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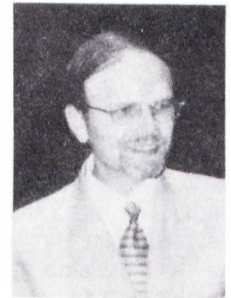
88th Annual Session

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

United Free Will Baptist Church
West Plains, MO
June 4-6, 2001

Theme:
"Reaffirming Our Stand"

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Rev.
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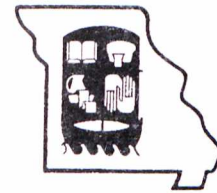


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THE 88TH SESSION OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS



The 88th session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists will meet June 4 - 6, 2001, with the United Free Will Baptist Church located in West Plains. The theme for this year's convention is "Reaffirming Our Stand." Four speakers - Dr. Jay Tilson, Rev. Wayne Phillips, Rev. Dan Minkler, and Dr. Tom Malone - will develop the theme from II Thessalonians 2:15.

The Monday evening message will be delivered by Dr. Jay Tilson. Born in Wichita, Kansas, Brother Tilson was converted in 1960, and was ordained in 1972. He has pastored the following churches: Hall FWB Church, Antlers, Oklahoma; Straight Street FWB Church, Norman, Oklahoma; Oak Hill FWB Church, Union, Missouri; and from 1998 to the present, is pastoring the Christ Chapel FWB Church, St. Clair, Missouri. He also serves as Educational Diagnostician for the Franklin County Special Educational Coop and Adjunct Professor at Missouri Baptist College in St. Louis. He has served Free Will Baptists in several leadership position on the District and State level.

He graduated from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in 1976 with a B.A. in Bible. He earned a M.Min degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1990; a MA in Counseling from Liberty University in 1996; and a Ph.D. in Education from Saint Louis University in 2000.

Jay and his wife VeAnn, have two daughter: Mrs. Brandon (Lynn) Weber and Miss Sande Tilson.

The Christian Education Board will be sponsoring a workshop with Rev. Tom Dooley Tuesday morning. Tom Dooley is Director of the Free Will Baptist Master Men's Department. He is a 1980 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Licenced to preach in 1979 and ordained in 1981, he has served in various roles as pastor, home missionary and conference speaker.

Tom and his wife Angela have three children, Ben Laura, and Alan.

Rev. Wayne Phillips will fill the pulpit Tuesday evening. Brother Phillips was born in Smithfield, North Carolina, converted in 1958, and ordained to preach in 1963 in Smithfield, North Carolina. He attended Free Will Baptist Bible College from 1961-1964 and has pastored the following churches: Rocky Mount FWB Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina; Fellowship FWB Church, Micro, North Carolina; Peace FWB Church, Indianapolis, Indiana; Enterprise FWB Church, Enterprise, Alabama; and since 1978 to the present is pastoring the Fellowship FWB Church in Park Hills, Missouri. Brother Phillips also serves on the Missouri General Board and the Executive Committee.

Wayne and his wife Ann have two sons, Gary and Mark.

The Wednesday morning worship service will have Rev. Dan Minkler delivering the message. He was born in Gary, Indiana, converted in 1981, and ordained to preach in 1986 at the Farmington FWB Church in Farmington, Missouri. He attended California Christian College from 1987 - 1990. He served as Youth Pastor and Visitation Director of the First FWB Church of Farmington from 1983 - 1987 and has pastored the following churches: Country Side FWB Church, Visalia, California; Princeton FWB Church, Ontario, California; and from 1998 to the present is pastoring the Victory FWB Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Brother Minkler has served on the Executive Board of the Center Association and the West Coast Association in California. He presently serves as clerk of the Greater Kansas City District Association.

Dan and his wife Sylvia have three children, Marcus, Morgan and Ashley.

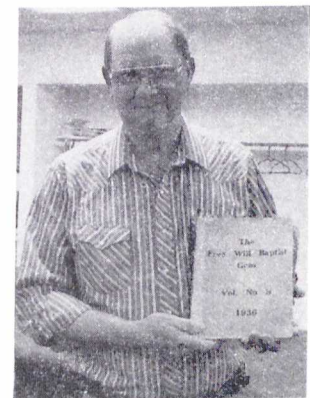
Dr. Tom Malone will be our speaker for the Wednesday evening service. Brother Malone is President of Free Will

Baptist Bible College. He has served in that position since 1990.

Brother Malone attended Southern Illinois University and Free Will Baptist Bible College. He has pastored the following churches: Ina FWB Church, Ina, Illinois; Fellowship FWB Church, Park Hills, Missouri; and the First FWB Church, Florence, Alabama. He has served in number of leadership positions on the State and National level.

Tom and his wife Verna have five children; Carol Malone, Mrs. Michael (Mariane) Waddell, Mrs. Jason (Kristi) Bell, Mrs. Len (Aimee) Scott, and Mrs. Brad (Tommi Jo) Ryan.

YOUTH CAMP ADDS OLD GEMS TO THE ARCHIVES



Ken Goff

Youth Camp Superintendent Ken Goff donated three complete sets of the Gem magazine to the State Archives. The Gems covered the years of 1936, 1939, and 1940. If you have any old documents, minutes, Gems, or Treatises, you would like to donate to the state archives, please contact the state office.

All items for publication must be in the hands of the editor no later than the 5th of the month preceding the issue month. Business Office: 202 West Commercial, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri 65536, Nathan Ruble, Editor. Address all correspondence relating to the GEM, including subscription and mailing information, to the above address. The sermons and articles published in the GEM represent the personal views of the authors and not necessarily the views and policies of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists or of the editor. Subscription rates: Single subscription, \$4.50 per year, cash in advance. Church Plan, \$4.00 per year, consisting of five subscriptions or more. The Church Plan will continue until it is canceled by the church. This magazine is published monthly.



