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The Commitments That Brought Us Together

By Matthew Pinson

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"We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old"—Psalm 44:1.

The subject of this message is "The Commitments That Brought Us Together." My task this evening is to go back in time—to recapture the spirit and the principles that brought Free Will Baptists together to form the National Association of Free Will Baptists in 1935.

Those were exciting times back then. I wish I could have been there. This psalm illustrates some of the things I've experienced over and over again when talking with some of our own "fathers"—those who blazed the trail before us in this century. They did great things for God in that day. They laid a firm foundation for us to build on.

Sometimes I think we forget just how important and difficult their task was. The more I study the founding of the National Association, the more amazed I am that it was founded and established at a most unlikely time in history. It took not only greatness but firm commitment to the Lord to form that alliance in a time when this country was experiencing the greatest economic depression in its history. It's astonishing that this new movement survived the greatest World War in history, which took place in the first decade of its existence. Add to this historical situation the bad shape in which American religion

found in the 1930s. At this time American Christianity was undergoing the devastating controversy between the fundamentalists and liberals in the mainline denominations.

These were heady times. They were hard times. And they demanded commitment on the part of God's people called Free Will Baptists. Our fathers knew that the time was right. Their task would take a firm commitment to Christ and His truth. It would demand a burden for lost souls. It would require a vision for the future so penetrating that it couldn't be diminished by the most difficult of circumstances.

When we look at the founding of the National Association in this precarious time in history, the most important thing we discover is that there had to be strong and enduring principles at stake in order for such a body to be formed at this moment in history. A firm stand for biblical truth that transforms lives and for the gospel of Christ that saves souls was needed. Nothing less would do for the task at hand.

So, we need to ask, "What were the commitments that brought us together and held us together? What were our fathers committed to? And how should those commitments shape our commitment today?"

1. Unity

The first commitment was to unity. Free Will Baptists in the South—what we call the Palmer movement—had experienced a lack of cohesion and togetherness. This was brought about in no small part by their poverty, the lack of good transportation, and other similar factors. Yet this had fostered some attitudes of isolation. The Free Will Baptists of the South had always had strong local conferences and associations. This was a key part of their view of the church. But beyond this they had failed to unite.

The Free Will Baptists of the North—what we call the Randall movement—had a strong organization and greater financial resources. Yet they were quite the opposite of the Palmer movement. In the last quarter of the nineteenth century, the Randall movement got caught up in the ecumenical spirit of the day. It seemed they wanted to unite with everyone. And they did this at a price. The gave up both the fundamentals of the faith and Freewill Baptist distinctives. They merged with the Northern Baptist Convention in 1911.

Had it not been for a tiny remnant of Free Baptists that remained faithful to biblical truth, the entire Randall movement would have been lost. But survivors of the merger with the Northern Baptists established new local and regional organizations. Through these they preserved Free Baptist faith and practice. In places like Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri, remnants of the Randall movement joined together with Palmer Free Will Baptists who had migrated west.

So in the second decade of the twentieth century, there were two Free Will Baptists organizations: The General Conference in the Southeast comprised the Palmer movement. The much smaller Cooperative General Association, west of the Mississippi River, was led by a remnant of Freewill Baptists that had survived the merger of 1911. But this association also comprised churches of Palmer origins.

Leaders like John L. Welch of Tennessee, I. W. Yandell of Oklahoma, D. W. Alexander of North Carolina, Neal Parrish of Georgia, Lizzie McAdams of Texas, and Ira Waterman of Missouri had an intense desire to bring about a unity with others of like faith and practice. They knew that they could never accomplish separately what they could accomplish together. By unifying the General Conference of the East and the Cooperative General Association of the West, Free Will Baptists could do what God had called them to do. They could do their part in fulfilling the great commission.

A 1935 article entitled, "A United Church," said, "For these many years, our people have been working too independently. Small groups of Free Will Baptists

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Hannon Youth Group goes to Mexico

The Hannon Free Will Baptist Church Youth Group and sponsors of Liberal, MO took a 9 day mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico this past summer. While there, the group of 29 did various projects at El Seminario Biblico La Cruz, the FWB Seminary in Reynosa. Projects included painting, hauling rock, and construction work. The group also conducted a week of VBS, ministering to 80 Mexican children through puppets, clowning, and mimes. Amanda and Alicia Bunch, missionary daughters of Stan and Brenda Bunch of Panama, went along as the group's interpreters.



TEAM 2000

Monica Werner from the Verdella FWB Church, Liberal, MO; Ashley Montee from the Hannon FWB Church, Liberal, MO; and Alicia Bunch, missionary daughter of Stan and Brenda Bunch, Citre, Panama all participated in TEAM (Teens Equipped and Active in Missions) this past summer. Monica and Ashley were on TEAM Panama with leaders Bro. Steve and Judy Lytle. Alicia was on TEAM Brazil with leaders Dr. Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton. Both groups did various ministries during their four week trip. It was a life changing experience for all the girls.

Operation Saturation

On Saturday September 30 The Hannon FWB Church of Liberal, MO took part in Operation Saturation. This was a nation wide project sponsored by the Home Mission Board to put the plan of salvation in homes all over America. Sixty-four people from the Hannon FWB Church participated in distributing 1,000 door hangers in their neighboring communities of Arcadia, KS; Bronaugh, MO; Mulberry, KS; and Moundville, MO. Following the project they returned to the home of B.J. and Tresa Morgan for a cookout, volleyball, and games for the young people. The day was a blessing to all who participated.



