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Commitments That Brought Us Together

By Matthew Pinson

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3. Free Will Baptist Distinctives

The third commitment that brought us together is a commitment to Free Will Baptist distinctives. This commitment is probably the most crucial, because only this one made it necessary to establish a separate Free Will Baptist denomination. There were lots of other conservative denominations that we could have gotten together with. There were a number of other groups that believed the fundamentals of the faith and were committed to missions and Christian education. They were being formed right and left in those days. So it's important to keep in mind that the key commitment that brought us together was what our founders thought to be non-negotiable, scriptural tenets of the faith regarding salvation and the church.

We had always been Arminian and Baptist. Our Arminianism kept us from uniting with other Baptist groups, who were Calvinistic. Our founders believed in the possibility of apostasy-that it is possible for a regenerate person to lose his salvation by making shipwreck of his faith. This was a non-negotiable doctrine that Free Will Baptists would not give up.

Another group of distinctives centers, of course, on our view of the ordinances. Free Will Baptists believe at least two things that distinguish us from other Baptists: We believe in open communion. Any believer, regardless of baptism or church membership, can come enjoy communion with us. This practice was very unique in the 1930s. We were one of the very few groups in all of Christianity that believed and practiced open communion. And this, of course, included our firm belief that anyone who has received scriptural baptism by immersion doesn't need to be re-immersed to come into our fellowship. Our forefathers strenuously withstood a Landmark Baptist view of the church and held to open communion.

Yet there was another commitment that our founders had. Without this commitment, the National Association would never have been formed. That is our commitment to feet washing. I used to hear people say, "Free Will Baptists out west aren't too big on feet washing." I guess I kind-of believed them; that is, until I met Waid Jernigan. He set me

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OFTEN **ASKED** QUESTIONS

Pastor R.E. Dablemont

Watch The Children!

Just how do I understand God and what He says about salvation? I think that Jesus taught

that children are the wisest theologians, don't you? The miracle of God's love for us is a mystery that children can open up for us.

Homespun country philosopher: "I dont understand how a black cow can eat green grass, give white milk, and the farmer turn it to yellow butter, but I still believe in dairy products and I believe in God's plan of salvation."

Albert Einstein: "There are two ways in which you can live your life--one way is to assume that nothing is a miracle--the other is to live like everything is a miracle."

The mind and heart of a child grasps these ideas with ease. Jesus said on different occasions, "let the little children come to me...I tell you the truth, anyone who does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it" (Luke 18:16,17. NIV).

A child, yet unhardened by the doubts and cares of the world, approaches the mystery of God in humility. The child observes with awe, wonder, and continual amazement that which is obviously greater than humanity. The child naturally conceptualizes (through concrete observation) that God is too great and glorious to be grasped as--OH GOD IS SO MUCH BIGGER THAN ME--runs through her mind. Pride has not yet wounded her psyche; sin has not yet bound her heart and mind in arrogant unbelief.

The child when properly exposed to the way, the truth, and the life will come before God with an inclination to believe even though she does not understand it all, she knows intuitively that she is in touch with the great mystery and miracle of life. Eager to hear and learn of God's majestic and marvelous love, she rejoices and relaxes in the protective arms of both the Creator and Saviour--abstract concepts made real through the Spirit of God--quite content to be entirely dependent upon Him.

Tell the little child that God has created all that exists and watch her eyes light up with wonder as she smiles and believes the miracle. Tell the little child that God has provided a way of living forever and she simply believes the miracle. For her, God's greatness alone answers the "how" and interprets the "why." The young, tender heart, open to love, receives love so freely, and with her little arms open, extended heavenward, gives God a hug. We should really listen to Jesus and watch the children!

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Susan Henderson & Chris Sharp

Greater Ozarks Women Active For Christ

The Greater Ozarks Area District
Women Active for Christ held its quarterly meeting in November 2000, at the
First Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield, Missouri. The District is comprised
of branch auxiliaries from several area
Free Will Baptist Churches.

Susan Henderson, author of And A Little Child Shall Lead Them, was the guest speaker. She attends the

Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church in

Purdy, Missouri, the church in which she grew up. Our theme that evening was "Service". She encouraged us to serve our Lord more, because even the smallest 'service' could be the spark that one day would light the world.

A time of fellowship and refreshments was enjoyed by all. The women of this District Auxiliary encourages all Free Baptist women to unite in laboring for missions in their local churches. WNAC is a great service for our Free Will Baptist missionaries who are counting on our prayers and support.

Willow Springs Church Welcomes New Pastor

The congregation of the Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church, located four miles north of Mountain Grove, is pleased to introduce our new pastor and his wife, Harlen and Amy Johnson. Brother Harlen became our pastor in July of 2000.

Originally from Morehead, Kentucky, Brother Harlen attended Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee,

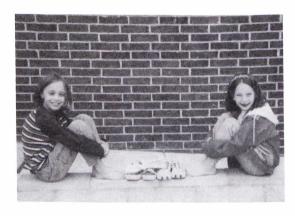
where he met his wife Amy, who is from Garden City, Michigan. Harlen graduated in 1997 and Amy in 1998. They were married in August of 1998.

In 1995, Brother Harlen answered the call to preach. He was the Youth Pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains for three years before coming to our church as full time pastor.

Brother Harlen's life verse is found in Galatians 2:2; Amy's life verse is Philippians 4:13.

Attendance for both Sunday services and Wednesday night services has grown this past six months. We invite everyone to come out and worship with us.

