

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST **GEM**

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For unto us a
child is born,
unto us a
son is given:
and the
government
shall be
upon his
shoulder:
and his
name shall
be called
Wonderful,
Counsellor,
The mighty
God, The
everlasting
Father, The
Prince of
Peace.
Isa 9:6



OFTEN ASKED QUESTIONS

Pastor R.E. Dablemont

What Determines What We Believe & What We Do?

Not trends, nor tradition, but the Word of God; specifically, the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, who defied both! We been tossed enough!

The politician determines through exhaustive research what the people want and promises it! The media mogul makes millions by appealing to the sensual appetites of his culture! The religious leader of the year 2000 watches and learns how to compromise, accommodate, and please the masses and then wonders what is wrong with the church! When faced with evaluating a current trend or examining a timeless tradition, our decision about what to do must be based upon what ought to be, rather than on what is. The Apostle Paul tells us that God desires for us to grow ...in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and (to) become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ (Ephesians 4:13-15, NIV).

The simple answer to our question is, "the Word of God is our rule of faith and practice." Two things threaten this solid foundation: 1. Tradition and 2. Trends. The history of the church is full of tradition; some resting rich and splendorous on revelation, others resting solely on the ignorance of improper interpretation and persistent perpetuation of human tradition. Dead wood rolls with the tide. Vibrant life goes against it and refuses to be caught up in it. None is more dead than the one who does not even recognize he is being carried by the tide of human tradition. The man of God must sometime swim alone, pushing forward, pressing on, prompted alone by the Spirit of God, always with a watchful eye to the water

of the Word. No other guides will suffice. The great motto of the Reformation still applies: "sola scriptura, sola gracia, sola fide" (only scripture, only grace, only faith). Every doctrine we espouse is to be grounded in these primary, essential constructs of the Holy Scripture and everything we do flows out of our knowledge of and relationship with the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Politicians, media pundits and wayward churchmen who stick their fingers in the air will "keep on rollin' with the flow" and thereby gain temporary popularity. But in the eternal order of things, these will eventually be washed up on the shore of foolish, forgotten fads. Changing tides, (timely trends), not moved by the hand of God, must be resisted. Shallow streams, (unnecessary traditions), which detract from or add to the Word of God, must be abandoned. May God enable us to know when to stroke and when to float!

If you have a question you would like answered about practical theology (putting into practice the teachings of God's Word), please send it to me and I will try (notice I said "try") to address the question in this monthly column.

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Christmas?

**The Creator made Christmas
possible;
Friends make Christmas
beautiful;
Music makes Christmas
festive;
Giving makes Christmas
joyous;
Love makes Christmas
complete.**

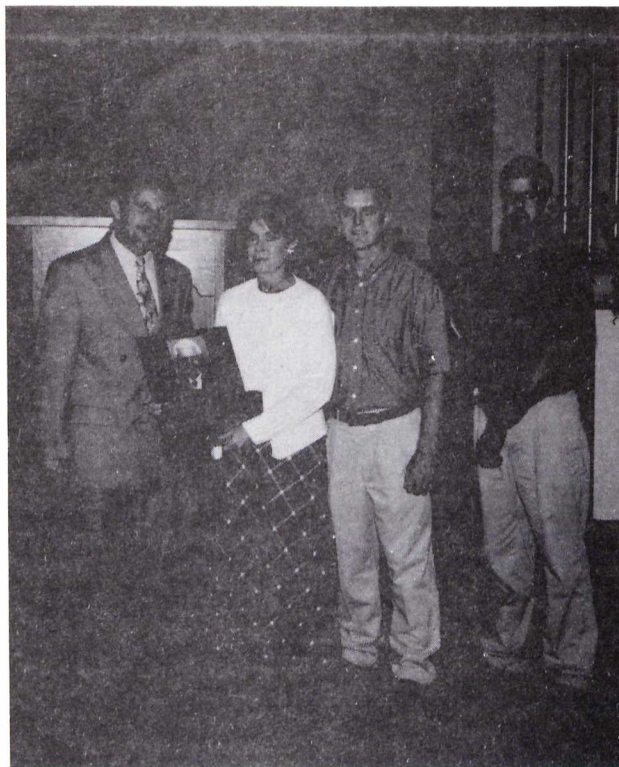
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Lebanon First FWB Church Celebrates 53rd Anniversary & Dedi- cates New Family Life Center

On Sunday, October 1, the Lebanon First Free Will Baptist Church celebrated its 53rd Anniversary and also dedicated their new Family Life Center in honor and memory of church member, Maurice "Bud" Perkins, who passed away in November of 1999. He was instrumental in helping to launch the project and dedicated many hours of labor along with financial support in seeing the completion of the new building. The congregation honored Bud's hard work, faithfulness, and generosity by awarding a plaque with his picture to his wife, Sherry, and their three sons, Kelly, Tim and Todd Perkins. Underneath the photo of Brother Perkins, the plaque read, "We remember and honor the large vision that Bud had for First Free Will Baptist Church, and for all his hard work and contributions toward the completion of his dream for this Family Life Center. May we all follow the example he gave in demonstrating love, generosity, and faithfulness in following to completion our visions and goals for Christ and His church." The plaque will be placed in the entrance lobby of the new building.