New Appliances for Terrill Road

The Terrill Road Free Will Baptist Church, located in Moberly, recently received a gift of a new stove and refrigerator for their kitchen. The new appliances have greatly benefitted the church's Christian Academy since they added a Home Eco-

nomics Class to their curriculum this year.

The Church is very thankful for faithful church members like Allen and Shirley Friedly who donated the appliances. They unselfishly responded to a need that they were able to meet.

BIBLE COLLEGE BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW CAMPUS

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - Free Will Baptist Bible College officials broke ground December 5 paving the way for the construction of a new \$18-million campus.

Approximately 700 gathered on the summit of the 123-acre site, braving the cold, to witness the historic event. The groundbreaking was hosted by Rev. Roy Harris, Director of Advancement, who introduced President Tom Malone and others on the program, who included Board Chairman Gary Fry, Missionary TECH Team President Birne Wiley, NAFWB Executive Secretary Melvin Worthington, Honorary Relocation Campaign Chairman Bobby Jackson, and Student Body President Darin Miles. Representatives from the offices of Metro Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell and Tennessee Congressman Bob Clement also



brought greetings.

Phase I of construction, scheduled to begin early next year, will include an administration building/library complex, two dormitories, a gymnasium/maintenance facility, a classroom building, and a dining hall/student center. A childcare facility and a missionary-in-residence home are also planned.

Completion of Phase I is envisioned for August 2002, but could be impacted by the sale of the present campus and the success of fund-raising efforts. The \$13.5-million conditional contract to buy the West End campus has been withdrawn because of scheduling conflicts, but several buyers, including the original buyer, are now vying for the opportunity to buy the campus.

Mr. Harris says, "It was a cool day in December, but everyone went home with hearts warmed by what God did on this historic day." He added, "It was great to have our denomination's leaders and other friends of the college there, many of whom traveled many miles to join us for this special occasion."

The groundbreaking was held in conjunction with the annual Free Will Baptist Leadership Conference, sponsored by the Executive Office of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

FWBBC BIBLE CONFERENCE SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

The following are scheduled to preach during the college's spring Bible Conference, Mar. 11-15, 2001.

- Dr. Richard Land, President of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- Rev. Gordon Sebastian, pastor of Peace FWB Church, Wilson, NC.
- Rev. Tom McCullough, coordinator of the college's missions training program.

The conference will also feature speakers from the Classes of 1951 and 1976.

Begin now to pray for a great conference.

2001 MASTER'S MEN NATIONAL MEN'S RETREAT

Trinity Camp - Guin, Alabama

April 19-22, 2001

Cost: \$60 Early Registration

(Postmarked by April 5)

\$70 Late Registration

(Postmarked after April 5)

\$75 On-site Registration

Includes 5 meals and 2 nights lodging

Register your group early and with 6 or more men, your pastor may attend for free!

Directions To Trinity Camp:

From Nashville: 1-65 South to Hwy. 69 South to Jasper, AL. Take Hwy. 78 West to Winfield, AL. Go right on Hwy. 253 to County Hwy. 3. Go left approximately one mile to Trinity Camp.



OFTEN ASKED QUESTIONS

Pastor R.E. Dablemont

Good News In A Bad Situation

Is attitude really important? A story is told of a king who dreamed that all his teeth had fallen out. Immediately he sent for one of his soothsayers to interpret the meaning of the dream. With a sad countenance and mournful voice, the soothsayer told the king that the dream meant that all his relatives would die and that he would be left alone. This angered the king and he drove the servant from his presence. Another soothsayer was called and the king related to him his dream. At this, the wise man smiled, and replied, "rejoice O king, the dream means that you will live yet many years; in fact, you will outlive all your relatives!" This pleased the king a great deal and in his joy he gave the interpreter a rich reward. Please make note with me that the two soothsayers had said the same thing, but only in two different ways. Attitude made the difference in presentation of the same truth!

Our attitude in life has a lot to do with how we interpret and respond to certain circumstances. Our own attitudes also effect how we may be able to help others who are in difficult circumstances. In Acts 16, we read of Paul and Silas being imprisoned after falsely being accused of causing trouble. Yet, "...at midnite, Paul & Silas prayed, & sang praises to God." An earthquake followed enabling them to escape. The keeper of the prison was so upset he was about to commit suicide. Most folks know how the incident ends with Paul and Silas leading the jailer to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

In our society, we find it hard to imagine two persecuted Christians praying and praising God after having been so unjustly treated. In our age of militancy, most folks would be moaning and groaning about their mistreatment, not praying and praising God, and probably because the jailor was the visible authority enforcing their unjust imprisonment want to punch the jailer out rather than plead with him for his soul!

Regardless of the difficulty of the situation, we as believers are here for a purpose. Unbelievers are not our enemies, they are our mission. How we present ourselves in real-life stressful situations sends a strong evangelical message to the unbeliever. And how we present the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ should not depend upon the easiness of the situation, nor how we are treated while doing so. After all, the gospel means good news! The world is full of people in desperate trouble needing to hear, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved" in the context of a meaningful, viable lifestyle that demonstrates the validity and power of God. Whatever situation we find ourselves in, we are to pray, praise God and share our faith with joy. Attitude does make a difference!