Mission Walk-a-Thon



athy Fry and Mikeala Thompson of the Moun tain Grove Free Will Baptist Church are pictured upon their completion of the 5-mile course in the Mission Association Walk-a-thon which was conducted November 4, 2000. These girls are only 8 years old and walked the full distance. They were still smiling even though they had some blisters on their feet. Four others from Mountain Grove completed the walk along with eight from other churches in the district. This walk-a-thon and offerings during the Mission conference brought in over \$2,700.00

Great News from Camp Niangua



Work on the new Tabernacle is progressing well. Construction on the ground floor is nearing completion and the inside is painted. By the time this article comes out, electrical, heating and air will be finished. Carpet will be going up around the walls in the multipurpose room and ceramic tile will be placed in the kitchen, bathrooms and front entrance hallway. Classrooms only need doors hung to be ready. We must order the chairs now to be ready in time for camp. We need at least 500 at a cost of \$28.50 per chair. If you want to help by donating the price of a chair or maybe enough chairs for your family, we will greatly appreciate it.

We are also beginning work on making the old tabernacle into a recreation room for our kids. We recently purchased seven fooseball type games and still need three table tennis tables and sets.

Thanks for all you have already done. Try our web page at http://www.campniangua.com. You can print registration forms and get general information. If you need to contact the camp board you can email us at camp@fidnet.com. Mark your calendars, Teen Camp will be June 17-22, Pre-teen Group 1 will be July 22-27, and Pre-teen Group 2 will be July 29-Aug. 3. See you there!



rom our heart to yours, hello to the wonderful folks in the great State of Missouri! By now, you have heard of the regrettable news concerning my recent health challenge and the resignation of my position as Home Missionary. First of all, I want to thank you for your support. Thank you for your prayers, giving, but most of all for your friendship. Missouri certainly has been a friend to the Mile High Free Will Baptist Church and to Shirley and me.

I also want to thank the National Home Missions Board. I want Missouri to know that the leaders and the board have stood with me through this trial with finances and with their prayers. It has been my privilege to work for our National Association of Free Will Baptist Home Missions.

Shirley and I will soon be back and living in Missouri. It will be great to see you at the state meeting, Lord willing. Though we are back home, we will continue doing what we can for the work at Mile High Free Will Baptist Church. That's why I'm writing this article. I want to make an appeal for your continued support for the work. Please keep reading.

In the beginning of 1999 the church was contemplating closing its doors. Because of the faithfulness of a few, it did not! But these few were growing weary and wounded from being on the front line of the battle. They themselves were wondering if they had lost! Thanks to our Commander and Chief, the God of Heaven. He had a plan. It happened to include me and you. Sometime after March 1st, 1999 I came to your church and asked you to send me to Denver to shepherd and to reach others for Christ. Eleven months later in February of 2000 I arrived at the Mile High Free Will Baptist Church. Because God called you to support me, today, March 1st, 2001 they have a fellowship consistently in the upper forties. It's growing with new folks every few months, but they need a shepherd. I believe it's God's hand that has sustained the work and that He wills a work in Northglenn,

Chuck Lotz Update

Colorado through the fellowship of Mile High Free Will Baptist Church.

There are two ways to support the work. One is to support the next shepherd with your monthly giving as you have me. Just continue sending it to Antioch and earmark it to the Mile High church missionary work. The quicker that person (whoever God sends) can get to the work, the less likely the sheep will stray. Second, you can support Project 40K. I was asking for 40 people, churches, youth groups, etc. to give \$1000.00 to wipe out an old debt of \$40,000.00. Before I launched this campaign, I asked God to allow Shirley and me to give the first \$1000.00. We did not have the \$1000.00, but we waited. Several weeks later, we received a check from a church that wanted us to have a love offering personally. It was \$1000.00 plus! What a joy to stand in front of the parishioners and launch this campaign! Four other families from Mile High committed \$1200.00 each for the year of 2001! As of to date we have it paid down to \$31,000.00. Praise the

I had the privilege of launching this campaign in January in two churches in Missouri. I served on the staff of both churches, the DeSoto Free Will Baptist church, Pastor Bob Thebeau and The First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington, Pastor Roger Hogan. God called several from both churches to help wipe out this debt. Both churches are in the process of purchasing land, but they unselfishly have come through for the work in Northglenn. That's why I believe God is blessing their work in Missouri! By the way, the Mile High Free Will Baptist Church financially supports five other mission works! That's why God is going to bless the work in Colorado! Please pray and continue your support. God will bless you! Earmark your check to Project 40k and send it to 9821 N. Huron St. Northglenn, Co. 80221-5634.

Forlines Returns to Russia For Theological Lectures

Professor Leroy Forlines has accepted the invitation of Russian Baptists to return and teach theology at Chelyabinsk Bible Institute, the school underwritten by Free Will Baptists in the United States. Chelyabinsk is 1,200 miles southeast of Moscow on the western edge of Siberia, close to the Ural Mountains.

Brother Forlines will leave Nashville on March 6, accompanied by pastor Barry Simpson of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Joelton, Tenn., and missionary Mike Corley. They plan to return on March 26.

All students at the institute will have a Russian translation of *Biblical Systematics* by Leroy Forlines, translated and published in 1996 by the Bibles for Everyone Publishing Company in St. Petersburg, Russia. This was provided by generous Free Will Baptists who financed the project. Five thousand copies were distributed to Russian Baptist students and pastors in Russia and 5,000 more were distributed in the Ukraine shortly after publication.