The Family Life Center consists of a full-court gymnasium, a large kitchen, two restrooms, and three classrooms which are on the upper level. The church is really excited about all the possibilities in using the building. Along with church sports activities, meals, special services and events, it is also being used by a home-schooling group in town to house many of their activities.

Pictured from left to right: Tim Perkins, Kelly Perkins, Pastor Ken Haney, and Sherry Perkins. (Todd Perkins not pictured)



Unity Church Celebrates 20th Anniversary

On September 10th, the Unity Free Will Baptist Church located in Lebanon, Missouri, celebrated twenty years of service to the Lebanon area. Pastor Danny Talbott preached the morning message. Following the morning service, the congregation enjoyed a time of fellowship as they enjoyed a potluck lunch.

During the afternoon service recognition was given to the preachers who had answered the call to preach at the Unity church. Two of the men spoke in the afternoon service, Bro. Craig Perry and Bro. Shane Shockley. Bro. Ferrell Hutsell was also recognized as the only charter member able to attend the service.

The afternoon was also blessed with testimonies by people who had been saved at Unity through the years. The preaching, testimonies, singing, good food, and fellowship made for an enjoyable day. Pastor Talbot and the congregation of the Unity church wish to express their appreciation to all who have prayed and helped Unity church through the years.

Unity Free Will Baptist Church had its beginning July 30, 1980, when a group of people led by Bro. Mike Hutsell held their first meeting at the Parks and Recreation building in Lebanon. At that time they decided on the name for the church. The church was organized on September 14, 1980,

with twenty charter members. Two acres of land was purchased on South Highway 5, and a building was started a short time later. When the basement was completed, the congregation moved in and met there until Easter Sunday 1983 when the upstairs was completed.

Rev. Mike Hutsell was the founding pastor and served the church from 1980 until 1989. In 1989, the church called the present pastor, Rev. Dan Talbott.

Ordination Service At Pioneer

An ordination service was held October 29, 2000, at the Pioneer Free Will Baptist Church located at Ash Flat, Arkansas. Brother Anthony Thompson was ordained to the ministry and Brother Jack Triplehorn was ordained as a deacon. The MO-Ark Association ordaining council, Rev. Darrell Strain, Rev. Darrell Mitchell, and Rev. James Lee Reed, conducted the service.

The Pioneer Church is currently without a pastor since the death of Rev. Larry Cockman on October 14, 2000.



L/R Gary Mitchener, Dale Cochran, Barb Cochran, Frank Webster, Roger Harwell

for being faithful. Rev. Rick Dablemont, Moderator of the State Association, provided by the Hannibal Church Choir. Rev. Frank Webster, a member of the State Home Mission Board, delivered the message. He spoke about the different stages of the church and listed the virtues the church needs to be successful.

The organization service began with Barb Cochran singing "Thank You For Giving to the Lord." Rev. Roger Harwell, a member of the State Mission Board, presided. He led in the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws and opened the floor for nominations for Pastor. Rev. Cochran was nominated and unanimously elected. Bro. Harwell called for those who wished to join the church as charter members to stand. Seventy-seven members were received.

Rev. Gary Mitchener, Mission Board Member, read the church covenant. Rev. Nathan Ruble, State Executive Secretary, brought greetings on behalf of the State Association and presented the Word of God as the only rule of faith and practice. Bro. Harwell conclude the service by asking Pastor and Mrs. Cochran to come to the front of the sanctuary where they were joined by the ordained and the wives of the ordained. As the ordained laid hands on Pastor Cochran and the wives of the ordained laid hands on Sister Cochran, Gary Mitchener led in a prayer for the couple and the congregation of the Hannibal Church. The prayer was concluded by Rev. Dan Booth. Rev. Booth who was leading the church in a revival meeting, was the minister who led Pastor Cochran to the Lord. Bro. Dan now pastors in the state of Ohio.

Hannibal Mission Organizes

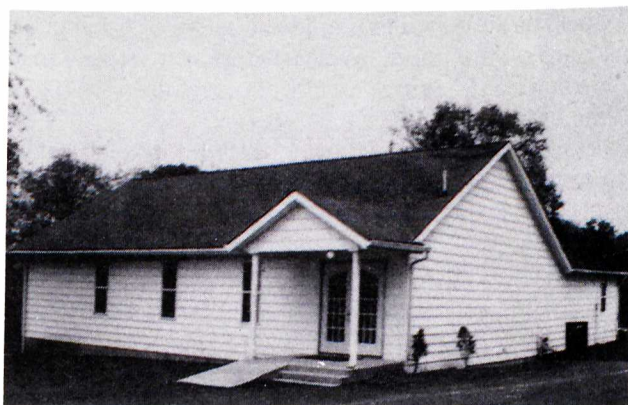
When most people think of Hannibal, Missouri, they think of Mark Twain and his fictional characters, Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. However, when Missouri Free Will Baptists think of Hannibal, they think of Dale and Barb Cochran and the Hannibal Mission.

