   |               |                    |
|---|---------------|--------------------|
| A | Wade Sprenkle | Verdella - Liberal |
| D | Nate Marti    | Verdella - Liberal |

## 4.1 INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE -- DUETS, TRIOS & QUARTETS

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|-----|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| B   | Derrek & Kelly    | Verdella - Liberal          |
| * C | Hartville Quartet | Hartville First - Hartville |

## 4.2 INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE WITH 5 OR MORE MEMBERS

- |     |                            |                              |
|-----|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| A   | 1st Free Will Baptist Kids | Mountain Grove 1st - Mt. Gr. |
| * C | Carthage Chimers           | Carthage First - Carthage    |

## 5.1 KEYBOARD SOLO

- |   |                 |                    |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| A | Jacob Hoover    | Hannon - Liberal   |
| B | Katelyn Simpson | Hannon - Liberal   |
| C | Kortni Brous    | Verdella - Liberal |

## 6.2 INDIVIDUAL DRAMA

- |   |                 |                             |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| B | Samantha Dozier | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
| C | Ashley Dixon    | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |
| D | Ryan Bowlin     | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton |

## 6.3 INTERPRETIVE READING OF SCRIPTURE

- |   |            |                             |
|---|------------|-----------------------------|
| B | Jeni Dixon | Hartville First - Hartville |
|---|------------|-----------------------------|

## 6.5 GROUP DRAMA

- |   |                            |                                 |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A | Willow Springs Drama Team  | Willow Springs - Mountain Grove |
| C | David Jones & Ashley Dixon | Calvary Fellowship - Fenton     |
| D | Ashley Montee & Ricky Fast | Hannon - Liberal                |

## 6.6 READER'S THEATER

- |   |              |                  |
|---|--------------|------------------|
| D | Beacon Bunch | Beacon - Raytown |
|---|--------------|------------------|

## 6.7 GROUP MIME/PANTOMIME

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|---|---------------|------------------|
| C | Unspoken Hope | Hannon - Liberal |
|---|---------------|------------------|

## 6.8 PUPPETRY (Live)

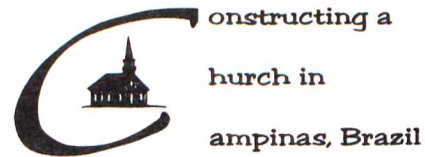
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|---|---------------|------------------------|
| B | The Wolf Gang | Wolf Creek - Mansfield |
| C | The Wolf Gang | Wolf Creek - Mansfield |







## "Missouri Challenge 2000"



### CONOSCO! ("WITH US" in Portuguese!)

Curt and Mary Holland, your Missouri Free Will Baptist Foreign Missionaries, have been working to establish the newest F. W. B. Church in Brazil. The church has grown, organized and bought land. They now need you to join them in helping to construct this new building in the Sao Jose neighborhood of Campinas.

### COMO? ("HOW" in Portuguese!)

The construction will begin very soon. Your immediate help is needed. You can help by praying, becoming informed about the work in Brazil and by helping to raise funds for this new church building.

### CUSTO? ("HOW MUCH" in Portuguese!)

The goal is to see the youth of Missouri and their churches raise \$30,000 for this project. It is a BIG MISSOURI CHALLENGE, but it can be done! All gifts should be sent to the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, P. O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536, or to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, P. O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002. Please direct all gifts to the CAMPINAS VISION FUND!

## Greetings from Curt and Mary Holland

... If your young people participated in the State Competition on May 5th and 6th, then you already know about the Missouri Challenge 2000! If not, then the information that follows this letter will fill you in. You will be learning more about it at the State Meeting in June.

We want to encourage your church to accept this challenge. You are already a faithful supporter of the Show-Me Plan and we praise the Lord for this monthly commitment to our ministry in Brazil. This challenge is something over and above your Show-Me giving. This is a one-time challenge. It began with the youth of Missouri, but in order for it to succeed the challenge must include everyone.

Having been a pastor in the states before coming to Brazil, I know that the youth of our churches have the courage and energy to meet this challenge, but they will need the support and encouragement of the entire church. We hope that you will be willing to help take part in this special challenge of building a church in the city of Campinas, Brazil!

If your church did not attend the State Competition and you would like to see the video clip that was shown of the Sao Jose church, please contact the Foreign Missions Office for more information.

Missouri is the Show-Me state. Over the years you have already shown our family that you can make a difference in Brazil for Christ. We appreciate your faithfulness to the Lord and to our ministry here in Campinas. Please consider accepting the Missouri Challenge 2000 for the glory of Christ!

### 6.9 PUPPETRY (Recorded)

- B Heavenly House Puppets Bethel - El Dorado Springs
- C Heavenly House Puppets Bethel - El Dorado Springs
- D Dummies For Christ Hannon - Liberal

### 9.1 PAINTING

- C Isaiah Vanderbogart Union Grove - Norwood

### 9.2 GRAPHICS

- A Ethan Dozier Calvary Fellowship - Fenton
- B Carley Garret Verdella - Liberal
- C Jill Lowther Wolf Creek - Mansfield
- D Dan Hempen Calvary Fellowship - Fenton

### 9.3 THREE-DIMENSIONAL ART

- A Sarah Jones Calvary Fellowship - Fenton
- B Samantha Williams Carthage First - Carthage

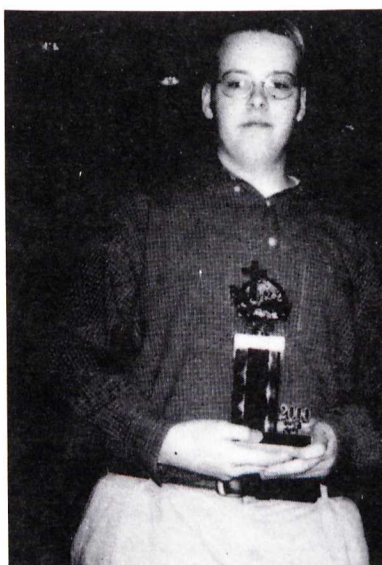
### 9.4 PHOTOGRAPHY

- B Kendall Findley Wolf Creek - Mansfield
- C Christina Smith Wolf Creek - Mansfield
- D Melisha Thompson Hannon - Liberal

### 9.5 FABRICATED ART

- \* C Jonathan Hall Bethel - El Dorado Springs

\* Denotes the highest rating in the category, but not an "80%." These were declared winners at State Competition, but are not eligible to compete at the National Youth Conference.