Professor Forlines will only have 40 hours of class time to cover an extensive amount of material. He has been asked to return in October for the fall semester to conclude the study of Biblical Systematics.

Costs for this special ministry in March are expected to be about \$3,000. Anyone desiring to support Brother Forlines' ministry may send contributions to Forlines' Russia Lectures, Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

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Randall House Releases Two New Books

The Free Will Baptist In History

Presenting an extensive revision of the earlier book, Free Will Baptist in America, 1727-1984. Author, Dr. Bill Davidson has diligently researched this updated expansion of his first text. Full of information about Free Will Baptist Heritage and current happenings that are invaluable to the 21st century scholar.

Dr. Bill Davidson serves as professor of Church History at Columbia International University. He has held this post since 1973. He is an alumnus of the following colleges and seminaries: George Peabody College, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Columbia Bible College, Northern Baptist Seminary, and New Orleans Baptist Seminary

The Quest For Truth: Answering Life's Inescapable Questions

This invaluable tool seriously discusses profound truths that apply to every facet of life. Biblical truth should be make applicable to the total personality. The "inescapable questions of life" are answered from the standard of God's authoritative Word.

Professor Leroy Forlines has taught Biblical studies, theology and ethics for over 35 years. His work as Dean of Students has given him a unique perspective in to the human psyche. He holds graduate degrees from Free Will Baptist Bible College, BA; Winona Lake School of Theology, MA; Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, BD; and the Chicago Graduate School of Theology, ThM. His other writings include: Biblical Ethics, Biblical Systematics, Morals and Orthodoxy, The Doctrine of Perseverance, Christian Standards and Convictions With Out Legalism. Randall House Commentary on Romans and numerous articles and papers.

You can order both of these books from the Lebanon Bible and Book Store. Phone 417-532-9516



ree Will Baptist Family Ministries is dedicated to caring for hurting children and families through meeting their emotional, physical and spiritual needs. As Your Family Crisis Servants, this is the time of year that we ask churches to consider receiving a special offering for Mother's Day (above and beyond your current giving). Please consider what you can do towards this special Mother's Day appeal. For more information, call 423639-9449. Pastors, we also have Mother's Day posters we can send you for your bulletin boards. Mark your donations "Mother's Day Appeal", send to the following address:

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries 90 Stanley Lane, Greeneville, TN 37743

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straight on that right quick. My study of Free Will Baptist belief and practice regarding feet washing has proven differently. I've discovered that Free Will Baptists both east and west of the Mississippi have consensually agreed that feet washing is a divine ordinance of the gospel, just as baptism and the Lord's supper are.

There were a few leaders of the Cooperative General Association who rejected feet washing as an ordinance. They had formerly been leaders of the northern Free Baptist denomination, which had stricken feet washing from their Treatise in the 1830s. One of these leaders was John H. Wolfe of Nebraska. He was one of the men who refused to merge with Free Will Baptists from the Southeast because they demanded feet washing as an ordinance

The opinion of John H. Wolfe and a few isolated leaders was apparently just that—the opinion of a few isolated leaders. Because in 1923 the Cooperative General Association endorsed and published a series of sermon outlines on Free Will Baptist doctrine. They were written by Elder Ira Waterman of Missouri. In the outline on feet washing, feet washing is unequivocally affirmed as a divine ordinance that is obligatory to every Christian. Further more, an examination of the minutes of local associations in the Cooperative General Association shows that Free Will

Baptists in the West believed and practiced the washing of the saints' feet as an ordinance just as vigorously as their brethren in the East.

In the late twenties and early thirties, when the two groups began to talk of merger again, everyone knew that the two groups couldn't merge without agreeing that feet washing is an ordinance of the gospel. So, without a confession of feet washing as an ordinance, we would have no National Association.

Had it not been for our views on the possibility of apostasy, open communion, and feet washing, the National Association would never have been formed. These Free Will Baptist distinctives are core commitments that brought us together.

There are some among us who want to soften these commitments. Perhaps because of embarrassment or an inferiority complex, many preachers among us want to do away with the ordinance of feet washing. Others want to stop believing it because they don't think you can have a growing church if you practice things like feet washing. Few among us want to do away with open communion, because it isn't so unfashionable at the present moment. Some would like to see us soften our belief on the possibility of apostasy.

But it we do away with any one of these Free Will Baptist distinctives that our forefathers held so dear, we will forfeit our right to exist as a denomination. If we do away with feet washing—or if we let it fade into irrelevance among our people—we will have lost the right and the need for a separate Free Will Baptist denomination. The only reason to fragment the body of Christ is if we have distinct, biblical reasons for doing so. And we do have those reasons.

Please don't allow feet washing to fade into irrelevance. You in this gathering here tonight have it within your power to effect a change in the way our people view feet washing. Through your efforts at preaching on the doctrine and making educational materials available to your people and talking about it more often, together you can bring about a revival of this scriptural practice. If we don't do something about it, feet washing will become non-existent, and our children and grandchildren will see no need to remain Free Will Baptists. We believe that these three doctrines-the possibility of apostasy, open communion, and feet washingare non-negotiable teachings of the Bible. Like the founders of our National Association, these remain commitments that bring us together.

Missouri State Convention June 4 - 6, 2001

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists will meet with the United Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains, Missouri, June 4 - 6, 2001. All the business sessions and worship services will be held at the church. The Church has built a beautiful multipurpose building which will accommodate the evening worship services. The day events will be held in the church sanctuary.

