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Trinity FWB In Bridgeton Holds Ordination Service

By Melba Burch

May 21, 2000 was a very special day at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church when Kevin R. Scott was ordained as a minister of the Gospel as part of the morning worship. Family and friends witnessed the most sacred moment.

An explanation was given by Pastor Lynn Davenport. He read a statement from the St. Louis District Examining Board recommending that Kevin R. Scott be ordained as a minister of the Gospel. (Kevin was examined at the district's Tri-annual meeting on April 22, 2000.)

Scripture reading was from Isaiah 52:7, 8; 61:1-3. Message in song was "Lord Of All Of Me" by Leslie Hester. Questions of Intent were given by Deacon, Gary Walls. Pastor Davenport gave the ministerial charge. There was then a gathering around the altar, with the laying on of hands by ministers, deacons, and elders with their spouses gathered in prayer around Kevin's wife, Debbie.

After the ordination prayer, communion was observed.

The sermon was preached by Kevin Hester after which there was an altar call before the benediction. Kevin and Debbie greeted family and friends after the beautiful and very touching service.

Kevin graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science Degree: Bible and Christian Education. He completed all



Lynn Davenport & Kevin Scott

class work at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis and is currently working on his thesis to complete his studies for a Master of Arts in Exegetical Theology.

Kevin is the youngest son of Alvin and Betty Scott. He and Debbie, members at Trinity, are the parents of two daughters, Courtney, age 4, and Lauren, age 1.

Kevin is a sincere and dedicated young man which resulted from being raised in a Christian home. The family attended the former Berkeley Church under the ministry of Rev. Clarence Burton. The three Scott sons are now matured in their Christian faith and continue on in serving the Lord.

Kevin and Debbie's family and many friends are very proud of their dedication in advancing into the ministerial profession to serve our Lord.

Roll Call Sunday 2000 Top 10 in Attendance

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
1. United FWB - West Plains	Glen Murray	918
2. First FWB - Farmington	Roger Hogan	810
3. Calvary Fellowship - Fenton	Jerry Norris	362
4. First FWB - Park Hills	Ken Dodson	339
5. First FWB - Ozark	Gary Mitchener	293
6. First FWB - Mountain Grove	Gary Fry	275
7. First FWB - Park Hills	Wayne Phillips	240
8. First FWB - DeSoto	Bob Thebeau	224
9. Calvary Chapel FWB - Buffalo	Doug Earls	222
10. Grace FWB - Arnold	Glenn Rehkop	207

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Pastor and Mrs. Glenn Rehkop Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



On Sunday, May 21, Grace FWB Church in Arnold, Missouri hosted a dinner and open house to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of their pastor and his wife, Glenn and Evelyn Rehkop. The Rehkops were married on May 19, 1950 in Mine La Motte, Missouri at the home of their pastor, Woodrow Matthews. Mildred Killian and the late Leamon Killian served as matron of honor and best man.

While the celebration was not a total surprise to Pastor and Mrs. Rehkop, they did not expect Brother Clarence Burton to be present to deliver the morning message. At the conclusion of the service, Brother Burton performed a renewal of vows, asking Mrs. Killian, Randy Rehkop and Beverly (Rehkop) Garner to serve as witnesses.

Music for the morning service

was provided by Beverly Garner, the Young Men's Quartet and the Grace Adult Choir. Brother Ray Stacy, Chairman of the Church Board, presented a gift certificate to Pastor and Mrs. Rehkop on behalf of the church membership.

It was a blessing to see so many family members and long-time friends of the Rehkops at the open house which was held in the fellowship hall of the church. Brother Glenn and Sister Evelyn have served Grace Church for almost 33 years. Many lives have been blessed and many souls saved as a result of their dedication to the work of the Lord and their commitment to Grace Church.



Chuck Barker and Pastor Courtney



Pastor Courtney Honored for 50 yrs. of ministry

New Life Church Honors Chuck Barker

The New Life Free Will Baptist Church located at Licking, Missouri, held their annual "Harold Price Day" on Father's Day. Each year the church honors a man who has faithfully served the church as a leader. The day has been named "Harold Price Day" in honor of the first leader to be honored by the church.

During the morning worship service, Pastor Max Courtney announced that Chuck Barker was to be the 2000 honoree. He read the following statement as Bro. Barker joined him at the pulpit.

Brother Chuck Barker was a member of the Berkley Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis before he moved into this area. According to the church record, Chuck, Mary, and the family came to the New Life Church when it was a mission. Chuck was the 21st charter member of the church and voted in the 9th business meeting of the church in September 1973. He has been an officer in the church from those early days, and he and Mary have supported the church faithfully.

Chuck was raised as a Free Will Baptist. His father, Rev. Lewis Barker, was a pastor in Arkansas for many years. His sister, Jean, is Mrs. Earnie Deeds.

