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A TRIBUTE TO DR. L. C. JOHNSON

BY
DR. ROBERT E. PICIRILLI

First, let me say that is indeed an honor, and humbling, to have a part in Dr. Johnson's funeral. And I should note that some of what I will say has come from Paul Harrison's unpublished biography of Dr. Johnson or from material Mary Wisehart prepared to be used at his retirement.

When the history of Free Will Baptists in the last half of the twentieth century is written, the role of Dr. L. C. Johnson will be prominent, perhaps the most prominent of any. His leadership has been manifested in various ways, of course, but the main reason his name will be "writ large" among us is his leadership of Free Will Baptist Bible College, from its founding.

Linton Carroll Johnson was born February 3, 1914, to Thomas and Mary Jane Johnson. That Linton grew up as an only son with four sisters—Lollie, Lola, Lexie, and Lennie—may help us understand something of the personality of the man. One thing is sure: for us who knew him he was always the epitome of a southern gentleman. He must have learned that very early!

The Johnsons were part of the "landed gentry" of southern, rural Georgia. They farmed for a living, and young Linton learned early to do his share of the



work, including plowing. Later on he would say that it's a mighty discouraging thing to plow all morning and be able to spit over what you had finished. Long rows work that way. He also learned the value of work, during high school, in the Quality Grocery Store in Alma, where his leadership qualities were soon recognized and he rose to the unofficial position of store

manager.

The Johnson family attended church at Pine Level. At the age of 14, Linton went forward, during a revival preached by H. L. Lumpkin, to "join the church," as invitations were often worded in those days. Three years later, under the ministry of I. J. Blackwelder, he found the settled assurance of salvation that he had struggled hard for. He always perceived that the seeking, and the resolution of it, was a source of great confidence and strength. He was never in a hurry to teach new converts a quick and easy assurance.

Listing the events of a man's life doesn't really provide an understanding of the man. But, for the record, here are some of the key events.

He attended Douglas elementary and Bacon high, in this community, graduating from Alma High School in 1932.

He attended Middle Georgia College, in Cochran, in 1932-33. He was licensed to preach in 1933, at age 17, and ordained in 1934 (by the South Georgia Association), having already become pastor here at Pine Level, his home church, earlier in 1934.

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2002 Missouri National Youth Conference Winners

A = Grades 1-3
B = Grades 4-6
C = Grades 7-9
D = Grades 10-12

BIBLE COMPETITION

BIBLE MEMORIZATION

Grade Three

1st Place Gillian Moon, MO

Grade Four

1st Place Ashley Applegate, MO

Grade Five

3rd Place Jeanetta Baumer, MO

Grade Seven

1st Place Stephanie Hurst, MO

Grade Eight

2nd Place Leanna Baumer, MO

TRUTH QUEST

JUNIOR HIGH

2nd Place Michelle Anderson, MO

MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

VOCAL ENSEMBLES

13+ Members

C Hartville Choir, MO

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

Woodwind Solo

C Teddie Collier, MO

Bowed String Solo

B Phillip Easley, MO

Percussion Solo

A Wade Sprenkle, MO

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

2-4 Members

C Hartville Duet, MO

5+ Members

D Carthage Chimers, MO

Keyboard Ensemble

B Kaleb & Katherine, MO

COMMUNICATION ARTS

Famous Speech

B Tadd Wagner, MO

Preaching

C Jordan Cain, MO

Individual Drama

A Rachel Anderson, MO

Illustrated Storytelling

B Amanda Brinkhoff, MO

CREATIVE WRITING

Short Story

B Amanda Brinkhoff, MO

Poetry

A Johanna Brinkhoff, MO

ELECTRONIC MEDIA

Powerpoint Presentation

A Laura Stecher, MO

CREATIVE ARTS

Painting

A Johanna Brinkhoff, MO

Promotional Graphic Art

B Tadd Wagner, MO

Computer Art

A Kirsten Wagner, MO

2003 National Youth Evangelistic Team

Brandi Bailey, MO

STUDENT & CHILDREN MINISTRIES AWARDS

Youth Group of the Year -

Blackwelder Memorial FWB Church,
Worthington Springs, FL

Youth Worker of the Year - Kent

Nelson, Youth Pastor, Unity FWB
Church, Greenville, NC

Youth of the Year - Scott Kernan,

Fellowship FWB, Desloge, MO

Celebration at Terrill Road



Family and friends recently honored Pastor James Wilson, Stephenie, Caleb, and Catie Jo with a celebration and carry-in dinner for their first year of service and ministry at Terrill Road.

Pictured is Brother George Wilson presenting Brother James and Sister Stephenie with a gift of appreciation from the congregation. The Church is truly blessed to have Brother James for their Pastor. The goal of Terrill Road is to reach their community with the love of Christ Jesus and see many souls saved and living for Him.

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the Missouri
Show-Me
Plan

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Freeman Chapel Celebrates Pastor's Thirtieth Year of Ministry to the Church

The congregation of the Freeman Chapel Free Will Baptist Church located near Saint Joseph, Missouri, celebrated pastor Vernon Maggart's 30th year of ministry to their church, Sunday September 8th. God has blessed Brother and Sister Maggart's years of ministry to the church and to the community. Every pew was filled with people who came to express their appreciation.

The service, presided over by Brother Ray Rogers, was blessed by the special music of former member Rhonda Fox and the singing group, the Right Direction. Members of the congregation shared memories and funny stories about their pastor. Vernon and Nita's four children - David, Dana, Debbie, and Danny - gave tribute to their parents. Each commended their parents for their example, their dedication, and their commitment to the Lord, to the church, and to the family.

Brother Vernon was surprised to hear his son Danny introduce the special speaker for the occasion. Dr. Tom Malone, Chancellor of Free Will Baptist Bible College and former class mate of Brother Maggart, had been kept out of sight until he was introduced. Dr. Malone delivered a great message from Job 1:8. During the invitation, one responded for salvation and two for rededication.

Following the invitation, a special pictorial presentation



Dr. Malone, Mrs. & Rev. Vernon Maggart

was shown which depicted events in the family and the church during the past thirty years. Delbert Verbick made a special presentation to Brother and Sister Maggart on behalf of the church and Nathan Ruble shared greetings and congratulations on behalf of the Missouri State Association.