Saturday, October 28, representatives from across the state of Missouri gathered with the congregation of the Hannibal Mission to organize it into an autonomous church. The church building, which had recently been remodeled, was beautifully decorated for the celebration.

Missionary Pastor Dale Cochran presided over the afternoon worship service. He welcomed a near capacity crowd of visitors and members and expressed his appreciation for all those who had helped make the day possible.

Rev. Steve Reeves, Moderator of the Mid-Rivers District Association, brought greetings and commended the Cochrans

Association, brought greetings and commended the Cochrans Association, led in the opening prayer. Special music was



Charter Members

ministries. Please pray for the Hannibal Free Will Baptist Church as it continues to reach out to its community.



Reverend John Schebaum With the Lord

Rev. John Schebaum went home to be with the Lord July 7, 2000. He was 81 years and 11 months of age at the time of his home going. In 1955 he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and was soon ordained a deacon.

In 1963 he answered God's call to the ministry. Bro. John pastored a total of seven churches. Six in Missouri and one in Tennessee. He pastored the Steely Chapel Church for four years, a rural non-denominational church near Cabool. For several years, he had an active tape ministry and Bible Study in two nursing home as well as doing pulpit supply for a number of churches.

At the time of his home going, he was an active member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Waynesville, Missouri. John was a true and faithful servant of the Lord. He continued to the end to put Christ over and above everything else. His testimony and wonderful laughter will be missed by all who knew him.

During the funeral message, Pastor Elmer Turnbough said, "I met Bro. John in 1956. He came into the church I was pastoring in St. Louis, and we became good friends and remained so until his passing. He truly loved the Lord, the Free Will Baptist Denomination, and the Church. Bro. Schebaum was a very strong and faithful mission supporter. He supported my two missionary children and left means to continue supporting them after his home going. Yes, we at First Free Will Baptist will miss Bro. John. I will miss him, but I am thankful the Lord promoted him on to heaven."



Heritage Mission Organized at Poplar Bluff

It was a beautiful day September 12, 2000, when Brother Don Richmann, his wife Madonna and the Heritage Mission Church met with the anticipation of being organized as a self-supporting, autonomous Free Will Baptist Church. The attendance at the Morning Worship was 75.

The folks were excited for they had been looking forward to this day, The Lord had blessed the efforts of the congregation, as they had worked with the Missouri State Home Missions board, anticipating this date. The Lord had blessed with a very

nice and accommodating building. The lovely auditorium with seating capacity of 225 plus, sufficient classrooms, adequate nursery, comfortable dinning and kitchen area. The first meeting place for the Heritage Mission was a storefront building. The Lord blessed the leadership of the church and through their faithfulness they now enjoy a nice location and building facilities.

The organizational service began with a congregational song. Brother Clarence Burton, State Home Mission Board Member, and representing The Board extended greetings and read selected Scriptures from Acts chapters 1, 2, & 4. He commended the church for their love and labor; their witnessing and winning

The Heritage Harmony, (Bonita Robbins, Latasha Sowell, Nashay Moss and Marcus Sowell) blessed the congregation with some beautiful songs. The Junior Choir also shared with some lovely songs. The Lord has blessed the Church with a wonderful music program.

An invitation was given for those who would become charter members. Thirty-five people responded. The invitation for charter members would remain open for one month. Reverend Don Richmann was elected to serve as pastor.

The Bible was presented as the only rule of faith and practice. The Free Will Baptist Church Covenant was presented and adopted.

The following church officers were elected: Church Clerk, Eva Lee Dowd; Church treasurer, Don Richmann; Church trustees, Roy Scott, Marcus Sowell; Flower Committee, Marie Shelton, Madonna Richmann and Eva Lee Dowd. The Organizational Service ended with a Prayer of Dedication.



State Association Receives Check

State Executive Secretary Nathan Ruble is shown receiving a check in the amount of \$10,014.00 from Gene Loomis of the Loomis Insurance Agency. This group retro premium refund is based upon a good loss experience of the churches insured with Brotherhood Insurance. The money will be used for ministerial scholarships. Eight scholarships have been awarded this year.

If you would like information concerning Brotherhood Insurance, you may contact Gene Loomis at 1-800-743-7205.

MO MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Are you Licenced? _____ 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 Spring 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

"Especially for Young Preachers"

by Dennis Wiggs

After several years of writing the monthly article "Especially for Young Preachers" for Contact magazine, the articles have been published in a beautiful, burgundy 11 inches by 8 1/2 inches binder.

The notebook is divided into four sections: The Family, Personal Finances, The Church, and Forms.