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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News From the McDonalds

Dear friends,

...2000 has been a full and blessed year for us. We left our young church to travel around the world for stateside assignment in June, welcomed baby Caroline in September, had at least one very significant birthday (but don't tell Ruth I told you that!) and celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary on December 19. What a year!

Also during this year, some important decisions have been reached about the future of our ministry in Japan. For several years, the missionaries in Japan have been praying and putting a lot of thought into a strategy for the future. We all reached a consensus this year that we would split our present missionary staff into two church-planting teams, one for the northern island of Hokkaido and one for the Tokyo area. Most are remaining in the areas in which they have been ministering, but it was concluded that our family and Mirial Gainer (of South Carolina) would relocate to the Tokyo area to join Ken and Judy Bailey (of Missouri) in forming a team in that world-class city.

This move will be a big one for our family, since we have ministered on Hokkaido for the past 12 years and have come to love it and the people there. Tokyo lies some 600 miles to the South and is very different in climate, culture and lifestyle. We would appreciate your prayers for us and the others who will comprise the Tokyo team as we pray and prepare our hearts for what looks like an impossible task — but for the mighty hand of God!! We are making plans to go back to Japan and begin the process of finding housing, etc. in June or July. We need God's wisdom and direction as we join with the one small church in that area to begin a new work.

As you can imagine, our hearts remain with the small body of believers we left in Hokkaido. We are so thankful to hear good reports of the continuing ministry there. The Hokkaido team is doing a good job in providing leadership and the Lord continues to bless with good attendance and many seekers. We all believe that God is beginning something new in the great land of Japan and we eagerly await harvest in the months and years ahead. . .

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the World for Jesus!
Adopt a Share in the
Show-Me Plan.*

MISSOURI WAC OFFICERS MEETING

There will be a State WAC Officers Planning Meeting in Lebanon on February 17 at 9:30 a.m. State officers will be planning the state meeting and discussing retreat plans for the year. Please pray for this important time.

WHEN TWO WRONGS MAKE A RIGHT!

We have often heard it said that two wrongs don't make a right. However, when it comes to publishing a newsletter like the *Missouri Gem*, sometimes two wrongs do make a right, or should I say makes it right.

The first wrong (mistake) with the *Gem* was made when the *Gem* published the 1945 and 1946 issues of the *Gem* with the same volume number. The second wrong (mistake) occurred with the May 1999 issue when the volume number was jumped ahead from 69 to 70. Consequently, the volume number moved to volume 71 with the beginning of the year 2000.

The first wrong made the *Gem* a year younger than it really is, since the *Gem* had its beginning in January 1929. The second wrong put the paper back to its original age.

Now everyone knows the truth, the *Gem* is in its seventy-second year. Will we rectify the last mistake by confusing everyone with another volume change? No, at least not on purpose.

OPERATION SATURATION

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

- When:** September 15-22, 2001
Cost: \$700.00 per person
Includes: Round trip airfare from Nashville, TN to St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands 7 nights lodging in private homes Ground transportation while in St. Croix Lunch each day
Not Included: Breakfast and dinner meals; every effort will be made to keep these costs down.
Program: We will be involved in an Operation Saturation outreach. This will involve passing out material door to door. We will -also be involved in a revival at the church in the evenings and the school each day. We will also take time for sightseeing and shopping. This will be a great opportunity to be OPERATION SATURATION St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

Worship Service Averages July 2000 - December 2000

Churches:	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Belton	50	50	54	58	45	
Buffalo 1st	96	109	104	113	114	
Calvary Chapel	217	243	230	233	246	248
Calvary Fellowship		296	300	328	300	
Cape Girardeau	55	44	61		62	55
Copper Mines	56	63	64	64	64	
Cuba	130	130	128	123		
Columbia	30	31	31	28	34	31
Crossroads - Wentzville	66	72	64		81	
Cross Roads - Lebanon		124	124	129	119	123
DeSoto	210	197	195	208	200	
Hannibal	59	58	66	60	62	
Hannon	134	152	180	154		150
Harmony - Parkville	91	92	97	92	94	
Hartville	130	157	172	181	167	169
Hopewell	40	39	39	38	35	
Houston	67	55	77	60	62	62
Hurryville	100	114	108	97	102	
Joplin 1st	99	93	92	82	99	
Lebanon 1st	122		114	129	130	128
Lebanon FWB	64	73	59	52	50	39
Mill Creek	92	94	87	91	95	87
Mine La Motte	56	56				
Monett 1st		100	100	90	110	
Mt. Pisgah	78	74	72	78	70	72
Myrtle	33	33	30	30	30	22
New Life - Licking	64	60	57	56	62	67
O'Fallon 1st	115	119	105		103	111
Ozark 1st	151	150	138		148	
Parkview - Desloge	112	97	91			
Pleasant Hill	48	50	44	51	40	
Purdy	63	71	73	71	76	62
Richwoods	30	31	38			
Rock Chapel	48	51	48	59		48
Rolla 1st		40	37	32	31	28
Southside	20			21		
Springfield 1st	134	112	131	123	125	
Thayer	196	185	198	197	187	
Trinity	81	87		94	89	
Twin Oak	76	90	72	75	73	
Union Grove	136	139	148	136	132	129
United	482	594	648			579
Willow Springs	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.