Pastor and Mrs. Maggart each gave a response. Brother Vernon said that he didn't have any plans to go anywhere else. He plans on staying at Freeman Chapel as long as the Lord and the congregation allow him to do so.

The celebration was concluded with a time of fellowship and lunch.

Great VBS at Sunnyview



Sunnyview Free Will Baptist Church had its first Vacation Bible School in over 30 years. They averaged 50 students and 20 workers each night. The Lord blessed with 12 being saved by the end of the week. This would not have been possible without the Lord and the VBS director, Bobbi Woolsey, as well as some excellent workers. Amazing things are happening at Sunnyview. In two short years enrollment has gone from 27 to 85. Thirty two have received Christ and 27 have been baptized. Please pray for Sunnyview and their Pastor, John Uder, that God will give him the strength, knowledge, and wisdom he needs to lead the church.

Homecoming Celebration Held at Hopewell

Hopewell Free Will Baptist church at Tunas, Missouri, held its 25th homecoming celebration August 11, 2002. Former pastor, Milan Ruble, delivered the morning message. Dinner was served following the morning service. An enjoyable afternoon was spent with the church musicians playing and singing the praises of the Lord. Pictured are: L/R Front Row: Eva Marie Glor (historian), Pauline Dampier (pianist), Marcella Ruble, Rev. Milan Ruble. Back Row: Kay Butcher, Pastor Tony Butcher, Deacon William Bishop, Deacon Quinton Bishop.



SEEKING A FULL-TIME SENIOR PASTOR FOR A GROWING CHURCH IN BEAUTIFUL CENTRAL MISSOURI

Located only 1 1/2 hours drive from St. Louis and Springfield, Missouri. Average Sunday morning attendance of 100 plus and Sunday & Wednesday evening attendance of 30 plus. We have numerous group ministries (Shepherd program, Christian Education program, Senior adult group, active teen group, Women Active for Christ, nursing home ministry, King's Kids & Children's Church, van ministry, etc.). We have an excellent benefit package, which includes salary contingent on experience and education, housing arrangements, and a medical insurance supplement. Please send a resume and if available an audio, video, or written sermon manuscript. For more information please contact Don Martin (donette@findnet.com) 803 East Wahsington, Cuba, MO 65453 USA or Richard Dildine (dildine@fidnet.com).

Other Churches Seeking a Pastor

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
1300 S. Summer
El Dorado Springs, MO 64744

Contact Person:
Bro. Lural Mays
phone: 417-876-3492

Copper Mines FWB Church
1300 Madison 220
Fredericktown, MO 63645

Contact person:
David Hovis
phone: 573-783-7804

Cuba Free Will Baptist Church
Cuba, MO

Contact Person:
Don Martin
803 E. Washington
Cuba, MO 65453
Phone: 573-885-7191

First FWB Church
280 Van Buren St.
Lebanon, MO 65536

Contact person:
Jim Hays
Phone : 417-532-5789

The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

I love the story of the country dweller who went to visit his friend in New York City. As they walked down a busy New York street, the visitor remarked that he heard a cricket. His city friend was amused but explained patiently that it was impossible to hear a cricket about the city's noise. Walking over to a planter, the visitor reached down and pulled out a cricket. He smiled and said, "Man hears what he listens for."

I know we have all experienced the frustration of crying out, "DO SOMETHING, God! I know You are there! SAY something — anything!" I also believe that He is saying something — our hearts are just tuned to another wavelength.

God will not scream above our busy lifestyles to get our attention. He will speak volumes, however, to those who turn off their natural ears and listen with their hearts for that still, small voice.

He spoke through Isaiah, saying, "When I called, no one answered, when I spoke, no one listened." He is ready to reveal Himself to those who will earnestly wait and listen.

News From Jefferson City

Greetings from Westport Free Will Baptist Church in Jefferson City. We have had a good summer with many blessings and want to share them with you. We have had two saved in the last two Sundays! Praise God! Also, in July, some teens from Harmony FWB church in Kansas City spent a week with us and helped with our Parent's Night Out. It was good for both our parents and our children.

Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church donated Heavenly Highways song books which are a big blessing in our services. Thank you to Brother R.E. and your congregation! We received a piano from Alvin and Millie Moss, which is a computerized keyboard. These are great! I wish many small churches had one. You can download music and it will play hymns even if you don't have a pianist! These two gifts have really improved the music portion of our services!

We have been to camp this summer where we met many new friends and of course caught up with old friends. Now we are looking forward to a great fall.

Please keep us on your prayer list. We are still looking for God's place for us to meet permanently and need your prayers. Thank you to all who are praying for us and for all the calls and cards of encouragement that we have received.

