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## Side Shows on Religion



Elder T.C. Ferguson

A great showman once said that the greatest drawback to good shows was the side shows that followed the big tents of the good shows. They got concessions from the towns or from someone else, set up side shows, and put on immoral and indecent performances to deceive, swindle, and cheat people out of their money. So it is with the religion of Jesus Christ. One great drawback to pure and undefiled religion is the side shows of isms and schisms. These false religions follow the gospel tents of the pure and undefiled religion of Jesus Christ. They pitch their tents as close as they can to the gospel tents of Jesus Christ, and they put on their side shows of false religions to deceive and mislead people. These false teachers will miss heaven, but they don't care so long as they can get people's money and a little honor and praise from the worldly minded people out of it. However, you can easily tell the difference between the false religion in the religious side shows and the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ in the big Gospel tents. The people who preach and teach false religion are very seldom sound and orthodox on the great Bible doctrines of heartfelt Bible repentance and regeneration. They discredit the new birth and the seeker praying  
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## THE SIN OF APOSTASY

by Max Courtney

*Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;  
II Thess. 2:3*

Recently a fellow and I were having a conversation concerning the possibility of a person falling from grace. He made the statement to me, "I would be afraid to be a Free Will Baptist! I would be afraid I would lose my salvation and not know that I had lost it!" After asking him if he knew whether or not he was saved now, and receiving the assurance that he was, I said, "Brother, how could you lose something that great and not know it? That would be like losing your mother-in-law and not know she was gone!"

The word Apostasy comes from the Greek Apostasia, and Thayer defines it as, "A falling away." Matthew Henry defines it as, "A defection" and says of it, "No sooner was Christianity planted and rooted in the world than there began to be a defection in the Christian church. It was so in the Old-Testament church. Immediately after any considerable advance was made in religion there followed a defection: soon after the promise there was revolting; for example, soon after men began to call upon the name of the Lord all flesh corrupted their way, —soon after the covenant with Noah the Babel builders bade defiance to heaven, —soon after the covenant with Abraham his seed degenerated in Egypt, —soon after the Israelites were planted in Canaan, when the

first generation was worn off, they forsook God and served Baal, —soon after God's covenant with David his seed revolted, and served other gods, —soon after the return out of captivity there was a general decay of piety, as appears by the story of Ezra and Nehemiah; and therefore it was no strange thing that after the planting of Christianity there should come a falling away.

The fact is, the apostasy shall not rise AND CAUSE the falling away; but apostasy shall arise OUT OF the falling away. It is not as if Satan through the antichrist should have the power to overthrow the Lord's kingdom established in the hearts of men, because he does not have this power. It is rather that those who have the kingdom of God living within them have allowed themselves to fall away from serving that kingdom, and the apostasy rises FROM this weakness rather than CAUSING it.

In my opinion, the greatest danger that exists for a Christian who insists upon dabbling in sin is always the present danger of apostasy. It is also my opinion that we need a better understanding of the sin and the results of that sin than is being taught in our churches today.

Satan has blinded the eyes of thousands of Christians in the church world about the sin of apostasy. I have heard leading evangelists and pastors

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by  
Ann Poletti

## OFTEN ASKED QUESTIONS

by Pastor R.E. Dablemont

**M**uch has been written and told of the late Mother Teresa's kindness to India's lowest caste. She knew she couldn't save all of Calcutta so she chose the dying, those who were the least redeemable.

The news reporters who often covered the stories of her kindness were periodically aghast. Why pull these dirt-covered sick people out of garbage heaps in order to clean them up, doctor their wounds, put hot soup to their lips, and show them love? After all, they were still going to die in days or possibly weeks! Why not, they wondered aloud, use the hospital's limited resources on people whose lives could be saved? This would certainly allow the hospital to raise their success rate.

Mother Teresa's answer mirrored her commitment. "These people have been treated all their lives like dogs . . . Don't they have the right to die like angels?"

I thought of the different ways to apply this story. It could so easily be a challenge to better treat those around us. However, I felt more compelled by the fact that this is how He found me.

In our sin, we are wallowing in the world's garbage pits, covered with nastiness and grime. We are dying in our sin and the stench of impending death, and sin's disease is stifling. We have no reason to believe we are anything but the lowest of the low.

In God's eyes, He sees a child in need of -- and worthy of -- love and royal treatment. The blood of Christ washes us clean. He meets all of our needs, and He gives us the prescription for eternal life.

His success rate is 100% -- no one who comes to Him is turned away. We are nothing in ourselves but, through His great love, we can be called the sons and daughters of God.

**A** reader wrote and made the following statement, "there seems to be a growing need for people to forgive others more. Will you write something about forgiveness in your column?" I agree, so here goes!

Some years ago a visitor to Yellowstone Park observed that the only animal the grizzly bear would share his food with was a skunk. It wasn't that the grizzly necessarily wanted to share his food, but rather he had made this choice. With one swing of his powerful paw he could have crushed the skunk. So why did he allow the skunk to eat with him? Because he knew the high cost of getting even. Clever bear!

Perhaps earlier the grizzly had learned his lesson the hard way. Often we humans are not as intelligent as the grizzly. We carry grudges and resentments for years, not realizing that we end up hurting ourselves more than those with whom we would like to even the score. Jesus instructs us to forgive seventy times seven. How long it seems to take

some people to realize that by forgiving others we also help ourselves. Consider these three facts:

### 1. AN UNFORGIVING ATTITUDE IS DETRIMENTAL TO PERSONAL HEALTH

Recently, a doctor was quoted as saying to his patient, "If you don't cut out your resentments, I may have to cut out part of your intestinal tract!" Reliable medical studies do show that a forgiving spirit will often protect us from ulcerative colitis, toxic goiters, high blood pressure, and other unfortunate physical conditions. It seems rather obvious that as resentment builds up, it often causes the wrong juices to flow within us.