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Let's Chat!

by Phillis Detherage



Neither give place to the devil.
Ephesians 4: 27

The little children at our church sing a song called The Devil is a Sly Old Fox. It is really something to watch them as they sing their little hearts out and act out the

words with more enthusiasm than we can muster in a year! The song talks about how we would lock the devil in a box if we could catch him in it. Nice thought! There are definitely times when I wish getting rid of him were that easy! It would certainly make my life a lot simpler!

One of the greatest areas of my life that I have to do battle in is my mind! Being a stay home wife and mother, I have quite a bit of time to let my mind run aimlessly while I'm working on mundane chores and projects. You know what I mean? How much thought does it take to do dishes, laundry, or ironing? Especially after the 500,000 time! After a while I just start running on habit or instinct, whichever it is! I truly believe that some of these chores can be accomplished in my sleep! Problem is that when I'm awake and striving to do these things, I allow my mind to wander aimlessly around any number of subjects or topics. Before I know what's happened, I realize that my mind has camped on a thought or topic that it shouldn't be camped on! What I've done, is send out an open invitation to the devil. (Funny, but he never refuses the invite either!)

Have you ever noticed that when you start thinking aimlessly you naturally end up on thoughts that you shouldn't be having or dwelling on? Guess what? God knows it! Psalm 94:11 says that, "the Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity." It is more natural for our minds to wander to the unholy thoughts than it is for it to wander to the holy! That is our natural, sinful, self-showing its independence. There is a remedy for the problem though and it is found in Philippians 4:8. This verse tells us, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." We are to fill our minds with the goodness of God!

Have you ever heard the analogy of the glass? Some say that it is half full, while others say that it is half-empty. Our minds should always be completely full of the goodness of God to the point that there is "no place" for the devil! Ephesians 5:19 says to go even a little further by actually, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Now talking to myself is something I can do without any trouble!

My mind is not an empty cesspool,
Where Satan can linger and with me duel!

I shall leave no room for his wicked thoughts,
But rather I'll fill it with the goodness of God!

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Isaiah 54:2

This verse urges Free Will Baptists to involve themselves in missions. Remember, God's Word does not distinguish between home and foreign missions. That designation is made by man for his accommodation.

The pastor remains the key to missionary activity. Pastor, read about missionaries. Get to know them intimately. Share their exploits for God with your people. Schedule missionary conferences. Preach missions; teach missions. Pray for missionaries. Give to missions that you may lead your people to support missions generously.

Listen! Isaiah is crying. We must "give them one chance to hear." This clarion call to extend our work is being sounded. "Enlarge the place of thy tent. . . ."

Praise God for those men who have started works in Fairbanks, Alaska, Castaic, California, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Thank the Lord for the recently approved Home Mission field of Ogden, Utah. These works are praise items. Surely there is reason to rejoice. Yet these efforts only begin to scratch the surface.

Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions is working in 15 countries. We have 114 missionaries serving in 11 countries. Foreign Missions reported 1,344 conversions in 1999. Sunday church attendance averaged 12,314 (a 9% increase over 1998).

Sunday School literature is now available for Spanish-speaking Free Will Baptists around the world. We currently have 12 Korean and 5 Russian mission works in the United States. Such facts-there are many others which could be cited-cause us to extol God's goodness in allowing us to be part of such a denomination that is alive and playing a vital role in world evangelization.

It is costly to spread the gospel. The present Foreign Missions budget alone exceeds seven million dollars. We must learn to give out of our poverty as well as out of our abundance.

It is more costly not to spread the gospel. Robert Hall Glover stated "That 'there is still work to do at home,' as those with a distorted and selfish vision keep saying, is true enough. And, let it be added, there will be more and yet more work to do at home so long as the program set by Christ's Great Commission is ignored or treated indifferently."

No greater gift can one give than the gift of his son "to bear the message glorious." Are you willing for God to lead your son or daughter to a town in northern California, a city in the Northeastern United States, or a village in the bush country of Africa? Pastor, are you prepared to ask God to lead your most outstanding soul winner into foreign mission service? Do you really believe in missions? "Spare not."

"The light that shines the farthest shines the brightest at home." If we are to expand missionary activity abroad, we must continue to strengthen the home base. However, no pastor need view a growing foreign missionary budget with dread alarm.

Free Will Baptists, now is the time to "stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations." It will not be easy. Time, money, effort, and personnel will be needed. We are compelled by love to "give them one chance to hear." "Spare not."