Good Advice

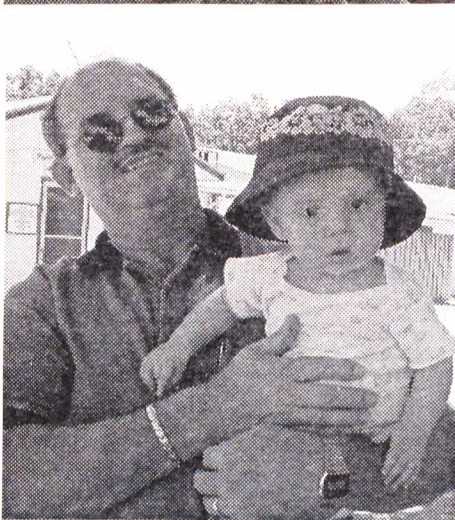
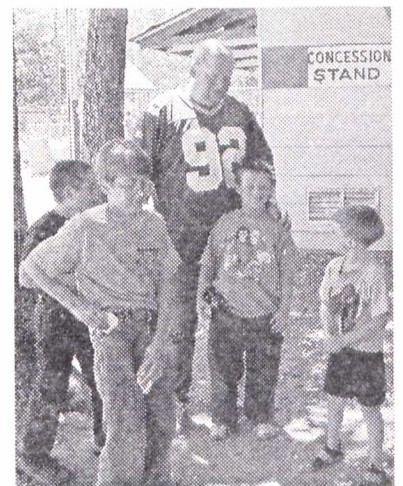
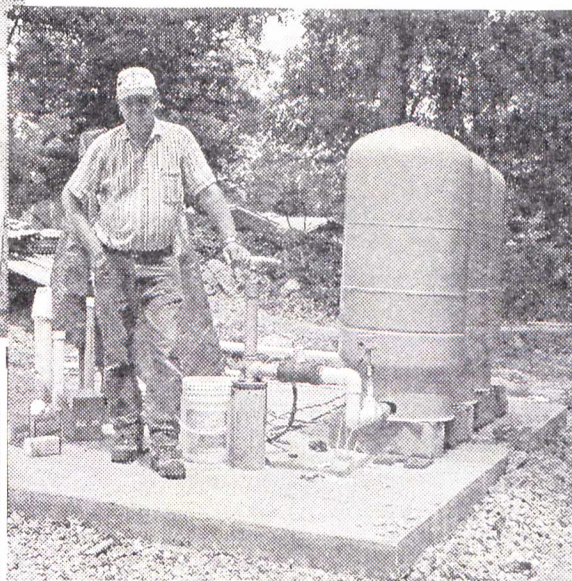
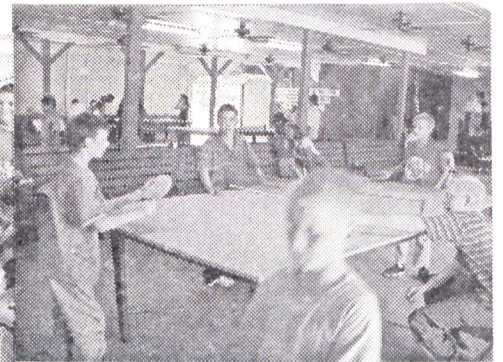
Keep about your work (that God has given you). Do not flinch because the lion roars; do not stop to stone the devil's dog; do not fool away your time chasing the devil's rabbits. Do your work. Let liars lie, let corporations resolve, let the devil do his worst; but see to it that nothing hinders you from fulfilling the work that God has given you.

He has not commanded you to get rich. He has never bidden You defend your character. He has not set you at work to contradict falsehood (about yourself) which Satan and his servants may start to peddle. If you do those things, you will do nothing else; you will be at work for yourself and not for the Lord.

Keep at your work. Let your aim be as steady as a star. You may be assaulted, wronged, insulted, slandered, wounded and rejected; you may be abused by foes, forsaken by friends, and despised and rejected of men. But see to it with steadfast determination, with unfaltering zeal, that you pursue the great purpose of your life and object of your being until at last you can say, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

Author unknown.

Snapshots of the 2002 Pre-Teen Camp Sessions



CAMP SUPERINTENDENT KEN GOFF
STANDING BY NEW WELL



The Youth Camp is in need of a pickup with an automatic transmission, two or four wheel drive in good mechanical shape. If you have one you wish to donate, please contact Bro. Ken Goff at the Youth Camp.

JOIN US FOR THE 2002 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Brought to you by Calvary Fellowship WAC in St. Louis, Missouri

Ladies Night Out

Guest Speaker • Diane Thomas Bridgman

\$45 • Friday & Saturday

\$15 • Saturday Only

Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to hear from an outstanding woman of God! You will be renewed and refreshed by God's Word and Praise & Worship - plus, you'll get to hang out with many other women (ages 16 and up)! Prices include: hotel accommodations, pizza party, breakfast, lunch, and a great speaker.

Registration is Now Through October 15, 2002.

A \$15 nonrefundable deposit is due with your registration. Balance is due in full by October 15. Payments can be made in installments to be paid in full by October 15. Make Checks payable to WAC.

Hotel Accommodations

The Holiday Inn Viking Conference Center is located at 10709 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63127 and can be reached at (314) 821-6600. Please choose from the following selections and tell us who you will be rooming with on your registration card. Share the cost with your roommates— 4 in my room - \$45.00, 3 in my room - \$53.00, 2 in my room - \$70.00.

How to Register

1. Complete the registration form below and mail it with payment to: Calvary Fellowship FWB Church, Attention: Women's Retreat Registration, 1811 Smizer Station Rd, Fenton, MO 63026.
2. Bring your completed registration form and payment to the Calvary Fellowship FWB Church lobby after church services beginning September 8.
3. Bring your completed registration form and payment to the church office, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Check out our Vendor Booths located in the New Life Center



Friday, October 25

Holiday Inn Viking Conference Center

Check In after 4:00 p.m.
Dinner on your own 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Evening Session 7:00 p.m.
Salon 3
Pizza & Fellowship! 10:00 p.m.
Hospitality Suite (Suite 330)

Saturday, October 26

Calvary Fellowship FWB Church

Check Out by 11:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
New Life Center
Morning Session 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Auditorium
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
New Life Center
Afternoon Session 12:45 to 2:00 p.m.
Auditorium
Dismiss 2:00 p.m.

"Come, just as you are, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
- Matthew 11:28

Yes, sign me up for the 2002 Women's Retreat!

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email (optional) _____

☐ I will only be able to attend the **Saturday Sessions** (COST: \$15.00, includes lunch)

☐ I will be able to attend the **Friday & Saturday Sessions:** (check below)

_____ 4 in my room (COST \$45.00) _____ 3 in my room (COST \$53.00) _____ 2 in my room (COST \$70.00)

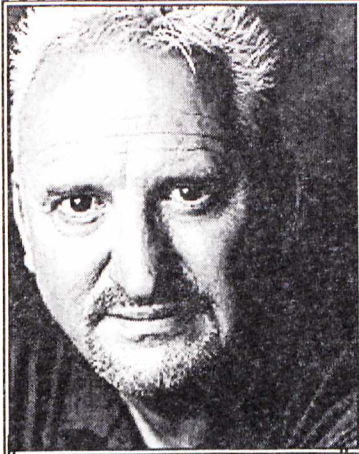
I will be rooming with the following people (we will coordinate roommates if you have no preference):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH

CONFERENCE

KEN FREEMAN



From surviving on the streets to full-time evangelism, Ken Freeman is a living illustration of the Apostle Paul's description of "a new creature in Christ." [2 Corinthians 5:17]



this changes everything

2002

FORTY DAYS



Forty Days is an appropriate name for a band of musicians who have walked through some tests and have come through on the other side with a renewed commitment to share their story through the musical platform they've been given.

OFF-THE-WALL

WILL BE BROUGHT TO YOU BY FWBBC & HILLSDALE FWBC.