### 2. AN UNFORGIVING ATTITUDE IS DESTRUCTIVE TO PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Whenever we fail to forgive a loved one who has hurt us, a wall of resentment

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## Rev. Earnie Holiday With the Lord

William Ernie Holiday, Fordland, Missouri, was born on July 18, 1936 to Lon and Nola Holiday at Conway, Missouri. In 1956, he was united in marriage with Faith Neasby. On July 17, 2001, Ernie went to meet the Lord he had faithfully served for almost thirty years. After marriage, Ernie went to work for Irby Construction Company traveling throughout the U. S. then settling in Fordland in 1969. On October 2, 1972, Ernie asked Jesus to come into his heart and change his life in the prayer room at the Marshfield Free Will Baptist Church. From that day forward, he never failed to tell everyone he met about God's amazing grace. In 1974, he answered the call to preach. He pastored many churches including, Ashley, Niangua, Coon Creek, New Life, New Hope, and the Old King James Free Will Baptist Church. He also helped James Crawford start the Fordland and Bethel Free Will Baptist Churches. Over the past few years, Ernie worked very hard starting the Old King James Free Will Baptist Church. In July 2000, he had his first stroke. He asked God for more time to finish the church. God gave him one more year and his dream became a reality. He leaves behind his wife, Faith; six children; twelve grandchildren; and one great grandchild.



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**The Wilson Family**

## **A New Pastor and A New Beginning**

On July 22, 2001, the Terrill Road Free Will Baptist Church in Moberly welcomed a new pastor and his family, Rev. James Wilson, his wife Stephenie and his children Caleb and Caiti Jo. It was a time of thanking God for answering our prayers.

Bro. James is a former member of the Moberly church and was ordained while attending there. He is returning to Moberly after spending four years ministering in the Fredericktown area. The church thanks the Lord for Bro. James.

## **HAZEL CREEK FWB CHURCH CELEBRATES 105 YEARS**

The Hazel Creek FWB Church, located 9 miles N.W. of Kirksville on Highway "B" celebrated 105 years with a Homecoming August 12, 2001. The theme was "Remembering The Past, Looking To The Future."

The morning message was brought by Dr. LaVerne Miley, former medical missionary to Ivory Coast West Africa, currently from Nashville, TN, and formally from the Hazel Creek Church.

There were 113 present and lunch was served in the fellowship hall at noon. There were lots of pictures taken and lots of memory sharing.

The Afternoon service was a time when the former pastors who were able to attend. Rev. Kent Tallent from Dardanelle, AR, and Rev. Wayne Parsons from Marshall, MO, shared the memories of their pastorate at Hazel Creek. Letters were also read from former pastors and friends who could not attend.

Special music was by the Hazel Creek Wildcats, a local gospel group. Gifts were presented to former pastors, Rev. Kent Tallent and Rev. Wayne Parsons, Dr. Miley and our present pastor, Rev. Rick Chapman. Pastor Chapman delivered the afternoon message.

## **ORDINATION SERVICE**

C.W. Hadley, son of Greg and Phyllis Hadley, grandson of Don and Sue Hadley and Max and Ruth Courtney all of Licking, Missouri, was ordained to the gospel ministry in the Free Will Baptist Denomination at the New Life Free Will Baptist Church of Licking, Missouri, on Sunday August 19, 2001 with 80 people present.

The ordaining council of the First Quarterly Conference of Mission Association of Free Will Baptists were represented by Rev. Gene Postelwait who directed the service. Rev. Max Courtney, C.W.'s pastor and grandfather, preached the ordination message. Rev. Gary Fry, Chairman of the Board of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee



**Rev. C.W. Hadley**

prayed the ordaining prayer and Rev. R.E. Helsley, member of the Mission Association General Board, gave the charge. Elder Bill Shelton, deacon of the Union Free Will Baptist Church of Success, Missouri, presented the Bible.

C.W. answered his call to preach when he was 12 years old and had been studying for his license until 1998 when he passed his license test with commendations. He then was apprenticed under his pastor until 2001 when he passed his test for ordination, again with commendations. He is now 16 years old and his ordination ceremony took place at his home church, New Life Free Will Baptist Church of Licking, Missouri.

C.W. plans to enter the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, when he graduates from high school.



**Pastor Max Courtney**

## **Rev. Frank Giunta Available for Pulpit Supply**

Rev. Frank Giunta is available to serve as interim pastor, for pulpit supply, or to hold revival services. His phone number is 573/335-6240.

### **Side Show Religion from page one**

through to God and getting a real heart-felt spiritual experience. They will dodge these great Bible truths or pass them lightly by.

Beware of side shows of false religions, and denounce them as soon and as often as you can, for I believe they are one of the greatest drawbacks to the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this country today. Cry out and spare not, as the Bible teaches us to do; for people are being deceived all over this country by the teaching of false religions.

Weatherby, MO., April 17th, 1936



# HILLSDALE

Free Will Baptist College

Ten years ago Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College had one instructor holding a terminal degree (doctorate) from the Department of Education recognized agencies. Currently we have ten faculty holding terminal degrees. Faculty with terminal degrees will teach over 40% of the courses offered next fall. In addition, three faculty have finished all course work, general examinations, and are Ph.D. (ABD), which means they much complete and defend their dissertations.