A Tribute to My Mom

Psalm 116:15

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints." Psalm 116:15

Martha Grindstaff was born on Wednesday, March 6th, 1918, in Marquand, MO. She passed away Wednesday December 13, 2000. Her husband, Reagan Grindstaff, to whom she was married for 58 years, preceded her in death. She leaves behind a daughter, Wanda Cluck, two sons James and Doyle Grindstaff, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Before her illness she was a faithful member of the Union Light Free Will Baptist Church.

By the world's standards, Martha was just a plain average housewife. She didn't live in an earthly mansion, but just a small farmhouse, and she would have it no other way. The kitchen was her most important place in the home. There she enjoyed cooking fried chicken, chicken and dumplings, and fruit cobblers for her family and friends. Through the years she prepared Sunday dinner for a number of preachers and their families. She always had a big garden and canned hundreds of jars of fruit and vegetables in her time. However, most of all, Mom was a Christian.

This was evident in her life. After her death, we found things to prove she loved the Lord. Mom paid her tithes, even if it was only a dozen eggs she had sold.

She had that dreaded thing called Alzheimer's. When that last grandson arrived (whom she was waiting for) at 5:00 a.m., Mom looked to heaven, smiled and at 7:00 a.m. redeemed that one-way ticket to heaven.

Mom spent Christmas in heaven with Dad this year. There is no one in a hurry there. Dad and Mom are both enjoying heaven, probably sitting at the feet of Jesus. They are both walking on those streets of gold, and they are standing tall and whole. They say the pain has been erased and we sure love it here. They say if you all could only see me now.

A Daughter, Wanda

THE YOUTH LOOK

by Ann Poletti

SOAR LIKE AN EAGLE

"THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES." ISAIAH 40:31

Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it.

The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm. When the storms of life come upon us -- and they will -- we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief toward God. The storms do not have to overcome us. We can allow God's power to lift us above them.

God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy, failure, and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above the storm.

Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down. . . it is how we handle them.

16 Missouri Churches Top \$5,000 in Giving to Foreign Missions In 2000

Macedonia, Purdy	\$38,474.50
Hannon, Liberal	\$19,095.47
Verdella, Liberal	\$17,962.12
Fellowship, Park Hills	\$11,386.37
Calvary Fellowship, Fenton	\$10,882.16
Trinity, Bridgeton	\$10,615.19
Gospel Light, Bonne Terre	\$10,530.00
1st Church, Farmington	\$10,432.77
United, West Plains	\$8,503.02
1st Church, Mountain Grove	\$8,217.75
1st Church, Desoto	\$6,937.50
1st Church, Springfield	\$6,570.88
New Home, Hartville	\$5,970.00
Freeman Chpl, Stewartville	\$5,940.00
1st Church, Waynesville	\$5,415.33
Grant Avenue, Springfield ..	\$5,034.50

Help send the Gospel to the people of the world. Adopt a Share of the Show-Me Plan

HILLSDALE STUDENT DEVELOPS AND IMPLEMENTS FUND RAISING PROGRAM "ONE BRICK AT A TIME"

The idea of "One Brick at a Time" was developed and implemented by a Sophomore student on campus at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. The Youth Ministry Major is none other than Arkansas' own, Zeke Cook. He can be found working in the Development Office, as well as traveling each weekend with the NewLife Ministry team. While traveling to perform at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, Zeke noticed a unique fund raiser. The church was selling sponsorships for portions of their new parking lot. "Since then, it has been like a rocket ship," says Cook. "I am simply amazed at the outpouring of generosity toward this campaign, and I'm honored to be a part of such a wonderful project," added Cook.

In 1998, a proposal was made to the State Association of Free Will Baptists to allow Hillsdale to begin a 3.9 million dollar Capital Campaign for a multipurpose complex. The structure will provide much needed classroom space, a campus sanctuary, dining hall, drama/recital theater, and offices. The walkway leading

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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 multi-purpose 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.



Ramada Inn

1301 Preacher Roe Blvd.
Phone: (417) 256-8191
Fax: (417) 256-8069
2 Double Beds in each room
1 - 4 people \$53 + tax
Mention you are with MO Free Will Baptists

Rate Code SSP



Best Western Grand Villa

220 Jan Howard Expressway
Phone: (417) 257-2711
Fax: (417) 257-2711
Single: \$41.35 + tax
Double: 47.35 + tax
Children under 18 stay free (Corporate rate)
Continental Breakfast
Mention with MO Free Will Baptists