The 73 articles cover 134 pages. Here are a few examples:

Your Best Friend Should be Your Wife
 Say "Thank You"
 Pay for a Car
 Read Three Books at a Time
 Your Library
 How to Make Your Clothes Last Longer
 Preparing for the Future
 Be Organized
 When You Move to a New Pastorate
 What if You're Voted Out?

The forms include a marriage questionnaire, baptismal form, child dedication, etc. Additional material may be added to the notebook.

The price of the book is \$15.00. Include \$3.50 for shipping and handling. North Carolina residents need to add 6% for state taxes. Please mail the total amount with each order.

Orders should be sent to Pastor Dennis Wiggs, 2709 Oaks Road, New Bern, NC 28560

Bible College Hires New Registrar

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE-Free Will Baptist Bible College has employed Mr. Frederick J. Burch, a layman from Sterling Heights, Michigan, to replace Dr. Charles E. Hampton as registrar, according to Dr. Milton Fields, Academic Dean.

Mr. Burch has 25 years' experience in higher education and has taught Humanities courses, as well as Western and Asian cultural history. He has taught CAD/CAE applications to engineering students and lectured on the Fine Arts. He also has served as a presenter of Fine Arts programs for the Forest City Management Company of Southfield, Michigan.

Mr. Burch earned his Masters at Wayne State University and his Bachelor of Philosophy at Monteith College, Wayne State University.

A member of the Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church, Mr. Burch will join the FWBBC staff in early 2001. "He comes to the college prepared spiritually, philosophically, and academically," says FWBBC President Tom Malone.

Dr. Hampton served as FWBBC's registrar for 26 years before his retirement in August. "Dr. Hampton's years of service were marked by a love for the college and its commitment to Christian education," the President added.

News From Carisle Hanna

Dear Ones,

Loving greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today is a special day for me. At noon on this day in 1952, Sheila Marie, Marie and I sailed away from U. S. A. en route to India. Marie's father, mother, mother's sister and Rev. Mark Lewis were in New York to see us off. Bro. Lewis had been Marie's pastor in St. Louis and was a member of our mission board at that time. We arrived in Calcutta, West Bengal, India at 4 AM on October 27. Mom and Dad Wright, Aunt Mary Burchain and Bro. Mark Lewis have all gone Home. Our wee Sheila Marie was the first to go. My precious wife and co-worker in all of our work in India has also gone Home. Of this little group who stood on the deck of the SS United States that beautiful October day to begin a life ministry as His servants to India, only I am here.

Please do not think that I stand alone, however. We were blessed with three other precious children. They have been a very real part of this work in India. Marie and I have been Uncle and Auntie to hundreds of people in India. Today, we are not only called this by our brothers and sisters in Christ, but by the merchants in the bazaar, teachers in the schools, Muslims and Hindus. Rejoice with us that many have been saved and walk in His way.

A few years ago, we sent a special prayer request that we would have one hundred churches in our North India work by the turn of the century. Our Lord has answered that prayer. We had one-hundred-twenty-five churches before December, 1999. We have others started in this year. Please rejoice with us in all He has done.

My plans are to leave for India on January 6, 2001. Our work load will be very heavy as we prepare for a special conference the first week of March. This will be our Golden Jubilee. We need a wall of prayer around our compound for this conference. Is it possible we will have five thousand in attendance?? Today, there is much persecution in India. His church is under attack. Perhaps we need to be covered by prayer more than ever before. Please pray that our children - Mark, Don and Brenda Kay - will be able to join us in Sonapurhat, their home, for this celebration.

Some of you have been praying for our family and our work in India since 1952. Many who prayed for and supported us then have gone on Home. Many churches and individuals pray for us and for India and support the work financially now, and we are deeply grateful. We trust you will continue to do this after our Lord calls me to Himself.

You are special to us. We love you and rejoice in fellowship here or across the miles.

Lovingly in Christ,
Carlisle Hanna

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SHOW-ME PLAN**

McDonald News

Dear Friends,

Rejoice with us over the newest member of our family, Caroline Grace, born September 26 in Nashville — our only baby born in the U.S.A.!

We are grateful to the many of you who prayed us through this pregnancy and birth, which were somewhat difficult. Ruth has been on bed rest since late summer because of complications with high blood pressure and swelling. That, combined with a breech and large baby, led to delivery by Cesarian. But we are so thankful that baby Caroline arrived safely, 3 weeks early and weighing in at 8 lbs. 14 - 1/2 oz. She is healthy and adorable, and the entire family is enjoying her so much. We have lots of help this time from Katie (12), Evan (10) and Amy (6). Ruth has recovered well and we are so thankful.

We arrived in the the States in June to begin this year of stateside assignment, settling into a rented house in the rural setting of Joelton. We enjoyed traveling and seeing many of our friends and family during the summer months. This was definitely the most difficult transition yet for the children, as they were quite happy with their lives in Japan and not eager to start over in another place! But God has helped them make the transition and they are now doing well and enjoying Pleasant View Christian School, a FWB school here in middle Tennessee.