Below is a list of the motels. Because of the limited number of motels, you will need to make your reservations as early as possible.



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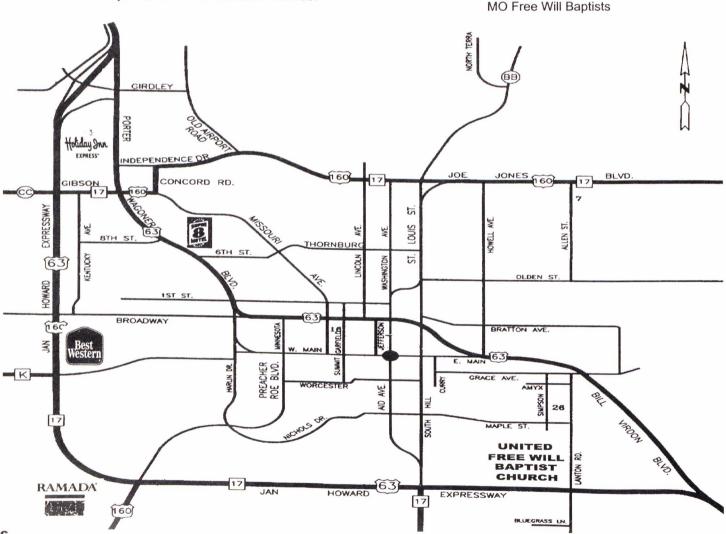
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Missouri Women Active For Christ

The annual meeting of the Missouri Women Active for Christ will be Monday, June 4, 2001. This year, instead of having a craft sale to raise money for hosting our National Convention in 2004, each auxiliary is asked to donate \$25.00 for this purpose. Also, we will be using pictures of local and district WAC groups to display at our state meeting. Pictures of projects or events of interest (non-returnable) should be mailed to Diana Anderson as soon as possible:

Diana Anderson 1408 N. Main, Apt. B Cape Girardeau, MO 63701



MOWAC Officers

The theme of our meeting will be "Reaffirming our Commitment" taken from Psalm 37: 4 -6. Carol Pinkerton will bring the morning devotion and Ruth McDonald will speak at the 11 o'clock service. A special invitation is extended to each of you.

"HOLLAND HIGHLIGHTS"

"What A Ride"

Dear Faithful Friend

How do you sum up 10 years of work as a foreign missionary? Well, hopefully, we are a little smarter than we were 10 years ago.

I recall being on deputation shortly after we had been appointed. I was involved in planning a district auxiliary meeting. One of the ladies suggested that since I had just been appointed to Brazil that I should speak at the meeting. A smile spread across my face and before I could even get the words spoken for my acceptance speech, another lady piped up and said, "I want a real missionary!" Then, she looked at me and said, "No offence," but all offence was taken.

How could she not call me a missionary? I had kids, a slide presentation and even a flag from the country to which I was appointed. My husband even had a missionary sermon that he had preached at least 10 times. Why, I had even been to Brazil as a summer missionary. I "knew" what I was talking about. When I look back now and think about what that dear, bold lady said, a smile comes across my face. She was right. I was not a real missionary.

Actually, I still don't feel like a real missionary. I have never trod the paths of India to carry the name of Christ for years and years as Brother and Sister Carlisle Hanna have. I've never been forced out of communist country as Mom and Pop Willey. I've never stood in the hot African huts and listened to the wailing of a mother that has lost her child to malaria. None of these heroic gestures can I claim



as my experiences as a foreign missionary.

Maybe my experiences can be best described in a scenario that recently happened to me and my children that perhaps sums up 10 years as a missionary. About three months ago I had taken Kelsey and Brooklin to a small amusement park near our house. Curt had gone to get Amber and would join up with us later. The first ride they wanted to ride was the Scrambler. 'it's fun!", they said over and over. I being somewhat handicapped in the area of park rides, meaning I throw up just on a merrygo round, decided to give in to the squeals and begging of my little girls and live a little. After all, I had ridden the Scrambler before. We hopped on. Immediately I began to pray and practice relaxing techniques that I had picked up in my counseling courses. Kelsey and Brooklin sat together. I was alone until this little boy of about 9 years climbed in beside me. Before I was ready, the machine was set into motion. It began its jerking and rotating. I shut my eyes and took deep breaths and imagined myself sitting still on the ground. This worked, until we went higher in the air and started swinging faster still jerking madly from side to side. I held on to the cushioned bar across my chest that preserved me from death.

Suddenly, I realized that this was not the Scrambler. This was not what I had expected

or imagined. I was on a ride I knew nothing about and had no way of getting off. I had no hopes of saving my screaming, frightened children who thought they had climbed aboard for fun and adventure, instead of fear and uncertainties. Just when I thought I couldn't take another second, the whole machine flipped our seats upside down. There we were suspended in air about three stories high going what seemed like 100 miles an hour. "Oh God," I cried out, 'I've got myself in a mess! Help Me!" Then suddenly I felt a little hand on top of mine. It was the little boy beside me. I looked into his terrified eyes and said, 'It's okay you can squeeze my hand. The ride is almost over." Finally a minute or so later, we became upright and began to slow down. It was over. The little boy let go of my hand and thanked me for helping him through the horrific ride. I quickly, but dizzily, climbed out of the seat to rind my little girls. Kelsey was as white as a sheet and Brooklin was red, sweaty and crying. "This isn't what I thought it was," she cried. She was right, if we had known, we would have never gotten on.