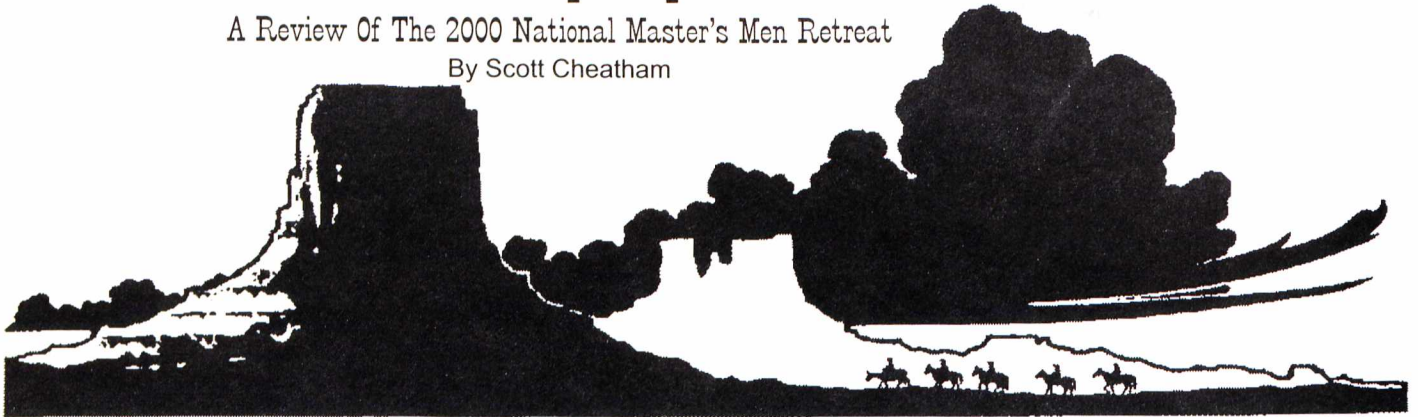




# "A Mountaintop Experience"

A Review Of The 2000 National Master's Men Retreat

By Scott Cheatham



"A life changing experience" was how one of our men described his experience at the National Master's Men Retreat in Conway, Arkansas April 27th - 29th.

Our men left for Conway and Camp Beaverfork early Thursday morning, April 27th and along the way shared special fellowship and anticipation of what God was going to do over the next few days. This was the second year that we had participated in the retreat; last year's being at Camp Hope in Ewing, Illinois. The men that went last year were very blessed and this year, with double the number of men, we expected a double blessing. We were not disappointed.

Rev. David Crowe from the Home Missions Department was our featured speaker for the weekend and his first sermon dealt with getting a "double portion" of God's spirit in our lives and when the altar call was given for the men to truly commit themselves to God's call on their lives, the altar was full! Every man came to re-commit himself to a life of purity, holiness and commitment!

The next day we started with a devotion from the newest member of Master's Men, Brother Kenneth Akers, who is the director of ministry development. He spoke of having a good name and having strong character. Following the devotion, Rev. Crowe delivered a strong message on being a committed, loving, and encouraging church. Brother Tom Dooley, the director of Master's Men then took us through a Bible study emphasizing our need to pray for one another and to present the department's new "Burden Bearers" prayer ministry. That evening, Brother David shared his third message with us. This one dealt with our rich heritage as Free Will Baptists and covered the history of some men many had never heard of before. The challenge was given to be strong in spirit like these saints of old and, again, God's conviction fell upon our group. Following the evening message, a special time of prayer was held to build each of the men up. This was our men's favorite time last year and again this year; God's sweet spirit fell upon us as we lifted our burdens to him in prayer. A special reverence fell upon us as some wept, some smiled, but all felt at ease in sharing their hearts with God and asking for his fullness in our lives. If we had not felt like brothers before this special time, there was no doubt about our commitment afterwards.

The following morning came with another devotion and then a final message by Rev. Crowe on the rivers that flowed out of Eden in Genesis. Each had a special meaning and Brother David took us through each one sharing insight many in our group had never heard before. All too soon, the retreat was over and it was time for us to head home. On the return trip to Missouri, many in our group shared their excitement for what was heard at this retreat and more importantly, how we can apply it in our day-to-day lives to influence our homes, church, and community. The friendships we build in times like this serve as a linchpin in times when we feel anemic spiritually. The retreat was everything we expected and more.

My hat is off to Brothers Tom Dooley and Ken Akers for the hard work they put into organizing this year's retreat. Events like this make me proud to be part of Master's Men. Next year's retreat is already being discussed. Men, if you haven't already, organize yourselves and become a part of Master's Men. We need more churches participating and being a part of such a special event like this. Many men were there, but so many more could have benefitted from the messages Rev. Crowe shared with us. If you would like more information about starting a chapter of Master's Men in your church (and it's so easy!), write to me at 510 Yale Street, Farmington, Missouri 63640-2045, or you can e-mail me at [scottc@saintmail.net](mailto:scottc@saintmail.net).