God has worked through us and in response to your many prayers to plant a church in Ebetsu, a suburb of Sapporo, Japan. From nothing, God has assembled a body of believers which continues to shine His light into the darkness there, now under the leadership of the Nathan Snow and Dale Bishop families. What a privilege to be a part of His great plan!!

We would love to have time to share with you more about the challenges and victories of our church planting ministry. We plan to be stateside until summer of 2001 and would love to hear from you.

Donnie and Ruth McDonald
(Katie, Evan, Amy, and Caroline)

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Excerpts From Pinkerton Newsletter

The government is now in the process of changing from the transition leaders to the new officials. We're praying that perhaps we'll see a signature on the church land papers before long.?????

The new rented room was dedicated for the Lord's use last Sunday. It was full. How good it is that we need more chairs. . . .

Thanks again for your faithful, loving support. We have felt your prayers!!



Trinity Junior Class in Action "We Did It"

The Junior Sunday School class of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Bridgeton decided to have a "Fun Raiser" for muscular dystrophy. Their goal was to raise \$1,500.00 by September 4th in order to deliver it to the Jerry Lewis Telethon. They raised money by participating in the MSD Walk-A-Thon, by sponsoring a "Fun Raiser Breakfast", donuts for donations once a month before Sunday School, and craft sales.

With hard work and the help of the church family and friends, the class was able to deliver a \$1,500 check to the Jerry Lewis Telethon.

Pictured left to right are: Mike Atchison, Kreston Davenport, Jason Walker, Suzanne Hajek, Jenny Hall, Ashley Campbell and Erin Hamil. Missing from the picture is the Junior Sunday School Teacher, Phillis Maple.

Minister's Retreat

Stonecroft Conference Center
Branson, Missouri

March 19 - 21, 2000



Speaker

Rev. Matt Pinson, a native of Pensacola, Florida, is pastor of Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church in Colquitt, Georgia. He teaches religion and history at Bainbridge College in Bainbridge, Georgia.

Cost

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

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print:

Name _____
Address _____ Home Phone () _____
City _____
Church _____ State _____ Zip _____

I would like to room with _____

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

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

2001 Calendar

National Youth Worker's Retreat

February 9 - 10, 2001

Stonecroft Conference Center

Ministers Retreat

March 19 - 21, 2001

Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, MO

State Youth Competitive Activities

May 4 - 5, 2001

Calvary Fellowship Church, Fenton, MO

Senior Adult Retreat

Group I

May 14 - 16, 2001

Group II

May 16 - 18, 2001

Stonecroft Conference Center, Branson, MO

Missouri State Convention/

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

June 4 - 6, 2001

United FWB Church West Plains, MO

Youth Camp

Teen Camp, June 17 - 22, 2001

Pre - Teen Group 1, July 22 - July 27, 2001

Pre - Teen Group 2, July 29 - Aug 3, 2001

Group 1

Greater Springfield

Indian Creek

Central Western

Mission

Cave Springs

Liberty

MO-ARK

Niangua

Laclede

Group 2

Greater K. C.

South Central

Northeast

St. Louis

St. Francois

Mid-Rivers

Bootheel

Northwest

National Convention, NYC & WNAC

July 15 - 19, 2001

Detroit, Michigan

Missouri Women Active For Christ Retreat

August 17 - 18, 2001

Stonecroft Conference Center

Preacher/Layman's Retreat and All Boards Meeting

September 10, 2001

Youth Camp, Niangua, MO

Suggestion: Put this information on your Church Bulletin Board.



Let's Chat...

by Phillis Detherage

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal; The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 2Timothy 2:19

With my husband's job, we lived in England for 3 years. It was a wonderful experience for us and we loved every minute of it. One of the experiences that we had was with the British school system. Our son Joshua actually began his formal education at the Littleport Primary School in Littleport, England. It was a wonderful opportunity for Joshua and I to integrate into our new community, but it wasn't long until we noticed a problem. Joshua would bring home his little reading books as homework assignments for us to listen to him read, and it was war every evening! He hated to read! At first I thought it was just getting adjusted to a new routine but the problems continued to get worse so we thought it time to investigate. Come to find out, they were teaching the whole word approach to reading instead of the old Phonics that we were used to, and Joshua could not make any sense out of it. When I approached the teacher about it she began singing the praises of this new reading method until I asked her one simple question, "Do you build a house from the roof down?" Needless to say, she gave me a very odd and perplexed look. My point is extremely valid though and, not only for our approach to reading.

How do we build our homes? Do we climb to the top and work down? Of course not! All stable structures start with a sound foundation, and our homes should never be handled with less care than we give to any other project or activity. Our homes need a sure and steady foundation!

How to go about that can be quite confusing these days, in our age of how to books of all kinds, and qualified advice flying in every direction, but a sure place to start is in God's Word. 2Timothy 2:19 tells us a sure way to build a steadfast home! Build it on God! This foundation is guaranteed to last forever! It will stand the earthquakes of temptation, the tornadoes of sin, and the hurricanes of heartache! This foundation will pass the toughest of all building inspections! "The Lord knoweth them that are his." What a wonderful legacy to leave our families when we are long gone! A foundation that will last for all eternity!

