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Free Will Baptist CEO, Melvin Worthington, to Retire in 2002

Dr. Melvin Worthington, executive secretary for the National Association of Free Will Baptists since 1979, told delegates at the 65th annual convention in Detroit, Michigan, last week that he plans to retire December 31, 2002. Worthington, 64, was a 42-year-old Georgia pastor when elected to the executive secretary's post.

Delegates sat somewhat stunned in Cobo Center during the July 15-19 session as the man who for two decades symbolized stability and dignity to the movement said it was time to hand his responsibilities to someone else. When he leaves office in 2002, Worthington will have served 23 years, by far the longest of the eight men who have held the position.

During Dr. Worthington's leadership tenure, the denomination purchased a \$1.8 million national office complex in 1991 and relocated from Murfreesboro Road in Nashville to the Hickory Hollow area of Antioch. In 1988, the movement published a 720-page hymnal under his direction and in 1992 adopted a revised financial program known as The Together Way Plan. Worthington's planning skills revamped the annual national convention into a model for the religious meeting industry. His influence prompted the organization of The International Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Churches in 1995.

One year ago in Anaheim, California, delegates at the 2000 national convention set in place a four-step procedure proposed by Worthington to expedite election of his successor. That procedure will be tested in the next 12 months as the Executive Committee initiates step one and serves as a search committee to screen potential candidates.

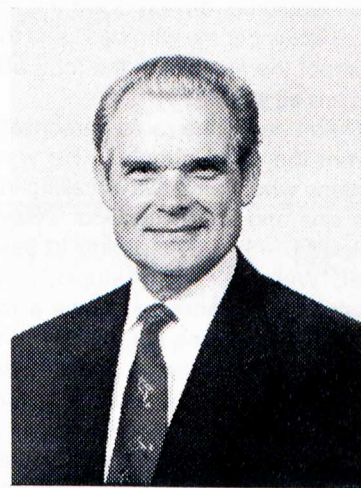
The Executive Committee will then recommend one candidate to the General Board who will recommend one candidate to the National Association when it meets in Memphis, Tennessee, in July 2002. Delegates at the 2002 national convention will elect the next executive secretary by majority vote.

When Dr. Worthington moved to Nashville in 1979, he informed constituents that he considered his primary task that of being a pastor to the pastors. He proceeded to do that for the next two decades serving as a liaison coordinating work between various denominational agencies and traveling 40 weeks a year among the 2,500 Free Will Baptist churches. He also directed the annual national convention and the fall Leadership Conference as well as overseeing production of the monthly magazine, *Contact*.

Somehow in the flow of his numerous speaking engagements, extensive travel and flurry of meetings, he found time to complete a second doctorate in 1998 at Vanderbilt University—the Ed.D. degree. He previously earned his Th.D. at Luther Rice Seminary.

Dr. Worthington was named to the Board of Directors of the Religious Conference Management Association (RCMA) in 1983 and continues in that role. He subsequently served as secretary, vice president and president of RCMA. He sat for the Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) designation in 1986 and was named to the CMP Board in 1992.

Prior to his election as executive secretary in 1979, the North Carolina native pastored churches 20 years in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi and Georgia. He chaired the



denomination's Sunday School and Church Training Board (1975-79), the Graduate Study Committee (1977) and the Educational Task Force (1999). He served two years as assistant moderator (1977-79) of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Dr. Worthington logged four years as moderator of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists (1975-79), and was named the first president of Georgia Bible Institute.

Born and reared on a farm outside Ayden, North Carolina, Worthington was ordained to the ministry in 1957, along with his twin brother, Milton, who now pastors in Royal Oak, Michigan. Both boys then left the farm to attend Columbia International University. After completing a doctorate in theology, Worthington earned the M.Ed. degree at Georgia State University before pursuing his second doctorate in education.

Melvin and Anne Worthington recently built their retirement home on the family farm in Ayden. They have two children: Dr. Daniel Worthington who lives in Virginia; Mrs. Lydia Selitto who lives in New Jersey.

YOU CAN'T FIX STUPID OR CAN YOU?

by Bob Thebeau

A radio talk show host in St. Louis used to use part of the above statement all the time. If some one would call in who didn't see eye to eye with him, he would say, "Well you can't fix stupid."

I found myself agreeing with this man on many occasions; someone would call in and say, "Kids today are not as good as they used to be." He would answer back and say "That's stupid! If you dissect a kid today you will find him made the same as the kids in years gone by. It's not the kids that have gone bad but the parents and society that are raising them. But, you can't fix stupid."

I found myself shouting "Amen Brother!" several times while driving down the road. I could relate to what he was saying, because I had run into Mr. & Mrs. Stupid myself. There I would be, driving down the road and talking to the radio, "I know people who can't see the forest for the trees; they shoot themselves in the foot, abortion, pornography, drugs are all stupid!"

Then I heard the radio personality say one day "Save me from the good people." He was complaining about Christians who were always calling in trying to get him out of his sins and right with God. "Save me from the good people who are always trying to save me!" I thought to myself, "Well you can't fix stupid."

I could not understand how a man could have such good insight on some things and be so deep in the valley of stupidity in other things. I'm smarter than that.