Brother Courtney invited Executive Secretary Nathan Ruble to present Bro. Barker a plaque as a remembrance of the day. The Pastor then presented Chuck a new bible.

Rev. Nathan Ruble preached the morning message. After the service, the ladies of the church served an old fashion dinner. During the afternoon, the congregation enjoyed the special music of the Bressler Quartet.

Teen Camp 2000

Those attending Teen Camp 2000 found that Camp Niangua has changed since Camp 1999. An impressive new tabernacle is located on the old ball field, a new ball field has been constructed, and the dining room has been air-conditioned. Ronnie Blanks, Camp Board Chairman, led the campers in a dedication service for the new ball field on Monday.

The statistics for Camp 2000 are also impressive. 534 registered, 17 made first time decisions for Christ, 45 rededicated their lives to the Lord, four answered God's call for special service, and the Wednesday evening offering totaled \$5,040.00. Rev. Mike Hutsell was the evangelist for Teen Camp.

Throughout the week of camp, camp board members provided tours of the new building. The new tabernacle will be completed for Camp 2001. Approximately \$40,000.00 is still needed to complete the building. If you would like to send a donation, you may send the money through the state office.



 campers

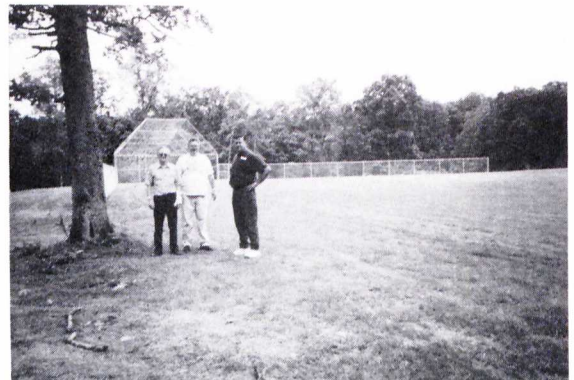


Young preachers at Wed. service

C A M P N I A N G U A



Inside New Tabernacle



RonnieBlanks, Gene Howell, & BobThebeau standing on the new ball field.



Campers assembling for dedication service.

ALL BOARDS MEETING PREACHER/LAYMAN'S RETREAT

**September 11, 2000
Camp Niangua**

Monday, September 11

10:00 a.m (tee time).....Golf Tourament
Golf Tournament - Heritage 66 Golf Course Phillipsburg, MO
5:30 p.m.....Evening Meal
6:30 p.m - 7:15 p.m.....Rev. Gene Crewse
"Preach the Word with Conviction"
7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.....Rev. Lynn Davenport
"Preach the Word with Clarity"
8:00 p.m.....Boards Meet

Guidelines For Golf Tourament

2 Man Scramble

3 Trophies will be awarded for the tourament

A trophy each to first place finishers

A trophy each to second place finishers

A trophy for the ball closest to the hole off the tee on # 2, par 3

REGISTRATION FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Name _____ **Phone** _____
Address _____

Each participant will pay his own green fee.
Dale Skiles will be in charge of the Golf Tournament
Mail registration form to:
Rev. Dale Skiles
4534 McCullough
Springfield, MO 65804



MO MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Are you Licensed? _____ Ordained? _____
Name of MO church where you are a member _____
Pastor's Name _____
Date graduated from High School _____
Name of High School _____

Name of the School you will be attending the Fall semester 2000. _____
Are you pursuing an Undergraduate degree _____
Graduate degree _____
Last semester grade point average (high school or college) _____
You will be enrolling as a:(circle one)
Freshmen Sophomore Junior Senior
Graduate Student



GINGER HARRISON UPDATE

Dear Friends,

I'm sure that many of you have been wondering what's going on with me, so I thought I would drop you a line to let you know.

The past several months I have been praying and seeking God's direction for the up-coming year and my role in missions. This is where I am at right now.

I just returned from a mission trip to Haiti. I traveled there with another church group of ten. I have been interested in Haiti since returning to the States. The language there is French (as well as Creole), so I was able to implement that during my stay. I worked along-side a hospital there as well as taking a day to do community health. One woman was saved that day, which we have to praise the Lord for. I also sweated a lot painting a new hospital, but could see the progress of that work immediately. I probably painted swarms of mosquitoes onto the wall, but all in all we ended up using about 100 gallons of paint.

This spring I had been inquiring about the Nurse Practitioner program here at Arizona State University. I have been interested in continuing in this direction right after returning from my first term in Africa, but since I was already here I began checking on this program. I completed the application process and GRE (exam) just in the nick of time to be considered. After an interview process I waited patiently until May to find out that I have been accepted into the program for this Fall.

I do feel that this is God's grace opening this window of opportunity. I am currently working part-time at a Christian University as a Staff Nurse and believe this is great timing to be able to accomplish this task.

