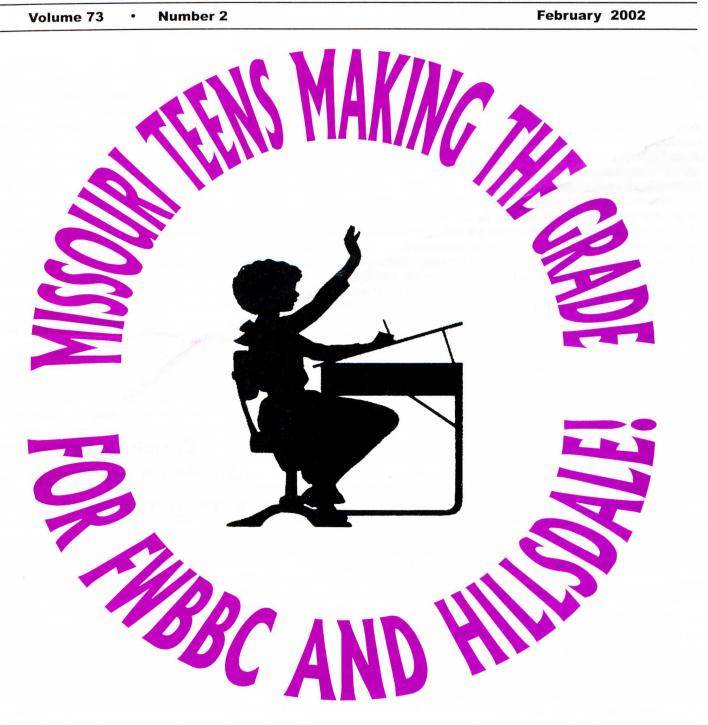




Missouri State Association

of Free Will Baptists





# OFTEN ASKED QUESTIONS

by Pastor R.E. Dablemont

#### The Question of Fear

In the course of serving people as a pastor and counselor, I find that very often people are very reluctant to acknowledge their fears. Fear freezes the heart and stifles the

faith of many people. A continuing denial of fear, the pretensious and pious appearance outwardly that all is well, can be very damaging to the proper development of a healthy personality and spirituality. God speaks frequently to us in His Word about our fears. Yes! We are clearly told not to fear, but the very fact that God reassures so many times to not be afraid emphasizes the reality of our fears.

The LORD said to Israel, "You are my servant, I have chosen you, and not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God" (Isaiah 41:9:10, NIV). This past year in America, the challenge of war, the fluctuation of finance, and the uncertainty that accompanies cultural change--all of these and more--created fear in the hearts and lives of many of us. These are all very commonly shared fears, but even yet, we are to trust in the sovereign LORD, who will be "exalted among the nations for He is God" (Psalm 46). These kinds of fears most of us readily admit.

However, other kinds of fears: (rejection, failure, ability to change or be changed, and full acceptance by God) tend to be denied. The problem is often related to the fact that it is uncomfortable for us to admit what we really are, what we have done, or where we have come from, or to come to grips with what we have been through. In the mid 1980's a popular movie, THE BREAKFAST CLUB, dramatically portrayed this reality. In this movie, five teens in school detention (all pretending to be something they are not and hiding their real fears behind different masking personas) find out that although facing the truth is not easy, it is necessary. The girls (the princess and the basket-case) and the boys (the brain, the jock, and the criminal) all acknowledge their fears. In the process also these five, despite their difficult backgrounds, discover they can still be loved for who and what they are. A warm, accepting relationship (fellowship) develops slowly among them as they share their deepest fears and overcome their differences--a beautiful parody, by the way, of what should be happening in our local churches.

It's rather interesting that in this particular movie, the school janitor has more sense than the school teacher who is supervising detention. Real life is often that way too, with those in lofty positions of authority still living in denial--(eg. the scribes & pharisees)!

We tend to get bogged down in our own inability rather than be lifted up in the truth of God's capabililty! The key to overcoming fear is rooted in our understanding of God's love and that understanding can only come after we acknowledge ourselves honestly before God and as we experience the reality of God's unconditional love through God's people.

God's Word tells us that "...perfect love drives out fear."