The natural expansion for Hillsdale is a Master of Arts degree in Bible with a concentration in ministry. The accrediting agency has given their preliminary approval to proceed and final authorization is expected in November. The first classes will be taught in the Summer of 2002.

A modular format will be utilized by the College, which will include current faculty, plus adjunct professionals from across the Free Will Baptist Association. The following individuals have already agreed to serve the program:

Stephen Ashby, Philosophy and Religion .....	Ball State University
Mark Braisher, Church Growth and Planting .....	Home Missionary to Kansas
Timothy Eaton, Program Coodiantor and Old Testament ...	Hillsdale College
Brad Hanna, Bible and Evangelism .....	Oak Hills Mission, Edmond, Ok
Thomas Marberry, Greek and Hebrew .....	President, Seminary of the Cross
Matthew Pinson, History and Historical Theology .....	Colquitt FWB Church, GA
Craig Shaw, Bible, C.E., and Mentorship .....	Hillsdale College
Melvin Worthington, Homiletics and Leadership .....	Exec. Sec. Nat'l Assoc. of FWB

In order for this to become a reality we are doing the following:

- A faculty search is underway for a Ph.D to serve full-time in the core faculty of the program: recommendation should be given to Carl Cheshier or Timothy Eden.
- Expanding Library resources in both the religion collection and technical support to provide on-line access to materials (Library Corporation Hardware and Software) are scheduled to be operational in the fall.

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## Flood Does \$250,000 Damage to Property

On August 4, a devastating flood hit northeast Tennessee. Particularly hard hit was Greene county. Free Will Baptist Family Ministries suffered over \$250,000 worth of damage to property, structures, office equipment and supplies. The administration building was particularly hard hit with flood waters destroying a kitchen, six offices containing desks, computers and filing cabinets, a copy room and a large quantity of office supplies. The Oaks suffered extensive damage to the new tabernacle under construction, and the canteen was washed away, along with a bridge and landscaping. We also lost our ropes course and rappelling equipment.

Because of our high location on the mountain, flood insurance was not warranted, and no one envisioned FWBFM would be a victim of such a destructive natural disaster. None of the insurance policies we have covers any type of flood damage.

As I have always said, results come through prayer and God moving on the hearts of His people to help. I know in my heart great things will come of this. God will somehow use this tragedy to further the work of His kingdom.

I am challenging you to allow God to speak to your heart. We need immediate assistance during this crisis, but we also need faithful monthly partners to stand with us as we continue to rebuild. Will you ask God how you can help this ministry?

In His Service,

Dr. James Kilgore  
Executive Director

## BIBLE COLLEGE SEEKING NEW BUYER FOR CAMPUS

Watkins College of Art and Design, the proposed buyer of the Free Will Baptist Bible College campus, has chosen not to proceed with the purchase. Watkins president Jim Brooks cited as the reason the cost of redesigning the FWBBC campus to meet Watkin's needs. Watkins had signed a letter of intent to buy the campus and Bible College officials developed plans to move the college to Joelton.

However, other buyers are already expressing interest in the nine acres where the college is now located, according to Frank Woods, president of The Woods Group, who is marketing the FWBBC campus. The present campus is one of the most desirable sites in Nashville.

The sale of the campus is a major component in FWBBC's plan to relocate the college to a 123-acre site just outside of Nashville. It is not clear at this point how the need to find another buyer will impact the relocation schedule.

## News from the McDonalds

Greetings from Tokyo, where we are settling in and getting adjusted to life and ministry. Since our arrival in mid-July, we've been incredibly busy with all the details of transition.

God has blessed in many ways including providing housing and helping with the adjustments of the entire family. We moved into our rented home (spacious and quiet, surrounded by woods and even a rooster next door!) just three weeks after arriving on the field and were able to move all of our household belongings from the northern island. The kids began school in late August at the Christian Academy in Japan (CAJ) where they have adjusted beautifully.

The Tokyo Church Planting Team has been busily meeting, praying and planning and we are enjoying being a part of God's plan for this area. This newly formed team is comprised of: Ken and Judy Bailey (MO), Mirial Gainer (SC) and our family.

Since our arrival, though, we have been under definite attack from the enemy. Pastor Sabuta's wife, Yoshiko, has been suffering from bouts of severe depression for the past several years and undergoing treatment at local hospitals and with a series of counselors. For the past 4 months, she has been

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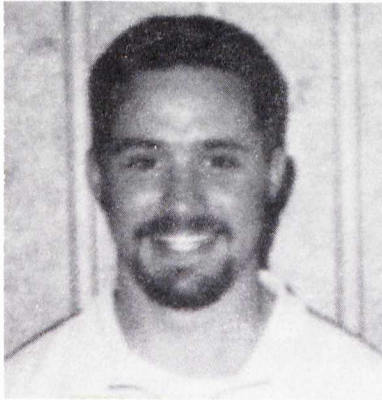