I don't know what the next step will be after this schooling. I still feel a calling to missions and believe that God will use me in that arena. After this trip, I know God has given me gifts that benefit the kingdom of Christ. As I have said before, I believe this is a detour, not an exit! I feel the Nurse Practitioner role can help with medical needs and/or education in rural or under-developed areas and assist in possible ministry opportunities in the future.

Continue to pray for me. I do thank you all for your prayers and support. You will never know how much I have appreciated all that you have done to support me, a medical work, and missions! God will bless you for giving what you have. I know your ministry of supporting missions will continue through other missionaries who are "blessed" enough to have you behind them.

Please feel free to keep in touch.

A quick story...The American surgeon operated on a lady our last day in Haiti for a fibroid tumor. The operating room was packed with on-lookers and as he made his first incision it was apparent that the tumor was larger and more developed than expected. Infection was obvious and her blood resembled water instead of it's normal consistency. As the woman lay there half conscious from only a spinal anesthetic, the room was quite with anticipation. As the doctor and nurse worked together, manipulating the football size growth from her thin, frail body, she moaned and said in Creole, "God is with me!". Later that night, she died.

Many die every day from the lack of medical treatment, car accidents, and just poverty. We can't stop death, but we can help others to say, "God is with me" before they cross over into eternity!

God be with you!

Ginger Harrison, RN

NEWS FROM COLORADO MILE HIGH

Mile High has been experiencing some mighty high days lately. Over the last three months we have seen our Sunday School grow from in the teens to high 20's and low 30's. Our morning worship usually sees about 35 to 42 in service. Numbers are not the only measure of a church's growth but it really helps to see them increasing.

Our finances are higher than they have been for over two years. The last two months have seen a 30% increase over budget. This has been really helpful in getting our building up to a 5 star quality. We are not there yet but getting closer.

A wonderful group of God's people from Missouri have recently came to Colorado and spent several days on improvement projects at the church. They have replaced many old and outdated light fixtures, added outside lighting and generally helped the appearance. We are so grateful to those that have given of their time and money to help us in this project. You are remembered.

We are in the process of planning our fall and expect to see great growth then. We are looking forward to the Operation Saturation in Sept. and appreciate those from Missouri that have committed to come and help us with this. What a great vision you folks have to look so far away and see the need to win souls. I know God will bless these efforts.

Continue to pray for Chuck, Shirley and Nathan as they get used to Colorado. It is really expensive here and requires so much to live. Your continued gifts to his account are appreciated. Our church has been able to pick up \$400 per month so far of his account and look for this to grow so we can as soon as possible take over his salary. God bless you and a big thank you from all of us here at Mile High.

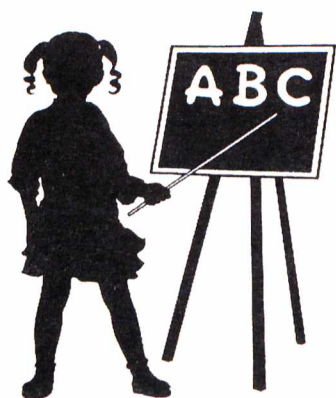
Gary T. Brunson

Let's Chat...!

(Devotions for Women)
by Phyllis Detherage

Welcome to my house! I'm a stay home Mother and have been so for several years now. Although I love my job and recognize its tremendous value, there are times when I feel a bit out of touch. We are told to witness and encourage others but it is a little tough to do that when you don't see any one all day except the kids and the family pets. After a while, they just stop listening to your sermons or quote them back to you. All we have to do to get the dog to roll over at our house is say, "The Bible says," and over he goes! (He'd rather do the trick as hear the sermon!) What is a talkative woman to do? After a while, all of the thoughts and revelations start building and if you don't spew them on someone you'll explode. Thus, the birth of a book!

The title is no divine revelation, I will admit, but rather a stunning explanation. Simply my desire to share with others what God has so wonderfully shared with me! I can think of no better way than through a relaxed and uninterrupted chat. May I make a suggestion? Make a cup of tea, put your feet up and Let's Chat Before Disaster.



Put First Things First

*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,
when the time of refreshing
shall come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3:19*

If you are like many other women in the world, the one thing that you never have enough of is time. Not just women suffer from this malady, but often I think that we suffer greater because, as women, we often bear the responsibility of caring for others. Admit it women, how many of us long for a five minute bathroom break without someone yelling for us or knocking on the door? Time in our day and age is at an all time low. I know that may sound silly, but I also think that most of you will agree that this is true. How can we meet all of the demands that we carry as moms and wives? How can we get the laundry done, the dishes done, the house cleaned, complete all of the committee tasks, and often hold a full time job? Makes me tired just thinking about it all!

I'm not sure that there is any way to ever come up with any more than 24 hours in the day, but I do have some words of encouragement that I think will

help you cope in the 24 hours that you do have.