Larry D. Hampton

2000 Co-op Receipts

Alton	\$800.00	Greenfield	\$1,136.00	Overland	\$1,435.00
Amity	\$1,853.66	Hannibal	\$4,840.00	Ozark 1st.....	\$17,456.15
Aulsbury Chapel	\$3,252.41	Hannon	\$12,361.55	Park Hills 1st	\$9,804.14
Bailey	\$2,495.00	Harmony-kc	\$6,993.00	Parkview	\$6,305.65
Bailey Chapel	\$2,830.00	Hartville	\$11,010.32	Pleasant Hill-Thayer	\$2,656.97
Beacon	\$5,250.00	Hazel Creek	\$1,873.53	Pleasant Home-Mtn.Gr	\$3,374.61
Belton	\$3,965.65	Heritage	\$650.00	Pleasant Ridge-Urbana	\$1,014.00
Berean	\$638.00	Hickory Grove	\$194.00	Potosi	\$1,473.16
Bethel-El Dorado Springs	\$801.21	Hopewell	\$2,532.00	Republic	\$1,100.00
Bethel-Northview	\$2,732.00	Houston 1st.....	\$4,554.99	Richwood	\$2,436.00
Black Oak	\$3,619.87	Hurryville	\$6,091.17	Rock Chapel	\$4,666.06
Blue Springs.....	\$2,178.00	Jackson	\$2,290.87	Rolla 1st	\$3,246.00
Bourbon	\$934.11	Jeruel	\$181.62	Royal Oak-Alton	\$1,341.00
Buffalo 1st	\$1,200.00	Jones Chapel	\$4,207.05	Salem	\$270.00
Byrd.....	\$1,124.92	Joplin 1st	\$8,413.27	Seymour	\$5,099.00
Cabool.....	\$3,982.15	Kirksville 1st	\$576.84	Smyrna	\$940.00
Calvary Chapel	\$12,842.48	Koshkonong	\$2,230.00	South Fremont	\$6,206.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$1,690.00	Lead Hill	\$1,821.58	Southern Hills-Overland Ks. ..	\$579.00
Cape Girardeau	\$4,227.19	Lebanon 1st	\$11,302.10	Southside	\$352.92
Carthage	\$3,645.92	Lebanon FWB	\$4,834.38	Springfield	\$1,696.00
Central	\$11,152.91	Liberty	\$775.00	Springfield 1st	\$13,234.53
Chapel of the Ozarks	\$872.82	Lone Star	\$726.81	St. Peters	\$7,271.00
Christ Chapel	\$3,249.73	Macedonia - Purdy.....	\$500.00	St.Francois Assn.	\$126.00
Clifton	\$703.03	Macedonia-Niangua	\$1,226.76	Stockton	\$2,344.12
Columbia	\$3,157.77	Merls Chapel	\$1,791.66	Terrill Rd.	\$2,988.00
Copper Mines	\$5,846.95	Mill Creek	\$6,045.83	Thayer	\$12,038.00
Cornerstone-Joplin	\$235.00	Mine LaMotte	\$907.16	Trinity	\$11,929.91
Cornerstone-Mtn.Grove	\$5,557.91	Monett 1st	\$4,727.41	Twin Oak	\$4,618.06
Cross Roads - Lebanon	\$4,478.00	Mountain Grove1st	\$18,759.10	Union Grove	\$5,499.00
Crossroads-Wentzville	\$9,693.82	Mt.Pisgah	\$4,652.00	Union Light.....	\$1,763.00
Cuba	\$8,229.00	Mt.Zion-Gower	\$717.60	Union-Success	\$240.00
DeSoto 1st	\$18,284.00	Myrtle	\$2,661.35	United	\$20,380.94
Emanuel-Loveland,CO	\$900.86	Neosho 1st.....	\$1,140.00	Unity	\$4,650.00
Faith & Hope-Aurora	\$760.74	New Harmony	\$263.80	Verdella	\$6,460.86
Faith & Hope-Willow Spg	\$1,779.93	New Home-Lebanon	\$903.00	Viburnum	\$2,774.61
Farmington	\$37,054.91	New Hope-Fredericktown	\$840.00	Victory-Alton	\$4,044.78
Fellowship	\$15,200.00	New Life-Licking	\$5,286.34	Victory-KC	\$4,925.38
Fordland	\$9,613.69	Niangua	\$2,471.00	Waynesville	\$4,808.32
Fourth	\$694.70	North Five	\$1,306.36	West Plains 1st	\$8,693.25
Fredericktown 1st	\$4,115.00	Number One	\$937.73	Wilderness	\$2,672.37
Freeman Chapel	\$5,017.64	Oak Grove-Mtn.Grove	\$2,113.79	Willow Springs-Mtn.Grove ..	\$3,212.41
Friendship	\$4,491.69	O'Fallon 1st	\$12,545.60	Wolf Creek	\$4,303.42
Grace	\$15,710.00	Olivet	\$4,896.00		
Grant Ave.	\$14,620.36	Oskaloosa	\$1,794.68	Total	\$607,995.90

2000 Show-Me Plan Giving by Associations

Bootheel	\$180.00	Mid-Rivers	\$3,739.00	Southeast	\$12,700.00
Cave Springs	\$18,450.16	Mission	\$46,836.20	Greater Springfield	\$13,619.00
Central Western	\$32,473.20	MO-Ark	\$1,487.00	St. Francois	\$46,369.59
Indian Creek	\$64,395.40	Niangua	\$1,320.00	St. Louis	\$22,008.16
Greater K. C.	\$12,022.77	Northeast	\$7,599.41	MO WAC	\$8,355.86
Laclede	\$1,230.00	Northwest	\$6,525.00	Misc.	\$1,992.53
Liberty	\$8,848.00	South Central	\$15,392.88	Total	\$328,544.16

IN LOVING MEMORY

It was with great sadness on September 22, 2000, that we at Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Arnold, Missouri, experienced the loss of the beloved Mrs. Iva Snell. She was 90 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Snell joined our church January 9, 1972. Together they faithfully served us for over 28 years. While we greatly admired their faithful commitment to the church, we equally admired their firm commitment to each other. On September 5, 2000, Mr. and Mrs. Snell celebrated 71 years of marriage. Many members of the church have been inspired by the Snells' Christian example over the years. Although we miss her greatly, our hearts rejoice in knowing that she is in the tender care of our Lord.