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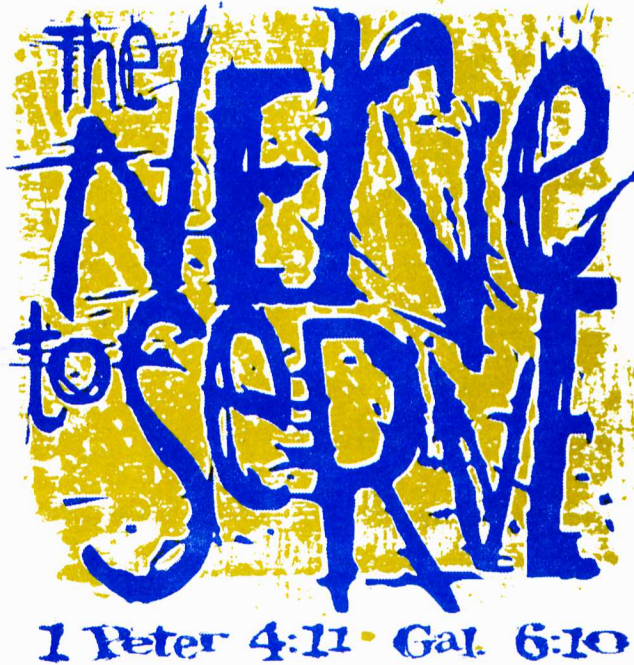
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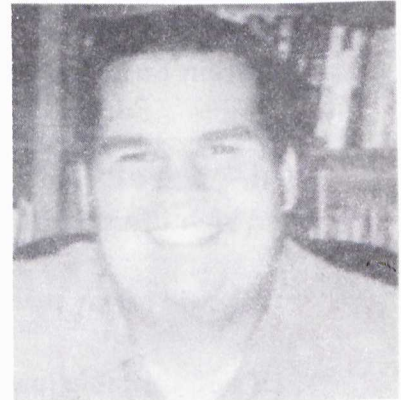
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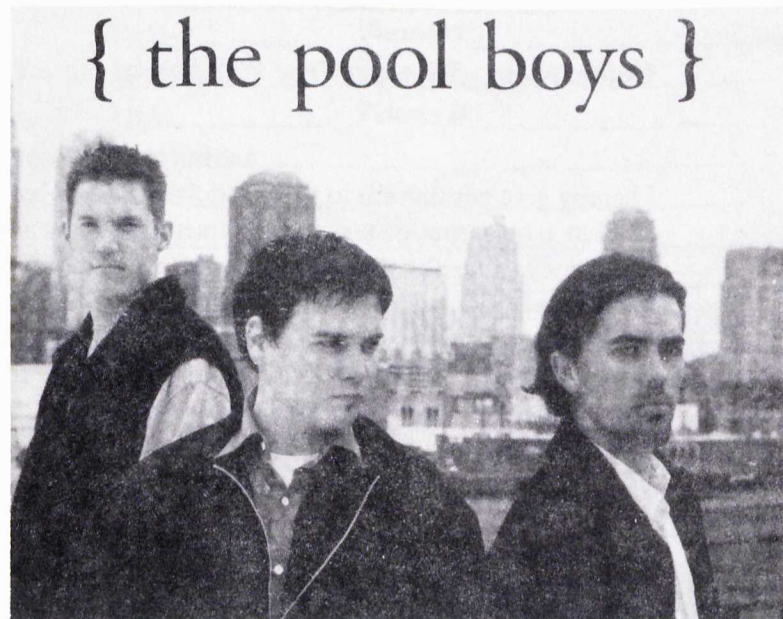
Matt Baccus

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



**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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2001 through November 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

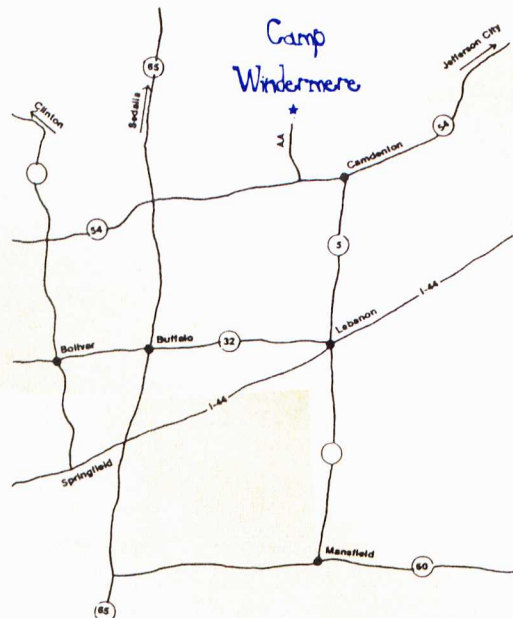
Jeff Elder, a graduate of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, has been heavily involved in evangelism across the country. His passion is for teens to know the love of Christ and it is seen through his interactive style of communicating the gospel to students in a powerful way.

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.



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of great churches proclaim that it is not possible for a Christian to commit apostasy, and many will poke fun at those who do not agree with them on the subject. What is apostasy?

**Apostasy Is A Dark Sin.** We read of it in Hebrews 10:26-29, "For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgement and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" The word Knowledge used here in this passage is from the Greek Epiginosko and Vine translates it as "a knowledge which perfectly unites the subject with the object. It is truly a genuine, intelligent, apprehension of truth accompanied by inward quickening."

Apostasy is a dark sin because of the condition of the person described in this passage in Hebrews 10:29.

Here is positive proof that the person spoken of here in Hebrews 10:29 had been a born again child of God. "He hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing." This points out a biblical fact that the person referred to here has been sanctified by the blood of the covenant. This is not talking about sinners because sinners are not sanctified. Only Christians are sanctified. It plainly states here that he WAS sanctified. That means he was saved. Born again. Had his previous sins forgiven. Had been set apart from the world to do the work of the, Lord- Vine says, "Sanctification is that relationship with God into which men enter by faith in Christ. Acts 26:18 states, "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. " Vine further states, "Sanctification is also used in the New testament of the separation of the believer from evil things and ways. "

Here was contemptuous rejection. This person described here in Hebrews 10:29 has treaded under foot the Son of God. This literally means that he has walked on or crushed Jesus Christ under his feet! You have to be a violent person to walk upon someone and crush them under your feet and especially Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Here was profaning of the blood of Jesus Christ. This person described here in Hebrews 10:29 has "Counted the blood of Jesus an unholy thing. " How much more profane can you get than that?