I could give you a list of organizational skills or time management tips but the one thing that has helped me the most is prioritizing. In other words, "Put first things first." How do you start your day? Do you drag yourself out of bed to a pile of dirty clothes in the middle of the floor and a pile of dirty dishes to wade through just to find the toaster for breakfast? Do you dive headlong into the housework and children's demands? Do you kiss the husband goodbye and push him out the door while contemplating a mile long list of things to do? Stop!

Acts 3:19 tells us a much better way to start our day. With a time of refreshing in the presence of the Lord. What a wonderful thought! A place of refreshing. Oh how I need those times with the Lord! A time to relax my mind and place my cares and concerns on him. Nothing will refresh a weary worn

female like the cool soothing words of a loving Savior, but where do we get the time for it? Where do we find the time to be refreshed? Where do we come up with the extra time to spend with the Lord? Won't something else suffer? Will the needs of our family be met?

I guarantee that if you put God before all else, you will find that all else is nicely taken care of. Who has the power to extend our 24 hours? Who can rest our minds so that we can put things in their proper perspective and organize ourselves to accomplish all that is necessary? Take time to be with God and God will be with you in everything that you do!

I have no time for God today,
Or so I often think and say,
But dare I go along this way?
No, I must take time to pray!



Dear Editor:

Well, it's the year 2000, and the Y2K bug didn't do anything too dramatic. By now just about everyone has forgotten it even existed and now we move on to the next big national issue. It's election year! The races have begun, the media is gearing up, and the people are wondering who is the best candidate. While many people will take time to vote, others will not, saying, "It takes too much time", "It won't make any difference," or a number of other excuses. And it seems everyone has a different method of determining who they will vote for. Some vote for the candidate whom they think will help bring prosperity, or maybe protect social security, promote some special interest, or is a member of a particular political party. Some of the more interesting ones range from, "He's good looking," to "He was real good in a movie." Regardless of the motivation or the reasoning behind their choice, candidates get elected and terms are served. This is the way it has been since the ratification of the Constitution.

Have you ever wondered how God looks at government? Romans 13:1 says, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." Wow! What a powerful statement, but what does it mean? For starters, "every soul" means you and me and "higher powers" refers to our government—city, county, state and federal. To be "subject unto" means we are under our governments authority—the powers ordained of God. And this brings light to an interesting situation. In the United States, our government is "for the people and by the people." This places us ("every soul") in a position of great responsibility, because we are charged with electing our government officials, whether local, state or federal. This is part of the free-

dom given to us by God through our forefathers. It is sad to think how irresponsible the American people are in this respect, but what about the American Christians? Are we any more responsible? Are we acting the way God would have us to act? Are we serving God as we should? This is something each of us will have to answer for ourselves. Consider this—If the government is ordained of God, are we not ordained of God to serve in our responsibilities to our government? How do we know which way to vote on the issues or which candidate to vote for? I'm not about to try to tell you which candidate to vote for; this is your decision, and you must make it. But I can tell you this—all these questions can be answered by going back to the Bible. What does the Bible say about the issues at hand? What does the Bible say about the subjects the candidates are speaking about? The Bible is timeless, even though it was written centuries ago, and governments have changed in a lot of ways. The Bible still applies, will always apply, for it is God's Holy Word.

I had a conversation with a man a few weeks ago about politics. His remarks came as a shock to me. He felt it was more important to elect government officials that would bring prosperity in a worldly sense than to elect someone who would stand up for what is right in the eyes of God. While this man claims to be a Christian, it only makes me wonder how many other Christians view their responsibilities in this manner?

Where do you put your faith? In monetary prosperity, or in God? Consider this: "Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon earth. But lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Taken from Matthew 6)

Are we going to repeat all the mistakes Israel made after being freed from bondage in Egypt, making idols to worship instead of worshiping God? Yes, monetary prosperity is an idol if we put it ahead of God. Matthew 6:26 says, "Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?"

I hope you will consider these thoughts as election time draws near, and as you're in the voting booth, think about how you would vote if God was standing in there with you. After all, He is.

Your brother in Christ,
Ray Owens



Crossroads FWB Of Wentzville "Goes Hawaiian"

On Saturday, June 10, Crossroads Free Will Baptist Church of Wentzville enjoyed their soon-to-be annual Hawaiian Luau and praised the Lord for the wonderful crowd and all the fun and fellowship.

The luau-style barbecue was complete with all the trimmings: from Tiki Torches to grass skirts! It was a great success with a total of 72 folks attending. Everyone at Crossroads is looking forward to next year's. The congregation praises the Lord for the growth which He has blessed their church with over the last year.



Building For U.F.O.s

By Gordon Sebastian

Should a church provide space for U.F.O.s? I mean, should the good, faithful, tithing, sacrificing members of a growing congregation further encumber themselves in order to provide for the needs of U.F.O.s? Can you possibly imagine a pastor asking his main supporters to tighten their belts in order to go into a multi-million dollar expansion program so that incoming U.F.O.s might have a good place to land and worship? Hey, you are not alone! Neither could Johnny Hunt!