Mrs. Snell is survived by her husband, Elmer; grandchildren, Linda Jean (Larry) Hayes, Edward M. (Beverly) Delaney; great-grandchildren, Edward M. (Rebecca) Delaney 11, W. Curtis (Kelly) Hayes, Kevin D. Hayes, Kathleen C. Delaney, Veronica J. Hayes; great-great-grandchildren, Eric S. Delaney, K. Alexander Hayes, Kayla B. Delaney, Nikolas D. Hayes; sister-in-law, Zelda Gerullis and son-in-law, Curtis M. Delaney. Mrs. Snell was laid to rest at Mount Hope Cemetery.



IN LOVING MEMORY



December 2, 2000 was a day of mixed emotions for the members of Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Arnold, Missouri. The angels of heaven ushered our beloved Pearl Hill to her new home in glory. She was 93 years old. Sister Hill was born in Marquand, Missouri. She was one of the founding members of our church. She, her husband and family served it faithfully throughout the years. Both young and elder members of the church had a great admiration for this lovely lady of God. She was always willing to share her story of love for God and his church. Our hearts are filled with sorrow at her departing and yet are filled with celebration as she receives her crown of glory.

Sister Hill is survived by her daughter, Norma Kennedy; sons William (Julia), Robert (Georgia), and Donald (Jean) Hill; grandchildren, Kathy (Ron) King, Tammy (Kevin) Micke, Debra (Rich) Butman, Jack (Teresa), Tim (Janet), Rebecca, Terry (Dianne), Rob (Tammy), Rustin (Pamela) and Mark Hill and Sherry (Dan) Camp. Sister Hill was also the Great-Grandmother of 25 and the Great-Great-Grandmother of 1. She was laid to rest at Parklawn Cemetery.

(The Commitments . . . Continued from page 2)

here and there over the United States have known entirely too little about their brothers and sisters in other parts of the country . . . But why is it thus in our church is a question that these facts raise in our minds . . . One thing that is probably most responsible is the lack of a denominational program for our people everywhere. A general program for our church would better acquaint us with one another and with the work of the church in general, would create within us a greater interest in our work as a whole, and would therefore greatly help to bring our people together in one great united body. We need a general program for our church, and may we pray earnestly and work untiringly for it."

Unity was the watchword of the day, and men and women with a vision of the Great Commission and a burden for scriptural truth wanted desperately to bring that unity about. Unity was the first commitment that brought us together.

Leadership Styles Of Some Pastors

The Superman Style.

"The fate of the world depends on me. The church could not survive without me."

The Terminator Style.

"Let's clean up this church." Rules are necessary. They just don't apply to The Terminator.

Captain Kangaroo Style.

"Is everyone having a good time? Don't leave the room—you are liable to miss something really exciting."

The Lone Ranger Style.

The story of the Lone Ranger was that he was the only one left of the group of Texas Rangers who acted on behalf of law and order.

The Underdog Style.

"Everyone is out to get me. I know I'm going to be put down, so I defend myself before it starts. I know the church is not going to give me a raise, so before they act, I'll just tell them I don't want a raise."



Financial Report December 2000



Cooperative Disbursements

December 2000 \$45,146.15

18.50% Missouri State Home
Missions Board \$8,352.05
17.50% Executive Office 7,900.58
3.00% General Fund 1,354.38
.50% Show-Me Plan 225.73
8.50% Youth Camp Bd 3,837.42
3.50% Y. C. Restricted Fds
1,580.12
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd .. 902.92
2.00% C. E. Board 902.92
2.00% Senior Adult Bd 902.92
9.00% MO Retirement 4,063.15

30.50% 13,769.58

National Ministries, Hillsdale and
California Christian College

Foreign Missions Board
National Home Missions
Board

Same Allocation
FWBBC
HillsdaleFWB College
Executive Department
Layman's Board
Radio & TV Commission
Theological Commission
Historical Commission
Board of Retirement
1.00% CCC

3.00% Conference Center 1,354.38

Total..... \$45,146.15

Co-op

Aulsbury Chapel \$151.12
Bailey \$180.00
Bailey Chapel \$225.00
Belton \$319.95
Berean \$64.00
Bethel - El Dorado Sps. \$65.74
Bourbon \$86.23
Byrd \$90.45