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*Have a Great Commission Vision!*  
*Adopt a Share of the Show-Me Plan.*



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### Constitution and By-Law Change

Article 21 was changed to read: (the section in italics was added to article 21) The General Board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the State Association from one regular session to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association. The General Board shall have the right to employ an Executive Secretary who shall serve as treasurer of the Association except in cases where this responsibility shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by these by-laws to some other officer, agent, or board of the Association. He shall make an annual financial report to the Association. *The procedure for election of the Executive Secretary shall be: (1) The Executive Committee shall serve as a search committee to screen potential candidates. (2) The Executive Committee shall recommend one candidate to the General Board. (3) The Executive Secretary shall be elected by a majority vote of the General Board.*

### Resolution Committee Report

"Whereas:

The Bible speaks pointedly and plainly concerning the necessity of unity among believers, "Striving to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bounds of peace," and,

Whereas:

It is the intent and purpose of the devil to divide and destroy the unity by sowing seeds of suspicion and mistrust among us, "Be sober, be vigilant, for your adversary the devil, walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour," and, Whereas:

There are some breaches in our Christian unity in some areas of our denomination.

We Resolve:

That the Missouri State Association urge our people to pray earnestly and sincerely for greater Christian unity in; (1) the local church (2) quarterly meetings and district associations, (3) the Missouri State association, and (4) The National Association.

#2. Whereas:

It is increasingly more difficult for missionaries and Christian workers to be admitted into Muslim countries, especially those bearing credentials with the words "Baptist" or "Bible" in the name of their educational institutions.

"Whereas:

It would be a recruitment tool for appealing to a broader base of potential students

Whereas:

Moving to a new campus would be the logical time for a new name,

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## The Fellowship Of Believers



*"Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister, and fellow servant." Colossians 4:7*

Do you think the same thing as I do when they show you that dessert tray at a restaurant? Every dessert looks so perfect, almost too perfect. Don't you just want to stick your fingers in one of those pieces of pie to see if it's real, not plastic?

Colossians 4:7-16 is a slice of the fellowship of the first century church. At first glance it seems like just a list of names. But when you take a closer look at these people you see how real the fellowship of the church really is. In these verses, Paul talks about real people and real life, both the joy and the pain, the ease and the struggle. Look with me at a few of these names. Tychicus, who helped Paul write this letter, reminds us that fellowship is a relationship.

Paul calls Tychicus his Dear Brother, a faithful minister and a fellow servant. These descriptions remind us of the kind of relationship we have as believers.

Brother — A family relationship

Minister — A working relationship

Servant — A Spiritual relationship

Onesimus reminds us that fellowship is all-inclusive. He was a former slave, an escaped slave, but now he is called "one of you." We can't even imagine how radical a statement this was for the first century church. The fellowship of Christ accepts him!

John Mark is also in this list, reminding us that fellowship is forgiving. You might remember that Paul had a falling out with John Mark earlier in his ministry life. Here, he accepts him as a fellow servant of Christ. You cannot hold onto grace and hold a grudge at the same time.

Aristarcus and Luke in this group are striking examples of the fact that fellowship is lasting. They were lifelong friends with Paul.

Demas helps us to honestly remember that fellowship means disappointment. If you love someone, you will sometimes suffer disappointment.

Epaphras is a great picture of the sacrifices that is in all genuine fellowship. He wrestled in prayer for the believers. He worked hard for them. One person with this kind of heart empowers many others to enjoy the fellowship that we have in Christ. The fellowship of Christ is an exciting place to be! In this short list of people who served the Lord together we have three of nine writers of the New Testament (Paul, Luke, and Mark). They must have had some GREAT small group Bible studies when they got together! There is no greater place to be, no more energizing place to be, than in the fellowship that Christ has given us with other believers. Oh sure, it's a risk. There might be a "Demas" in the group. But if you never get into a group, you'll never find life-long friends such as Paul found here, never find the relationships that stimulate your faith and change the world that you see in this chapter.

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# Brain Storm

## Bible College Plans Academic Olympics For High Schoolers

Free Will Baptist Bible College will host its first academic olympics for high school students, grades 9-12, on February 23-24, 2001, according to Dr. James H. Cox, Director of Enrollment Management.

Called "Brain Storm," the challenge will be issued for up to 16 teams from Free Will Baptist schools, churches and associations to meet in Nashville to see who has the top students. Teams may be comprised of from two to four students, with up to two alternates. Participants must be enrolled in a Free Will Baptist school or be members of a Free Will Baptist church.

The competition will include several fields of knowledge: Social Studies, Language Arts, Mathematics, Bible, Science, Current Events, Fine Arts, and the Free Will Baptist Denomination. The college will issue a bibliography of textbooks to help participants prepare.

An entry fee of \$150 will be charged, with participation limited to the first 16 teams who pay the fee. Trophies, certificates, and free participation in various Bible College-sponsored events will be awarded.

For more information, write or call:

Brain Storm  
c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3606 West End Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37205  
1-800-76-FWBBC



## 102 Make Bible College's Dean List

Following final exams at Free Will Baptist Bible College in May, the names of 102 students were placed on the Dean's List. Eighteen made straight-A for the semester. By classes, there were 21 seniors, 25 juniors, 27 sophomores, and 29 freshmen who made B or higher for the spring semester.

The Missouri students who were listed on the Dean's List are:

### "A" Roll

Laura Sides (Sr.) . . . . . Millersville, MO

### "B" Roll

Jennifer Koester (Sr.) . . . . . Park Hills, MO

Kellie Warren (Jr.) . . . . . Dexter, MO

## The Youth Look

By Ann Poletti

I heard a radio commentator say last week, "Christians are the light of the world; someone just needs to flip the switch." My immediate reaction was to chuckle . . . that reaction was stifled and I instead muttered an "ouch!"

**The world is looking to us for hope.** Satan has tangled them in a web of hopelessness, and there is no hope except through Christ. Does your life reflect hope found in Christ? Or does it show them more of the desperation they already feel?

Youth of the world are looking to Christian youth for something different. They want to see who "walks the talk" and thinks Christ is awesome enough to take a stand for. Does your life reflect values found only in Christ? Or does it tell them they are "as 'good' as us" even without Christ?