Last week I attended Evangelist Tom Schuj's 5th Annual Conference on Evangelism. It was held at Grace Church in Sanford, North Carolina. One of the speakers was Dr. Johnny Hunt. Brother Hunt pastors quite a church near Atlanta, First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Georgia. When I describe First Baptist of Woodstock as "quite a church," I mean just that. When Pastor Hunt took this church 13 years ago it was an average size Southern Baptist Church. Today the congregation averages in excess of 5,300 for Sunday morning worship. Their annual budget is a healthy nine million dollars. But it is no accident that this church has done so well. All one has to do is listen to this pastor one time to understand why people flock to hear him. The night I heard Dr. Hunt the congregation was laughing, crying, applauding, and cheering. But what I remember the most was his story about these U.F.O.s.

It seems that upon entering his recent multi-million dollar building program, one necessitated by his exploding congregation, he had an earth-shaking revelation. It was not a revelation from heaven, or from the Bible, but one from the church financial records. Johnny discovered that less

than half of his congregation was paying most of the bills. These would, therefore, be the very ones that would be taking on most of the financial load of the proposed expansion program. As he further examined the books he noted that many of these faithful supporters were actually stretching themselves to the very limit in their giving. So, he asked himself, "How can I ask these dedicated contributors to further encumber themselves? How can I push these faithful givers to give even more?" That's when he mounted his pulpit to make his declaration.

The architect had drawn the plans, the fund-raising was about to begin, but Johnny Hunt had something to say. What was this pew-shaking announcement? Dr. Hunt announced that after carefully and prayerfully examining the giving records of his church he could not and would not lead his church into such financial debt. His reason? U.F.O.s! Pastor Johnny said it made no sense for less than half of his congregation to be asked to double their giving in order to provide space for those who give nearly nothing, the U.F.O.s. And so who were the U.F.O.s? The Uncommitted, the Faithless, and the On-lookers! That's what he dubbed the majority of his church. How did First Baptist react to such a shocking declaration? Did they fire the preacher? Did half the church leave, never to return? No, the U.F.O.s repented, and First Baptist had a stewardship revival. Following that, the giving doubled, according to Dr. Hunt; and the church immediately launched into its building program.

Is there a lesson in this for us? Just a thought!

From The Peace Promoter, a publication of Peace Church, Wilson, N.C.

My Super NOW Account



By Dora Hershberger Giggy

When we were children, our little brown savings account books were a valued and cherished possession. How proudly we walked into the bank and handed the teller our book and our deposit. To have the interest added was another red-letter day!

Last year I was inundated with literature from various banks. "Sign with us!" "We have the best!" "We offer the most!" "Our super NOW Account pays more interest!"

But now I think, I already have the very best super NOW Account of all.

If the bank credited your account with \$86,400 every morning, and anything not used was erased at the close of that day, with no balance carried over, what would you do? You would scheme and work to use it, not let it go to waste.

You have just such a bank account—Time! Every new day credits you with 86,400 seconds! No balance is carried over. Each day a deposit of 86,400 seconds is made for you and me.

At the close of each 24 hours the account is cleared. What is not used is gone, wiped out. There is no going back to retrieve any seconds, minutes, hours. No chance to re-invest that time.

Each of us is given the same allotment of time every day. It is each person's responsibility to invest this precious, irreplaceable fund of time, and to gain from it the utmost in health, happiness and success.

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Worship Service Averages January 2000 - June 2000

Churches:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Belton	44	49	59	50	43	44
Buffalo 1st	75	91	84	105	100	86
Calvary Chapel	241	247	238	252	232	223
Calvary Fellowship	287	317	348	313	298	
Cape Girardeau	58	50	52	70	61	55
Copper Mines	57	63	59	68	63	
Cuba	166	147		140	139	135
Columbia	30		38	37		27
Crossroads - Wentz.		63	83	69	62	70
DeSoto	* 192	* 201	* 228	* 219		
Fredericktown 1st	37	52		54		
Hannibal	55	57	59	70	64	
Hannon	132	124	154	144	140	134
Harmony - Parkville	89	91		95	94	
Hartville	* 102	* 105	156	158	150	169
Hopewell	37	46	40	43	40	
Houston	* 50	* 46	* 46	* 47	72	65
Hurryville	105	111	117	116	112	102
Lebanon 1st					129	130
Lebanon FWB	70	80	72	88	64	63
Mill Creek	79	94	89	100	94	84
Mine La Motte					57	
Monett 1st			100	90	120	
Mt. Pisgah	73	77	83	74		
Myrtle	32	34	37	40	32	33
New Life - Licking	73	66	78	70	74	69
Oak Hill	32	25	28			
O'Fallon 1st	114	93	122	132	103	118
Ozark 1st	157	162	203	172	147	143
Oskaloosa		18		17		
Parkview - Desloge		102	115	114	112	
Pleasant Hill	* 55		63	48	51	
Purdy	76	70		70	69	69
Richwoods	34	32				
Rock Chapel	* 40		* 44	* 43	54	
Rolla 1st	* 28	39	42	51		35
Springfield 1st	131	142	146	150		
Thayer	* 122			215		186
Trinity	* 64	* 73	100	104		
Union Grove		122	139	142	150	129
United	541	537	625	555	568	515
Willow Springs	61	59	74	67	66	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.)*