Cabool 1st \$277.01
Calvary Chapel \$929.24
Cape Girardeau \$389.37
Cape Girardeau 1st \$410.72
Carthage \$276.22
Carthage \$307.50
Central \$1,039.13
Chapel of the Ozarks \$237.16
Christ Chapel \$302.80
Clifton \$58.30
Columbia (Rejoice) \$275.60
Copper Mines \$451.60
Cornerstone - Mtn. Gr. \$464.00
Crossroads - Wentzville \$804.00
Cuba \$698.00
DeSoto 1st \$1,400.00
Emmanuel - Colorado \$75.00
Faith & Hope - Willow Sps. .. \$142.28
Farmington 1st \$2,897.70
Fellowship \$1,200.00
Fordland \$700.58
Fredericktown 1st \$308.00
Freeman Chapel \$362.48
Friendship \$292.53
Grant Ave. \$1,038.53
Hannibal \$430.00
Hannon \$1,052.00
Harmony \$459.00
Hartville \$678.00
Hopewell \$186.00
Houston 1st \$394.39
Hurryville \$474.12
Jackson \$161.28
Jeruel \$56.17
Joplin 1st \$659.59
Koshkonong \$170.00
Lebanon 1st \$894.88
Lone Star \$76.80
Macedonia - Niangua \$111.72
Merls Chapel \$122.00
Mill Creek \$493.22
Mine La Motte \$61.16
Mountain Grove 1st \$1,288.05
Mt. Pisgah \$378.00
Mt. Zion - Gower \$48.00
Neosho 1st \$95.00

New Hope - Fredericktown \$70.00
New Life - Licking \$303.37
North Five \$92.88
Number One \$74.50
O'Fallon 1st \$1,000.60
Olivet \$390.00
Oskaloosa \$406.40
Overland \$110.00
Ozark 1st \$1,279.71
Park Hills 1st \$992.53
Parks Hills 1st \$647.08
Parkview \$505.95
Pleasant Hill - Thayer \$229.09
Pleasant Home \$255.40
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana \$64.00
Rock Chapel \$296.43
Rolla 1st \$219.00
Royal Oak \$100.00
Seymour \$439.00
Smyrna \$71.00
South Fremont \$2,700.00
Springfield 1st \$1,632.78
Springfield 1st \$1,001.02
St. Peters \$458.00
Stockton \$185.88
Terrill Road \$202.00
Thayer \$59.00
Trinity \$966.04
Union - Success \$60.00
Union Grove \$440.00
Union Light \$146.00
United \$1,520.51
Unity \$370.00
Verdella \$498.90
Victory - Alton \$339.61
Victory - K.C. \$1,655.77
Waynesville 1st \$281.84
Willow Springs - Mtn. Gr. \$272.24
Total \$45,146.15

DeSoto 1st \$110.00
Fellowship \$100.00
Gospel Light \$80.00
Indian Creek Aux. \$30.00
Indian Creek Dist. Offering \$29.87
Jones Chapel \$213.92
Joplin 1st \$442.07
Larry Wormington \$30.00
Lebanon Bible & Book \$288.75
Macedonia \$1,224.83
Merl's Chapel \$83.33
Monett 1st \$190.92
Neosho 1st \$208.34
Neosho Aux. \$208.33
New Life - Monett \$605.92
O'Fallon 1st \$48.00
Ozark 1st \$10.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana \$20.00
Plesant Grove \$207.00
Purdy 1st \$301.19
Richard White \$10.00
St. Francois Dist Assn \$150.00
St. Francois Dist. Assn. \$125.00
United \$25.00
Total \$5,128.14

Show-Me Plan

Aulsbury Chapel \$26.00
Barker, Rev. J. \$15.00
Barker, Rev. J. \$15.00
Belton \$165.00
Berean \$30.00
Berry, R. \$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado \$181.49
Bethel - Festus \$45.00
Bethlehem \$174.84
Big Creek \$55.00
Bishop, B. J. \$15.00
Bourbon \$15.00
Buxton, G. \$30.00
Cabool \$135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo \$135.00
Carthage \$520.00
Central \$372.00
Chapel of the Ozarks \$802.20

MO Home Mission

Belton \$60.00
Bethlehem \$58.27
Chapel of the Ozarks \$267.40

Rogers, B.	\$15.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble N.	\$45.00
South Fremont	\$640.00
Springfield 1st	\$515.00
Springfield 1st	\$540.00
Thomas, E.	\$30.00
Trinity	\$525.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United - West Plains	\$528.02
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$778.90
Viburnum	\$65.00
Victory - Alton	\$339.61
Victory - K.C.	\$420.00
West Plains 1st	\$169.00
White, R.	\$15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove...	\$70.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Total	\$37,136.45

Foreign Missions

Cape Girardeau	\$155.73
Cape Girardeau	\$164.26
Central	\$30.00
Chapman, A.	\$20.00
Cuba	\$21.10
Farmington 1st	\$25.00
Fordland	\$30.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Gospel Light	\$60.00
Grant Ave.	\$50.00
Grant Ave. Youth	\$166.50
Haney, A.	\$30.00
Houston 1st	\$20.00
Jones Chapel	\$150.00
Lewis, D.	\$10.00
Minor, K.	\$10.00
Mission Dist. Aux.	\$160.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$70.00
Mountain Grove 1st Youth ...	\$160.00
Neosho 1st	\$15.00
New Testament	\$70.00
Rock Chapel	\$38.00
Roger Phillips	\$100.00
State Youth Ministries	\$359.50
Trinity	\$231.32
Verdella	\$2,860.00
Verdella Day Aux.	\$100.00
Verdella Youth	\$500.00
Victory - K.C.	\$95.00
Total	\$5,751.41