Friday, November 15TH

- 4:00 p.m. - Begin Registration
- 7:00 p.m. - Supper
- 7:45 p.m. - **forty days**-Concert
- 8:45 p.m. - Meet Ken Freeman
- 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 16TH

- 7:30 a.m. - Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. - Session 2 K. Freeman
- 10:00 a.m. - Break
- 10:30 a.m. - Session 3 K. Freeman
- 11:45 a.m. - Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. - OFF THE WALL
- *Games
- *Youth Workers Only!
- *Presentation
- 1:45 p.m. - Break
- 2:00 p.m. - Closing Session K. Freeman

LOCATION
WINDEREMERE BAPTIST CAMP

DATE
NOVEMBER 15TH-16TH

COST
IF POSTMARKED BEFORE OCT 22ND \$40

BEFORE NOV 11TH \$45

AT THE DOOR \$50

SUBSTITUTIONS \$5@REGISTRATION NO REFUNDS

DIRECTIONS

From St. Louis:
Take I-44 west approx 170 miles to Hwy 5 (Lebanon, MO)
Hwy 5 North to Hwy 54. Make a left [west] on 54. Make a right of Hwy AA and look for signs on the right.

From Springfield:
Take Hwy 65 north to Hwy 54. Make a right on 54 [East]. left [West] on Hwy AA. Watch for sign on the right.

CONTACT INFO:

Winderemere:
(573) 346-5200

MSYMB
(573) 259-2711

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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. Schedule is subject to change. Come casual and prepared to worship, learn & be blessed.

2001 Missouri State Youth Conference

Group Registration Form

Church _____

Group Leader _____

Address _____

City _____

Leader's Phone # _____

City _____ Zip _____

Guys

1. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

2. _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

3. _____

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Girls

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Male Sponsors

1. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

2. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

3. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

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Age _____ Phone # _____

Female Sponsors

1. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

2. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

3. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

4. _____

Age _____ Phone # _____

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

(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 (MO FWB YMB)

MO FWB YMB, Treasurer

PO BOX 23808

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66283

COST: IF POSTMARKED BY: OCT 22nd = \$40 NOV. 11th = \$45 At The Door = \$50

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 15th, 2002 through November 16th, 2002 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)

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 24, 2002

The Home Missions Department is committed to helping our missionaries and chaplains, church planting, church growth and evangelism, 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.

The Marberrys - Thomas and Wilma

PRESIDENT - SEMINARY OF THE CROSS REYNOSA, MEXICO



Dear Friends of El Seminario
Biblico La Cruz,

Thank you very much for your interest in the ministry of Christian education in Mexico. God is doing great things on the seminary campus, and you are an important part of this ministry.

We had a very busy summer. We were privileged to attend the Texas State Meeting in June and the National Association in July. It was a pleasure to see many of you and visit with you at these meetings.

The E-TEAM group from the Foreign Missions Department arrived on June 24. Sponsors Tim and Terri DeCresie and Jonathan Postlewaite brought a group of ten outstanding young people who spent two weeks with us. During their time in Mexico they helped with painting and other work on the seminary campus. They visited all the churches in Reynosa and Monterrey and presented a good program of music and testimonies. They also helped the Calvary, Free Will Baptist Church in Reynosa with a Vacation Bible School.

Their most important ministry, however, was to the young people from the Free Will Baptist churches in Mexico. Josue Gonzalez coordinates the youth ministry for the Mexican Association. He worked with the E-TEAM group to plan two days of youth activities. These activities included sports, food, devotionals, testimonies, singing, and preaching services. One young man was saved and several made rededications during these activities. God used the visit of this group to bring a closer bond between young Free Will Baptists in Mexico and those in the United States.

Classes for the fall semester will begin on August 26. New students will be coming from all across Mexico to begin a new semester of studies. Pray for the students and faculty of the seminary. Also, please pray for the Free Will Baptist churches in Mexico. The churches will be increasing their financial support for the seminary. Beginning this fall, churches that send students to

the seminary will be required to contribute a minimum of 200 Mexican pesos per month to the support of the seminary. This may be difficult for some of the Mexican churches, but they are determined to do it.

The seminary depends on you for prayer support and financial support. Please pray for the seminary each day. Please assist us financially. There are two ways you can help. You can help with the cost of seminary operations. You can also help with the missionary account of Thomas and Wilma Marberry. Please send your support to the Home Mission Department. Funds for seminary operations should be designated MEXICO SEMINARY OPERATIONS. Funds for the Marberrys should be designated MARBERRY ACCOUNT. Thanks in advance for your prayers and your finances.

Dr. Thomas L. Marberry
President

NEWS FROM THE PINKERTONS

First church was crammed full with several still out on summer break. Pastor Silas introduced a man whose wife is a Christian and attends church. This man was a Moslem last week..he prayed and is now "A new creature in Christ".

It was a great day: first church announced that although plans are not yet complete, they are hoping that a building works out and the 2nd FWB services can be started in another location in addition to the present one..they hope to begin services for this 2nd Group in Nov.

Next Sunday is Pastor Samuel's Family Farewell Service at Bondoukou. They plan to move to ABJ 2 Sept. Housing has been found, utilities in order and kids enrolled in school. We're hoping this 3rd FWB Church will begin Mid Sept...

Are we thrilled? Are we blessed? Are we thankful??? YES, YES, YES. Thanks for your investments in His Work here. Continue to pray about these needs, ok?

Next week, we'll be leaving Abidjan for a week's teaching of lay leaders at Bondoukou. The following week another session for lay leaders at Bouna..and the next week 2nd year begins for the 10 students at the Bible Institute...Our promised year of teaching at the Bible Institute in Bouna ends in Dec. You can be sure that when the final class ends, we'll be packed and more than ready to return to Abidjan full time to assist Pastor Samuel and the 3rd FWB Church.

Grateful for the opportunities to serve our Lord...and most grateful for your continued love and support. Jerry & Carol Pinkerton

The Johnsons

**- Russell and
Vonda**

CHEYENNE, WYOMING



Dear Friends and Supporters,

On January 1, 2002, our church went Self Supporting. We did not publish it until our account came out of the red. That was an important thing for us to accomplish. I want to thank you for supporting us through all the years. You have been faithful to this work and as a result we now have a full, self-supporting church in Cheyenne, Wyoming. THANK YOU.