I've been watching a bird at church who sees his image in the glass door. Thinking it's another bird, he flies into the door, comes to a dead stop and then flies back to his perch on the railing. Hour upon hour, day upon day this stupid bird knocks himself out with his own image. I have chased him away trying to deliver him from his own ignorance, but like the talk show host, the bird I know was thinking, "Save me from this guy." After a few weeks of this, I just walked away and said to myself, "You can't fix stupid." I've got a whole lot more smarts than that bird.

The other day I came in the back door of the house and saw a mouse on the kitchen counter. I stood perfectly still as I called Amy in the other room to bring me a shoe. "Be careful now, Amy, walk slowly to me and hand me the shoe." I remember thinking to myself, "What a dumb mouse, he's just sitting there." WAP! I had just quashed one of my beets that Kathy had picked out of the garden. Boy oh boy, did I feel stupid. Every time Kathy, Amy, or Brett tell that story, (which is all the time) I feel dumb.

In fact I have done a lot of dumb things, said dumb words. Sin is not only destructive, it's also dumb. Thank you, Jesus, for shining the light. Stupid can be fixed, I'm proof, but it has to have the light. Lord, keep me humble.

Reprinted from the DeSoto Free Will Baptist Church newsletter.

2001 Convention Highlights

Registered . . . 5,031 people in three concurrent conventions.

Adopted . . . a record \$22.5 million denominational budget.

Gave... a Wednesday evening missionary offering topping \$23,500. Undesignated funds will be divided between home and foreign missionaries.

Rejected ... a proposed name change at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The Board of Trustees had proposed a year ago that the name be changed to "Palmer College: The Free Will Baptist Bible College."

Told . . . the Executive Committee to investigate actions and statements of the Home Missions Department regarding the late James Munsey. The report will be presented at the 2002 convention and printed in Contact.

Resolved . . . opposition to stem cell research, human cloning and all other embryonic research, since it violates the scriptural principles of life at conception. The embryo is destroyed after conception during these procedures.

Resolved Again . . . to study the feasibility of printing one enlarged monthly national magazine. A five-man Publications Committee was appointed to do the study in cooperation with six national agencies: Executive Office, Home Missions Department, Foreign Missions Department, Master's Men Department, FWBBC, Sunday School and Church Training Department. Nathan Ruble (MO) will chair the committee. Other members include William Smith (GA), Jim Marcum (NC), Edwin Hayes (OH) and David Williford (FL). The committee will report during the 2002 convention.

Instructed ... the Music Commission to publish a new Free Will Baptist hymn book. The last hymnal was published in 1988. The

project will receive oversight from the Executive Office.

Appreciated . . . the word from WNAC executive secretary-treasurer Marjorie Workman that WNAC gave more than \$550,000 to missions outreach last year. In addition, items valued in excess of \$92,000 were placed in the Provision Closet for use by home and foreign missionaries.

Promised . . . to participate in the second annual "Operation Saturation" on September 29. The program, sponsored by Master's Men Department, will feature simultaneous efforts at 50 sites where home missionaries work.

Saluted . . . efforts of the Foreign Missions Department that placed 110 missionaries in 10 countries. General Director James Forlines reported 90 ordained ministers, 225 licensed and lay preachers, seven seminaries/Bible institutes with 137 students. The various fields logged 1,704 conversions and 1,466 baptisms among the 288 organized churches and 413 mission works. Overseas Sunday School attendance averages 17,789.

Prayed . . . for the Sunday School and Church Training Department and for Free Will Baptist Bible College as both agencies seek new leadership. Dr. Alton Loveless will retire as general director at the Sunday School and Church Training Department in August 2002. President Tom Malone will assume duties as chancellor at FWBBC in January.

Adjourned . . . before 10:30 a.m. Thursday to meet in Memphis, Tennessee, at Cook Convention Center for the July 21-25, 2002, session.

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Barkers Celebrate 60th Anniversary

The children of Rev. James and Geneva Barker honored their parents on their 60th wedding anniversary with a buffet luncheon for family and friends at the Hurryville Free Will Baptist church on July 7, 2001.

The Barkers have two children, Sharon (Mrs. Ronald Graham) and Richard and his wife Martha. They also have three grand-children and seven great grand-children. Rev. Barker has been a Free Will Baptist Minister for fifty-nine years.

MOWAC WINNERS

Missouri Women Active for Christ were well represented in the National WAC Creative Arts Contest. In fact, five winners call the Show-Me State home. Vickie Turner from Carterville, was first place winner in the poetry division. Betty Reeves from Farmington was second place winner in the programs division. Three winners in the plays division included LeAnn Wilfong, first place, from Park Hills, Laverne Clark from Thayer, third place, and Sue Winchester from St. Louis, fourth place. Each of these are to be commended for representing Missouri so well!

News From Kingsway

by Loretta Ragsdale



I wanted to send these pictures and let you know about our Bible School. We were blessed with great help, some wonderful kids, and tons of laughter. I taught a class and was amazed at the children who didn't even know who Jesus was. What a mission field here! Patsy Brazeal was the director and Rozella McCalister took care of providing the food. She managed to get the children corn dogs, nachos, pizza, etc. on our low budget. For some of the children, that was the only supper they had. We were so excited that 4 children asked Jesus into their heart during the Bible School.

On a lighter note, we had a contest to raise funds for a Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the girls against the boys. They agreed that if the girls won, Pastor Bill Ragsdale would get a pie in the face. However, if the boys won, Sister Anna Cobb would receive a pie in the face. Look at the photos and guess who lost.