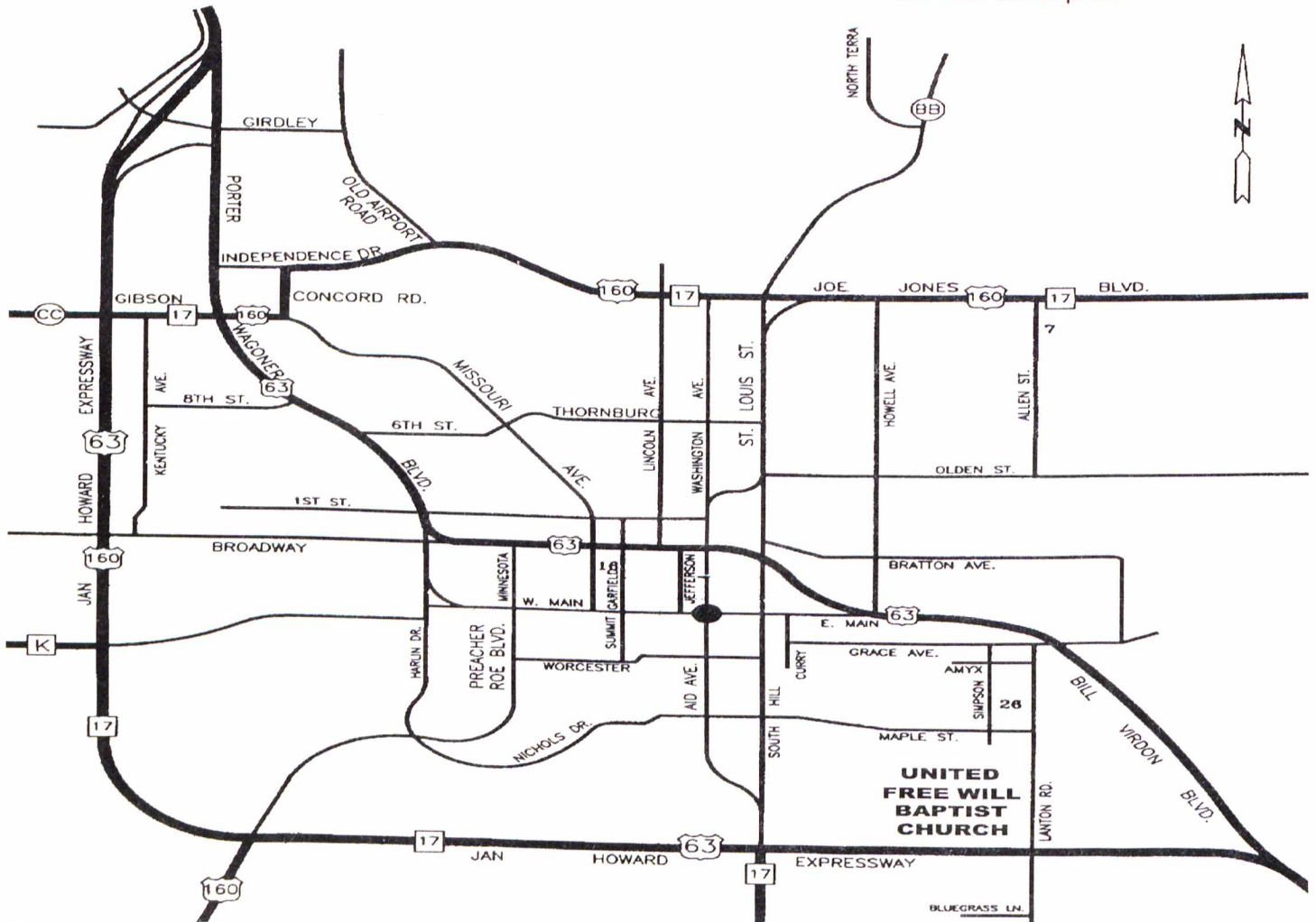
Holiday Inn Express

1605 Imperial Drive
Phone: (417) 257-3000
Fax: (417) 257-2830
1 - 4 People \$54.50 Continental Breakfast



Super 8 Motel

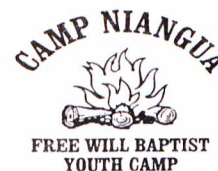
1210 Porter Wagner Blvd.
Phone: (417) 256-8088
1-4 people \$45.00
Continental Breakfast
Children under 12 stay free
Mention you are with MO Free Will Baptists





PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

2000 SESSION
CAMP NIANGUA FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP
HCR - 83, BOX 22, NIANGUA, MO. 65713
PHONE — (417) 473-6444



DATE _____ Please Print Name/Address Legibly

NAME _____ AGE _____ SEX _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE NO. (____) _____ FRIEND'S NO. (____) _____
CHURCH _____ F.W.B. yes _____ no _____
If not F.W.B, What FW.B. church have you come with? _____
Have you been treated by a physician within the past 6 months? _____ Brief nature of Treatment: _____
Are you taking medication now? _____ Do you have it with you? _____ Are you allergic to any medicine? _____
What medicine? _____ Do you have allergies to weeds, pollen, insects, etc? _____
Please list what you are allergic to: _____

All medication must be dispensed by the Camp Medical Attendant and stored at the First Aid Center. Your medication will be dispensed according to the directions on the bottle or prescription. This is done to insure the safety of your child as well as the safety of others. Your cooperation is imperative!

EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT " I _____ (Parent/Legal guardian), by my signature below, hereby authorize the Youth Camp Board, or their representative(s) to authorize such emergency treatment necessary to maintain the life or health of my child whose name appears upon this form. I am signing this statement in the presence of a witness, and by my signature, I authorize the attending physician and/or hospital staff to treat my child for any injury or condition that would threaten His/Her life or well being."

Father or Legal Guardian of Camper _____

Mother or Legal Guardian of Camper _____

"I _____ do hereby swear that I have seen the parents or legal guardians of this camper, read the above EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT. I have personal knowledge that the person/s who have signed this EMERGENCY MEDICAL STATEMENT are indeed the parents or legal guardians of this camper. I do hereby further swear that I have personally witnessed the person whose signature/s appear above, place their signature/s upon this form. I further swear that I am an adult and of sound mind."

WITNESS: _____

Please list below the following information:

Family Physician's Name: _____ Physician's Phone Number: (____) _____

Please list below, names and numbers where you may be reached in case of an emergency:

1. _____ PH. _____

2. _____ PH. _____

Camp Fees: \$50.00 per camper \$15.00 per sponsor

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING!