Our building is paid for. We have a great group of folks. Our church continues to have people saved. Just this past Sunday, July 28, we had one saved and two rededications on Sunday morning and two rededications on Sunday night. THANK YOU.

It has been so good to see the Lord at work here and see all the things He has done. We have sent people who were in the military here and got saved, from our church to places all over the world.

We have been able to send good families to other Free Will Baptist churches, as well. THANK YOU.

To all who have helped us in so many ways, through your prayers, encouragement, and financial support, we say thank you from the bottom of our hearts. I do not think words are adequate to express our feelings to Home Missions and the many Free Will Baptists who have helped us. Keep on Supporting Home Missions! Maybe those of you who have been supporting us would consider supporting Brother Roger Raper in Fort Collins, Colorado and/or Brother Jarvis Reed in The Woodlands, Texas. There is a good work in Fort Collins and Brother Reed will be continuing the work in the Texas church. Both of these men are working hard to build a Free Will Baptist church for the glory of God.

Again, We say THANK YOU. Psalm 107:8,15,21, and 31. "O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men."

Laborers Together,
The Russell Johnson Family in
Cheyenne, Wyoming

The Stanley Jones Singers "HOMECOMING 2002" Saturday, October 12, 2002 Branson, Missouri

Spend an evening in the beautiful Ozark Mountain enjoying Great Gospel Music! It's time again for the Stanley Jones Singers Annual Homecoming Concert, Saturday October 12 at the Compton Ridge Campground Convention Center in Branson, Missouri. Take scenic 265 highway 1/2 mile south of Branson's famous route 76 where the excitement begins at 6:00 P. M. with the popular Compton Ridge Pig Roast Meal. Followed at 7:00 P.M. by some toe-tapping gospel music and fun the whole family will enjoy! The campground owners- the Sims family - are great hosts and you will be shown a wonderful time.

To celebrate their fourteen years in Southern Gospel Music, the Stanley Jones Singers have invited "Catfish", a Silver Dollar City favorite comedian/entertainer and the Morlan family from Purdy, Missouri to join them for this special evening. Duane Garren with Brumley Music Group, Powell, Missouri, will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening's event.

Last year's homecoming drew visitors from eight states. You will want to be part of this year's festivities at "Homecoming 2002"! For information call 1-417-338-2488 or write, the Stanley Jones Singers, 5322 State Highway 265, Branson Missouri 656126.

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He enrolled in Bob Jones College, in Cleveland, Tennessee, in 1936 and completed his degree there in 1939.

Upon graduation in 1939, he accepted the dual call of the Glenville, Georgia, and Ebenezer churches as pastor, soon adding the Stoney Hill and Alabaha churches to his responsibility.

He also pastored the Harmony Church in Lake Butler, Florida, during part of that period, which replaced Stoney Hill and Alabaha on his schedule.

On March 30, 1940, he married Ruth Louise Masser of Pennsylvania, whom he had met and courted at Bob Jones.

In September of 1942, he became president of the new Free Will Baptist Bible School, opening for the first time, and he remained president for two years.

In 1944, he became pastor of the East Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church in Mississippi, where he served three years. In 1947 he returned to the presidency of Free Will Baptist Bible College, an office he filled until retirement in 1979.

But that kind of list is just to impersonal. Here are some things about L. C. Johnson that put a face on these events; some of them you may not know.

Did you know that as a teenager, he often led services in his church? Or that when his pastor, J. R. Davidson, would ask him to preach in his absence, he began his messages insisting that he was not a preacher?

Did you know that he agreed to be licensed at age 19 because Brother Davidson and some of the Pine Level men felt he should, not because he thought so?

Did you know that his first date at Bob Jones— arranged by friend and fellow student Chester Pelt— was with Ruth Masser, who graduated later that year and had to wait three years to become his wife?

Did you know that, at Bob Jones, along with his studies and long-distance courtship, he was both his society president and leader of the intersociety basketball championship team for three years?

Did you know that, while still a student, he became the commuting pastor of Ashland City Free Will Baptist Church in middle Tennessee? The twice monthly, 150-mile trip, one way, was usually made by train and bus, and the church paid him \$25 for each visit.

Did you know that he was also selected "Mr. Pulchritude," for being the

handsomest man on campus in both his junior and senior years? No wonder Ruth Masser fell in love!

Did you know he mailed Ruth her engagement ring for Christmas of 1939; and that after their wedding at Bob Jones in March of 1940 he proceeded to ride back to Georgia with the Pelts? Let me read you Dr. Johnson's own words about the wedding. "The honeymoon came at Christmas following our wedding in March. The church gave us \$25 as a Christmas gift. With this and the sale of some pecans from a tree in the parsonage yard (at Glenville), we took a trip to Miami, Florida. We spent nights with relatives of mine and did without food on the last days of our return because our money ran out. It was one of the better trips that lingers in our memory. How foolish young people in love can be!"

Did you know that, at the end of his first year as pastor at East Tupelo Church, he filed the following annual ministerial report with the Association: "Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi Association, when convened with Depriest Chapel Church on September 20, 1945. It is with true thankfulness of heart of God that I am able to make this report of the past years work. I have preached 200 sermons; prayed many prayers; visited many sick people; baptized 10 converts; received 12 into church; helped ordain one minister and two deacons; preached one memorial sermon; preached one commencement sermon; pastured one church. Received \$2000 from church pastured, \$885 for revivals. Total received for year's service \$2885. Traveled approximately 15,000 miles. Respectfully submitted, L. C."

Did you know that at the 1942 session of the National Association the Board of Education and Brother L. R. Ennis asked him to head up the new Bible school, scheduled to open in September? He said he could not understand this, but could only submit, once again, to the obviously spiritual judgement of the older, more experienced men who seemed sure of God's leadership.

And so it came to pass that on September 1, 1942, L. C. Johnson arrived at 3609 Richland Avenue, with his family, to prepare for the opening of the new Bible school September 15. He and his family, along with all the student body, moved into the building and started what we might call a "great experiment": an attempt to establish a successful educational program for a denomination with-

out one.

Indeed, this was education for a people who were not all that sure they wanted education. To do that is not an easy task. Nonetheless, we shall have to judge, at this point 60 years later, that the great experiment has been successful. And that success can be attributed, more than to any other one person, to Dr. L. C. Johnson.