For me, this summarizes my experiences as a missionary. When you first climb aboard, you think you know what you are getting into. Very quickly, you realize that you were wrong. You are challenged, stretched, jerked from all directions, and in a motion that you can't control. Sometimes your children are terrified, homesick, or feel all alone. And as much as you want to help, you ride alone experiencing different things at different times. And just when you feel like you can't handle another moment, you feel the strong cushion of God's love around you, protecting you as you turn about. As you ride through the times questioning yourself why you ever became a mission-

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ary in the first place, a hand reaches out to you ... God allows you to be comfort and strength to a weak heart or a hurting soul. He allows you to share your cushion of love to the people you are ministering to and living with. You become the person that shares Christ with them. You know the Hope that they need for eternity. As we were leaving the park later, Kelsey turned around and looked up at the towering ride that was in no way what we had expected. She took my hand and Brooklin's and said, 'We did it! We rode that ride!" There was a sense of gratification that in our igniorance he had taken a challenge and survived.

That maybe summarizes our 10 years as missionaries. Many times it has in no way been what we had expected, but God, in our ignorance, has used us to build his Kingdom and to hold a hand along the way. We did it! Thanks for riding with us these past 10 years of have done it without your support.

Yours for Brazil

Mary Holland

Worship Service Averages							
November	- Febru	ary 200)1				
Churches: Beacon	Nov	Dec	<u>Jan</u> 103	Feb 106			
Belton	45	52	45	47			
Buffalo 1st	114	112	117	121			
Calvary Chapel	246	248	243	254			
Calvary Fellowship	328	300	325	254			
Cape Girardeau	55	300	43	55			
Copper Mines	64	53	62	59			
Cuba	129	131	140	131			
Columbia	34	31	37	34			
Crossroads - Wentzville	80	74	0,	34			
Cross Roads - Lebanon	119	123		136			
DeSoto	200	193	211	130			
Hannibal	62	62	63				
Hannon		02	147	135			
Harmony - Parkville	94	97	90	133			
Hartville	167	169	201	210			
Hopewell	35	32	31	33			
Houston	62	62	59	62			
Hurryville	102	103	104	101			
Joplin 1st	99		104	101			
Lebanon 1st	130	128	133	135			
Lebanon FWB	50	39	43	48			
Mill Creek	95	87	95	93			
Monett 1st	110	٥.	00	33			
Mt. Pisgah	70	72					
Myrtle	30	22	32	32			
New Life - Licking	62	67	69	73			
O'Fallon 1st	103	111	110	134			
Ozark 1st	148	153	163	162			
Park Hills 1st			148	144			
Pleasant Hill	40	42	41	41			
Purdy	71	76	62	67			
Richwoods	38	41	-	07			
Rock Chapel		48	52	62			
Rolla 1st	31	28	37	41			
Southside		21		20			
Springfield 1st	125	118	144	151			
Thayer	187	174	185				
Trinity	89	90	87	92			
Twin Oak	73	75		02			
Union Grove 132 129 130 127							
United	635	579	548	609			
Willow Springs	10.00	66	68	73			
This is only a partial listing. There are 184 FWB churches in							
Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in their Worship							

Missouri State CTS Competition May 4 - 5, 2001 Calvary Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church Fenton, MO

The **2001 Missouri State Competition** is just around the corner. **Calvary Fellowship Church** in Fenton will be the site for this year's competition. We're expecting the largest number of entries ever.

Remember these rules: Individual contestants may enter <u>no</u> <u>more than three (3)</u> categories and divisions, excluding Bible Competition entries. Any church having four (4) or more entries in Music and Arts Categories 1-9, <u>must</u> have at least **one Bible Competition entry** at the lowest level of competition.

Coaches and Sponsors need to be thoroughly familiar with the **NYC Guidelines**. Copies of the *Guidelines* can be obtained from the Lebanon Bible and Book Store (417) 532-9516.

Entry Fees for the competition shall be:

\$15.00 per single entry category \$25.00 per group entry (2-8 people) \$50.00 per group entry (9+ people)

The entry deadline is April 10, 2001. *Please use a separate form for each entry.* Send entry forms and appropriate fees to:

Missouri Youth Ministries Board % Gene Howell 208 Cypress Park Hills, MO 63601Park Hills, MO 63601 (573) 431-3235 or 431-5115

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Service average each month.