#### Worship Service Averages September 2001- December 2001

September	2001-	Decemb	61200	
Churches:	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Beacon	108	108		
Belton	51	60	43	56
Buffalo 1st	125	125	107	109
Cabool				37
Calvary Chapel	262	259	265	240
Calvary Fellowship	311	343	280	325
Copper Mines	47	46	47	
Columbia	48	56	52	47
Crossroads-Lebanon	94	87		85
Crossroads-Wentzville	60	64	65	68
DeSoto	229	226	226	
Hannibal		100	78	
Hannon			140	151
Harmony - Parkville		95	86	
Hartville	170	205	182	202
Hopewell	39	36	40	35
Houston	74	74	69	73
Hurryville	101	101	96	99
Joplin 1st	88			
Lebanon 1st	144		131	130
Lebanon FWB	42	51	51	50
Macedonia- Purdy	152	146	159	165
Mill Creek	90	88	84	80
Mine LaMotte	41	35	34	40
Mt. Pisgah	72	69	75	73
Myrtle	30	31	32	29
New Life - Licking	67	69	68	75
Oak Hill- Union	46	49	49	53
O'Fallon 1st	148	109	155	158
Oskaloosa			22	
Ozark 1st	163	186	149	180
Pleasant Hill	37	34	27	32
Purdy	73	66	76	
Richwoods	45	40	41	
Rock Chapel	51	54	50	57
Rolla 1st	39	41	35	32
Springfield 1st	123	137	125	138
Sunnyview	43	40	45	
Terrill Road	50	61		
Thayer	182	199	175	187
Trinity	87	88	72	83
Union Grove	134	119		
United	628	548	514	554
Willow Springs-Mtn. Gr			72	
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This is only a partial listing. There are 184 FWB Churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in their worship averages.

# Chuck Lotz Available for Pulpit Supply and Revivals

God has graciously been restoring the health of Chuck Lotz, and he is now available for pulpit supply and revival services. He can be contacted at 573-358-3215.

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# Ozark's Men's Rally

Men you are invited to enjoy great singing, praising, fellowhip and preaching at the fifth annual Men's Rally of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ozark March 8th. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Rev. John Williams will be the guest speaker. The church is located at 201 E. Church St. in Ozark.

# INFORMATION CONCERNING MISSOURI STATE RETIREMENT PROGRAM

In order for a pastor, associate pastor, or full-time youth minister to participate in the Missouri Retirement Program, the church he is serving must support the Missouri State Cooperative Program with the full 10% of its regular tithes and offerings. This ministry is funded through cooperative giving. (The associate pastor and/or full-time youth minister must receive his salary from the church as a full-time employee.) The individual must also enroll with the Board of Retirement & Insurance in Nashville, Tennessee. The enrollment fee is \$10.00. This may be paid through the State Office, but it goes to the Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement & Insurance.

A Retirement Pension Enrollment Form supplied by the State Office shows the three plans for participation in the program..

Plan I is defined as Full Employer participation with the church contributing at least 5% of the base salary. A \$25,000 term life insurance policy is mandatory with this plan. The premiums are deducted from the employer contributions.

Plan 2 is defined as an Individual Plan with the employer or the individual contributing at least 3% of the base salary. The term life insurance is optional for Plan 2.

Plan 3 is an introductory plan. The individual or the employer contributes a minimmum of \$10.00 per month. The life insurance is not available with this plan.

Tax Deferred Contribution information: 100% of salary up to \$11,000 is allowed for total tax deferred contributions. This includes both Salary Reduction Agreement (SRA) (this SRA from may be obtained from the State Office or the Board of Retirement & Insurance) and employer (church) contributions. Base salary is taxable income which excludes benefits such as housing allowance. Ministers may include compensation for honorariums, revival offerings, etc.. Ministers over the age of 50 are allowed \$12,000 in tax deferred contributions.

A new SRA may be filed once in any 12 month period. It is not retroactive. Increases may not be credited prior to the date of signature.

It is a member's responsibility to maintain and keep accurate records for tax liability and reports to IRS. It is recommended that you keep all SRA forms, semiannual statements, and correspondence, and that you seek competent counsel in all tax matters All tax deferred contributions are subject to income taxes the year of withdrawal or distribution. Early withdrawals may be subject to an added 10% penalty. At retirement, distributions for ordained members may be designated housing allowance and tax free (determined by current IRS regulations). Distributions from tax deferred funds to unordained spouses are subject to taxes.

Twice each year, shortly following January I and July 1, the Board of Retirement & Insurance, which holds the money in trust, disburses the amount stated by the Missouri State Association to the account of the participant. Presently the amount is \$450.00. Before this transfer is made the treasurer of the local church is asked to sign a form, sent from the State Office, stating that the church has supported the Missouri State Cooperative Program with the full 10% of its regular tithes and offerings.