THE CAMP DRESS CODE IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. CLASS & ACTIVITY TIME -. Girls & women may wear dresses, skirts or split skirts, that cover the knees or full-length jeans or slacks. Shirts, blouses or sweaters must be full length & cover the shoulder. No spaghetti strap, tank-tops etc.
2. WORSHIP TIME— Girls & women may wear dresses or skirts that cover the knees. Blouses or sweaters must be full length and cover the shoulder. No spaghetti strap, tank-top, etc.
3. CLASS & ACTIVITY TIME. Boys & men may wear full length slacks or jeans. Shirts are to be full length & cover the shoulder. No fish net, tank-top/muscle shirts, etc.
4. WORSHIP TIME. Boys & men may wear full length slacks or jean. Shirts are to be full length & cover the shoulder. No fish net, tank-top/muscle shirt, etc.



SWEAT PANTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR ANYONE TO WEAR AT CAMP. WE SUGGEST ALL GARMENTS WORN AT CAMP BE "LOOSE FITTING." PLEASE BRING ONLY THE APPAREL THAT IS ACCEPTABLE BY THE ABOVE STANDARDS.

IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT EVERYONE SHOWER & WEAR CLEAN CLOTHES TO EACH WORSHIP SERVICE.

By placing your signature upon the following line, you are making a promise to abide by the rules of the Youth Camp to the best of your ability. No one can be registered as a camper, without signing!

"I _____ have read carefully the rules and regulations of the Youth Camp and do hereby PROMISE to keep these rules and regulations to the best of my ability. I also understand that disciplinary action may be taken against me should I break them."

SIGNATURE OF CAMPER _____

"SPECIAL INSURANCE NOTICE, PLEASE READ WITH CAUTION"

The Youth Camp Insurance Carrier is Church Mutual Insurance Company. The Insurance coverage provided by the camp is called Excess Insurance. The following is a brief description of coverages provided by Church Mutual.

1. Coverage is (ONLY) for accidents. There is no coverage for charges due to sickness.
2. Should an accident occur, all charges must be submitted to the campers (PERSONAL/PRIVATE) insurance carrier first.
 - A. If the personal/private insurance carrier has a deductible, Camp insurance will pay the deductible, not exceeding its own limits.
 - B. If a balance exists after the personal/private insurance carrier has paid to its limits, Camp Insurance will pay the unpaid balance, (not to exceed Church Mutual insurance limits).
 - C. If there is (NO) personal/private insurance, Camp Insurance shall serve as primary carrier and pay up to its limits.
3. Please keep in mind, any coverage by Camp Insurance shall be for accidents only. There is no benefits for any kind of sickness.

PLEASE NOTE— THE INSURANCE COVERAGE PROVIDED BY MISSOURI STATE F.W.B.. YOUTH CAMP IS VERY EXPENSIVE AND LIKE MOST INSURANCE CARRIERS, THEY ARE VERY STRICT REGARDING INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THEM THEREFORE [FAILURE OR REFUSAL] ON YOUR PART TO SUPPLY ANY NEEDED INFORMATION, WILL AUTOMATICALLY MAKE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY & ALL OF THE UNPAID BALANCE.

4. Since all claims must be submitted to your insurance carrier first, It is necessary that you submit the name, address & phone no. of your insurance provider, on the line provided below. If you have no personal insurance provider, please indicate on the appropriate line.

Name Of Personal Insurance Provider _____
 Street _____ City _____ State _____, Zip _____
 Phone(_____) _____ Policy No. _____

Please check on line, if you have no personal/private insurance coverage: _____

The Youth Camp Board would like to thank you for your cooperation regarding this very important insurance issue.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

The Youth Campgrounds and the equipment thereon has been dedicated to the Lord for use in His service.

- (1) No one shall deface, destroy, or diversify any of the property or equipment. Anyone doing so will be required to pay for damages.
- (2) No one shall bring/use tobacco, narcotics, or alcoholic beverages on the campgrounds. Those who do, may be expelled from the camp and refused further privileges.
- (3) No profanity shall be tolerated BY ANYONE AT ANYTIME!

Youth Camp Dates

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

News From Mexico!

On February 17, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and rededication of the Bob King Memorial in Altamira was held. Brother Trymon Messer, Mrs. Joanne King, widow of the late Rev. Bob King, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Jones, and I were privileged to attend this historic event. It signaled the beginning of the new extension program being established in conjunction with the Seminary of the Cross in Reynosa.

Dr. Thomas Marberry, President of the Seminary of the Cross in Reynosa, and Carlos Rubio, Director of the Extension School in Altamira, called with great news. Eighty students were present and enrolled in the new extension program on opening day, February 27, 2001! To God be the glory!

This is a tremendous praise item and a special answer to prayer, but it does pose some challenges and opportunities. Because of the large enrollment, there is an immediate and urgent need for materials. We are asking that you please consider sending funds, earmarked "Mexico Seminary Extension," to the Home Missions Department to help in purchasing the items listed below:

- Student books
- Notebooks and paper
- Classroom furniture- chairs, tables, and desks
- Office furniture- desks and chairs, filing cabinets
- Used tractor and/or lawnmower (there are several acres to maintain)
- New or used hand tools
- New or used computers
- Library books and shelving
- New or rebuilt copiers
- Good used van
- Blackboards/bulletin boards

What a great opportunity to help in the training of our Mexican brethren in reaching their own people for the Lord.

The above mentioned items are desperately need now! The overwhelming interest of the Mexican people to enroll in this extension program is amazing and proof that God is at work. By helping us in this time of great need, you will have a part in every soul that is won to the Lord through your gift.

God bless you.