Those who listen to what we talk about are wanting to see what we consider important just by hearing what dominates our conversations (and, thus, our thoughts). Does God even come up in your talk? What would a listener presume to be your highest priority?

In asking yourself those questions, see if your light is burning, or if it's time for the "switch" to be flipped.

"You are the light of the world . . . let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14a, 16 (NKJV)

## Bible College Graduates 42 Students

Free Will Baptist Bible College graduated 42 students in Commencement Exercises held on campus at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2000. Rev. David Shores, Promotional Director of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists, brought the challenge to the seniors.

The Class of 2000 represents 18 states and one foreign country, Spain. The programs they have completed range from Pastoral Training, Missions, and Youth Ministry to Business, Sports Medicine, and Psychology.

Five seniors gave testimonies to their years at the college. Reverend Ernie Lewis, president of the Alumni Association, welcomed them to the ranks of more than 5,000 FWBBC alumni.

With the singing of the Alma mater, the 1999-2000 school year came to a close.

The following Missouri students were among this year's graduating class:

Justin N. Bradley  
Mountain Grove, MO  
Business Administration

Jeffrey B. Cates\*\*  
West Plains, MO  
Pastoral Training/Missions

Jennifer Renee Koester  
Park Hills, MO  
Psychology

Laura Anne Sides\*  
Millersville, MO  
Psychology & Learning

\* Cum laude

\*\* Magna cum laude



We resolve:

To commend the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College for recommending that our denominational school name be changed to Palmer College, and lend our support to said change and recommend its adoption.

#3. We Resolve:

That we give the Mid Rivers association and O'Fallon Church a standing-vote of thanks for an excellent job in hosting our Missouri State Association.

## Honk For Encouragement

Tim Hansel



The next time you see geese flying south for the winter in a V-formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way. There are four things that geese have to teach us. One, they rotate their leadership. When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. (I'm sure one of the reasons leaders burn out is because they are expected to stay in front all the time and they just plain wear out.)

The second thing that they do is to create an upward air current for one another. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. Then, by flying in a V-formation, the whole flock gets seventy-one percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. (One reason for loneliness is that so many of us are all heading in our own directions rather than seeking to mobilize with each other in the same direction.)

Third, when a goose gets sick or is wounded by a shot or falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he can fly again. (If people knew we would stand by them like that in the church, they would push down the walls to get in.)

Finally, it's the geese in the back who honk; letting the leaders know that they're following and all is well. (I am sure, too, that if people thought we would be constantly honking encouragement to them, our churches would have standing room only.)

When was the last time you stopped to encourage the pastor or one of the leaders in your church? Gave a honk of encouragement to a hurting or lonely person in your church? When we are focused together in a cooperative way in what God's call is, we are able to save much time and energy.

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## Worship Service Averages January 2000 - May 2000

| Churches:               | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Belton                  | 44    | 49    | 59    | 50    | 43  |
| Buffalo 1st             | 75    | 91    | 84    | 105   | 100 |
| Calvary Chapel          | 241   | 247   | 238   | 252   | 232 |
| Calvary Fellowship      | 287   | 317   | 348   | 313   | 298 |
| Cape Girardeau          | 58    | 50    | 52    | 70    | 61  |
| Copper Mines            | 57    | 63    | 59    | 68    | 63  |
| Cuba                    | 166   | 147   |       | 140   | 139 |
| Columbia                | 30    |       | 38    | 37    |     |
| Crossroads - Wentzville |       | 63    | 83    | 69    |     |
| DeSoto                  | * 192 | * 201 | * 228 | * 219 |     |
| Fredericktown 1st       | 37    | 52    |       | 54    |     |
| Hannibal                | 55    | 57    | 59    | 70    | 64  |
| Hannon                  | 132   | 124   | 154   | 144   |     |
| Harmony - Parkville     | 89    | 91    |       | 95    |     |
| Hartville               | * 102 | * 105 | 156   | 158   | 150 |
| Hopewell                | 37    | 46    | 40    | 43    | 40  |
| Houston                 | * 50  | * 46  | * 46  | * 47  | 72  |
| Hurryville              | 105   | 111   | 117   | 116   | 112 |
| Lebanon 1st             |       |       |       |       | 129 |
| Lebanon FWB             | 70    | 80    | 72    | 88    | 64  |
| Mill Creek              | 79    | 94    | 89    | 100   | 94  |
| Mine La Motte           |       |       |       |       | 57  |
| Monett 1st              |       |       | 100   | 90    | 120 |
| Mt. Pisgah              | 73    | 77    | 83    | 74    |     |
| Myrtle                  | 32    | 34    | 37    | 40    | 32  |
| New Life - Licking      | 73    | 66    | 78    | 70    | 74  |
| Oak Hill                | 32    | 25    | 28    |       |     |
| O'Fallon 1st            | 114   | 93    | 122   | 132   | 103 |
| Ozark 1st               | 157   | 162   | 203   | 172   | 147 |
| Oskaloosa               |       | 18    |       | 17    |     |
| Parkview - Desloge      |       | 102   | 115   |       |     |
| Pleasant Hill           | * 55  |       | 63    | 48    | 51  |
| Purdy                   | 76    | 70    |       | 70    |     |
| Richwoods               | 34    | 32    |       |       |     |
| Rock Chapel             | * 40  |       | * 44  | * 43  | 54  |
| Rolla 1st               | * 28  | 39    | 42    | 51    |     |
| Springfield 1st         | 131   | 142   | 146   | 150   |     |
| Thayer                  | * 122 |       |       | 215   |     |
| Trinity                 | * 64  | * 73  | 100   | 104   |     |
| Union Grove             |       | 122   | 139   | 142   | 150 |
| United                  | 541   | 537   | 625   | 555   | 568 |
| Willow Springs          | 61    | 59    | 74    | 67    | 66  |

*This is only a partial listing. There are 184 FWB churches in MO. Each church is encouraged to send in their Worship Service avg. each month. (\* S.S. Avg.)*

## The Rise and Fall of Civilizations

From bondage, comes spiritual faith.