National Youth Conference Competition Registration Form

District-State-National COMPETITION CODES Circle the appropriate information below and write correct code numbers in the Record code numbers from left column here boxes in the top right-hand corner: AGE GROUP... A Grades 1-3 Grades 4-6 Name of participant or group (as you want it to appear in the directory) Grades 7-9 Grades 10-12 **BIBLE DIVISIONS...** 0.1 Bible Memorization - Grade 1 Name of Church City State 0.2 Bible Memorization - Grade 2 0.3 Bible Memorization - Grade 3 0.4 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 4 Pastor's phone number Pastor's Name 0.5 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 5 0.6 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 6 0.7 Bible Tic Tac Toe 0.8 Bible Bowl **Director's phone number** Name of director (or coach) 0.9 Turning Point 0.0 Horizon MUSIC & ARTS ... **Total Fee for this entry** Vocal Solo 1.1 Vocal Solo (Age A - B) 00 1.2 Male Vocal Solo (Age C - D) 1.3 Female Vocal Solo (Age C - D) Complete the following information for each participant in this entry: Vocal Ensemble 2.1 Duets, Trios, or Quartets 8. Name 2.2 Ensemble with 5-12 members 2.3 Ensembel with 13 or more members Address Address Instrumental Solo (non-keyboard) Zip City City 3.1 Strings Grade just completed Birthday 3 2 Wind Phone Birthday Grade just completed 3.3 Percussion 2. Name Instrumental Ensemble 4.1 Duets, Trios, or Quartets St. Zip 4.2 Ensemble with 5 or more members St. Zip Grade just completed Keyboard Birthday Birthday Grade just completed_ Phone 5.1 Manual/Electronic Solo 10. Name 3. Name 5.2 Keyboard Ensemble Address Communication Arts Address 6.1 Speech St. Zip_ City 6.2 Individual Drama Grade just completed Birthday Grade just completed Birthday Phone 6.3 Interpretive Reading of Scripture 6.4 Mime/Pantomime 11. Name 4. Name 6.5 Group Drama Address 6.6 Readers Theater 6.7 Group Mime/Pantomime Zip City St. Zip City _ 6.8 Puppetry (live) Grade just completed_ Birthday Phone 6.9 Puppetry (recorded) Birthday Grade just completed 12. Name Creative Writing 5. Name 7.0 Creative Writing Address_ Address Electronic Media City City 8.0 Electronic Media Grade just completed_ Birthday B irthday _Grade just completed_ Phone Creative Arts 6. Name 9.1 Painting 9.2 Graphics Address Address 9.3 Three-Dimensional Art St. Zip_ Zip City City 9.4 Photography Grade just completed_ 9.5 Fabricated Art Phone Birthday___ _Grade just completed_ 9.6 Promotional Graphic Art Name 14. Name Address COMPETITION FEES \$15.00 Per single entry category Zip \$25.00 per group entries of 2-8 people Grade just completed_ \$50.00 per group entries of 9+ people Birthday Grade just completed Phone Birthday

Mail to:
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% Gene Howell
208 Cypress
Park Hills, MO 63601

PARTICIPANT'S PLEDGE (to be signed by the individual participant or by the director (coach) of a group)
I certify that the information on this form is correct and that I (or each group member) meet the requirements for competition indicated above as stated in the Guidelines for Competitive Activities, and I promise to conduct myself (or group) in a manner becoming to a Christian and representative of my church, district, and state.

For groups larger than 14, please use two forms to record additional information.

Daily Prayer Calendar for the National Association of Free Will Baptist

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mightly things, that thou knowest not.

Jenemiah 33:3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Steering Committee	2 S. S. Speaker Charles Walden	3 Influence on Detroit
Youth S.S. Speaker Mark Stripling	5 Conference Business	6 Sunday A.M. Speaker David Bishop	7 Local Volunteers	8 Sunday Youth A.M. Speaker Raymond Riggs	9 Special Singing	10 Sunday P.M. Speaker Danny Dwyer
11 Wednesday Missions Service	12 Sunday Youth P.M., Susan Turnbough	13 Travel Mercies	14 Pastors/Lay- men Con. Speaker Patrick McLaughlin	15 Monday P.M. Speaker Leonard Pirtle	16 Youth Conference	17 Monday P.M. Youth Speaker Mark Roberts
18 Conference Music	19 WNAC Conf. Speaker Carol Pinkerton	20 Seminars	21 WNAC Conf. Speaker James Forlines	Youth Competition	WNAC Conf. Speaker Susan Turnbough	24 Youth Ministry to City
25 Tuesday P.M. Speaker Gene Norris	26 Tuesday P.M. Youth Speaker James Forlines		28 New College Internship program	29 That Jesus Christ be glorified	30 Laborers called into the harvest	31 Wisdom for every decision made