Here was insulting the Holy Spirit of God. This person described here in Hebrews 10:29 has "Done despite unto the Spirit of grace." Look carefully at what this person described here is guilty of. He has trampled under his feet the Son of God. He has called the Lord's blood unholy, and he has profaned the blood of Christ and has insulted the Holy Spirit of God. All of these things are the marks of an apostate.

Apostasy is a dark sin because of the character of the person described in this passage in Hebrews 10:29. There are now no Christian characteristics showing in this man's lifestyle at all. All of the characteristics showing here are those of a sinful man and not a child of God.

In fact, several of the works of the flesh mentioned in Galatians 5:19-21 are manifested here in this man of Hebrews 10:29. This man's actions were violent, One would have to be

violent to walk upon the Son of God. One would have to be blasphemous in order to count the blood of the covenant he was sanctified with an unholy thing. One would be guilty of sinning against the Holy Spirit by doing insulting Him.

In fact, the most distinguishing characteristic of one who has committed apostasy and turned back from serving the Son of God, in that he will have violent, blasphemous and sacrilegious characteristics. One who has committed apostasy has made an about face and has disregarded all he once regarded.

Apostasy is a dark sin because of the continuation of the sin of the person described in this passage in Hebrews 10:29. Please notice that in "Verses 26-27 it states, "For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries " Here is willful sin. Here is violent sin. Here is profaning sin. Here is blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.

The sin of the apostate will continue because there remains no more sacrifice for it. He is lost in his sins and has no way of repenting of them.

**Editor's note:** The remaining portion of Max Countney's sermon on Apostasy will be published in the November issue of the Gem.

### Worship Service Averages May 2001 - August 2001

<u>Churches:</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>
Beacon	121			
Belton	52	42	51	53
Buffalo 1st	114	114	117	115
Calvary Chapel	245	217	223	
Cape Girardeau	59	54		
Copper Mines	55	45	46	52
Cuba	127	129	113	
Columbia		39		
Crossroads-Lebanon			101	91
Crossroads-Wentzville	63	64	60	76
DeSoto	221	208	212	214
Hannibal	89		84	
Hannon	133	145	134	134
Harmony - Parkville	87	95	91	
Hartville	184	172	175	172
Hopewell		30	41	56
Houston	67	64	66	
Hurryville	99	93	95	98
Joplin 1st		92	86	97
Lebanon 1st	144	138	134	135
Lebanon FWB	44	40	47	46
Macedonia- Purdy			142	151
Mill Creek	88	78	85	86
Mine LaMotte	51	49		
Monett 1st	180	130	100	110
Mt. Pisgah	75	77	70	
Myrtle	32	33	37	29
New Life - Licking	53	66	47	53
O'Fallon 1st	119	116	122	138
Oskaloosa				15
Ozark 1st	177	162	161	158
Park Hills 1st	167	144	146	148
Pleasant Hill	45	46	38	50
Purdy	55	60	61	
Richwoods	40			
Rock Chapel	55	54	50	45
Rolla 1st	30	35	31	38
Springfield 1st	140	133	120	
Sunnyview				45
Thayer	191	188	182	
Trinity	94	95	75	
Union Grove		117	122	121
United	564	581	574	604
Willow Springs		71		
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove	81	71	66	
This is only a partial listing. There are 184 FWB churches in Missouri.				



### (often asked questions from page 2)

begins to grow--suspicion, doubt, and fear sets in--separation soon follows. Sometimes those who hurt us the most deeply are fellow Christians, family members, and even close friends. Relationships are meant to grow and flourish, not to end abruptly. One of the keys to strong relationships is forgiveness which is the actually the fruit of the Spirit at work in our lives as we endure (even all things) in one another (1 Cor. 13). Just look at how enduring and forgiving God is with us!

### **3. AN UNFORGIVING ATTITUDE HAMPERS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

As believers we treasure God's promise of forgiveness from Him for ourselves. Quite succinctly Jesus taught that our willingness to forgive others is a distinct characteristic of our faith that assures us of God's mercy to us, (Matt. 6:14-15). As receivers of his forgiveness we are also to be givers of his forgiveness! Confidence that we are forgiven comes as we practice forgiveness to others. When we judge (condemn) others

and refuse to forgive, we only bring back condemnation on our own hearts. When our own hearts condemn us, our relationship and confidence in God is greatly hampered.

Finding the grace to forgive others when we are deeply hurt is not easy, but it is possible, and God's Word promises for it to be profitable. A little boy was asked what forgiveness is and gave the following answer, "It is the odor that flowers breathe when they are trampled upon." Our Lord Jesus, the lily of the valley, best exemplified this with these familiar words as he was being cruelly and unjustly crucified, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

helped by relieving her of the stress of ministry, being a pastor's wife, and living in the church's apartment. He has asked that the missionaries take the responsibility for the church for an indefinite time.

Pray for our team as we do "damage control" and seek God's discernment in providing leadership and guidance for the church here. Also pray that we would be able to minister to this precious pastor's family so that they could be restored to the ministry. Pray that, in spite of this setback, a new work or works could be established in the area in the very near future.

Thank you for all that you do to hold us up both spiritually and financially. Thank you for all that you do to hold us up both spiritually and financially.