From spiritual faith, comes courage.

From courage, comes liberty.

From liberty, comes abundance.

From abundance, comes complacency.

From complacency, comes apathy.

From apathy, comes dependency.

From dependency, comes bondage.





## How Birds Form A Church

A group of birds decided to form a church; so they called a meeting and the Duck stood up and said, "I think we should require baptism by immersion. It's the only way we can get their pocketbooks wet."

But the Rooster said, "No, we should baptize by sprinkling. Many people dislike the embarrassment of getting wet all over." So the argument was on.

The Parrot contended baptism wasn't the important thing; rather a good program was needed. And all the birds cheered, for everyone knows a church can't build a reputation for itself without a rousing program.

The Mockingbird said, "What about the choir, and the organ?"

"Oh," said the Thrush, "We don't need an organ. A piano is much better."

But the Titmouse didn't want a musical instrument at all, and the Sparrow said it would be just as well if they threw out music altogether.

The Goose stood up and said, "What we really need is a preacher who is good with young people. If you don't attract young people, the other churches in town will gobble them up for sure."

The Bluejay figured if the preacher would lay off sin and stuff like that, almost anyone would do, as long as he was popular among the town folks.

The real wrangle came over the budget. Some thought everyone should tithe, provided they could afford it. Others thought they should do away with collections and just have faith!

Then finally, the Owl arose and smoothed his feathers. Everyone grew quiet, for they knew he had great wisdom. "Brothers and sisters," said he, "all these things are secondary. What we need is sincerity."

All the birds applauded and stomped and whistled, "Yes, sir," repeated the Owl, quite pleased with himself. "Above all else, we must be really sincere, even if we don't mean it."

And so they formed a church . . . it was for the Birds!!!



## Financial Report April 2000



Cooperative Disbursements  
May 2000 ..... \$56,728.62

18.50% Missouri State Home  
Missions Board ..... \$10,494.80  
17.50% Executive Office ..... 9,927.51  
3.00% General Fund ..... 1,701.86  
.50% Show-Me Plan ..... 283.64  
8.50% Youth Camp Board ..... 4,821.93  
3.50% Y.C. Restricted Fds ..... 1,985.50  
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd ..... 1,134.57  
2.00% Christian Ed. Bd ..... 1,134.57  
2.00% Senior Adult Bd ..... 1,134.57  
9.00% MO Retirement ..... 5,105.58

30.50% ..... 17,302.23  
National Ministries, Hillsdale and  
California Christian College .....  
Foreign Missions Board  
Nat'l Home Missions Board  
Same Allocation  
FWBBC  
Hillsdale FWB College  
Executive Department  
Layman's Board  
Radio & TV Commission  
Theological Commission  
Historical Commission  
Board of Retirement & Insur  
1.00% C.C.C.

3.00% Missouri State Conference .  
Center Fund ..... 1,701.86  
**Total ..... \$56,728.62**

### Co-op

Amity ..... \$107.15  
Aulsbury Chapel ..... \$329.24  
Bailey - Alton ..... \$288.00  
Bailey Chapel ..... \$300.00  
Belton ..... \$330.80  
Berean ..... \$60.00  
Bethel - El Dorado Spgs. .... \$65.28  
Bethel - Northview ..... \$296.00  
Black Oak ..... \$353.13  
Buffalo 1st ..... \$200.00  
Byrd ..... \$104.30  
Cabool 1st ..... \$306.39  
Calvary Chapel ..... \$1,660.94  
Calvary Fellowship ..... \$1,056.00  
Cape Girardeau 1st ..... \$405.15  
Carthage ..... \$277.18  
Central ..... \$1,068.01  
Christ Chapel ..... \$276.68  
Clifton ..... \$66.78  
Columbia ..... \$304.31  
Copper Mines ..... \$506.93  
Cornerstone - Mt. Grove ..... \$445.80  
Crossroads - Wentzville ..... \$996.00  
Cuba ..... \$781.00  
DeSoto 1st ..... \$1,855.00  
Emmanuel ..... \$46.53  
F & H - Aurora ..... \$66.00  
Faith & Hope - Willow Spgs. .... \$217.27  
Farmington 1st ..... \$2,987.63  
Fellowship ..... \$1,500.00  
Fellowship - Park Hills ..... \$1,200.00  
Fredericktown 1st ..... \$372.00  
Freeman Chapel ..... \$545.33  
Friendship ..... \$486.20  
Grace ..... \$1,737.00  
Grant Avenue ..... \$1,771.06  
Hannibal ..... \$837.00  
Hannon ..... \$1,207.81

Harmony - Parkville ..... \$624.00  
Hartville ..... \$1,067.18  
Heritage ..... \$225.00  
Hopewell ..... \$283.00  
Houston 1st ..... \$471.02  
Hurryville ..... \$443.89  
Jackson ..... \$259.98  
Joplin 1st ..... \$894.77  
Kirkville 1st ..... \$7.00  
Koshkonong ..... \$236.00  
Lead Hill ..... \$144.88  
Lebanon ..... \$433.22  
Lebanon 1st ..... \$1,148.78  
Lone Star ..... \$59.20  
Macedonia - Niangua ..... \$129.30  
Meris Chapel ..... \$148.00  
Mill Creek ..... \$630.05  
Mine La Motte ..... \$102.15  
Monett 1st ..... \$498.43  
Mountain Grove 1st ..... \$2,256.20  
Mt. Pisgah ..... \$457.00  
Mt. Zion - Gower ..... \$70.40  
Myrtle ..... \$246.95  
Neosho 1st ..... \$95.00  
New Hope - Fredericktown ..... \$70.00  
Niangua ..... \$233.00  
North Five ..... \$124.50  
Number One ..... \$118.64  
O'Fallon 1st ..... \$1,315.00  
Olivet ..... \$470.00  
Oskaloosa ..... \$441.70  
Overland ..... \$140.00  
Ozark 1st ..... \$1,568.50  
Park Hills 1st ..... \$1,080.98  
Parkview ..... \$583.68  
Pleasant Hill ..... \$230.81  
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana ..... \$115.00  
Potosi 1st ..... \$218.22