There are several options at retirement. Space will not permit including all of this information. Please do not hesitate to call, write, or come by for any help that is needed.

# HANNON YOUTH GROUP RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

The Hannon FWB Church Youth Group was named Youth Group of the Year at the National Association of Free Will Baptists this past July in Detroit, Michigan. The group was nominated for this award by Chicago Home Missionary David Potete for the work that they did this past May when they went to Chicago on a mission trip. This group also received a letter of commendation from the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists for the work that was accomplished during that trip. The Hannon Church is very proud of the youth group and their dedication to serve the Lord.

We are also thankful for the adult leaders and their tireless effort to work with these young people. To God be the glory.

Rev. George Naauman is the pastor of the Hannon Church.

## News From the Bunches

We would like to thank each and every one of you for your faithfulness in praying and supporting God's work here in Panama. We are reaching several milestones in our lives. Our son Jonathan is now a college graduate. Alicia is a college freshman. Amanda is a high school junior.

God has been faithful and good to us. So have you. Thank you.

The Bunches will begin state side assignment April 12, 2002.

## COPPER MINES CHURCH SEEKING A PASTOR

The Copper Mines Church located near Fredericktown, Missouri, is seeking a pastor. Interested parties may call David Hovis 573-783-7804 or Vernon Sikes 573-783-6238.

## **2001 CO-OP RECEIPTS**

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Amity		Hannon		Overland	
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Bailey Chapel		Hartville		Parkview	
Beacon		Hazel Creek		Pleasant Hill-Thayer	
Belton		Hickory Grove		Pleasant Home-Mtn.Grove	
Berean		Hopewell		Pleasant Ridge-Urbana	
Bethel-El Dorado Springs		Houston 1st		Potosi	
Bethel-Northview		Hurryville		Republic	
Black Oak		Jackson		Richwood	
Blue Springs		Jones Chapel		Rock Chapel	
Bourbon		Joplin 1st	\$8,196.82	Rolla 1st	
Buffalo 1st		Jeruel	\$366.05	Royal Oak-Alton	
Byrd		Kirksville 1st	\$873.67	Salem	
Calvary Chapel	\$16,701.06	Koshkonong	\$1,700.23	Seymour	
Calvary Fellowship	\$3,418.00	Lead Hill	\$3,485.91	Smyrna	
Cape Girardeau	\$4,300.13	Lebanon FWB		South Fremont	
Carthage		Lebanon 1st	\$12,999.50	Southside	
Central	\$11,467.04	Liberty	\$574.58	Springfield 1st	
Chapel of the Ozarks		Lone Star	\$592.79	St.Francois Assn	
Christ Chapel	\$4.385.22	Macedonia-Niangua		St. Peters	
Clifton	\$701.92	Marshfield		Stockton	
Columbia	\$3.516.40	Merls Chapel	\$1,990.00	Stovall, J	
Copper Mines	\$5,355,23	Mill Creek	\$6,548.27	Southern Hills - Overland Ks	
Cornerstone-Joplin	\$198.00	Mine LaMotte	\$952.31	Terrill Rd	
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Cross Roads - Lebanon	\$1,980.00	Mountain Grove1st	., \$16,752.06	Trinity	
Crossroads-Wentzville	\$9 132 25	Mt.Pisgah	\$5,364.00	Twin Oak	\$5,400.00
Cuba	\$7 457 21	Mt. Zion- Cuba	\$100.00	Union-Success	\$240.00
DeSoto 1st	\$18.698.00	Mt.Zion-Gower	\$658.50	Union Grove	\$5,958.00
Emanuel-Loveland,CO	\$1 087 24	Myrtle	\$2,928,92	Union Light	\$1,863.00
Faith & Hope-Aurora	\$866.21	Neosho 1st	\$950.00	United	\$20,473.27
Faith & Hope-Willow Spring	\$1 752 63	New Harmony	\$231.54	Unity	\$5,820.00
Farmington	\$35,742.26	New Home-Lebanon	\$1 354.88	Verdella	\$7,051.31
Fellowship	\$15,600,00	New Hope-Fredericktown	\$840.00	Viburnum	\$5,290.80
Fordland	\$7 563 65	New Life-Licking	\$4 691 28	Victory-Alton	
Fourth	\$3 253 30	Niangua	\$2,686,00	Victory-KC	\$3,553.07
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Grace	\$16.368.00	Oak Hill-Union	\$6,926.33	Willow Springs-Mtn.Grove .	
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# 2001 Show-Me Receipts