February 2001 Financial Report



Со-ор	
Amity	\$244.71
Amity	\$153.60
Aulsbury Chapel	\$175.32
Bailey	
Bailey Chapel	\$130.00
Belton	
Berean	\$32.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs.	\$62.28
Bethel-Northview	\$292.00
Black Oak	\$556.83
Blue Springs	\$375.00
Bourbon	\$58.16
Buffalo 1st	\$100.00
Byrd	\$190.00
Calvary Chapel	\$1,452,96
Cape Giradeau	\$374.23
Carthage	\$324.75
Chapel of the Ozarks	\$176.70
Christ Chapel	\$389.60
Clifton	\$54.67
Columbia	\$254.15
Copper Mines	\$553.32
Cornerstone	\$582.30
Crossroads-Wentzville	\$673.00
Cuba	\$548.00
Desoto 1st	\$1,466.00
Emmanuel-Col	\$76.16
Faith And Hope- Aurora	\$68.58
Faith And Hope- Willow Spr.	
Farmington 1st	
Fordland	
Fourth	
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Fredericktown 1st	\$304.00
Freeman Chapel	\$500.50
Friendship	\$249.95
Grace	\$1,490.00
Grace	\$1,266,00
Grant Avenue	\$1,149.68
Hannibal	\$259.00
Hannibal	\$94.00
Hannon	\$854.00
Harmony	\$495.00
Hartville	\$915.00
Hickory Grove	\$196.00
Hopewell	\$143.00
Houston 1st	\$348.58
Hurryville	\$551.63
Jackson	\$152.32
Jeruel	\$39.63
Joplin 1st	\$498.84
Kirksville 1st	\$30.65
Coshkonong	\$156.00
₋ead Hill	\$369.27
_ebanon	\$237.48
ebanon 1st	\$844.52
one Star	\$54.00
//acedonia- Niangua	\$131.86
Merls Chapel	\$210.00
Aill Creek	\$467.55
line LaMotte	\$65.30
Monett 1st	\$385.76
Mountain Grove 1st	\$1,469.73
lt. Pisgah	\$442.00
It. Zion - Gower	\$50.20
lyrtle	\$205.22
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Neosno 1st	\$95.00
New Home- Lebanon	\$432.00
New Hope- Fredericktown	\$70.00
New Life- Licking	\$374.72
New Life- Licking	\$334.65
Niangua	\$223.00
North Five	\$128.00
Number One	\$52.65
Oak Grove- Mountain Gro	ve \$166.30
O'Fallon 1st	. \$1,286.00
Oliver	\$400.00
Overland	\$110.00
Ozark 1st	. \$1.321.07
Park Hills 1st	\$803.96
Parkview	\$447.86
Pleasant Hill	\$317.57
Pleasant Home	\$230.50
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$83.00
Potosi 1st	\$132.70
Republic	\$100.00
Richwoods 1st	\$803.00
Rock Chapel	\$313.90
Rolla 1st	\$156.00
Royal Oak	\$183.00
Seymour	\$415.00
Smyrna	\$75.00
Southern Hills- KS	\$822.00
Springfield 1st	. \$1,006.17
St. Francois Association	\$36.00
St. Peters	\$508.00
Stockton	\$233.10
Terrill Road	\$63.00
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Terrill Road	\$42.00
Thayer	\$907.00
Trinity	
Union Grove	\$396.00
United	\$1,303.49
Unity	\$340.00
Verdella	\$471.32
Viburnum	
Victory- Alton	\$302.44
West Plains 1st	
Willow Springs- Mtn Gr	\$286.73
Wolf Creek	
Total	. \$47,285.33

State Home Missions	
Grace	\$55.00
United	\$25.00
Larry Wormington	\$30.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
O'Fallon 1st	
Belton	\$80.00
Thayer	
SEMO Association	\$45.00
SEMO Association	\$45.00
St. Francois Association .	\$125.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	\$330.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$20.00
Desoto 1st	
Richard White	
Desoto Childrens Church	\$20.00
Trinity	CC4C 44