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### (McDonalds News from page 4)

unable to function -- not getting out of bed, not eating, not able to care for their 7-year-old daughter. Many have been in prayer for her healing. We learned last Sunday, Sept. 2, that Pastor Sabuta feels he can no longer bear up under this weight of responsibility and must give up his pastorate for awhile. He feels that his wife's recovery may be



## **Financial Report August 2001**



### **Cooperative Disbursements July 2001 \$63,120.07**

18.50% State Home Mission	\$11,677.21
17.50% Executive Office	11,046.01
3.00% General Fund	1,893.60
.50% Show-Me Plan	315.60
8.50% Youth Camp Board	5,365.21
3.50% Youth C. Restricted	2,209.20
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd	1,262.40
2.00% Christian Education Bd	1,262.40
2.00% Senior Adult Min. Bd	1,262.40
9.00% Retirement Program	5,680.82
30.50%	19,251.62
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	1,893.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,120.07</b>

### **Co-op**

Amity	\$195.35
Aulsbury Chapel	\$200.61
Bailey	\$264.00
Bailey Chapel	\$250.00
Belton	\$319.30
Berean	\$46.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$102.44

Bethel- Northview	\$515.00	Kirkville 1st	\$73.63	Rock Chapel	\$412.94
Black Oak	\$336.85	Koshkonong	\$264.65	Rolla 1st	\$332.00
Buffalo 1st	\$100.00	Lead Hill	\$252.15	Royal Oak	\$123.00
Byrd	\$178.40	Lebanon	\$265.12	Seymour	\$566.00
Cabool 1st	\$352.34	Lebanon	\$361.17	Smyrna	\$96.00
Calvary Chapel	\$1,667.48	Lebanon 1st	\$1,317.70	Smyrna	\$63.00
Carthage	\$315.00	Lone Star	\$77.90	Springfield 1st	\$1,537.82
Central	\$1,129.78	Macedonia- Niangua	\$122.59	St. Francois	\$39.00
Chapel of the Ozarks	\$203.96	Marshfield	\$243.00	St. Peters	\$558.00
Christ Chapel	\$365.53	Merls Chapel	\$197.00	Stockton	\$239.00
Clifton	\$65.00	Mill Creek	\$648.37	Thayer	\$1,069.00
Copper Mines	\$419.68	Mine Lamotte	\$87.75	Trinity	\$1,088.60
Cornerstone	\$597.30	Monett 1st	\$616.02	Union Grove	\$597.00
Cornerstone- Joplin	\$103.00	Monett 1st	\$564.54	Union Grove	\$443.00
Crossroads-Wentzville	\$882.00	Mt. Pizgah	\$429.00	United Light	\$176.00
Cuba	\$715.00	Mt. Zion- Gower	\$48.70	United	\$1,948.42
Cuba	\$539.00	Mtn. Grove 1st	\$2,258.37	Unity	\$750.00
Desoto 1st	\$1,600.00	Mtn. Grove 1st	\$1,250.20	Verdella	\$664.95
Emmanuel- Colorado	\$148.94	Myrtle	\$384.14	Viburnum	\$455.88
Faith & Hope- Aurora	\$64.65	Myrtle	\$231.37	Victory- Alton	\$371.69
Faith & Hope- Aurora	\$68.70	Neosho 1st	\$95.00	Waynesville	\$444.73
Faith & Hope-Willow Springs	\$154.50	New Home- Lebanon	\$457.10	West Plains 1st	\$802.00
Farmington 1st	\$3,495.67	New Hope- Fredericktown	\$70.00	West Plains 1st	\$770.00
Fellowship- Park Hills	\$1,500.00	New Life-Licking	\$406.72	Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove	\$352.89
Fordland	\$592.25	Niangua	\$241.00	Wolf Creek	\$423.67
Fourth	\$334.37	North Five	\$107.30	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,120.07</b>
Fredericktown 1st	\$417.00	Number One	\$80.47		
Freeman Chapel	\$522.00	Number One	\$76.00		
Freeman Chapel	\$372.50	Oak Grove- Mountain Grove	\$213.27		
Grace	\$1,511.00	Oak Hill, Union	\$2,500.00		
Grant Avenue	\$1,303.64	O'Fallon 1st	\$1,414.00		
Hannibal	\$563.00	Olivet	\$520.00		
Hannon	\$1,290.00	Overland	\$125.00		
Harmony	\$763.00	Ozark 1st	\$1,863.80		
Hartville	\$1,270.00	Park Hills 1st	\$916.60		
Hopewell	\$257.00	Parkview	\$642.29		
Houston 1st	\$838.99	Pleasant Hill	\$241.76		
Hurryville	\$457.45	Pleasant Home	\$263.19		
Jackson	\$212.70	Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$101.00		
Joplin 1st	\$817.52	Potosi 1st	\$185.39		
Kirkville 1st	\$64.32	Republic	\$100.00		