In His service,
Larry A. Powell
General Director

HOW BAD DO YOU WANT THAT FORBIDDEN FRUIT?

by Gary Tune

While dealing with a particular sin problem in our Church recently, we were discussing how the devil likes to attack church leaders, both ordained as well as lay leaders. In the following days as I pondered friends and school mates that had fallen through the years, I remembered one situation that affected not only the marriage of two couples, their immediate family, four sets of parents (that spells grandparents to the kids), but two ministries and two congregations of sizable churches. In my pondering, I hypothetically asked the guilty parties, "just how bad did you want this forbidden fruit?" Immediately, I realized that my grammar was wrong and I should have said "How MUCH did you want this." Then I remembered how far reaching the damage had been, and realized that my choice of words was right, "how BAD did you want this forbidden fruit?", because the damage was BAD, extending to so many people, friends and family.

So did they count the cost? Was it worth it, for the pleasure of just two people to do so much damage to so many people? Without a doubt, this shows the fallacy of situation ethics which suggests that "if two people are in agreement, it's okay". The consequences of sin are always far more reaching than we realize.

Satan started the lie in the garden, suggesting to Eve that the pleasure outweighs the consequences. He then minimized the damage, even suggesting optimism to Eve that she would not die as feared. Well, we can now see that for that moment of forbidden fruit, the consequences were devastating, beginning with eviction from a beautiful environment, cast out into a barren land, and separation from God and spiritual death. Achan also desired the forbidden fruit, and saw the booty of a few garments and jewels. The consequences reached not only his own life and his family but to the whole nation of Israel as they lost the battle at Ai. Annanias and Saphiras also thought it a small thing to withhold a part of the profit of a sale. It cost both of them

their lives. And who is to say just how far reaching David's sin with Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah was, as it affected his household and the whole nation.

Ah, but we also think that no one will find out. Adam and Eve thought that they could hide from God. It didn't work. Achan buried his sin in the sand, but God revealed it. Moses also tried to hide a sin in the sand, and it was revealed. Annanias and Saphiras planned their sin "privily", but God revealed it to Peter. God will reveal sin, just as sure as he exposed Jimmy Swaggart, Jim Baker and Bill Clinton.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not a self-righteous person who thinks he is above such things. In fact, Satan constantly points out that beautiful fruit tree filled with forbidden fruit. But each time the Holy Spirit is so sweet, reminding me of the consequences, counting the cost to not only me, but to my family, friends, church and ministry. He speaks so softly, "Just how BAD do you want that forbidden fruit".

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to the facility will be made of the engraved bricks available for purchase through the campaign. The price is \$100 per brick, which also pays for approximately one square foot of the proposed structure. Three lines of type will be engraved to personalize each brick, either with the purchasers name or in memory of a loved one, etc.

"It is a great joy to see one of our students create and implement such a wonderful and profitable program," said President Carl Cheshier. "Not only will the brick sales help financially, they will serve as a lasting monument of those who are committed to the promotion of Christian education," concluded Cheshier.

For more information, or to purchase a brick, please contact the Development Office at 405-912-9008.

The Co-op Plan Works



Speaker
Debe Taylor
President

Women Nationally
Active for Christ

Missouri Women Active For Christ Retreat

**Stonecroft Conference
Center**
August 17-18, 2001

RETREAT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

*For those **STAYING** at the Conference Center*
Cost: \$50.00 per person

List the ladies that will be staying in the same room (each room has 2 double or queen size beds). You may copy this form or add a sheet for additional names.

1/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone(____) _____ Church _____

2/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone(____) _____ Church _____

3/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone(____) _____ Church _____

4/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone(____) _____ Church _____

RETREAT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

*For those **NOT STAYING** at the Conference Center*

List the ladies attending the retreat, but providing their own accommodations. Check which meals they will be eating at Stonecroft. The cost for registration and all meals will be \$30.00

1/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ Church _____
_____ Registration Fee \$16.50 _____ Friday Dinner \$8.50
_____ Saturday Breakfast \$5.00

2/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ Church _____
_____ Registration Fee \$16.50 _____ Friday Dinner \$8.50
_____ Saturday Breakfast \$5.00

3/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ Church _____
_____ Registration Fee \$16.50 _____ Friday Dinner \$8.50
_____ Saturday Breakfast \$5.00

4/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ Church _____
_____ Registration Fee \$16.50 _____ Friday Dinner \$8.50
_____ Saturday Breakfast \$5.00

In order to accommodate the maximum number of ladies attending, there must be 4 ladies to each room. Rooms are assigned as reservations are received. **Reservations will not be accepted before June 18, 2001. Due to limited space and the purpose of the retreat, we request no babies please.**

Total amount inclosed: \$ _____. PLEASE SEND **ONE CHECK** FOR ALL REGISTERING WITH YOUR GROUP. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MISSOURI STATE WAC (no cash please). As in years past, no refunds will be given, but substitutions may be made. **PLEASE SEND FORM, CHECK, AND SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO:** Judith Ruble - 610 Hunters Creek Dr. - Lebanon, MO 65536.

Pray For Hannah Baker

by Rev. Keith & Penny Garrison

At the age of three years, Hannah Baker of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, has seen the working of God's love in her life. She was born on December 31, 1998 with extreme complications of internal and external abnormalities. The most recent and life threatening of these involve stress to her heart, due to the scoliosis of the spine and her malformed chest cavity. Her lungs are unable to grow due to abnormal rib compression. According to 10 specialists the only option Hannah has to live and grow is to have a surgery called titanium rib Implant project (TRIP). Little Hannah has been a precious gift of God and has endured more trials that we could imagine. She is tentatively scheduled to undergo the Implant surgery at the end of April. Once again the young family will have to travel to San Antonio, Texas. Please pray for Hannah and her family, Mark & Tammy Baker and their other daughter Chelsea. This family serves and loves the Lord and He has blessed them with His love and presence. Hannah does have a medical fund available for a large portion of expense not covered totaling nearly \$7,000.00, A donation can be made at any Empire Bank under "Springfield 1st Free Will Baptist Church - Hannah Baker Medical Fund Act. # 1097407.