Kingsway FWB Church

Seeking Pastor

Kingsway Free Will Baptist Church, located at 2615 N. Park in Springfield, is seeking a part-time pastor. If you know of someone who is looking for a church to lead, please call Brother Leon Sawyer at (417) 864-4036.

Please keep the church in your prayers as they seek the will of God.

Available for Pulpit Supply

Rev. Roger Harwell
Phone: 417/ 533-5797



Financial Report

June 2000



Cooperative Disbursements

June 2000 **\$45,616.74**

18.50% MO Home Miss	\$8,439.10
17.50% Executive Office	7,982.93
3.00% General Fund	1,368.50
.50% Show-Me Plan	228.08
8.50% Youth Camp Bd	3,877.42
3.50% Y. C. Restricted	1,596.60
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd	912.33
2.00% C.E. Bd	912.33
2.00% Senior Adult Board	912.33
9.00% MO Retirement	4,105.51

30.50%	13,913.11
National Ministries, Hillsdale and	
California Christian College	
Foreign Missions Board	
National Home Missions Bd	
Same Allocation	
FWBCC	
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% MO Conf Center Fd 1,368.50
Total \$45,616.74

Co-op

Alton	\$200.00
Amity	\$198.12
Aulsbury Chapel	\$344.97
Bailey - Alton	\$241.00
Bailey Chapel	\$180.00
Belton	\$297.39
Berean	\$45.00
Bethel - El Dorado Springs	\$66.47
Bethel - Marshfield	\$287.00
Black Oak	\$318.64
Bourbon	\$155.28
Buffalo 1st	\$100.00
Byrd	\$95.15
Cabool 1st	\$334.16
Calvary Chapel	\$979.12
Cape Girardeau 1st	\$295.31
Carthage	\$308.38
Christ Chapel	\$226.35
Clifton	\$57.16
Columbia	\$271.16
Copper Mines	\$484.36
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	\$511.18
Crossroads - Wentzville	\$660.00
Cuba	\$607.00
Cuba	\$797.00
DeSoto 1st	\$1,600.00
F & H - Aurora	\$59.79
Faith & Hope - Willow Spgs	\$166.09
Fellowship	\$1,200.00
Fordland	\$765.74
Fordland	\$640.96
Fourth	\$189.48
Fredericktown 1st	\$260.00
Freeman Chapel	\$307.98
Friendship	\$432.47
Grace	\$1,347.00
Grant Avenue	\$1,009.63
Hannibal	\$323.00
Hannon	\$863.15
Harmony - Parkville	\$526.00
Hartville	\$1,015.00
Hazel Creek	\$741.91
Hopewell	\$175.00
Houston 1st	\$382.13
Hurryville	\$481.44
Jackson	\$173.38
Jones Chapel	\$796.86
Joplin 1st	\$707.51
Kirksville 1st	\$7.00
Koshkonong	\$200.00
Lebanon	\$498.18
Lebanon	\$400.90
Lebanon 1st	\$769.11
Lone Star	\$67.80
Macedonia - Niangua	\$101.65
Merls Chapel	\$123.00
Mill Creek	\$462.77
Mine La Motte	\$63.34
Monett 1st	\$365.60
Mountain Grove 1st	\$1,326.77
Mt. Pisgah	\$348.00
Mt. Zion - Gower	\$48.20
Myrtle	\$188.74
Myrtle	\$179.82
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$70.00
New Life - Licking	\$762.42
Niangua	\$224.00
Niangua	\$182.00
North Five	\$107.61
Number One	\$75.12
Number One	\$74.03
Oak Grove	\$213.96
Oak Grove - Mt. Grove	\$214.60
O'Fallon 1st	\$833.00
Olivet	\$450.00
Overland	\$120.00
Ozark 1st	\$1,167.47
Park Hills 1st	\$859.24
Parkview	\$611.89
Pleasant Hill	\$210.66
Pleasant Home	\$599.20
Pleasant Home	\$225.65
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$95.00
Potosi 1st	\$146.24
Republic	\$100.00
Rock Chapel	\$417.83
Rolla 1st	\$206.00
Royal Oak	\$193.00
Seymour	\$338.00
Smyrna	\$50.00
Springfield	\$285.00
Springfield 1st	\$1,005.17
St. Peters	\$481.00
Stockton	\$180.20
Terrill Road	\$200.00