Please pray for us as we have a follow-up back to school party for the kids. We will have a back yard bonanza and give away school supplies. There are so many who need the Lord. Keep us in your prayers.



HOME WITH THE LORD

In loving memory of Gene Fly who passed away June 1, 2001. He was a deacon and charter member of the Faith and Hope Free Will Baptist Church of Aurora, MO.

God looked around his garden
and he found an empty place.
He then looked down upon this earth,
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
and whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
but you didn't go alone,
for part of us went with you
the day God called you home.

The Gene Fly Family

Pastor Needed

The Salem Free Will Baptist Church is seeking a Pastor. A parsonage and utilities are provided, and the salary is negotiable. For more information call 573-729-6329 or 573-729-3494



The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created He him: male and female created he them." Genesis 1:27

What a joy to know we - humankind - are created in the image of Most Holy God! With this in mind, note how society views the value of human life.

It is a crime to kill a baby seal for fur, but it is a "choice" to kill an unborn human baby. Knowing the millions massacred through abortion, it should infuriate us to know that the same court system which sanctions those murders sentenced a Kansas City woman to four months in jail for killing a litter of unwanted kittens. In Wisconsin, a man was sentenced to twelve years in prison for "relieving stress" by killing five cats.

This is sick, granted, but consider what happened two days after the man began serving his sentence. A woman was sentenced to 2 ½ years for throwing her newborn baby out a third-floor motel room into an alley garbage bin. Evidence showed the baby was alive when tossed but died of abandonment, exposure, and massive skull fractures.

Created in His image. . . there's more. The founder of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals was quoted as saying, "A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy." Another of her quotes "Six million Jews died in concentration camps (during World War II) but six billion broiler chickens will die this year in slaughterhouses."

I love animals and do not condone devilish unkindness to them; however, I am more concerned that society is so accepting of the decline in value placed upon a life "created in His image". It's no surprise this trend coincides with society's lowering the place given to God Himself and the values represented by godly living.

Hopeless? No, though it is a monumental task. "Reform" is the current buzzword to fix social problems but Christian author John MacArthur says "redemption" is what is needed. It does not "take a village"; it takes people who know that, though they live in a society of total depravity, they were created in the image of the Holy One who places great value on their lives.

What about you? Can you be counted on to live as one created in God's image? Can you be counted on to value human life? Or do you prefer to equate yourself with a rat, dog, and a pig?

Your answers should reveal the placement you give to God's deity.

2001 National Youth Conference

The National Youth Conference announces the introduction of new guidelines for the national competition program. The guidelines contain many changes and will be in effect for all competition in 2002. The new edition replaces the 1997 edition. Copies are available by calling the Lebanon Bible & Book Store at 1-417-532-9516 or Randall House Publications at 1-800-877-7030.

Missouri Winners

Bible Memorization (Grade two)

2nd place - Kirsten Wagner, Carthage

Bible Sword Drill (Grade five)

3rd place - Christine Harkey, Hartville 1st

Bible Tic Tac Toe

3rd place - Hartville 1st

Bible Bowl

2nd place - Hartville 1st

Turning Point

1st Teddie Collier, Springfield 1st

Instrumental Solo (Wind Grades 7 - 9)

Amanda Roberds, Calvary Fellowship

Instrumental Solo

(Percussion Grades 1-3)
Wade Sprenkle, Verdella

Instrumental Ensembles Grades 4 - 6

Derrek & Kelly, Verdella

Keyboard Grades 1 - 3

Joel Williams, Carthage

Keyboard Ensemble Grades 4 - 6

Kaleb Jesse & Katherine Fry, Mountain Grove 1st

Individual Drama Grades 4 - 6

Samantha Dozier, Calvary Fellowship

Recorded Puppetry

Grades 1 - 3 -

Trinity Puppeteers II, Trinity

Grades 10 - 11 -

Hannon Puppeteers, Hannon

Electronic Media Grades 10 - 12

Bobby Pierce,

Creative Writing

Grades 4 - 6

Bethany Shope, Hannon

Grades 7 - 9

Teddie Collier, Springfield 1st

Painting (Grades 1 - 3)

Ethan Dozier,

Calvary Fellowship

Photography

Grades 1 - 3

Mikaela Thompson,

Mountain Grove 1st

Grades 4 - 6

Amanda Brinkhoff, Carthage

Fabricated Art

Grades 1 - 3

Johanna Brinkhoff, Carthage

Grades 4 - 6 -

Amanda Brinkhoff, Carthage

Promotional Graphic Art

Grades 7 - 9

Bret Crockett, Verdella



SPRINGFIELD 1ST CTS

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield has been involved in the FWB CTS State Competition for only five years and have sent entries to the National Competition for the last four years. The church has placed first at the National

Youth Conference (NYC) in Turning Point for the last two years in a row. This honor was won by Teddie Collier, who also placed third in Instrumental Solos, as well as being entered in Creative Writing. Stephanie Hurst competed in 6th Grade Bible Sword Drills at the NYC in Detroit where she made it through the playoffs and into the final round.

Spfld. First Church would like to join with other FWB churches in the surrounding Spfld. area to improve their skills by working with other churches involved in CTS or to help get other churches started in CTS.