National Home Missions

Belton	\$70.50
Carthage	\$25.00
Carthage	\$25.00
Carthage WAC	\$62.32
Chapman, A.	\$10.00
Cuba	\$63.30
Degonia, C.	\$5.00
DeSoto 1st	\$598.00
DeSoto 1st Adult Class	\$10.00
Farmington 1st	\$215.00
Fordland	\$90.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grant Ave.	\$22.00
Hannon	\$931.00
Hartville	\$1,675.00
Houston 1st	\$55.00
Huffman, T.	\$20.00
Jackson	\$60.00
Joplin 1st	\$20.00
King, B.	\$5.00

Macedonia - Purdy	\$100.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$70.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Neosho 1st	\$125.00
New Home - Hartville	\$10.00
New Life - Monett	\$50.00
New Testament	\$170.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$48.00
Park Hills 1st	\$319.25
Park Hills 1st	\$219.71
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Gr.	\$98.26
Richwoods	\$133.00
Rider, M.	\$10.00
Rock Chapel	\$52.65
Rogers, B.	\$25.00
Ruble, N.	\$10.00
South Fremont	\$235.00
Theabeau, B.	\$5.00
Trinity	\$25.00
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
United Youth	\$170.00
Unity	\$50.00
Verdella	\$10.00
Viburnum	\$51.00
Victory - K.C.	\$512.16
West Plains 1st	\$25.00
Total	\$6,887.15

Youth Camp

Rolla 1st	20.00
Hannon	15.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
New Life - Monett	126.70
Hartville	10.00
Cabool 1st	10.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Gr.	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
Mountain Grove 1st	10.00
Park Hills	37.43
DeSoto 1st	55.00
New Home - Hartville	10.00
New Life - Monett	77.84
Trinity	14.00
Verdella	10.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	25.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	157.50
Union - Success	30.00
Park Hills 1st	35.61
Total	\$679.08

Camp Development Fund

Salem 1st (Chairs)	500.00
Rock Chapel	310.00
Joyful Learning Center	100.00
West Plains 1st	100.00
Houston 1sr	100.00
B&M Investments	2,000.00
Total	\$3,110.00

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

Farmington 1st	171.00
Mountain Grove 1st	15.00

Ruble, N.	15.00
DeSoto 1st	40.00
Verdella	99.78
Total	\$340.78

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Farmington	129.00
Hannon	50.00
Victory - Kansas City	142.79
Joplin 1st	75.00
Grant Ave.	5.00
Neosho 1st	50.00
Total	\$451.79

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Farmington 1st	15.00
Hannon	100.00
New Life - Monett	126.70
Belton	100.00
Unity	10.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Mae Nossor (DeSoto 1st)	25.00
New Life - Monett	77.84
New Hope - Fredericktown	30.00
Total	\$539.54

Rev. John McClure

Gospel Light -----	\$80.00
Mountain Grove 1st -----	10.00
Carthage -----	35.00
Alan Chapman (DeSoto 1st) ----	10.00
Trinity -----	10.00
Bethlehem -----	8.27
Chapel of the Ozarks -----	267.40
Indian Creek Aux. -----	30.00
Indian Creek Offering -----	29.86
Jones Chapel -----	213.91
Monett 1st -----	190.93
Neosho 1st -----	208.33
Neosho 1st Aux. -----	208.33
New Life - Monett -----	605.92
Pleasant Grove - Anderson --	207.00
Purdy 1st -----	301.19
Joplin 1st -----	442.06
Macedonia - Purdy -----	1224.84
Merl's Chapel -----	83.33
Total -----	\$4,166.37

Cornerstone FWB Church
(Brian Brinkhoff)

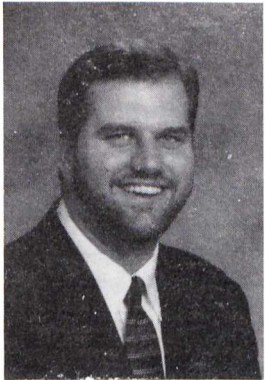
Bethlehem	58.27
Carthage	50.00
Chapel of the Ozarks	267.40
Indian Creek Aux.	30.00
Indian Creek Offering	29.86
Jones Chapel	213.92
Monett 1st	190.92
Neosho 1st	208.33
Neosho 1st Aux.	208.34
New Life - Monett	605.91
Pleasant Grove - Anderson	207.00
Purdy 1st	301.20
Joplin 1st	442.06
Carthage Aux.	500.00
Macedonia - Purdy	1224.83
Merls Chapel	83.34
New Testament	10.00
Total	\$4,631.38

Morgan Minkler

Belton	25.00
Total	\$25.00

Richard Stanley

Alan Chapman (DeSoto 1st) ..	10.00
Total	\$10.00



Minister's Retreat

Stonecroft Conference Center
Branson, Missouri

March 19 - 21, 2001

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 _____ Home Phone () _____

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Church _____

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A \$20 non-refundable deposit is required for each person. Please return this registration form 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.

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