One of my favorite children's songs is about the wise man and the foolish man and where they built their houses. Of course you know the outcome of that story! Only the wise man, which built his house on the rock, had anything left after the storms of life; but the house on the sand went splat! There is a lot of wisdom in some of those children's songs!

Here is your challenge! Strap on those tool belts, fill the pockets with love, kindness, and mercy; and join it all together with a liberal portion of the living words of God! Build a foundation that will last forever!

The foolish man built on the sand,
And look at what did happen!
The wise man built upon the rock,
And his house still is standing

**THE BIBLE FITS MAN FOR LIFE
AND PREPARES HIM FOR DEATH.**



Paul Ketteman
Memorial
Christmas
Fund Drive
For
Free Will Baptist
Bible College

December is Free Will Baptist Bible College's month in the denomination's Together Way stewardship plan. Every church is asked to respond with a gift to the college in December.

Worship Service Averages
April 2000 - October 2000

Churches:	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Belton	43	44	50	50	54	58
Buffalo 1st	100	86	96	109	104	113
Calvary Chapel	232	223	217	243	230	233
Calvary Fellowship	298				300	
Cape Girardeau	61	55	55	44	61	
Copper Mines	63	63	56	63	64	64
Cuba	139	135	130	130	128	123
Columbia		27	30	31	31	
Crossroads - Wentzville	62	70	66	72	64	
Cross Roads - Lebanon				124	124	129
DeSoto	219	199	210	197	195	
Hannibal	64	58	59	58	66	60
Hannon	140	134	127	134	152	
Harmony - Parkville	94	91	91	92	97	92
Hartville	150	169	130	157	172	181
Hopewell	40	39	40	39	39	38
Houston	72	65	67	55	77	
Hurryville	112	102	100	114	108	97
Joplin 1st			99			
Lebanon 1st	129	130	127	122	114	129
Lebanon FWB	64	63	64	73	59	52
Mill Creek	94	84	92	94	87	91
Mine La Motte	57	46	56	56		
Monett 1st	65					
Mt. Pisgah	68	78	78	74	72	78
Myrtle	32	33	33	30		
New Life - Licking	74	69	64	60	57	56
O'Fallon 1st	103	118	115	119	105	
Ozark 1st	147	143	151	150	138	
Parkview - Desloge	114	112	112	97	91	
Pleasant Hill	51	53	48	50	44	51
Purdy	69	69	63	71	73	
Richwoods	26	36	30	31	38	
Rock Chapel	54	59	48	51	48	59
Rolla 1st				40	37	32
Southside	21	22	20			
Springfield 1st	143	126	134			123
Thayer	179	186	196	185	198	197
Trinity	89	84	81	87		
Twin Oak			76	90	72	75
Union Grove	150	129	136	139		148
United	568	515	482	594	648	
Willow Springs	66	66	60	64	72	73

This is only a partial listing. There are 184 FWB churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in their Worship Service average each month.

Financial Report

October 2000



Cooperative Disbursements
October 2000 \$44,918.80

18.50% MO Home Mission \$8,309.98
17.50% Executive Office 7,860.79
3.00% General Fund 1,347.56
.50% Show-Me Plan 224.59
8.50% Youth Camp Board 3,818.10
3.50% Y.C. Restricted Fd. 1,572.16
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd .. 889.38
2.00% Christian Education .. 889.38
2.00% Senior Adult Board .. 889.38
9.00% MO Retirement 4,042.69

30.50% 13,700.23

National Ministries, Hillsdale and
California Christian College

Foreign Missions Board
National Home Missions Bd
Same Allocation

FWBBC
Hillsdale

Executive Department
Layman's Board

Radio & TV Commission
Theological Commission

Historical Commission
Board of Retirement

1.00% CCC

3.00% MO Conference Center
Fund 1,347.56

Total \$44,918.80

Co-op

Aulsbury Chapel \$146.04
Bailey - Alton \$184.00
Bailey Chapel \$285.00
Beacon \$1,500.00
Belton \$281.10
Berean \$60.00
Bethel - El Dorado Sps \$61.99
Black Oak \$310.15
Blue Springs \$480.00
Bourbon \$120.48
Buffalo 1st \$100.00
Byrd \$86.20
Cabool 1st \$270.51
Calvary Chapel \$1,064.18
Cape Girardeau 1st \$322.72
Carthage \$318.82
Central \$845.23
Chapel of the Ozarks \$431.67
Christ Chapel \$317.65
Clifton \$56.40
Copper Mines \$467.51
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove \$456.15
Crossroads - Wentzville \$620.50
Cuba \$609.00
De Soto 1st \$1,400.00
Emmanuel \$66.81
Faith & Hope - Willow Springs
\$171.95
Farmington 1st \$2,702.60
Fellowship \$1,200.00
Fordland \$621.72
Fourth \$207.39
Fredericktown 1st \$283.00