Republic ..... \$100.00  
Rock Chapel ..... \$470.22  
Rolla 1st ..... \$361.00  
Royal Oak ..... \$143.00  
Seymour ..... \$485.00  
Smyrna ..... \$83.00  
Springfield ..... \$298.00  
Springfield 1st ..... \$1,154.85  
St. Francois Dist. Ass'n. .... \$30.00  
St. Peters ..... \$1,007.00  
Stockton ..... \$190.55  
Terrill Road ..... \$333.00  
Thayer ..... \$1,121.00  
Trinity ..... \$1,250.93  
Union Grove ..... \$480.00  
Union Light ..... \$165.00  
United ..... \$2,234.19  
Unity ..... \$300.00  
Verdella ..... \$703.82  
Viburnum ..... \$422.66  
Victory - Alton ..... \$422.74  
Waynesville 1st ..... \$518.00  
West Plains 1st ..... \$900.00  
Willow Springs ..... \$270.73  
Wolf Creek ..... \$228.60  
**Total ..... \$56,728.62**

### Foreign Missions

Calvary Fellowship ..... \$290.00  
Cape Girardeau ..... \$162.05  
Carthage ..... \$219.59  
Central ..... \$5.00  
Chapman, A. .... \$20.00  
Cuba ..... \$57.21  
Faith - St. Louis ..... \$40.00  
Farmington 1st ..... \$10.00  
Gospel Light ..... \$60.00  
Grant Ave. .... \$66.00

**Together!  
We make a difference.**



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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Hannon .....                   | \$300.00          |
| Hannon .....                   | \$700.00          |
| Harmony Fellowship (CO) .....  | \$590.00          |
| Houston 1st .....              | \$30.00           |
| Joplin 1st .....               | \$10.00           |
| Minor, K. ....                 | \$10.00           |
| Mountain Grove 1st .....       | \$5.00            |
| Myrtle .....                   | \$135.00          |
| Neosho 1st .....               | \$1,000.00        |
| New Hope - Fredericktown ..... | \$82.56           |
| New Life - Monett .....        | \$149.00          |
| New Testament .....            | \$140.00          |
| O'Fallon 1st .....             | \$15.00           |
| Rock Chapel .....              | \$18.00           |
| Thayer .....                   | \$65.00           |
| Trinity .....                  | \$388.01          |
| Union Light .....              | \$10.00           |
| Waynesville 1st .....          | \$417.00          |
| <b>Total .....</b>             | <b>\$4,994.42</b> |

#### Show-Me Plan

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Aulsbury Chapel .....              | \$700.00   |
| Barker, Rev. J. ....               | \$15.00    |
| Barker, Rev. J. ....               | \$15.00    |
| Belton .....                       | \$165.00   |
| Berean .....                       | \$30.00    |
| Berry, R. ....                     | \$15.00    |
| Bethel - El Dorado .....           | \$130.57   |
| Bethel - Festus .....              | \$45.00    |
| Big Creek .....                    | \$55.00    |
| Bishop, B. J. ....                 | \$15.00    |
| Black Oak .....                    | \$30.00    |
| Buffalo 1st .....                  | \$120.00   |
| Buxton, G. ....                    | \$30.00    |
| Cabool .....                       | \$135.00   |
| Calvary Chapel - Buffalo .....     | \$135.00   |
| Calvary Fellowship .....           | \$4,664.16 |
| Cartee, J. ....                    | \$15.00    |
| Central .....                      | \$405.00   |
| Chism, B. ....                     | \$5.00     |
| Chrisman, M. ....                  | \$30.00    |
| Columbia .....                     | \$75.00    |
| Copper Mines .....                 | \$150.00   |
| Copper Mines - Teen & Jr .....     | \$30.00    |
| Copper Mines - Yg. Adult .....     | \$15.00    |
| Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove .....     | \$294.00   |
| Cuba .....                         | \$703.28   |
| Darnell, W. ....                   | \$15.00    |
| DeSoto 1st .....                   | \$552.50   |
| DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Cl .....   | \$15.00    |
| Faith - Fair Grove .....           | \$360.00   |
| Faith & Hope - W.S. ....           | \$60.00    |
| Farmington 1st .....               | \$830.00   |
| Fellowship .....                   | \$897.33   |
| Fellowship .....                   | \$977.34   |
| Fredericktown 1st .....            | \$150.00   |
| Freeman Chapel .....               | \$540.00   |
| Garrett, R. ....                   | \$15.00    |
| Gospel Light .....                 | \$825.00   |
| Grace .....                        | \$311.50   |
| Graham, S. ....                    | \$15.00    |
| Grant Ave. ....                    | \$475.00   |
| Greenfield .....                   | \$180.00   |
| Hannon .....                       | \$1,507.81 |
| Harmony - Parkville .....          | \$83.25    |
| Harris, F. ....                    | \$45.00    |
| Hartville .....                    | \$240.00   |
| Hocker, D. ....                    | \$500.00   |
| Houston 1st .....                  | \$328.00   |
| Hurryville .....                   | \$300.00   |
| Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Cl ..... | \$19.00    |
| Jackson .....                      | \$30.00    |
| Joplin 1st .....                   | \$155.00   |
| Kirksville 1st .....               | \$39.00    |
| Leadington .....                   | \$197.00   |
| Lebanon 1st .....                  | \$150.00   |
| Lebanon F.W.B. ....                | \$30.00    |
| Looney, K. ....                    | \$15.00    |
| Macedonia - Purdy .....            | \$6,000.00 |
| Maggart, D. ....                   | \$45.00    |