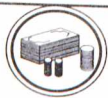
Churches in need of a Pastor

Hazel Creek FWB
Kirkville, MO
Contact: Flecher Riley
660-665-3958

Parkview FWB
Desloge, MO
Contact: Mike Looney
573-431-4929

Myrtle FWB
Myrtle, MO
Contact: Dale Huddle
870-966-4001

Overland FWB
Overland, MO
Contact: Jack Phillips
314-426-0540



Financial Report May 2001



Cooperative Disbursements March 2001 \$54,508.21

18.50% MO St Missions .. \$10,084.02
17.50% Executive Office 9,538.94
3.00% General Fund 1,635.25
.50% Show-Me Plan 272.50
8.50% Youth Camp Board 4,633.20
3.50% Youth Cp. Restricted 1,907.79
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd 1,090.17
2.00% C. E. Board 1,090.17
2.00% Senior Adult Bd 1,090.17
9.00% MO Retirement 4,905.74

30.50% 16,625.01
National Ministries, Hillsdale and
California Christian College
Foreign Missions Board
National Home Missions Board
Same Allocation
Free Will Baptist Bible College
Hillsdale FWB College
Executive Department
Layman's Board
Radio & TV Commission
Theological Commission
Historical Commission
Board of Retirement & Insurance
1.00% California Christian College
3.00% Missouri State Conference
Center Fund 1,635.25
Total \$54,508.21

Co-op

Aulsbury Chapel \$140.29
Bailey \$190.00
Bailey Chapel \$225.00
Belton \$415.31
Berean \$45.00
Bethel- Northview \$262.00
Black Oak \$256.06
Bourbon \$48.53
Buffalo 1st \$100.00
Byrd \$73.00
Cabool 1st \$231.98

Cabool 1st \$253.69
Calvary Chapel \$1,422.59
Cape Girardeau \$525.97
Carthage \$307.40
Central \$1,783.77
Christ Chapel \$396.54
Clifton \$45.64
Columbia \$299.51
Copper Mines \$408.40
Cornerstone \$467.75
Crossroads- Lebanon \$1,980.00
Crossroads- Wentzville \$799.00
Crossroads- Wentzville \$800.25
Cuba \$649.00
DeSoto 1st \$1,610.00
Emanuel- CO \$89.55
Faith & Hope- Aurora \$64.50
Faith & Hope- Willow Spgs \$198.54
Farmington \$2,902.72
Fellowship \$1,200.00
Fordland \$653.71
Fourth \$282.26
Fredericktown 1st \$328.00
Freeman Chapel \$531.00
Freeman Chapel \$577.50
Friendship \$306.32
Grace \$1,450.00
Grant Avenue \$1,017.18
Greenfield \$300.00
Hannibal \$445.00
Hannon \$1,018.00
Harmony \$713.00
Hartville \$950.00
Hopewell \$192.00
Hurryville \$528.57
Jackson \$135.14
Jeruel \$41.50
Joplin 1st \$810.30
Kirkville 1st \$49.83
Koshkonong \$130.00
Lead Hill \$259.90
Lebanon \$203.62
Lebanon 1st \$958.81
Lone Star \$92.00
Macedonia- Niangua \$206.44

Marshfield \$232.96
Merls Chapel \$202.00
Mill Creek \$508.23
Mine LaMotte \$70.97
Monett 1st \$480.00
Monett 1st \$1,432.35
Monett 1st \$470.76
Mt. Zion-Gower \$53.50
Myrtle \$208.97
Myrtle \$194.51
Neosho 1st \$95.00
New Hope- Fredericktown \$70.00
New Life- Licking \$386.00
Niangua \$225.00
North Five \$116.84
Number One \$70.50
Number One \$79.29
O' Fallon \$1,284.00
Oak Grove- Mountain Gr \$270.55
Olivet \$500.00
Oskaloosa \$363.47
Overland \$95.00
Ozark 1st \$1,441.71
Park Hills 1st \$560.92
Park Hills 1st \$778.69
Parkview \$513.46
Pleasant Hill \$192.41
Pleasant Home \$220.50
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana \$78.00
Potosi 1st \$184.78
Republic \$100.00
Rock Chapel \$647.31
Rolla 1st \$430.00
Royal Oak \$101.00
Seymour \$429.00
Smyrna \$60.00
Smyrna \$116.00
Southside \$129.37
Springfield 1st \$1,109.80
St. Peter's \$523.00
Stockton \$219.00
Terrill Road \$204.00
Thayer \$962.00
Trinity \$906.85
Union \$60.00

Union Grove \$446.00
Union Light \$167.00
Union Light \$123.00
United \$1,599.71
Unity \$310.00
Verdella \$488.15
Viburnum \$375.00
Victory- Alton \$339.64
Waynesville 1st \$327.64
Waynesville 1st \$426.21
West Plains 1st \$736.00
West Plains 1st \$663.00
Willow Springs- Mtn Gr. \$395.22
Wolf Creek \$361.87
Total \$54,508.21

State Home Missions

Belton \$50.00
Desoto 1st \$120.00
Fellowship-Park Hills \$100.00
Fordland \$5.00
Gospel Light \$80.00
Grace \$55.00
Greater Springfield Assoc .. \$166.67
Hannibal \$502.00
Larry Wormington \$30.00
Lebanon Bible And Book ... \$330.00
Mountain Grove 1st \$25.00
O'Fallon 1st \$66.50
Ozark 1st \$10.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana \$20.00
St. Francois Association ... \$125.00
Thayer \$50.00
Trinity \$45.34
United \$25.00
Waynesville 1st \$100.00
Total \$1,905.51