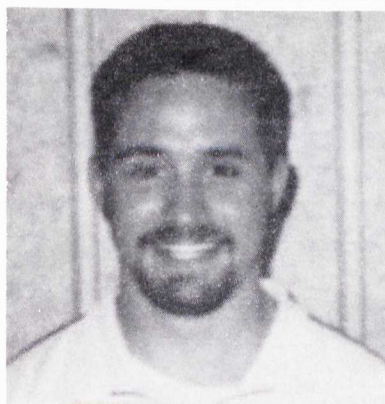
This wonderful program is such a great benefit for our youth and for our churches. Spfld. First FWB Church is excited and thankful to be a part of it. Karen Collier is the CTS Director of First Church.

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 16-17, 2001

AT WINDERMERE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

SPEAKER:

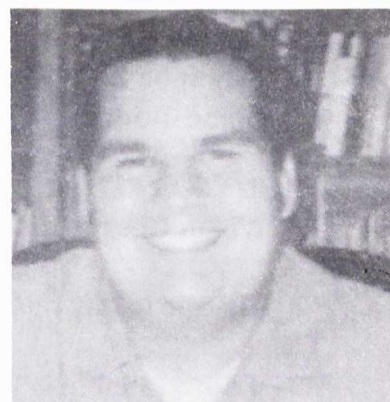


Jeff Elder



1 Peter 4:11 • Gal. 6:10

SPEAKER:



Matt Baccus

PREPARING THE YOUTH OF TODAY FOR THE CHALLENGES OF TOMORROW!

MUSIC

In the book of John, chapter five, the apostle tells us of a man laying beside the healing pool of Bethesda. This man had been invalid for over thirty-eight years and had no one to help him into the pool when the water was stirred. One day, Jesus came by and learned of the man's suffering. Jesus asked, "Do you want to get well?" The man replied that when he would try to get in, someone else would get ahead of him. Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." Instantly, the man was healed.

Like that man, we all are invalid with the disease of sin. It wasn't until Jesus came by and told us to "Pick up our mats" that we were freed from that sin through His death on the cross. In a sense, we are all "pool boys" in that we all need Christ's redeeming

{ the pool boys }



Camper Medical Release Form
Windermere Baptist Assembly
Roach, MO

Camper's Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Home Address _____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip Code)

Residence Phone () _____ Business Phone () _____

Which Church did you come with? _____

Allergic to any medication? _____ If yes, what? _____

If not available in an emergency, notify?

1. _____ Phone () _____

2. _____ Phone () _____

I, _____, having legal custody of _____
(Parent or Guardian) (Minor)

who resides with me at the above address, am entrusting the care of him/her to the adults responsible for the camp program in which the child has been enrolled during the dates of November 16th, 2001 through November 17th, 2001 at Windermere Baptist Assembly, located at Roach, Missouri.

Conference: *Missouri Free Will Baptist State Youth Conference*

Authorization For Emergency Care

I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp personnel entrusted with the care of my child to x-rays, routine test and treatment for the health of my child, in the event I cannot be reached in an emergency. I hereby give permission to the said physician to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for my child as named above. I also authorize said physician or any physician or hospital who has previously treated my child, to disclose any information thus acquired, if requested, to the camp's insurance carrier.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

(Date)

(PLEASE PHOTOCOPY ONE FOR EACH ATTENDEE)

2001 Missouri State Youth Conference

Group Registration Form

(Must be postmarked by October 10.)

Church _____

Group Leader _____

Address _____

City _____

Leader's Phone # _____

City _____ Zip _____

Guys

1. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

2. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

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Girls

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Grade _____ Phone # _____

Male Sponsors

1. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

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Age _____ Phone # _____

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Age _____ Phone # _____

4. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

Female Sponsors

1. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

2. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

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Age _____ Phone # _____

4. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

Cost of the conference is \$40 per person. _____ x \$40 = \$ _____

(Includes lodging and three meals.)

(# attending)

(Total Amount)

Mail completed registration form, check for registration fees and medical release forms to:

Missouri FWB Youth Ministries Board

Gene Howell, Treasurer

208 Cypress, Park Hills, MO 63601

(573) 431-2533 or 431-5959

All forms must be postmarked by October 10. After October 10, the fee increases to \$45.

About the Speakers:

Jeff Elder, a graduate of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, has been heavily involved in evangelism across the country. His passion is for teens to know the love of Christ and it is seen through his interactive style of communicating the gospel to students in a powerful way.

Matt Baccus, also a Hillsdale graduate, is currently co-pastor at Hillcrest Free Will Baptist Church in Wagoner, OK. His message will challenge teenagers to live committed lives and inspire them to develop the personal relationship with Christ that they are intended to have.

Jeff & Matt or "JAM", as they call themselves, have been doing team evangelism for over two years now and look forward to seeing you there.

About the Pool Boys:

The pool boys are Chris DeTray, Tyler Clement, & Rob Hockney. All these guys have in depth instrumental and vocal training and talent. By combining they're individual musical experience with the conviction to do the Lords work, the pool boys appeal to all ages, as does the message they will share with you.



- *Mission Trip Opportunities for Groups
- *2 FREE trips to National Student & Children Workers Conf. will be awarded
- *Come casual and prepared to worship, learn & be blessed.