Terrill Road	\$266.00
Thayer	\$907.00
Trinity	\$933.00
Union	\$60.00
Union Grove	\$474.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United	\$1,446.81
Unity	\$350.00
Verdella	\$516.37
Viburnum	\$284.92
Victory - Alton	\$315.93
Waynesville 1st	\$359.76
West Plains 1st	\$758.00
Willow Springs	\$279.85
Wolf Creek	\$441.21
Total	\$45,616.74

Show-Me Plan

Aulsbury Chapel	\$150.00
Barker, Rev. J.	\$15.00
Barker, Rev. J.	\$15.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado	\$207.95
Bethel - Festus	\$45.00
Big Creek	\$55.00
Bishop, B. J.	\$15.00
Bismarck	\$180.00
Black Oak	\$30.00
Bourbon	\$30.00
Buffalo 1st	\$60.00
Buxton, G.	\$30.00
Cabool	\$135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	\$135.00
Cartee, J.	\$15.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Columbia	\$100.00
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines - Teens, & Jr.s	\$30.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	\$343.00
Cuba	\$145.20
Cuba	\$137.40
Darnell, W.	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$612.50
Faith & Hope - W.S.	\$60.00
Fellowship	\$933.06
Fordland	\$190.00
Fordland	\$185.00
Fourth	\$30.00
Fourth	\$165.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$150.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Gospel Light	\$825.00
Grace	\$258.00
Graham, S.	\$15.00
Grant Ave.	\$280.00
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannon	\$1,113.15
Harmony - Parkville	\$102.13
Harris, F.	\$45.00
Harris, F.	\$45.00
Hartville	\$240.00
Hazel Creek	\$609.61
Houston 1st	\$293.00
Hurryville	\$300.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S.	\$18.50
Jackson	\$30.00
Jones Chapel	\$390.00
Joplin 1st	\$125.00
Kirksville 1st	\$25.00
Leadington	\$230.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Lebanon F.W.B.	\$30.00
Lebanon F.W.B.	\$30.00
Matthews, G.	\$250.00
Merl's Chapel	\$200.00
Mill Creek	\$105.00
Mill Creek C. W. F.	\$45.00

Mill Creek Young Adult	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$45.00
Missouri St Ass'n. Offering	\$957.53
Missouri St Womans Aux.	\$687.45
Monett 1st	\$225.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$550.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$485.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
New Home - Hartville	\$150.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$105.00
New Life - Licking	\$220.76
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Houston	\$15.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$117.00
Ozark 1st	\$30.00
Park Hills 1st	\$287.78
Parkview - Desloge	\$334.60
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Home	\$180.00
Pleasant Home	\$150.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$50.00
Rehkop, Lon	\$30.00
Richardson, O.	\$15.00
Richwoods	\$52.50
Rock Chapel	\$485.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble N.	\$45.00
Shelton, B.	\$100.00
Springfield 1st	\$545.00
Thayer	\$217.50
Thomas, E.	\$30.00
Trinity	\$510.00
Tyrone	\$360.00
Union Light	\$120.00
United - West Plains	\$441.39
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$736.37
Viburnum	\$85.00
Victory - Alton	\$315.93
Waynesville 1st	\$511.75
West Plains 1st	\$225.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	\$70.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Total	\$21,284.06

Foreign Missions

Cape Girardeau	\$118.12
Cuba	\$24.20
Cuba	\$22.90
DeSoto 1st	\$30.00
Faith - St. Louis	\$40.00
Faith - St. Louis	\$20.00
Fordland	\$200.00
Fordland	\$5.00
Gospel Light	\$60.00
Grant Ave.	\$35.00
Haney, A.	\$20.00
Harmony Fellowship (CO)	\$128.00
Houston 1st	\$30.00
Joplin 1st	\$10.00
Lebanon 1st	\$60.00
Matthews, G.	\$100.00
Missouri C.E. Board	\$500.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$455.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$5.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$10.00
Thayer	\$60.00
Trinity	\$233.15
Union Light	\$10.00
Total	\$2,176.37

Nat'l Home Missions

Belton	\$65.50
Carthage	\$35.00
Cuba	\$72.60
Cuba	\$68.70

DeSoto 1st	\$703.00
Ella Ruth King (Park Hills 1st)	\$10.00
F & H - Aurora	\$59.79
Fordland	\$90.00
Fordland	\$30.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grace	\$148.00
Grant Avenue	\$40.00
Hannon	\$517.90
Harmony Fellowship	\$148.00
Hartville	\$100.00
Houston 1st	\$50.00
Jackson	\$50.00
Jerry Rader	\$20.00
Joplin 1st	\$20.00
Merls Chapel	\$60.00
Monett 1st	\$189.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$60.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$1,000.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$75.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Myrtle	\$40.00
Myrtle	\$40.00
Nathan Ruble	\$10.00
New Home - Hartville	\$10.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$53.00
Ozark 1st	\$20.00
Park Hills 1st	\$214.91
Pleasant Home	\$196.14
Pleasant Home	\$74.85
Richwoods 1st	\$86.00
Rock Chapel	\$82.50
Thayer	\$152.50
Trinity	\$10.00
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
United Youth Group	\$170.00
Unity	\$50.00
Verdella	\$10.00
Viburnum	\$151.00
West Plains 1st	\$80.00
West Plains 1st	\$80.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Total	\$5,669.39