Show-Me Plan

Aulsbury Chapel \$26.00
Barker, Rev. J. \$15.00
Belton \$165.00
Berean \$30.00
Berry, R. \$15.00

Bethel - Festus	\$45.00
Big Creek	\$55.00
Black Oak	\$60.00
Blue Springs	\$400.00
Bourbon	\$15.00
Buffalo 1st	\$60.00
Burns, J.	\$60.00
Buxton, G.	\$30.00
Cabool	\$135.00
Cabool	\$135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	\$120.00
Cartee, J.	\$15.00
Central	\$629.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Columbia	\$75.00
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines - Teens & Jr.	\$30.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult Cl.	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	\$358.00
Cross Roads - Lebanon	\$180.00
Cuba	\$218.40
Darnell, W.	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$552.50
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Cl.	\$15.00
Faith - St. Louis	\$50.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.	\$120.00
Farmington 1st	\$830.00
Fellowship	\$574.54
Fordland	\$250.00
Fourth	\$45.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$150.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Garrett, R.	\$15.00
Gospel Light	\$825.00
Grace	\$373.00
Graham, S.	\$15.00
Grant Ave.	\$295.00
Greater Springfield Assn.	\$166.66
Greenfield	\$180.00
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannon	\$5,218.00
Happy Hill	\$30.00
Harmony - Parkville	\$54.36
Hartville	\$240.00
Hurryville	\$300.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Cl.	\$19.00
Jackson	\$15.00
Joplin 1st	\$95.00
Leadington	\$200.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Lebanon F.W.B.	\$30.00
Macedonia - Purdy	\$11,000.00
Maggart, D.	\$45.00
Matthews, G.	\$45.00
Merl's Chapel	\$200.00
Mill Creek	\$105.00
Mill Creek C. W. F.	\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S.C.	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$45.00
Missouri State WAC	\$526.44
Monett 1st	\$215.00
Monett 1st	\$420.00
Monett 1st	\$200.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Neosho 1st	\$300.00
New Home - Hartville	\$150.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$105.00
New Life - Licking	\$124.05
New Life - Monett	\$75.00
New Testament	\$15.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Houston	\$30.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$166.50
Ozark 1st	\$30.00
Park Hills 1st	\$183.27
Park Hills 1st	\$248.61
Parker, G.	\$15.00

Parkview - Desloge	\$275.00
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Home	\$105.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$50.00
Purdy	\$285.00
Ratterree, Tom	\$15.00
Rehkop, Lon	\$30.00
Richwoods	\$67.50
Rock Chapel	\$225.00
Rogers, B.	\$15.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble N.	\$45.00
Shelton, B.	\$100.00
Springfield 1st	\$550.00
Thayer	\$260.00
Thomas, E.	\$15.00
Trinity	\$540.00
Union - Success	\$180.00
Union Light	\$150.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United - West Plains	\$538.12
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$868.15
Viburnum	\$75.00
Victory - Alton	\$339.64
Waynesville 1st	\$474.20
Waynesville 1st	\$447.75
White, R.	\$15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	\$70.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Total	\$35,923.69

Foreign Missions

Belton	\$50.00
Central	\$60.00
Chapman, A.	\$20.00
Cuba	\$36.40
Farmington 1st	\$15.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grant Ave.	\$51.00
Haney, A.	\$30.00
Hannon	\$1,000.00
Harmony Fellowship (CO) ...	\$217.00
Minor, K.	\$10.00
Monett 1st	\$20.00
Neosho 1st	\$15.00
New Testament	\$70.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$20.00
Rock Chapel	\$50.00
St. Peters	\$20.00
Thayer	\$65.00
Trinity	\$198.76
Total	\$2,038.16

Nat'l Home Missions

Alan Chapman	\$10.00
Belton	\$100.00
Bob Thebeau	\$5.00
Brenda King	\$5.00
Bud Rodgers	\$25.00
Carthage	\$15.00
Chuck Degonia	\$5.00
Cuba	\$109.20
DeSoto 1st	\$556.00
DeSoto Adult S. S. Class	\$10.00
Faith & Hope- Aurora	\$64.50
Farmington 1st	\$265.00
Fordland	\$50.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grace	\$128.00
Grant Avenue	\$22.00
Greater Springfield Assoc.	\$166.67
Hannon	\$600.00
Harmony Fellowship- CO	\$202.00
Hartville	\$100.00

Jackson	\$45.00
Jerry Rader	\$20.00
Joplin 1st	\$20.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$100.00
Merls Chapel	\$50.00
Monett 1st	\$125.00
Monett 1st	\$60.00
Monett 1st	\$120.00
Myrtle	\$40.00
Myrtle	\$40.00
Nathan Ruble	\$10.00
Neosho 1st	\$125.00
New Home- Hartville	\$10.00
New Life- Monett	\$50.00
New Testament	\$170.00
O' Fallon 1st	\$66.50
Park Hills 1st	\$730.50
Park Hills 1st	\$310.74
Pleasant Home	\$91.97
Richwoods	\$114.00
Robby Fortner	\$5.00
Rock Chapel	\$138.49
Terry Stephens	\$10.00
Thayer	\$260.00
Tracy Huffman	\$20.00
Trinity	\$70.34
Union Light	\$96.00
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
United Youth Group	\$170.00
United Youth Group	\$170.00
Unity	\$50.00
Verdella	\$30.00
Viburnum	\$86.00
West Plains 1st	\$25.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Total	\$6,398.91