2001 Missouri State Youth Conference Schedule

Friday, November 16th

- 4:00 p.m. - Begin Registration
- 7:00 p.m. - Supper
- 7:45 p.m. - **Pool Boys** in Concert
- 9:00 p.m. - Meet Jeff & Matt
- 10:00 p.m. - Break
- 10:15 p.m. - Late Night Options
 - *Workshops
 - *Youth Workers Reception
 - ***Hang Out Time**
- 11:00 p.m. - Cabin Devotions
- 11:30 p.m. - Lights Out

Saturday, November 17th

- 7:30 a.m. - Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. - Session 2 with Jeff & Matt
- 10:45 a.m. - Break
- 10:30 a.m. - Session 3 with Jeff & Matt
- 12:00 noon - Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. - OFF THE WALL
 - *Games with Jeff & Matt
 - *Youth Workers Only! Presentation of mission opportunities & trips with Mark Braisher
- 2:00 p.m. - Break
- 3:15 p.m. - Closing Rally with Jeff & Matt and The Pool Boys

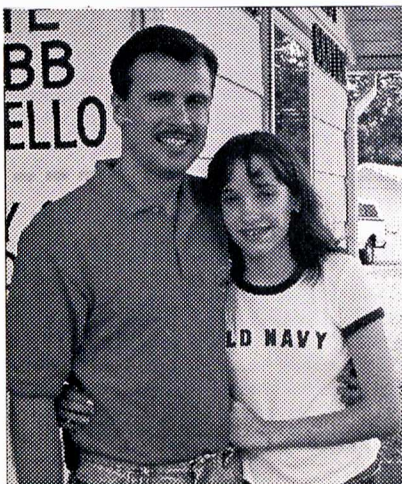
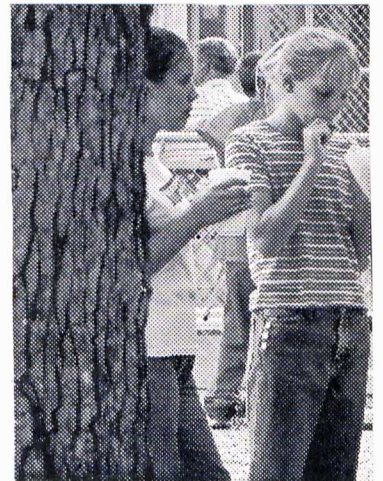
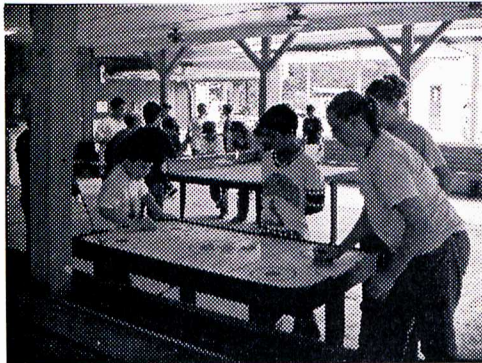
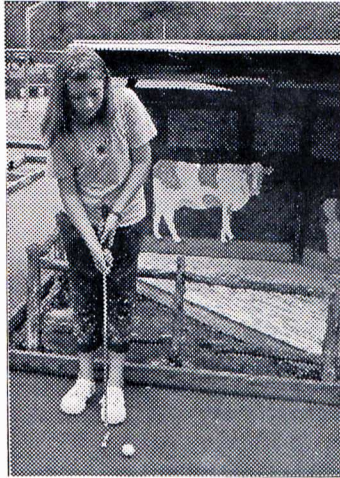
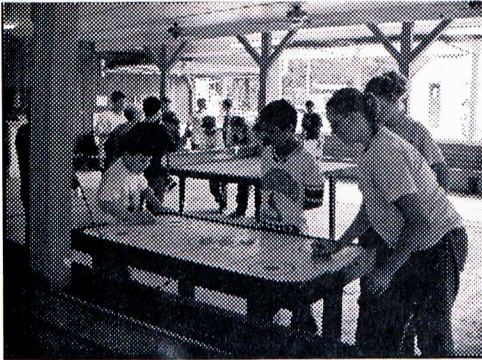
***Praise & Worship will be led by *The Pool Boys* during each session.**

ATTENTION YOUTH WORKERS: It is your responsibility to have your students in each session on time. Attendance is required in all sessions except the Late Night Options.

Snapshots of Pre-Teen Camp 2001

Combined Camp Statistics:

Total Registration:	1,273
Conversions:	57
Rededications:	78
Special Callings:	6
Offerings:	\$8,793.05



Bible College To Keep Name

Delegates who attended the National Association of Free Will Baptists, meeting July 15-19 in Detroit, voted for Free Will Baptist Bible College to keep its present name, rather than changing it to Palmer College: The Free Will Baptist Bible College, as proposed by the board of trustees.

Discussions concerning the possibility of changing the College's name have been ongoing for more than a decade. In 2000, the trustees asked the National Association, meeting in Anaheim, to consider approving the change to Palmer College. As required, the proposal was tabled for a year and voted on this year in Detroit, where it lost.

FWBBC Board chairman Gary Fry says, "We honor the wishes of the denomination regarding the proposed name change and we pledge ourselves to maintain the proud tradition of excellence in education and devotion in service that has characterized Free Will Baptist Bible College for nearly 60 years."