State Home Missions

Belton	\$55.00
DeSoto 1st	\$100.00
DeSoto 1st Children's Ch	\$20.00
Farmington 1st	\$125.00
Fellowship	\$110.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grace	\$55.00
Larry Wormington	\$30.00
Lebanon Bible & Book St	\$288.75
Mountain Grove 1st	\$50.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$53.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Parkview	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$20.00
Thayer	\$62.50
United	\$25.00
Waynesville 1st	\$50.00
Total	\$1,144.25

Youth Camp

Niangua	40.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..	157.50
Mountain Grove 1st	20.00
Hartville	10.00
Rolla 1st	20.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	25.00
New Home - Hartville	10.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Willow Springs	10.00
Cabool 1st	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	195.75

Verdella	10.00
New Life - Licking	100.55
New Life - Monett	443.38
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Union	30.00
Trinity	14.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Thayer	62.50
Park Hills 1st	53.99
Total	\$1,327.67

Camp Development Fund

West Plains 1st	888.00
Myrtle	250.00
Greater Kansas City Assoc	617.36
Rock Chapel	200.00
Indian Creek Association	3,100.00
Included with Indian Creek: (Neosho 1st . . . \$1,000) (Richard Robinson . . . \$100)	
Betty Jane Jones . . (In memory of Donald P. Jones)	25.00
Harmony - Parkville	15.00
Bethel - Festus	100.00
Houston 1st	100.00
Wolf Creek	59.66
Total	\$5,355.02

C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..	113.75
Total	\$113.75

Senior Adult Ministries

Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..	113.75
Total	\$113.75

Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..	113.75
Total	\$113.75

Free Will Baptist Bible College

Nathan Ruble	15.00
Verdella	103.27
DeSoto 1st	40.00
Thayer	50.00
Mountain Grove 1st	30.00
Total	\$238.27

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Grant Avenue	8.00
Hannon	50.00
Thayer	50.00
Joplin 1st	75.00
Joplin 1st . . . "Have A Heart" Campaign"	4,000.00
Total	\$4,183.00

Trula Cronk Home for Children

New Hope - Fredericktown	30.00
Belton	85.00
Unity	10.00
New Life - Monett	443.38
Hannon	100.00
DeSoto 1st	80.00
Myrtle	5.00
Total	\$753.38

Rev. John McClure

Monett 1st	35.00
Mountain Grove 1st	107.50
Gospel Light	80.00
Kirksville 1st	10.00
Carthage	15.00
Grace	15.00
Total	\$262.50

Cornerstone FWB Church

Merls Chapel	50.00
Total	\$50.00

PINKERTON UPDATE



Greetings from not-so-stable Abidjan..All changed early morning of July 4th. Soldiers are unhappy. Road blocks are up-can't get in or out of town. Airport reported closed. No public transport. Stores closed. US Embassy told all to stay home..we are.

Had a bit of excitement when troops went past our house yesterday afternoon..had never seen them in this part of town..Yao was outside of the yard washing the truck in front of the house. A convoy of soldiers went past looking this way...They stopped & said they were taking the truck..Yao pleaded with them to no avail. They started toward the gate, to come inside & get the keys...but saw our two big dogs. The soldier just backed away & they all left..was several cars

full-complete with guns.

Immediately after they left, Yao came in & informed us of what had happened. We never saw anyone!!! We put the truck inside, padlocks on the gates & thanked the Lord for His protection & Yao's calm wisdom in the situation. Yao had the keys in his pocket all the time. Glad for these two hulks of hounds..who would have welcomed new people to lick..they're big, but harmless.

Curfew last night..probably again tonight. We will miss prayer meeting..no kid's class and no discipleship class with a new convert.. We'll just stay home. Have plenty of food and can always spend time on the treadmill--ugh.

Thinking that these events may be the normal way of life until after the elections. Have asked for the Anderson's arrival (pm of the 6th) be delayed. Remember them in your prayers, please.

Pastor Silas just called to check on us. He's doing fine-also staying close to home. Many students were to take final exams this week--not sure what this means for them..especially pray for Lea & Lydia.

We are safe & feel no danger. We don't know what's ahead, but know the One who controls all. Thank you for faithfully praying and having an interest in HIS Work in Abidjan.

Jerry & Carol
Pinkerton

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