Ozark 1st \$10.00

Grace		Oak Grove - Houston		Desoto Auditorium Class	Contract of the Contract of th	C. E. Board	
Fordland	\$5.00	O'Fallon 1st	\$150.00	Faith & Hope-Aurora	\$68.58	Lebanon Bible & Book St	ore 130.00
Macedonia- Monett	\$500.00	Ozark 1st	\$30.00	Farmington	\$310.00	Total	\$130.00
otal	. \$2,269.41	Park Hills 1st	\$241.20	Fordland	\$45.00		
		Parker, G		Fourth	\$50.00	Senior Adult Ministries	
21		Parkview - Desloge		Gospel Light	The state of the s	Lebanon Bible & Book St	ore 130.00
Show-Me Plan		Pinkerton, J		Grace		Total	
Aulsbury Chapel	\$18.00			Grace	The second second	Total	\$ 150.00
Barker, Rev. J	\$15.00	Pleasant Home					
Belton	\$165.00	Pleasant Home	\$192.00	Grant Avenue		Youth Ministries Board	
Berean	\$30.00	Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$50.00	Hannon		Lebanon Bible & Book S	tore 130.00
Berry, R		Purdy	\$285.00	Hannon	\$1,000.00	Total	\$130.00
Bethel - El Dorado		Ratterree, Tom	\$15.00	Hartville	\$100.00		
Bethel - Festus		Richwoods	\$67.50	Houston	\$55.00		
		Rock Chapel		Jackson	\$50.00	Free Will Baptist Bible	College
Big Creek		Rogers, B	\$15.00	Jerry Rader		Farmington 1st	The second second
Bishop, B. J		Rolla 1st		Macedonia- Purdy		Verdella	
Black Oak		Rolla 1St	\$120.00	Merls Chapel			
Bourbon	\$15.00	Royal Oak		The state of the s		Thayer	
Buffalo 1st	\$60.00	Ruble N		Monett 1st		Ruble, N	
Burns, J	\$60.00	Southeast MO Assn		Mt. Pisgah		DeSoto 1st	-
Buxton, G		Springfield 1st	\$540.00	Mtn. Grove 1st		Mountain Grove 1st	15.0
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo		Thayer	\$195.00	Myrtle	\$40.00	Total	\$356.8
		Thomas, E	\$15.00	Nathan Ruble			
Cartee, J		Trinity	\$510.00	Neosho 1st			
Chrisman, M		United - West Plains		New Home-Hartville		Hillsdale Free Will Bap	tiet College
Columbia				New Life- Monett		The second section of the second	
Copper Mines		Unity	Φ054.00			Grant Avenue	
Copper Mines - Teen & Jr		Verdella	\$851.32	New Testament		Farmington 1st	
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult		Viburnum	\$75.00	O'Fallon		Joplin 1st	
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	\$225.00	Viburnum	\$75.00	Ozark 1st		Hannon	
		Victory - Alton	\$302.44	Park Hills 1st	\$190.40	Thayer	
Cuba		White, R	\$15.00	Pleasant Home		Neosho 1st	
Darnell, W		Willow Springs - Mtn. Grov	(2 \$70.00	Pleasant Home		West Plains 1st	244.0
DeSoto 1st	\$562.50						
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium C	1 \$15.00	Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00	Richwoods		Total	\$694.0
aith & Hope - W.S	\$120.00	Wolf Creek	\$180.00	Robby Fortner			
armington 1st	\$996.00	Wolf Creek	\$540.00	Rock Chapel		O-lifei- Ob-i-tion Co	llage
ordland		Total		Terry Stephens	\$10.00	California Christian Co	
				Thayer	\$210.00	Farmington 1st	
ourth				Tracy Huffman		Total	\$40.3
redericktown 1st	\$150.00	Foreign Missions		Trinity	\$686.41		
reeman Chapel	\$540.00	Alan Chapman	\$10.00				
Garrett, R	\$15.00	Alan Chapman	\$10.00	United-West Plains		Trula Cronk Home for	Children
Gospel Light	\$825.00	Cuba		Unity	\$50.00	Myrtle	2.0
Grace	\$305.00			Verdella		Farmington 1st	15.0
Grace	\$303.00	Faith - St. Louis		Viburnum	\$51.00	ramington ist	100.0
Oraham C	\$1,164.00	Farmington 1st		Viburnum		Hannon	100.0
Graham, S	\$15.00	Farmington 1st	\$15.00	West Plains 1st	\$25.00	Belton	50.0
Grant Ave	\$290.00	Farmington 1st	\$15.00	Wolf Creek		Unity	10.0
Greenfield	\$180.00	Fordland				Nosser, M	25.0
lannon	\$2.004.00	Fourth		Total	\$6,572.87	DeSoto 1st	55.0
Harmony - Parkville	\$81.01	Conselliabt	00.00			New Hope - Frederickto	wn 30.0
Harmony Fellowship (CO)	\$317.00	Gospel Light	фой.00			New Life- Monett	114
		Grant Avenue		Youth Camp		New Life- Monett	112
	\$240.00	Grant Avenue		Rolla 1st	20.00	New Life- Monett	
louston 1st	\$334.67	Hannon	\$50.00	Hartville		Total	\$514.0
Hurryville	\$300.00	Hannon	\$50.00				
lurryville Sr. Adult S.S. C	lass \$18.00	Hickory Grove	\$58.80	Park Hills			
ackson	\$15.00	Houston 1st	00.00	Niangua	20.00	Rev. John McClure	
oplin 1st	\$135.00	Houston 1st	\$20.00	New Home- Hartville	10.00	Grace	15
eadington	Φ100.00	Ken Minor	\$10.00	Willow Springs-Mountain		Openal Light	80
ehanon 1et	\$180.00	Neosho 1st	\$15.00	Cornerstone- Mountain G		Gospel Light	
ebanon 1st	\$150.00	New Testemant	\$25.00	Hannon		Monett 1st	ა5.
ebanon F.W.B.	\$30.00	New Testemant				Thayer	5.
lacedonia - Purdy	\$1,000,00	New Testemant	\$10.00	Mt. Pisgah		Chapman, A	10.
latthews, G	\$45.00			Verdella	10.00	Mountain Grove 1st	47.
lerl's Chapel	\$200.00	New Testemant		Thayer	50.00	Grace	15
fill Creek	\$10F.00	O'Fallon 1st		DeSoto 1st		Purdy 1st	20
fill Creek C. W. F	\$105.00	Pleasant Home		Mountain Grove 1st		Puray 1st	£227
Aill Crook Vounce Addition	\$15.00	Rock Chapel	\$35.00			Total	\$227.
Mill Creek Young Adult S.	S.C. \$15.00	Rock Chapel	\$15.00	Buffalo 1st			
line La Motte	\$45.00	St. Peters	\$10.00	New Life-Monett			
lissouri State WAC	\$869.05	Thayer		New Life-Monett	112.60	Richard Stanley	
Monett 1st	\$230.00	,		Trinity	14.00	Grace	10
ountain Grove 1st	\$525.00	Thayer		Ozark 1st		Alan Chapman	10
It. Pisgah	\$7E.00	Trinity		Lebanon Bible & Book St		Grace	10
tt. Zion - Thayer	00.614	Total	\$994.00			Total	\$30
lurtle	\$30.00			Total	619.80	TOTAL	
lyrtle	\$75.00						
leosho 1st	\$120.00	Nat'l Home Missions				Vorno- Lan-	
lew Home - Hartville	\$150.00	Alan Chapman	\$10.00	Camp Development Fur	nd	Vernon Long	
lew Home - Lebanon	\$180.00			Myrtle		Medical Assistance	2 424-2
lew Home - Lebanon	φ160.00	Belton				Macedonia-Purdy	2,000
lew Home - Lebanon	\$50.00	Bob Thebeau		Rock Chapel		Total	\$2.000
lew Hope - Fredericktown	1 \$105.00	Brenda King	\$5.00	Verdella(Chairs)	90.00	1 Otal	+
lew Life - Licking	\$109.35	Bud Rogers		Monett 1st	100.00		
New Life - Licking	\$149.25	Carthage	\$20.00	Houston 1st		Cornerstone FWB Ch	urch
New Life - Monett	\$150.00	Chuck Doggeis	\$30.00	Wolf Creek		(Brian Brinkhoff)	
New Testament	¥150.00	Chuck Degonia	\$5.00			The state of the s	10
	\$15.00	Cuba	\$155.10	West Plains 1st		Total	640
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Senior Adult Retreat

Stonecroft Conference Center

Session I May 14 - 16 Session II May 16 - 18

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