Here are some of the important things we must not overlook:

While some of those first leaders thought only in terms of a Bible institute, Dr. Johnson led the new college to a well-rounded program that includes both sound Biblical content and a generous core of Christian liberal arts.

Some of the most important features of life at Free Will Baptist Bible College were begun by Dr. Johnson, including the annual Bible Conference and the requirement of Christian Service assignments for all students.

From its inception, the Bible College has emphasized missions and evangelism. These are largely due to things Dr. Johnson did; bringing Miss Barnard to the faculty that first year, for example; and the beginning of the Christian Workers' Association for soul-winning efforts.

When the Bible College was founded, there was little teaching about the assurance of salvation in the denomination. That has changed for the better, and the lion's share of the credit must go to Dr. Johnson, who often had to withstand personal attacks as a result of his emphasis on being saved and kept by faith alone.

There was also little theological sophistication in those days. Dr. Johnson undertook courses like Arminian theology and literally introduced a denomination to its own theological heritage.

Furthermore, there were many different ideas abroad about Christian living. Dr. Johnson insisted that the College maintain high standards of clean, Christian living, and through that influenced a denomination.

At that point in time, most Free Will Baptist churches had part-time pastors. Through the College, Dr. Johnson gave Free Will Baptists a vision of full-time ministry, and of a conscientious, faithful pastorate majoring in the Word of God.

Any number of such things might be mentioned. A good way to summarize is to point out what may not be so obvious— something that Leroy Forlines has observed. When the Bible College began, the denomination might literally have been led in any of several different direc-

tions. Education has that potential—for bane or blessing. Free Will Baptist Bible College helped shape the course of the denomination for a new day. And at the helm Dr. L. C. Johnson shaped the course of the college.

For those of us who were there with him for some of that time, there are many things to remember.

Who can forget his calm thumbing through the pages of his New Testament and Psalms during the opening chapel song?

Who can forget the times he called out the name of someone sleeping in chapel? He would say, "If you sleep in chapel, you'll sleep through life!"

Who can forget the picture he often painted, of preachers standing before God with mimeograph ink on their hands?

Who can forget his admiration for the determination of a bulldog?

Who can forget his admonition to pastors against sleeping in and letting the milk sour on the front porch, or the morning paper yellow in the sun?

Who can forget his marvelous devotional lessons from the Psalms, or his eminently practical wisdom drawn from the Proverbs?

Who can forget those rare occasions when serious misbehavior of students got him really riled and he shot right from the hip—but always shot straight and true?

How does one summarize or characterize such a man? We can only be selective, at best. Here are four things that stand out, things that any tribute to him must surely include.

One. It is altogether clear that he was a man with a rich devotional life. Nothing else can account for the depth of the extemporaneous sermons, or his readiness to talk about the Word at the drop of a hat. Some of us heard him speak in chapel, literally, for years on end. What seems clear, as unbelievable as it sounds, is that he never really preached the same sermon twice: the same text, perhaps, or some of the same words, but the message was always fresh.

Two. As already mentioned, L. C. Johnson was himself the definition of a "Christian gentleman." He was equally at home on the farm and at the finest banquet table, the very model of refinement, modesty, and restraint. You never heard any shady story from his lips. He was never crude, always courteous and temperate.

Three. Closely related, Dr. Johnson was a man of right and strong character, clean and firm in his convictions. His life

matched his preaching, and his preaching held forth the highest standards. Dr. Johnson's words and life supported qualities like honesty, purity, graciousness, and integrity.

Four. Dr. Johnson was a man of vision, a man far ahead of his time. He was not ignorant of the hurdles; in fact, he saw them more clearly than most. But in spite of them he saw—though always realistically—what Free Will Baptists might be, and what Free Will Baptist Bible College might contribute to that. And his vision has largely been realized.

When young Linton was licensed to preach in 1933, his pastor, J. R. Davidson, reported at the time, in the pages of *The Free Will Baptist* paper: "One of the outstanding that happened was the licensing of Bro. Linton Johnson to the Christian ministry. He is a young man to be appreciated, for he has a real Christian character back of his work. The boy is only nineteen years of age, and he has had one year in college. He bids fair to be one of the greatest powers in the ministry in our entire connection."

We are force to agree that Brother Davidson was a trustworthy prophet!

We give tribute, today, where tribute is due, to one of the very few truly great people who have walked with us: to Dr. L. C. Johnson, and to the grace of God that have and called him and gave him to minister to us.

I conclude, now, in a little different way. I want to give you an abbreviated version of one of his chapel messages, one that I think is especially fitting for this occasion, including many who are here and are in Christian service. After he read the Scripture (which will become clear in a moment), he said:

Jesus had just preached a great sermon.

Healed some people.

Performed miracles.

Some of the people became awfully excited. They said, "We will follow you."

But Jesus had a screening program. He said first one, "Birds have their nests, and foxes have holes. But I don't have a house or home."

Another fellow said, "I will follow you, but I want to bury my father first."

And then another said, "Lord, I will follow you, but first let me go tell them goodbye at my house."

Jesus ended this by saying, "Any man who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God."

If you don't finish the job, there isn't

any place in God's program for you.

O, you say, I'm going to finish the job after I quit this one and get another.

No. If you don't finish the hard job, the one that's distasteful but is your duty, you won't finish the next one.

Be honest with yourself: if you're a quitter, it started back there in your past. You had an examination or assignment that you hadn't finished. You woke up sick. Strange, you felt fine the night before! Your mama pampered you, let you stay home. You dodged your responsibility. Quitting became a pattern in your life.

I read a shocking thing the other day: ninety percent of those who announce for the mission field never get there. There will be 150 ministerial students in this student body. Every one of them—perhaps with a few exceptions—ought to walk across this platform and get a degree. But how many of them will?

I believe there are more dropouts in Christian service than in other professions. There ought not be any dropouts.

I've told you before about a tenant farmer we had on our place. He was a fine fellow. Everybody liked him. But he had a most peculiar habit: he never finished a field unless he could finish it the same day. He would skip around, plow in this today and in another tomorrow. He didn't like the same scenery, so he moved. O, you could drive along the road and see his crop and say, "Mr. Melvin has a wonderful crop." But if you went a few rows over in the field, he hadn't plowed. He never finished a field.