Worship Service Averages April 2001 - July 2001

Churches:	Apr	May	June	July
Beacon	123	121		
Belton	50	52	42	51
Buffalo 1st	130	114	114	117
Calvary Chapel	265	245	217	223
Calvary Fellowship	276			280
Cape Girardeau		59	54	
Copper Mines	57	55	45	46
Cuba	140	127	129	
Columbia		36	39	
Crossroads - Wentzville	92	63		
Cross Roads - Lebanon	108			
DeSoto	228	221	208	
Hannibal	102	89		84
Hannon	134	133	145	
Harmony - Parkville	115	87	95	
Hartville	193	184	172	175
Hopewell	34		30	41
Houston	74	67	64	66
Hurryville	111	99	93	
Joplin 1st	104	92	86	
Lebanon 1st	174	144	138	134
Lebanon FWB	46	44	40	47
Mill Creek	100	88	78	85
Mine LaMotte	46	51	49	
Mt. Pisgah	85	75	77	70
Myrtle	39	32	33	
New Life - Licking	50	53	66	
O'Fallon 1st	143	119	116	122
Ozark 1st		177	162	161
Park Hills 1st		167	144	
Parkview	96			
Pleasant Hill	51	45	46	38
Purdy	58	55		
Richwoods	52	40		
Rock Chapel	60	55	54	
Rolla 1st	41	30	35	31
Springfield 1st	147	140	133	
Thayer	222	191	188	182
Trinity	109	94	95	
Union Grove	139			
United	702	564	581	574
Willow Springs	79		71	
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove		81	71	66

This is only a partial listing. There are 184 FWB churches in Missouri.

Cooperative Giving Supports All the Denominational Ministries



Financial Report July 2001



Cooperative Disbursements July 2001 \$52,738.66

18.50% State Home Missions	\$9,756.65
17.50% Executive Office	9,229.27
3.00% General Fund	1,582.16
.50% Show-Me Plan	263.69
8.50% Youth Camp Board	4,482.79
3.50% Youth C. Restricted	1,845.85
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd	1,054.77
2.00% Christian Education Bd	1,054.77
2.00% Senior Adult Min. Bd	1,054.77
9.00% Retirement Program	4,746.48
30.50%	16,085.30
National Ministries, Hillsdale and	
California Christian College	
Foreign Missions Board	
National Home Missions Board	
Same Allocation	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist 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	1,582.16
Total	\$52,738.66

Co-op

Amity	\$134.23
Aulsbury Chapel	\$127.67
Bailey	\$190.00
Beacon	\$2,000.00
Belton	\$358.61
Berean	\$65.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$62.06
Bethel-Northview	\$243.00
Black Oak	\$344.13
Buffalo 1st	\$100.00
Byrd	\$155.50
Cabool 1st	\$311.72
Calvary Chapel	\$1,278.30
Cape Girardeau 1st	\$380.47
Carthage	\$270.00
Central	\$775.26
Christ Chapel	\$355.42
Clifton	\$63.65
Columbia	\$244.03
Copper Mines	\$350.02
Cornerstone	\$491.97
Cuba	\$597.00
Desoto 1st	\$1,500.00
Faith & Hope-Willow Springs	\$129.66
Farmington 1st	\$3,199.28
Fellowship- Park Hills	\$1,200.00
Fordland	\$610.26
Fourth	\$243.80
Fredericktown 1st	\$408.00
Freeman Chapel	\$525.00
Friendship	\$329.17
Grace	\$1,366.00
Grant Avenue	\$929.83

Greenfield	\$276.00
Hannibal	\$450.00
Hannon	\$1,000.00
Harmony-KC	\$544.00
Hartville	\$1,108.00
Hazel Creek	\$668.06
Hopewell	\$245.00
Houston	\$421.49
Hurryville	\$537.64
Jackson	\$191.85
Jeruel	\$48.71
Joplin 1st	\$590.79
Koshkonong	\$421.00
Lead Hill	\$288.07
Lebanon 1st	\$1,011.84
Macedonia- Niangua	\$198.94
Marshfield	\$258.00
Merls Chapel	\$171.00
Mill Creek	\$480.49
Mine LaMotte	\$72.72
Mountain Grove 1st	\$1,278.86
Mt. Pisgah	\$342.00
Mt. Zion-Gower	\$64.50
Neosho 1st	\$95.00
New Hope- Fredericktown	\$70.00
New Life- Licking	\$364.14
New Life-Licking	\$376.07
North 5	\$127.57
Oak Grove- Mountain Grove	\$163.45
O'Fallon 1st	\$1,203.53
Olivet	\$450.00
Overland	\$95.00
Ozark 1st	\$1,758.58
Park Hills 1st	\$823.05
Parkview	\$528.95
Pleasant Hill	\$205.76
Pleasant Home	\$531.19
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$93.00
Potosi 1st	\$187.93
Republic	\$100.00
Republic	\$100.00
Richwoods 1st	\$755.00
Rock Chapel	\$265.59
Rolla 1st	\$168.00
Royal Oak	\$102.00
Seymour	\$426.00
Smyna	\$50.00
Southern Hills	\$1,415.76
Springfield 1st	\$1,016.65
St. Peter's	\$520.00
Stockton	\$246.00
Stovall, J.	\$100.00
Thayer	\$982.00
Trinity	\$876.72
Twin Oak	\$1,513.00
Union	\$60.00
Union Grove	\$516.00
Union Light	\$170.00
United	\$1,510.08
Unity	\$400.00
Verdella	\$612.35
Viburnum	\$367.00
Victory-Alton	\$302.09