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Matthews, G. ....              | \$350.00           |
| Merl's Chapel .....            | \$200.00           |
| Mill Creek .....               | \$105.00           |
| Mill Creek Young Adult .....   | \$15.00            |
| Mine La Motte .....            | \$45.00            |
| Missouri St Womans Aux. ....   | \$547.65           |
| Monett 1st .....               | \$315.00           |
| Mountain Grove 1st .....       | \$552.90           |
| Mt. Pisgah .....               | \$75.00            |
| Mt. Zion - Thayer .....        | \$30.00            |
| Myrtle .....                   | \$75.00            |
| Neosho 1st .....               | \$165.00           |
| New Home - Hartville .....     | \$150.00           |
| New Hope - Fredericktown ..... | \$105.00           |
| New Life - Monett .....        | \$75.00            |
| New Testament .....            | \$30.00            |
| Noel, D. ....                  | \$15.00            |
| Northeast Assn. ....           | \$774.60           |
| Oak Grove - Houston .....      | \$15.00            |
| O'Fallon 1st .....             | \$120.00           |
| Ozark 1st .....                | \$40.00            |
| Park Hills 1st .....           | \$324.30           |
| Parkview - Desloge .....       | \$303.92           |
| Pinkerton, J. ....             | \$45.00            |
| Pleasant Ridge - Urbana .....  | \$50.00            |
| Purdy .....                    | \$285.00           |
| Rehkop, Lon .....              | \$60.00            |
| Richardson, O. ....            | \$15.00            |
| Richwoods .....                | \$52.50            |
| Rock Chapel .....              | \$225.00           |
| Rolla 1st .....                | \$30.00            |
| Royal Oak .....                | \$120.00           |
| Ruble N. ....                  | \$45.00            |
| Southeast MO Assn. ....        | \$180.00           |
| Springfield 1st .....          | \$515.00           |
| St. Francois Dist. Assn. ....  | \$54.90            |
| St. Peters .....               | \$30.00            |
| Thayer .....                   | \$259.00           |
| Thomas, E. ....                | \$30.00            |
| Trinity .....                  | \$510.00           |
| Union Light .....              | \$120.00           |
| United - West Plains .....     | \$1,489.32         |
| Unity .....                    | \$75.00            |
| Verdella .....                 | \$1,143.82         |
| Viburnum .....                 | \$75.00            |
| Victory - Alton .....          | \$422.74           |
| Walker, H. Jr. ....            | \$30.00            |
| Waynesville 1st .....          | \$477.97           |
| White, R. ....                 | \$15.00            |
| Willhite, L. ....              | \$180.00           |
| Willow Springs - Mtn. Gr ..... | \$70.00            |
| Willow Springs 1st .....       | \$150.00           |
| <b>Total .....</b>             | <b>\$35,108.36</b> |

#### Nat'l Home Missions

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Alan Chapman (DeSoto 1st) ..     | \$10.00    |
| Belton .....                     | \$10.50    |
| Bob Thebeau (DeSoto 1st) .....   | \$5.00     |
| Brenda King (DeSoto 1st) .....   | \$5.00     |
| Calvary Fellowship .....         | \$5,832.25 |
| Carthage .....                   | \$55.00    |
| Cuba .....                       | \$171.64   |
| DeSoto 1st .....                 | \$663.00   |
| DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Cl ..... | \$10.00    |
| F & H - Aurora .....             | \$66.00    |
| Farmington 1st .....             | \$305.00   |
| Gospel Light .....               | \$80.00    |
| Grace .....                      | \$413.00   |
| Grant Avenue .....               | \$42.00    |
| Hannon .....                     | \$724.69   |
| Harmony Fellowship .....         | \$726.00   |
| Hartville .....                  | \$100.00   |
| Houston 1st .....                | \$50.00    |
| Jackson .....                    | \$233.00   |
| Jerry Rader .....                | \$20.00    |
| Joplin 1st .....                 | \$20.00    |
| Macedonia - Purdy .....          | \$100.00   |
| Merls Chapel .....               | \$60.00    |
| Monett 1st .....                 | \$280.00   |
| Mountain Grove 1st .....         | \$130.00   |

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Mt. Pisgah .....           | \$25.00            |
| Myrtle .....               | \$40.00            |
| Nathan Ruble .....         | \$10.00            |
| Neosho 1st .....           | \$100.00           |
| New Home - Hartville ..... | \$10.00            |
| New Life - Monett .....    | \$50.00            |
| New Testament .....        | \$350.00           |
| O'Fallon 1st .....         | \$48.00            |
| Ozark 1st .....            | \$20.00            |
| Park Hills 1st .....       | \$366.68           |
| Richwoods .....            | \$84.00            |
| Rock Chapel .....          | \$132.71           |
| Thayer .....               | \$245.00           |
| Trinity .....              | \$40.00            |
| Union Light .....          | \$96.00            |
| United .....               | \$150.00           |
| United Youth Group .....   | \$170.00           |
| Unity .....                | \$50.00            |
| Verdella .....             | \$40.00            |
| Viburnum .....             | \$101.00           |
| Wolf Creek .....           | \$75.00            |
| <b>Total .....</b>         | <b>\$12,315.47</b> |