There are a lot of people who never finish the field. They start. They plant the seed. They announce, but they never finish.

You see this principle all through the Bible: God uses people who finish the job. What did God call you to do? "O, I'm going to change plows and get a bigger one," you say, "This plow's not big enough for me." Wait a minute: you're just too big for God to use, maybe.

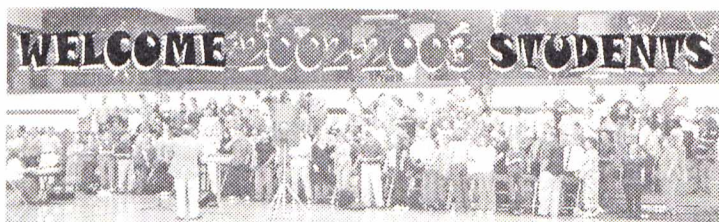
If you think the job isn't big enough, you're too little for the job. Take the little job. Do a good job there. And God will open a bigger door.

Have you put your hand to the plow? Don't quit. When God says it's time to quit, it's OK. The job is finished then.

Otherwise, don't quit.

Remember that fellow who dashed off in front of you, kicked up so much dust. Everybody thought he was going places.

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The first Chapel service of the Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College 2002-2003 school year was packed out. David Archer did a great job of directing the service. Kelly Archer (Athletic Director) gave a moving testimony and President Carl E. Cheshier offered encouragement, focusing on the importance of commitment to the Lord and being all He wants us to be. Special music was provided by Autumn Drake (Hillsdale's newest member of the Athletic Department).

Worship Service Averages May 2002 - August 2002

| Churches: | May | June | July | Aug |
|---------------------------|-----|------|------|-----|
| Beacon | 110 | 110 | 96 | 110 |
| Belton | 46 | 47 | 47 | 39 |
| Buffalo 1st | 122 | 120 | 131 | 130 |
| Cabool | 45 | 38 | 39 | 41 |
| Calvary Chapel | 232 | 226 | 226 | 242 |
| Calvary Fellowship | 323 | 301 | 315 | |
| Cape Girardeau | | | | 54 |
| Copper Mines | 52 | 48 | 47 | |
| Columbia | 49 | 48 | 47 | 56 |
| Crossroads-Wentzville | 58 | | 60 | 60 |
| De Soto | 204 | 210 | 222 | 197 |
| Hannibal | | | 75 | 82 |
| Hannon | 139 | 136 | 126 | |
| Harmony - Parkville | 87 | | | |
| Hartville | 197 | 186 | 191 | |
| Hopewell | 32 | 33 | 35 | |
| Houston | 65 | 62 | 67 | 67 |
| Hurryville | 100 | 88 | 87 | 94 |
| Joplin 1st | 104 | 93 | 96 | 107 |
| Kingsway | | 34 | 36 | 40 |
| Lebanon FWB | 49 | 41 | 44 | 31 |
| Macedonia- Purdy | 158 | 145 | | |
| Mill Creek | 82 | 74 | 84 | |
| Mt. Pisgah | 76 | 68 | 78 | 74 |
| Myrtle | 35 | 34 | 30 | 28 |
| New Life - Licking | 59 | 65 | 63 | 71 |
| Oak Hill- Union | 58 | 62 | 60 | 60 |
| O'Fallon 1st | 153 | 144 | | |
| Ozark 1st | 188 | 179 | 183 | 182 |
| Pleasant Hill | 29 | 31 | 24 | 26 |
| Richwoods 1st | 44 | | | |
| Rock Chapel | 62 | 58 | 47 | 51 |
| Rolla 1st | 30 | 31 | 35 | 38 |
| Springfield 1st | 140 | 135 | 118 | |
| Sunnyview | 52 | 50 | 56 | 61 |
| Terrill Road | 54 | | | |
| Thayer | 128 | 145 | 125 | 162 |
| Trinity | 67 | | 64 | |
| Union Grove | 117 | 112 | 115 | 120 |
| United | 578 | 617 | 582 | |
| Westport- Jeff. City | | 11 | | |
| Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove | 76 | 73 | 74 | |

This is only a partial listing. There are 187 FWB Churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in their worship averages.

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One of these days you'll pass him. He didn't have character, he sat down somewhere and you'll pass him. You'll cross the goal line, and God will say, "Well done."

So don't quit. Keep going.

Dr. Johnson's words are for us, today. And he set the example.

Note: This is a copy of the eulogy that Dr. Picirilli delivered at Dr. Johnson's funeral service.

Financial Report August 2002

Cooperative Disbursements

August 2002 \$52,459.09

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| 18.50% MO Home Missions | \$9,704.93 |
| 17.00% Executive Office | 8,918.05 |
| 3.00% General Fund | 1,573.77 |
| 50% Show-Me Plan | 262.30 |
| 8.50% Youth Camp Board | 4,459.02 |
| 3.00% Y.C. Restricted Fds | 1,573.77 |
| 2.00% Youth Ministries Bd | 1,049.18 |
| 2.00% Christian Ed. Board | 1,049.18 |
| 2.00% Senior Adult Min Bd | 1,049.18 |
| 9.00% MO Retirement | 4,721.32 |
| 31.50% | 16,524.62 |
| 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% MO Show-Me Plan 1,573.77
Total \$52,459.09

Co-op

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| Amity | \$150.97 |
| Aulsbury Chapel | \$228.99 |
| Bailey | \$199.00 |
| Bailey Chapel | \$136.60 |
| Belton | \$386.50 |
| Berean | \$45.00 |
| Bethel- El Dorado Springs | \$369.49 |
| Black Oak | \$339.60 |
| Byrd | \$75.20 |
| Cabool 1st | \$287.41 |
| Calvary Chapel | \$1,309.22 |
| Cape Girardeau | \$405.02 |
| Carthage | \$220.00 |
| Carthage | \$330.00 |
| Central | \$1,357.14 |
| Central | \$728.34 |
| Christ Chapel | \$353.54 |
| Clifton | \$61.62 |
| Columbia | \$589.90 |
| Columbia | \$491.07 |
| Copper Mines | \$434.21 |
| Cornerstone | \$514.40 |
| Crossroads-Wentzville | \$623.00 |
| Cuba | \$1,095.00 |
| DeSoto 1st | \$1,800.00 |
| Emmanuel | \$63.93 |
| Faith & Hope- Aurora | \$49.36 |
| Faith & Hope- Aurora | \$72.15 |