Waynesville 1st	\$722.18
West Plains 1st	\$707.00
Wilderness	\$972.40
Willow Springs-Mountain Grove	\$326.19
Wolf Creek	\$355.43
Total	\$52,738.66

State Home Missions

Belton	\$87.00
Berean	\$15.00
Copper Mines	\$75.00
Desoto 1st	\$120.00
Fellowship-Park Hills	\$100.00
Fordland	\$5.00
Fordland	\$5.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grace	\$25.00
Grace	\$30.00
Larry Wormington	\$30.00
Lebanon Bible And Bookstore ..	\$330.00
Merls Chapel	\$60.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$63.50
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$20.00
Southeast MO Association	\$45.00
Southeast MO Association	\$45.00
Springfield 1st	\$12.50
St. Francois Association	\$125.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Trinity	\$43.84
United	\$25.00
Waynesville 1st	\$50.00
Waynesville 1st	\$50.00
Total	\$1,501.84

Show-Me Plan

Baldwin, J.	\$20.00
Beacon	\$300.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado	\$124.14
Bethel - Festus	\$45.00
Big Creek	\$55.00
Black Oak	\$60.00
Buffalo 1st	\$60.00
Buxton, G.	\$30.00
Cabool	\$135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo	\$120.00
Cartee, J.	\$15.00
Central	\$297.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Columbia	\$75.00
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines - Teen, & Jr. Cl ...	\$30.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult Class ..	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	\$362.00
Cuba	\$156.60
Darnell, W.	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$552.50
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class ...	\$15.00
Faith - St. Louis	\$20.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.	\$120.00
Farmington 1st	\$765.00
Fellowship	\$738.40
Fordland	\$250.00
Fourth	\$60.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$150.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Gospel Light	\$825.00
Grace	\$650.00
Graham, S.	\$15.00
Grant Ave.	\$270.00
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannon	\$1,250.00
Happy Hill	\$30.00
Happy Hill	\$30.00
Harmony - Parkville	\$121.94
Hartville	\$240.00
Hazel Creek	\$445.37
Houston 1st	\$314.00
Hurryville	\$300.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class ...	\$18.55
Jackson	\$20.00
Jones Chapel	\$375.00
Joplin 1st	\$125.00

Leadington	\$198.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Macedonia - Purdy	\$1,000.00
Maggart, D.	\$90.00
Matthews, G.	\$45.00
Merl's Chapel	\$200.00
Mill Creek	\$110.00
Mill Creek C. W. F.	\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S.C.	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$45.00
Missouri WACT	\$1,364.41
Mountain Grove 1st	\$610.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	\$30.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	\$30.00
Neosho 1st	\$195.00
New Home - Hartville	\$150.00
New Hope - Fredericktown	\$105.00
New Life - Licking	\$186.00
New Life - Licking	\$81.50
New Testament	\$15.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Houston	\$30.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$320.00
Olivet	\$30.00
Oskaloosa	\$500.00
Ozark 1st	\$30.00
Park Hills 1st	\$261.93
Parker, G.	\$15.00
Parkview - Desloge	\$316.25
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Grove - Anderson	\$135.00
Pleasant Hill	\$15.00
Pleasant Home	\$660.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$50.00
Ratterree, Tom	\$15.00
Rehkop, L.	\$30.00
Reiter, Ken	\$30.00
Richwoods	\$67.50
Rock Chapel	\$210.00
Rogers, B.	\$15.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$110.00
Ruble N.	\$45.00
Southeast MO Assn.	\$90.00
Southern Hills-Overland Pk, KS	\$100.00
Springfield 1st	\$515.00
Thayer	\$276.00
Thomas, E.	\$15.00
Trinity	\$510.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United - West Plains	\$300.00
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$942.35
Viburnum	\$80.00
Victory - Alton	\$302.09
Walnut Grove	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st	\$871.90
White, R.	\$15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	\$70.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Total	\$22,888.43

Foreign Missions

Beacon	\$271.00
Central	\$30.00
Chapman, A.	\$20.00
Cuba	\$26.10
Farmington 1st	\$60.37
Fordland	\$15.00
G. M.	\$432.00
G. M.	\$300.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grant Ave.	\$31.00
Greater Kansas City	\$4,340.00
Haney, A.	\$40.00
Houston 1st	\$20.00
Lewis, D.	\$10.00
Minor, K.	\$10.00
Neosho 1st	\$30.00
New Life - Licking	\$262.21
New Testament	\$70.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$20.00
Rock Chapel	\$50.00
Springfield 1st	\$25.00

St. Peters	\$20.00
Thayer	\$65.00
Trinity	\$182.20
Verdella Youth	\$15,000.00
Williams, I.	\$10.00
Total	\$21,419.88