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Greater Springfield \$16,015.66
Indian Creek \$70,004.13
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Liberty \$8,615.00
Mid-Rivers \$3,182.75

Mission	\$42,181.99
MO-ARK	
Niangua	\$1,320.00
Northeast	\$4,087.30
Northwest	\$6,975.00
South Central	\$16,779.50
Southeast	\$10,915.00

St. Francois \$46,449.78
St. Louis \$24,096.77
Miscellaneous \$270.85
MO Women Active for Christ . \$8,682.40
State Meeting Offering \$649.00
Total \$332,890.91

#### BIBLE CONFERENCE SERVICE TO HONOR DR. TOM MALONE

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—The Tuesday evening service of Free Will Baptist Bible College's spring Bible Conference will be dedicated to President Tom Malone, who will soon become the college's third chancellor. The March 12, 2002, service will feature a message by Dr. Malone, with a reception to follow in the college's Cumberland Cafeteria.

Dr. Malone has served as the college's president since 1990. Under his leadereship, the college has achieved regional accreditation and begun plans to move the campus. As chancellor, Dr. Malone will be a key representative for the college across the denomination. Dr. L. C. Johnson and Dr. Charles Thigpen, the college's first and third presidents, upon their departure from the presidency, each became chancellor of the institution.

Rev. Matthew Pinson, a Georgia pastor and an alumnus, will become the Bible College's fifth president in March. Plans are underway for his inauguration to be held September 26, 2002, in FWBBC's Picirilli Activities Center.

Other Bible Conference speakers will be Evangelist David Miller, Alabama pastor Rev. Danny Williams, and representatives of the Classes of 1953 and 1977.

Free Will Baptists are urged to attend the spring Bible Conference, March 10-14 and the presidential inauguration in September.

# **Minister's Retreat**

## Stonecroft Conference Center March 18 - 20, 2002

Sponsored by the Executive Office and the Chrisitan Education Board



Rev. Fred Warner
Pastor of the Vista Free Will Baptist Church
Van Buren, Arkansas



Rev. Larry Powell
Director of the National
Home Missions Department

**COST:** \$70.00 per person based on double occupancy: Fee includes two nights lodging, five meals and two snacks.

Registration Form					
Name		Home Phone			
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A \$20 non-refundable deposit is required for each person. Please return this registration form to:

<u>Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536.</u>

Registration forms must arrive at the State Office on or before the 10th of March.

Note: Minister's wives are welcome to accompany their husbands.

#### March 6-8, 2002 Russellville, AR

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- Learn how to unify your church's ministries through a common vision and purpose.

#### 29 STUDENTS APPROVED FOR FOREIGN MISSION SERVICE

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE--Some 29 Free Will Baptist Bible College students have been approved for foreign missions service for the summer of 2002, according to Tom McCullough, the college's Missions Coordinator. He says, "As far as I'm able to tell, this is largest participation for summer overseas opportunities that we've ever had from FWBBC." He notes that this does not count students who might be going under other mission boards.

Some students will participate in outreach at the Soccer World Cup in Japan. Others will assist our missionaries and high school students who will be visiting mission fields.

#### WORLD CUP, '02

"World Cup, '02" will be an evangelistic team going to Sapporo. Japan for this summer's World Cup Soccer Tournament. Their main objective will be to assist the Japanese church in evangelistic outreach to the tens of thousands of international visitors who will be present for the soccer games.

Mr. McCullough says, "Their ministries will probably take the form of street music and drama performances, literature distribution and one-on-one personal evangelism." Susan Pattengill from Park Hills, Missouri, will be part of the World Cup team:

Please pray for these outstanding young people. If you wish to help with their support, you may direct it to:

(Student's Name) Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions P.O. Box 5002 Antioch, TN 37011