Buxton, G. ....	\$30.00
Cabool .....	\$135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo .....	\$120.00
Cartee, J. ....	\$15.00
Central .....	\$733.00
Chrisman, M. ....	\$30.00
Cook, J. ....	\$360.00
Copper Mines .....	\$150.00
Copper Mines - Teen & Jr Class .....	\$30.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult Class .....	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove .....	\$333.02
Cuba .....	\$256.80
Cuba .....	\$199.20
DeSoto 1st .....	\$552.50
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class .....	\$15.00
Faith - St. Louis .....	\$30.00
Faith & Hope - W.S. ....	\$120.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$800.00
Fellowship .....	\$641.78
Fordland .....	\$250.00
Fourth .....	\$60.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$150.00
Freeman Chapel .....	\$540.00
Freeman Chapel .....	\$540.00
Garrett, R. ....	\$15.00
Gospel Light .....	\$825.00
Grace .....	\$351.00
Graham, S. ....	\$15.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$370.00
Greenfield .....	\$180.00
Hannon .....	\$1,940.00
Happy Hill .....	\$30.00
Harmony - Parkville .....	\$156.83
Hartville .....	\$240.00
Houston 1st .....	\$334.81
Houston 1st .....	\$338.00
Hurryville .....	\$300.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class .....	\$19.00
Jackson .....	\$20.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$115.00
Leadington .....	\$200.00
Lebanon 1st .....	\$150.00
Lebanon F.W.B. ....	\$30.00
Lebanon F.W.B. ....	\$30.00
Macedonia - Purdy .....	\$6,000.00
Maggart, D. ....	\$45.00
Mason, E. ....	\$10.00
Matthews, A. ....	\$30.00
Matthews, G. ....	\$95.50
Merl's Chapel .....	\$200.00
Mill Creek .....	\$140.00
Mill Creek C. W. F. ....	\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S.C. ....	\$15.00
Mine La Motte .....	\$45.00
Missouri State WACt .....	\$280.00
Monett 1st .....	\$105.00
Monett 1st .....	\$370.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$570.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$450.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer .....	\$30.00
Myrtle .....	\$75.00
Myrtle .....	\$75.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$165.00
New Home - Hartville .....	\$150.00
New Home - Lebanon .....	\$180.00
New Hope - Fredericktown .....	\$105.00
New Life - Licking .....	\$87.25
New Testament .....	\$15.00
Noel, D. ....	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Houston .....	\$30.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$185.50
Olivet .....	\$45.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$30.00
Park Hills 1st .....	\$289.98
Parker, G. ....	\$15.00
Parkview - Desloge .....	\$229.81
Parkview - Desloge .....	\$62.00
Peirce, L. & R. ....	\$40.00
Pinkerton, J. ....	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill .....	\$15.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$330.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana .....	\$50.00
Purdy .....	\$285.00
Ratterree, Tom .....	\$15.00
Rehkop, L. ....	\$30.00

Reiter, Ken .....	\$30.00
Richwoods .....	\$52.50
Rock Chapel .....	\$225.00
Rogers, B. ....	\$15.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$30.00
Royal Oak .....	\$120.00
Ruble N. ....	\$45.00
Ruble N. ....	\$45.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$515.00
Thayer .....	\$225.00
Thomas, E. ....	\$15.00
Trinity .....	\$540.00
Tyrone .....	\$360.00
Union Light .....	\$150.00
United - West Plains .....	\$369.04
Unity .....	\$75.00
Verdella .....	\$984.95
Victory - Alton .....	\$371.69
Walnut Grove .....	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$373.25
West Plains 1st .....	\$241.00
White, R. ....	\$15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove .....	\$70.00
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$150.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$28,653.32</b>

#### Foreign Missions

Chapman, A. ....	\$20.00
Cuba .....	\$42.80
Cuba .....	\$33.20
Elva Turnbough Memorial Fund .....	\$430.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$22.50
Fordland .....	\$10.00
Fourth .....	\$50.00
G. M. ....	\$160.00
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$15.00
Haney, A. ....	\$40.00
Houston 1st .....	\$10.00
Houston 1st .....	\$50.00
Lewis, D. ....	\$10.00
Minor, K. ....	\$10.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$15.00
New Testament .....	\$70.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$170.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$50.50
Springfield 1st .....	\$50.00
St. Peters .....	\$20.00
Thayer .....	\$85.00
Trinity .....	\$298.73
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,742.73</b>

#### State Home Missions

Belton .....	\$70.00
DeSoto Children's Church .....	\$20.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$90.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$110.00
Fellowship- Park Hills .....	\$125.00
Fordland .....	\$5.00
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
Grace .....	\$55.00
Lebanon Bible & Book .....	\$330.00
Merls Chapel .....	\$60.00
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	\$50.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$51.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$20.00
Thayer .....	\$75.00
Trinity .....	\$54.43
United .....	\$25.00
Waynesville .....	\$50.00
White, Richard .....	\$10.00
Wormington, L. ....	\$30.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,320.43</b>

#### Nat'l Home Missions

Belton .....	\$95.00
Chapman, A. ....	\$10.00
Cuba .....	\$128.40
Cuba .....	\$99.60
Degonia, C. ....	\$5.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$543.00
Desoto Auditorium Class .....	\$10.00
Faith & Hope- Aurora .....	\$64.65
Faith & Hope- Aurora .....	\$68.70

Farmington 1st .....	\$340.00
Fordland .....	\$30.00
Fortner, R. ....	\$5.00
Fourth .....	\$50.00
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
Grace .....	\$132.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$30.00
Hannon .....	\$774.00
Hartville .....	\$100.00
Houston 1st .....	\$30.00
Houston 1st .....	\$25.00
Huffman, T. ....	\$20.00
Jackson .....	\$55.00
Jackson Kid's Crusade .....	\$88.16
Joplin 1st .....	\$40.00
King, B. ....	\$5.00
Macedonia- Purdy .....	\$100.00
Monett 1st .....	\$25.00
Monett 1st .....	\$205.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$25.00
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	\$60.00
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	\$65.00
Myrtle .....	\$95.00
Myrtle .....	\$81.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$110.00
Neosho 1st VBS Offering .....	\$704.51
New Home-Hartville .....	\$10.00
New Testament .....	\$170.00
O' Fallon 1st .....	\$51.00
Park Hills 1st .....	\$288.32
Pleasant Home .....	\$67.24
Rader, J. ....	\$20.00
Richwoods 1st .....	\$119.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$73.35
Rogers, B. ....	\$20.00
Ruble, N. ....	\$10.00
Ruble, N. ....	\$10.00
Thayer .....	\$428.00
Thebeau, B. ....	\$5.00
Trinity .....	\$64.43
Union Light .....	\$96.00
United .....	\$150.00
Unity .....	\$50.00
Verdella .....	\$10.00
Wolf Creek .....	\$75.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$6,016.36</b>