Nat'l Home Missions

Beacon	\$105.00
Belton	\$187.50
Carthage	\$30.00
Chapman, A.	\$10.00
Columbia	\$25.00
Cuba	\$78.30
Desoto 1st	\$496.00
Desoto Auditorium Class	\$10.00
Farmington 1st	\$225.00
Fordland	\$35.00
Fortner, R.	\$5.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grace	\$129.00
Grant Avenue	\$22.00
Greater KC Association	\$2,170.00
Hannon	\$600.00
Hartville	\$100.00
Houston 1st	\$65.00
Huffman, T.	\$30.00
Jackson	\$60.00
Joplin 1st	\$105.00
King, B.	\$5.00
Macedonia-Purdy	\$100.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$70.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Neosho 1st	\$110.00
New Home- Hartville	\$10.00
New Testament	\$170.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$63.50
Park Hills 1st	\$259.62
Pleasant Home	\$124.56
Rader, J.	\$20.00
Richwoods 1st	\$97.00
Rock Chapel	\$86.66
Rogers, B.	\$20.00
Ruble, N.	\$10.00
Thayer	\$275.00
Thebeau, B.	\$5.00
Trinity	\$68.84
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
United Youth Group	\$170.00
United Youth Group	\$170.00
Unity	\$50.00
Verdella	\$263.25
Verdella	\$10.00
Viburnum	\$101.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Total	\$7,223.23

Youth Camp

Hartville	10.00
New Home- Hartville	10.00
Union	30.00
Freeman Chapel	31.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	10.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Cornerstone	25.00
Hannon	30.00
Berean	15.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	180.00
Thayer	50.00
Rolla 1st	20.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove	10.00
Trinity	9.00
Desoto 1st	55.00
Verdella	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
Oskaloosa	500.00
Buffalo 1st	50.00
Park Hills 1st	39.92
Cabool 1st	10.00
Total	\$1,119.92

Camp Development Fund

West Plains 1st	50.00
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Houston 1st	100.00
Rock Chapel	400.00
Wolf Creek	54.23
West Plains 1st	125.00
Total	\$729.23

Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	130.00
Total	\$130.00

Senior Adult Ministry

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	130.00
Total	\$130.00

C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	130.00
Total	\$130.00

Free Will Baptist Bible College

Farmington 1st	142.62
Ruble, N.	15.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	15.00
Thayer	50.00
Desoto 1st	40.00
Verdella	122.47
Total	\$385.09

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Farmington 1st	142.03
Joplin 1st	75.00
Hannon	50.00
Thayer	50.00
Grant Ave.	8.00
Beacon	2.00
Neosho 1st	50.00
Total	\$377.03

California Christian College

Farmington 1st	40.35
Total	\$40.35

Southeastern FWB Church

Springfield 1st	25.00
Total	\$25.00

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Belton	125.00
New Hope-Fredericktown	30.00
Hannon	100.00
Unity	70.00
Nosser, M.	25.00
Desoto 1st	55.00
Oskaloosa	500.00
Total	\$905.00

Rev. John McClure

Gospel Light	80.00
Carthage	15.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	22.50
Chapman, A.	10.00
Grace	15.00
Total	\$142.50

Richard Stanley

Chapman, A.	10.00
Grace	40.00
Total	\$50.00

Cornerstone FWB Church

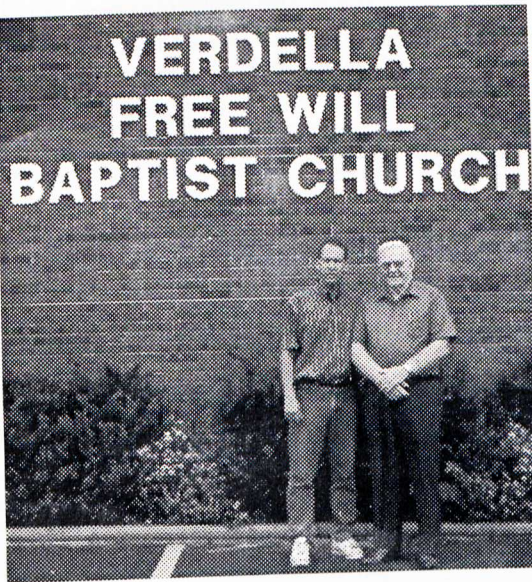
(Brian Brinkoff)	
Merls Chapel	50.00
New Testament	10.00
Total	\$60.00

Glenn Allen FWB Church

(Vergel Maness)	
Gospel Light	80.00
Total	\$80.00

Morgan Minkler

Belton	75.00
Total	\$75.00



Verdella Church Gives \$15,000 to Complete Church in Brazil

**(the following is an excerpt
from a Curt Holland letter)**

... The Verdella church has always been very supportive to our ministry in Brazil. I don't recall if they have ever been our number 1 supporting church for any given year, but they have always been in

the top 10.

Bro. Milan Ruble is the current pastor at Verdella. When we visited in June, he asked me what it would take to finish the building in Campinas. I said probably close to \$15,000. He said, "Let's see what we can do!" The church, youth and auxiliary had already given more than \$1,500 towards the construction since we began the project. Bro. Milan said that the church had around \$75,000 in the bank and that it was just "sitting" there. The church is wanting to build a youth center sometime in the future. They voted to give the \$15,000 in the name of their youth. They also want to form a partnership with the Sao Jose so that they can see the project brought to completion.

I have challenged the church to send someone to be present for the new church dedication in Sao Jose. . . We will of course continue to keep them up to date on the building progress. . .

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