Friendship \$304.51
Grace \$1,131.00
Greenfield \$345.00
Hannibal \$376.00
Hannon \$1,049.50
Harmony-Parkville \$504.00
Hartville \$930.00
Hopewell \$194.00
Houston 1st \$354.60
Hurryville \$512.72
Jackson \$196.13
Jeruel \$54.76
Joplin 1st \$601.40
Kirkville 1st \$531.84
Koshkonong \$263.00
Lebanon 1st \$854.28
Lone Star \$54.00
Macedoia - Niangua \$105.49
Merls Chapel \$153.00
Mill Creek \$576.80
Mine La Motte \$81.51
Monett 1st \$309.07
Mountain Grove 1st \$1,260.85
Mt. Pisgah \$361.00
Neosho 1st \$95.00
New Hope - Fredericktown \$70.00
New Life - Licking \$338.79
Niangua \$194.00
North Five \$103.70
Oak Grove-Mtn. Gr. \$187.32
O'Fallon 1st \$916.00
Olivet \$380.00
Olivet \$380.00
Overland \$115.00
Ozark 1st \$1,256.36
Park Hills 1st \$734.15
Parkview \$482.26
Pleasant Hill \$174.31
Pleasant Home \$214.10
Pleasant Ridge \$70.00
Potosi 1st \$132.62
Rejoice - Columbia \$314.20
Republic \$100.00
Richwood 1st \$632.00
Rock Chapel \$304.69
Rolla 1st \$230.00
Royal Oak \$103.00
Seymour \$445.00
Smyrna \$65.00
Southern Hills (Overland Ks) \$579.00
Springfield 1st \$926.06
St. Peters \$574.00
Stockton \$194.70
Terrill Road \$252.00
Thayer \$897.00
Thayer \$897.00
Trinity - Bridgeton \$858.02
Union - Success \$60.00
Union Grove \$504.00
Union Light \$131.00
United \$1,572.56
Unity \$370.00
Verdella \$517.22
Victory - Alton \$331.30
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove . \$290.19
Wolf Creek \$774.02
Total \$44,918.80

State Home Missions

Beacon	\$2.00
Belton	\$60.50
Berean	\$15.00
Copper Mines	\$75.00
De Soto 1st	\$90.00
De Soto Children's Ch.	\$20.00
Fellowship	\$100.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grace	\$55.00
Larry Wormington	\$30.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$288.75
O'Fallon 1st	\$48.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
Richard White	\$10.00
Southeast District Assn.	\$90.00
St. Francois Dist. Assn.	\$110.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Tracy Huffman	\$5.00
United	\$25.00
Wormington, L.	\$30.00
Total	\$1,264.25

Show-Me Plan

Aulsbury Chapel	\$197.00
Barker, Rev. J.	\$15.00
Beacon	\$300.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado	\$123.98
Bethel - Festus	\$45.00
Big Creek	\$55.00
Bishop, B. J.	\$15.00
Black Oak	\$30.00
Bourbon	\$15.00
Bud Rogers	\$15.00
Buffalo 1st	\$60.00
Buxton G.	\$30.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	\$135.00
Cartee, J.	\$15.00
Central	\$357.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines - Junior Cl	\$15.00
Copper Mines - Teens	\$15.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	\$301.75
Cuba	\$133.44
De Soto 1st	\$552.50
De Soto Adult Cl.	\$15.00
De Soto Married SS	\$45.00
Faith - St. Louis	\$25.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.	\$60.00
Faith Community	\$373.00
Farmington 1st	\$870.00
Fellowship	\$644.10
Fordland	\$250.00
Fourth	\$15.00
Fourth	\$45.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$150.00
Garry Matthews	\$250.00
Gospel Light	\$825.00
Grace	\$270.00
Graham, S.	\$15.00
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannon	\$1,219.00
Happy Hill	\$30.00
Harmony - Parkville	\$44.29
Hartville	\$240.00
Houston 1st	\$327.00
Houston 1st in memory of R.	
Cummins	\$25.00
Hurryville	\$300.00
Hurryville Senior Ad. Cl.	\$15.00
Jack Burns	\$318.00
Jackson	\$30.00