#### Youth Camp

Mountain Grove 1st .....	10.00
Hannon .....	30.00
Hartville .....	10.00
Rolla 1st .....	20.00
Cornerstone .....	25.00
New Home-Hartville .....	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Book .....	180.00
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove .....	10.00
Thayer .....	52.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	15.00
Niangua .....	80.00
Ozark 1st .....	10.00
Verdella .....	10.00
Desoto 1st .....	55.00
West Plains 1st .....	65.00
Calvary Chapel Sr. Adult SS .....	148.00
Trinity .....	9.00
Buffalo 1st .....	50.00
Park Hills 1st .....	35.00
Cabool 1st .....	10.00
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$844.00</b>

#### Camp Development Fund

Myrtle .....	126.00
Rock Chapel .....	480.00
Buffalo 1st .....	2000.00
Houston 1st .....	100.00
Houston 1st .....	100.00
Wolf Creek (Penny March) .....	85.19
Myrtle .....	113.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,004.19</b>

#### C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	130.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>

#### Senior Adult Ministries

Lebanon Bible & Book Store .....	130.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>

#### Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	130.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>

#### Free Will Baptist Bible College

Myrtle .....	135.00
Ruble, N. ....	15.00
Farmington .....	142.62
Thayer .....	50.00
Verdella .....	132.99
Desoto 1st .....	40.00
Ruble, N. ....	15.00
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	30.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$560.61</b>

#### Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Hannon .....	50.00
Farmington 1st .....	117.03
Joplin 1st .....	75.00
Grant Avenue .....	10.00
Thayer .....	50.00
Neosho 1st .....	60.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$362.03</b>

#### California Christian College

Farmington 1st .....	40.35
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$40.35</b>

#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

Myrtle .....	6.00
Hannon .....	100.00
Farmington .....	30.00
Unity .....	20.00
Belton .....	90.00
New Hope- Fredericktown .....	30.00
Nosser, M. ....	25.00
Desoto 1st .....	55.00
Myrtle .....	5.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$361.00</b>

#### Rev. John McClure

Carthage .....	25.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	72.50
Gospel Light .....	80.00
Monett 1st .....	25.00
Thayer .....	5.00
Buffalo 1st .....	1000.00
Purdy .....	20.00
Chapman, A. ....	10.00
Grace .....	15.00
Central Western WAC .....	15.00
Harmony-KC .....	20.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	22.50
Monett 1st .....	170.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1480.00</b>

#### Richard Stanley

Chapman, A. ....	10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>10.00</b>

#### Cornerstone FWB Church

(Brian Brinkoff)	
Merls Chapel .....	50.00
New Testament .....	10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>

#### Vergel Maness

Gospel Light .....	80.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>

#### Rev. Gary Terrell

Monett 1st .....	20.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

#### Morgan Minkler

Belton .....	40.00
Harmony-KC .....	209.38
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$249.38</b>



# NOVEMBER is HOME MISSIONS MONTH

This special emphasis is a part of the "Together Way Plan" adopted by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

## Benjamin Randall Day November 18, 2001

**The Home Missions Department is committed to helping** *our missionaries and chaplains, church planting and church growth, and the cross-cultural ministry.* The opportunities for Free Will Baptists to make an impact on our country for Jesus Christ are unlimited. Please join us in striving toward our goals in the work of the Lord.

**Every church** is urged to give a special offering for the National Home Missions General Fund. We need your help! Please make this your best gift yet!

**Free materials** to promote Benjamin Randall Day may be obtained from the Free Will Baptist Home Missions Department, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011.

## Scott Cheatham Northglenn, Colorado

Greetings to our wonderful support team from the Cheatham family, your home missionaries to the Mile High Free Will Baptist Church in Northglenn, Colorado.

I bring greetings of peace to you from each of our church members who are diligently serving the Lord in the work of building up this church. My family arrived here just before July as we had planned. We were met by a loving group of people who had spent the past few weeks cleaning and sprucing up our rental house to get it ready for us to live in. I couldn't begin to name names because so many helped in the work. It was a joyous occasion for us to meet with each one and begin planning the future of our church.

The church family here is anticipating great blessings from the Lord as we begin to lock arms and start evangelizing the communities around us. From the outset, I've preached reaching the lost and discipling new believers. I truly believe that's how you build the church. It helps when you have a group of loving believers like we have at Mile High. They are ready to start doing the Lord's work.

As far as family goes, the kids are busy preparing for school. Felicia begins fourth grade this year and Devin will be in first. We still have a ways to go with our youngest, Korissa, who turned 3 earlier this month. Devin's already playing youth football here in Northglenn and loves it.

...I want to personally thank you for your help in supporting our work. I look at our financial sheet and see so many familiar names contributing to the work here in Colorado. You have no idea how much the church family here appreciates all that you do. At a recent mid-week prayer service, one of our church leaders said, "It's unbelievable how much love the churches in Missouri have shown to us here." I told him it's easy when you know the folks like I do! Rest assured that each dollar you contribute is diligently cared for when planning the work of building this church. I would love for anyone to stop by and visit for a tour and I'll show you just how excited I am about our future. God Bless you and thanks so much for caring enough to help with our work!



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