# Financial Report December 2001

#### Cooperative Disbursements

December 2001 \$42,082.85
18.50%St Home Mission Bd \$7,785.33
17.50% Executive Office 7,364.50
3.00% General Fund 1,262.49
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8.50% Youth Camp Board 3,577.04
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Bailey	\$205.00
Bailey Chapel	\$160.00
Belton	\$331.00
Berean	\$41.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$192.47
Bethel- Northview	\$279.00
Black Oak	\$627.79
Byrd	\$94.60
Calvary Chapel	\$1,320.22
Carthage	\$320.00
Central	\$1,009.00
Christ Chapel	\$331.14
Clifton	\$53.32
Columbia	\$413.95
Copper Mines	\$550.10
Cornerstone	\$427.62
Crossroads- Wentzville	\$625.00
Cuba	\$539.42
Desoto 1st	\$1,450.00
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. Zion- Gower	\$40.00	DeSoto 1st	\$552.50	Haney, A.		Senior Adult Ministries	
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ovmour	\$505.00	Jackson	\$25.00	Cuba		Hillsdale Free Will Baptist C	ollege
myrna	\$60.00	Jones Chapel	Φ260.00	Degonia, C	. \$15.00	Farmington	
st. Peters	\$454.00	Joplin 1st	\$360.00	Desoto 1st	\$506.00	Grant Avenue	
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Jnity	\$750.00	Mill Creek C. W. F.	\$15.00	Grant Avenue		Farmington 1st	\$40.
/erdella	\$480.59	Mill Creek Young Adult S.S.C	\$15.00	Hannon\$	1,632.00	Total	\$40.
/iburnum	\$798.43	Mine La Motte	\$15.00	Harmony Fellowship	\$593.00		
/ictory- Alton	\$292.40	Missouri State WAC	\$75.00	Hartville\$	1,200.00	Rev. John McClure	
Naynesville 1st	\$375.47	Monett 1st	\$514.40	Huffman, T	\$5.00	Gospel Light	80.0
Williow Springs- Mtn. Grove	\$266.04	Mountain Cross 4	\$215.00	.lackson	\$50.00	Monett 1st	85.0
Willow Springs- With Grove	\$454.74	Mountain Grove 1st	. \$1,075.00	Joplin 1st	\$70.00	Farmington 1st	5.0
Wolf Creek	\$454.74	Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00	King, B	\$5.00	Mountain Grove 1st	47.
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Big Creek		West Plains 1st		Thayer		Chapman, A	0
Black Oak	\$120.00	White, R	\$15.00	Trinity		Totals	20
Blue Springs		Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove					



# The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

Waiting. . . not exactly what I do best; what about you? I must confess that I have been known to switch lanes at Wal-Mart two or three times to be closer to the coveted "next in line" position as opposed to standing idly by and reading tabloid headlines, contemplating that tempting candy bar, or talking incessantly to the patient soul behind me.

When I think of Biblical examples of waiting, Sarah immediately comes to mind. She yearned for the joys of motherhood -- so much so that she decided to "help" God put His plan into action (I have also been guilty of this). If Abraham would conceive a child with her maidservant, Sarah began planning, she could raise the child as her very own. Though the plan worked beautifully at first, the events that followed must have made Sarah regret ever deciding to push ahead God's timetable.

We also are like Sarah in the way we cope with a long wait: concluding that we are waiting for something which will never happen (guilty here, too). Ninety years Sarah was without a child but she continued to wait. When God told her she would finally have the child she longed for, she laughed -- maybe not from lack of faith but more from her doubt of what God could do through her. Even at her age, Sarah indeed had the child whom she was to adore.

From Sarah's life, I see God's response to faith. I also see God stretching the limits to cause unheard-of events to occur. I want to practice that kind of faith, patience, and trust. I'm learning that the cake tastes a lot better when I wait for it to fully bake than when I impatiently grab it from the oven only halfway through its cooking time.

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalm 27:14

## Turnbough Update

Hi,

We are back in Spain. Our trip over was uneventful (that's good), but it took us longer than usual. Our cheaper tickets took us from Nashville to Detroit to Amsterdam and then to Madrid. The McVays met us at the airport in Madrid and had (a Spanish!) supper prepared for us.

While the temperatures are not extremely colder than what we left behind in Nashville, it seems much colder to us. Our front yard here is covered with snow that has stayed there after falling about a week ago.

It is good to see old friends and meet new ones. We appreciate your prayers as we make the transition back into life and ministry here.

I (Jeff) dropped our laptop computer a couple of days before we left the USA. Thanks to Cheri Ham (and others in the foreign missions office), we have a new one. My brotherin-law Allan Crowson was generous to transfer data from the old computer to the new one. I haven't written sooner because I am having difficulty getting online here. I'm sure it will take some time to get that all straightened out.

Happy New Year!

Here for HIS glory, Jeff and Susan Turnbough

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