Joplin 1st	\$155.00
Joplin 1st	\$10.00
Kirksville 1st	\$26.75
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Macedonia - Purdy	\$6,000.00
Maggart, D.	\$45.00
Merl's Chapel	\$200.00
Mill Creek	\$105.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S.C.	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$45.00
Missouri State Womans Aux.	
\$1,360.02	
Monett 1st	\$260.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$380.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	\$30.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	\$30.00
Neil, R.	\$45.00
Neosho 1st	\$180.00
New Home - Hartville	\$150.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$105.00
New Life - Licking	\$82.00
New Testament	\$15.00
Noel D.	\$15.00
Number One	\$347.00
Oak Grove - Houston	\$15.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$90.00
Ozark 1st	\$30.00
Park Hills 1st	\$235.26
Parkview - Desloge	\$241.63
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Grove - Anderson	\$135.00
Pleasant Home	\$120.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$50.00
Purdy	\$240.00
Rejoice - Columbia	\$50.00
Richard White	\$15.00
Richardson, O.	\$15.00
Richwoods	\$60.00
Rock Chapel	\$255.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble N.	\$45.00
Southeast District Assn.	\$90.00
Springfield 1st	\$515.00
Thayer	\$272.00
Thayer	\$272.00
Thomas, E.	\$30.00
Trinity	\$465.00
Union - Success	\$100.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United - West Plains	\$300.00
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$997.22
Victory - Alton	\$331.30
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	\$70.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Total	\$24,846.24

Foreign Missions

A. Chapman	\$10.00
Beacon	\$183.00
Cape Girardeau	\$129.07
Central	\$30.00
Cuba	\$22.24
Farmington 1st	\$10.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Gospel Light	\$60.00
Haney, A.	\$30.00
Harmony Fellowship (CO)	\$196.00
Houston 1st	\$10.00
Neosho 1st	\$15.00
New Testament	\$70.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$20.00
Rock Chapel	\$15.00
Thayer	\$65.00
Thayer	\$65.00
Trinity	\$171.91
Total	\$1,162.22

Nat'l Home Missions

Beacon	\$120.00
Belton	\$96.00
Bob Theabeau	\$5.00
Brenda King	\$5.00
Bud Rogers	\$20.00
Carthage	\$35.00
Cuba	\$66.72
De Soto 1st	\$499.00
DeSoto Auditorium Class	\$10.00
Farmington 1st	\$170.00
Fordland	\$50.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grace	\$160.00
Hannon	\$629.50
Harmony Fellowship - CO	\$232.00
Hartville	\$100.00
Houston 1st	\$40.00
Jackson	\$45.00
Jerry Rader	\$20.00
Joplin 1st	\$20.00
Macedonia	\$3,100.00
Merls Chapel	\$60.00
Monett 1st	\$216.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$70.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Neosho 1st	\$125.00
New Home - Hartville	\$10.00
New Testament	\$170.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$48.00
Ozark 1st	\$70.00
Park Hills 1st	\$289.92
Pleasant Home	\$102.88
Richwoods 1st	\$145.00
Rock Chapel	\$85.45
Ruble, Nathan	\$10.00
St. Francois Dist. Assn.	\$5,684.63
Thayer	\$355.00
Thayer	\$355.00
Trinity - Bridgeton	\$25.00
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
United Youth Group	\$170.00
Unity	\$50.00
Verdella	\$10.00
West Plains 1st	\$55.00
Wolf Creek	\$150.00
Total	\$14,081.10

Youth Camp

Hartville	10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	10.00
Niangua	20.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
New Home - Hartville	10.00
Cornerstone - Mt. Grove	25.00
Berean	15.00
Thayer	50.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store	157.50
Rolla 1st	20.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Trinity	14.00
De Soto 1st	55.00
Verdella	10.00
Union - Success	30.00
Hannon	15.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Thayer	50.00
Park Hills 1st	30.53
New Life - Monett (aug)	91.52
New Life - Monett (Sept)	93.00
Total	\$791.55

Camp Development Fund

Rock Chapel	390.00
Byrd	500.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	5.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	61.19

Houston 1st	100.00
West Plains 1st	100.00
Greenfield Aux.	50.00
Joyful Learning Center	100.00
Wolf Creek - penny march	168.36
Total	\$1,474.55

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

Mountain Grove 1st	15.00
Farmington 1st	171.00
Nathan Ruble	15.00
Thayer	50.00
De Soto 1st	40.00
Verdella	103.44
Thayer	50.00
Total	\$444.44

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Farmington 1st	129.00
Neosho 1st	60.00
Joplin 1st	75.00
Thayer	50.00
Hannon	50.00
Beacon	4.00
Thayer	50.00
Total	\$418.00

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Belton	100.00
Unity	10.00
De Soto 1st	55.00
Mae Nosser	25.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	30.00
Hannon	100.50
New Life Monett (aug)	91.52
New Life Monett (sept)	93.00
Total	\$505.02

Rev. John McClure

Mountain Grove 1st	22.00
Gospel Light	80.00
Monett 1st	35.00
Trinity	10.00
Alan Chapman	10.00
Carthage	15.00
Central Western District Aux.	15.00
Grace	15.00
Total	\$202.00

Cornerstone FWB Church

(Brian Brinkhoff)	
New Testament	10.00
Merls Chapel	150.00
Total	\$160.00

Steve Smith

Farmington 1st	10.00
Total	\$10.00

Morgan Minkler

Central	164.00
Total	\$164.00

**Richard Stanley
Indian Bible School**

Grace	10.00
Total	10.00

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And A Happy New Year*



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