#### State Home Missions

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Carol Berry (DeSoto 1st) .....     | \$10.00           |
| Central .....                      | \$40.00           |
| DeSoto 1st .....                   | \$90.00           |
| DeSoto 1st Children's Church ..... | \$20.00           |
| Farmington 1st .....               | \$115.00          |
| Fellowship .....                   | \$135.00          |
| Fellowship - Park Hills .....      | \$110.00          |
| Gospel Light .....                 | \$80.00           |
| Grace .....                        | \$55.00           |
| Larry Wormington .....             | \$30.00           |
| Lebanon Bible & Book Store .....   | \$288.75          |
| Mountain Grove 1st .....           | \$50.00           |
| O'Fallon 1st .....                 | \$48.00           |
| Ozark 1st .....                    | \$10.00           |
| Parkview .....                     | \$10.00           |
| Pleasant Ridge - Urbana .....      | \$20.00           |
| Richard White (DeSoto 1st) ..      | \$10.00           |
| Southeast MO Dist. Ass'n. ....     | \$180.00          |
| Thayer .....                       | \$50.00           |
| United .....                       | \$25.00           |
| Waynesville 1st .....              | \$50.00           |
| <b>Total .....</b>                 | <b>\$1,426.75</b> |

#### Youth Camp

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove ..... | 25.00           |
| Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..  | 157.50          |
| Cabool 1st .....               | 10.00           |
| Mountain Grove 1st .....       | 10.00           |
| Hartville .....                | 10.00           |
| Thayer .....                   | 50.00           |
| New Life - Monett .....        | 97.05           |
| Mt. Pisgah .....               | 15.00           |
| Niangua .....                  | 20.00           |
| Trinity .....                  | 14.00           |
| Buffalo 1st .....              | 100.00          |
| Ozark 1st .....                | 10.00           |
| New Home - Hartville .....     | 10.00           |
| Rolla 1st .....                | 20.00           |
| Willow Springs .....           | 10.00           |
| Verdella .....                 | 10.00           |
| Park Hills 1st .....           | 52.48           |
| DeSoto 1st .....               | 55.00           |
| <b>Total .....</b>             | <b>\$676.03</b> |

#### Camp Development Fund

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Myrtle .....                      | 140.00          |
| Rock Chapel .....                 | 200.00          |
| Willow Springs .....              | 5.00            |
| Houston 1st .....                 | 100.00          |
| Northeast District Association .. | 106.00          |
| Harmony - Parkville .....         | 20.00           |
| Houston 1st .....                 | 200.00          |
| Wolf Creek .....                  | 14.00           |
| <b>Total .....</b>                | <b>\$785.00</b> |

#### Youth Ministries Board

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

#### Senior Adult Ministries

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

#### C. E. Board

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

#### Free Will Baptist Bible College

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Nathan Ruble .....       | 15.00           |
| Mountain Grove 1st ..... | 20.00           |
| Thayer .....             | 50.00           |
| Verdella .....           | 140.76          |
| DeSoto 1st .....         | 40.00           |
| Farmington 1st .....     | 132.00          |
| <b>Total .....</b>       | <b>\$397.76</b> |

#### Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Grant Avenue .....   | 10.00           |
| Thayer .....         | 50.00           |
| Houston 1st .....    | 75.00           |
| Hannon .....         | 50.00           |
| Neosho 1st .....     | 50.00           |
| Farmington 1st ..... | 115.00          |
| <b>Total .....</b>   | <b>\$350.00</b> |

#### California Christian College

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Farmington 1st ..... | 78.00          |
| <b>Total .....</b>   | <b>\$78.00</b> |

#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Myrtle .....                   | 2.00            |
| New Hope - Fredericktown ..... | 30.00           |
| New Life - Monett .....        | 97.05           |
| Unity .....                    | 10.00           |
| Belton .....                   | 120.00          |
| Hannon .....                   | 100.00          |
| DeSoto 1st .....               | 80.00           |
| Kirksville 1st .....           | 43.31           |
| Farmington 1st .....           | 15.00           |
| <b>Total .....</b>             | <b>\$497.36</b> |

#### FWB Children's Home

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Eldridge, Alabama</b> |                |
| Kirksville 1st .....     | 10.00          |
| <b>Total .....</b>       | <b>\$10.00</b> |

#### Rev. John McClure

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Harrol Parks (Gospel Light) .... | 160.00          |
| Gospel Light .....               | 80.00           |
| Mountain Grove 1st .....         | 102.50          |
| Monett 1st .....                 | 35.00           |
| Thayer .....                     | 5.00            |
| Trinity .....                    | 20.00           |
| Carthage .....                   | 15.00           |
| Central Western District Aux ..  | 30.00           |
| DeSoto 1st .....                 | 20.00           |
| Kirksville 1st .....             | 10.00           |
| Grace .....                      | 15.00           |
| <b>Total .....</b>               | <b>\$492.50</b> |

#### Cornerstone FWB Church

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Merls Chapel .....  | 50.00          |
| New Testament ..... | 20.00          |
| <b>Total .....</b>  | <b>\$70.00</b> |

#### Steve Smith

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Farmington 1st ..... | 15.00          |
| <b>Total .....</b>   | <b>\$15.00</b> |

#### FWB National Youth Conference

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| Hannon .....                 | (For Amanda     |
| Bunch - Truth & Peace) ..... | 750.00          |
| <b>Total .....</b>           | <b>\$750.00</b> |



## Mine La Motte FWB Church Honors Special Mothers

On May 8th, the Women's Auxiliary of Mine La Motte Free Will Baptist Church had a special Mother's Day celebration. The members honored five ladies who have served our church the longest. Their ages range from 79 to 94 years of age. These women are in church regularly, and are absent only when necessary.

A summary of each of their lives and services to the church was presented by President, Sylvia Finch. Each honoree received a corsage. Many tears were shed as we realized the role models these women have been. A nice dinner was then served, with 16 ladies present. The ladies pictured are: (L to R) Florence McClure, Wilma Kemp, Alta Matthews, Esther Skaggs, and Reva Yancey.

Our church has been active the past few months. Our Christmas cantata produced a packed house with one first-time salvation decision, plus several re-dedications. Easter services were great, with a breakfast and a special rendition from our choir, plus some other specials.

We have a very active youth group, of which we are proud. Our youth pastor, Ben Durbin preaches each third Sunday evening and fifth Sunday night. All our youth participate, leading the services. They are also in charge of Vacation Bible



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