Youth Camp

Niangua	20.00
Cabool 1st	10.00
Park Hills 1st	52.00
New Home- Hartville	10.00
Hartville	10.00
New Life- Monett	114.10
Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..	180.00
Hannon	30.00
Trinity	14.00
Cornerstone	25.00
Rolla 1st	20.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Willow Spring- Mountain Gr ...	10.00
Verdella	10.00
Thayer	50.00
Desoto 1st	55.00
Union	30.00
Mountain Grove 1st	10.00
Park Hills 1st	20.58
Cabool 1st	10.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Total	740.68

Camp Development Fund

Myrtle	140.00
Harmony	10.00
Wolf Creek	89.33
Myrtle	125.00
West Plains 1st	75.00
Total	\$439.33

C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..	130.00
Total	\$130.00

Senior Adult Ministries

Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..	130.00
Total	\$130.00

Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..	130.00
Total	\$130.00

Free Will Baptist Bible College

Ruble, N.	15.00
Farmington 1st	142.62
Verdella	97.63
Thayer	50.00
DeSoto 1st	40.00
Total	345.25

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Hannon	50.00
Farmington 1st	117.03
Farmington 1st	25.00
Grant Avenue	8.00
Joplin 1st	75.00
Thayer	50.00
Neosho 1st	50.00
West Plains 1st	184.00
Total	\$559.03

California Christian College

Farmington 1st	40.35
Total	40.35

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Myrtle	5.00
New Life-Monett	114.10
Hannon	100.00
Farmington 1st	15.00
Belton	60.00
Nosser, M.	25.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Unity	10.00
New Hope- Fredericktown	30.00
Myrtle	2.00
Total	\$416.10

Rev. John McClure

Monett 1st	241.00
Gospel Light	80.00
Carthage	15.00
Thayer	5.00
Chapman, A.	10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	47.50
Purdy	20.00
Missouri Women WAC	120.00
Central Western WAC	30.00
Grace	15.00
Monett 1st	105.00
Total	\$688.50

Richard Stanley

Grace	20.00
Alan Chapman	10.00
Total	30.00

Mile High Church

Northglenn, Colorado	
Macedonia- Purdy	1,000.00
Total	\$1,000.00

Cornerstone FWB Church

(Brian Brinkoff)	
Merls Chapel	60.00
New Testament	10.00
Total	\$70.00

Morgan Minkler

Belton	75.00
Total	\$75.00



Often Asked Questions

... The Noble Task by Pastor R.E. Dablemont

A recent question received from one of our readers asks, "Is not the office of Pastor limited to those who meet scriptural qualification?" And of course the answer is a resounding YES! There is general agreement among Protestants of all types that these qualifications were identified by Paul and given to the church in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. Very careful examination of these passages reveal that the ordination of ministers: (the bishop-episkopos, the elder-presbuteros, and the deacon-diakonos is governed and superintended by qualifications from God Himself here in His Word. And it is evident that Paul clearly gave the same, basic qualifications for the ordination of men to these offices.

Although there is general agreement upon this, however, even among evangelical, fundamental Protestants there is variance upon the actual interpretation and implementation of these guidelines. And among Free Will Baptists, 'ordination procedure varies greatly from one district association to another (and) ordination requirements also vary greatly within the FWB denomination" (TREATISE OF THE FAITH & PRACTICES OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 56, 57).

"The authority to ordain ministers has its source in the local church...and...FWB churches traditionally have delegated this authority to the association in which they voluntarily unite themselves (TREATISE, 56).

My purpose in this article is not to deal with the specific interpretation of these procedures or qualifications but to address the issue in general. From Paul's letters two very clear principles emerge.

1. ORDAINED MEN ARE TO BE PROVEN IN ALLEGIANCE TO DOCTRINE (TEACHING).

The Ordaining Counsel is composed of the ordained men of a District Association of FWB ministers, usually the Executive Committee or a special committee called the Examination or Ordination Committee. These men are given the serious responsibility of determining the credibility of a man's professed calling to the ministry and his meeting the criteria for scriptural qualification. A man called to ministry is called to sound doctrine and therefore must be accountable to his brethren to maintain teaching consistent with God's Word, which for FWB'S is our doctrine. For example, while we recognize Southern Baptist and Assembly of God brethren as partakers of the grace of Christ, a FWB minister prior to ordination vows to hold, honor, and be loyal to our doctrine, not theirs. If a candidate can not agree to do this, he should not be ordained by the Ordaining Counsel or approved by a local church for ministry in our churches, but he belongs where his convictions can be maintained in good conscience. The candidate for ordination should be humble enough to acknowledge this and the local church wise enough to understand it.

2. ORDAINED MEN ARE TO BE PROVEN MEN OF GOOD CHARACTER & CONDUCT.

The minister of the gospel is to have a good testimony of faith and and a proven record of respectability both in and out of the church. Although the standards for ordination are high, this does not mean that ministers should be placed on a pedestal as human beings. Careful study of Pauline theology reveals that Paul himself acknowledged his continuing need for the grace and mercy of God. The first commandment for a ministerial candidate is to love God and people just like all believers. The local church needs to remember that the pastor also is a child of God; a sinner saved by grace, just like its members. However, the local church and the Ordaining Committee, need be mindful of the moral and ethical standards which are clearly presented in the Pauline instruction.

Just as the candidate for ministerial ordination has an obligation to submit and be accountable for his doctrine and his conduct to the Ordaining Counsel, the local church has a responsibility to pray for and be supportive of those it recommends for ordination and to submit and be accountable to the decisions of the Ordaining Counsel in regards to the ordination of a candidate.

Give thanks to God for his calling and equipping of ordained men who faithfully maintain sound doctrine and live faithfully as servants of God's holy church.

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