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| Faith & Hope- Willow Springs | \$159.39 |
| Farmington | \$2,992.15 |
| Fellowship | \$1,500.00 |
| Fellowship | \$1,200.00 |
| Fordland | \$657.87 |
| Fourth | \$257.42 |
| Fredericktown 1st | \$367.00 |
| Freeman Chapel | \$447.20 |
| Gospel Light | \$100.00 |
| Gospel Light | \$100.00 |
| Grace | \$1,026.87 |
| Grant Avenue | \$1,038.72 |
| Hannibal | \$437.00 |
| Hannon | \$1,010.00 |
| Hartville | \$937.00 |
| Hopewell | \$219.00 |
| Houston 1st | \$414.40 |
| Hurryville | \$483.47 |
| Jackson | \$145.55 |
| Joplin 1st | \$546.86 |
| Kings Way | \$271.50 |
| Kirksville | \$90.42 |
| Koshkonong | \$150.00 |
| Lead Hill | \$317.62 |
| Leadington | \$1,031.00 |
| Lebanon | \$281.99 |
| Lebanon | \$226.44 |
| Lebanon 1st | \$903.00 |
| Lone Star | \$45.30 |
| Macedonia- Niangua | \$77.84 |
| Merls Chapel | \$353.45 |
| Mill Creek | \$527.94 |
| Mine LaMotte | \$82.84 |
| Monett 1st | \$539.34 |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$1,763.15 |
| Mt. Pisgah | \$504.00 |
| Myrtle | \$264.30 |
| Myrtle | \$276.95 |
| Neosho 1st | \$95.00 |
| New Hope | \$70.00 |
| Niangua | \$190.40 |
| Niangua | \$146.32 |
| North Five | \$42.80 |
| North Five | \$29.42 |
| Number One | \$226.31 |
| O' Fallon 1st | \$1,309.00 |
| Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove | \$152.78 |
| Oak Hill | \$380.00 |
| Olivet | \$360.00 |
| Overland | \$90.00 |
| Ozark 1st | \$2,025.97 |
| Parkview | \$556.22 |
| Pleasant Hill | \$133.88 |
| Pleasant Home | \$300.10 |
| Pleasant Ridge | \$89.00 |
| Potosi 1st | \$109.57 |
| Reoulc | \$100.00 |
| Rock Chapel | \$295.51 |
| Rolla 1st | \$276.00 |
| Royal Oak | \$61.00 |
| Seymour | \$560.00 |
| Smyrna | \$150.00 |

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| South Fremont | \$1,600.00 |
| Springfield 1st | \$1,032.25 |
| Thayer | \$778.00 |
| Trinity | \$758.90 |
| Union Grove | \$399.00 |
| Union Grove | \$284.00 |
| Union Light | \$196.00 |
| United | \$1,617.42 |
| United | \$25.92 |
| Unity | \$540.00 |
| Viburnum | \$885.00 |
| Victory- Alton | \$647.45 |
| West Plains 1st | \$727.00 |
| Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove | \$392.82 |
| Wolf Creek | \$362.41 |
| Total | \$52,459.09 |

Show-Me Plan

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Barker, Rev. J. | \$15.00 |
| Bell, C. | \$1,100.00 |
| Belton | \$165.00 |
| Berean | \$30.00 |
| Berry, R. | \$15.00 |
| Bethel - El Dorado Springs | \$419.49 |
| Bethel - Festus | \$45.00 |
| Black Oak | \$60.00 |
| Brown, A. | \$15.00 |
| Burns, J. | \$60.00 |
| Buxton, G. | \$30.00 |
| Cabool | \$105.00 |
| Calvary Chapel | \$105.00 |
| Cartee, J. | \$15.00 |
| Central | \$422.00 |
| Central | \$162.00 |
| Chrisman, M. | \$30.00 |
| Columbia | \$75.00 |
| Columbia | \$75.00 |
| Cooperative Plan | \$1,573.77 |
| Copper Mines | \$150.00 |
| Copper Mines - Teens, Jr. Class | \$30.00 |
| Copper Mines - Yg. Adult Class | \$15.00 |
| Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove | \$328.59 |
| Cuba | \$292.50 |
| Darnell, W. | \$15.00 |
| DeSoto 1st | \$552.50 |
| DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class | \$15.00 |
| Faith - St. Louis | \$30.00 |
| Faith & Hope - W.S. | \$120.00 |
| Farmington 1st | \$685.00 |
| Fellowship | \$623.00 |
| Fellowship | \$707.59 |
| Fordland | \$250.00 |
| Fourth | \$75.00 |
| Fredericktown 1st | \$150.00 |
| Freeman Chapel | \$540.00 |
| Garrett, R. | \$15.00 |
| Gospel Light | \$1,000.00 |
| Gospel Light | \$1,000.00 |
| Grace | \$349.00 |
| Graham, S. | \$263.00 |
| Grant Ave. | \$310.00 |
| Greenfield | \$180.00 |
| Hannibal - WAC | \$45.00 |
| Hannon | \$1,060.00 |
| Happy Hill | \$60.00 |
| Hartville | \$240.00 |
| Hastings, H. | \$30.00 |
| Houston 1st | \$344.00 |
| Hurryville | \$300.00 |
| Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class | \$15.00 |
| Jackson | \$40.00 |
| Joplin 1st | \$75.00 |
| Leadington | \$229.00 |
| Lebanon 1st | \$150.00 |
| Lebanon F.W.B. | \$30.00 |
| Lebanon F.W.B. | \$30.00 |
| Maggart, D. | \$45.00 |
| Matthews, G. | \$45.00 |
| 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 | \$75.00 |
| Missouri WAC | \$851.00 |
| Missouri Youth Camp | \$2,083.25 |

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| Monett 1st | \$160.00 |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$530.00 |
| Mouser, J. | \$60.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | \$75.00 |
| Mt. Zion - Thayer | \$30.00 |
| Myrtle | \$75.00 |
| Myrtle | \$75.00 |
| Neosho 1st | \$150.00 |
| New Beginning | \$66.52 |
| New Home - Hartville | \$210.00 |
| New Hope - Fredericktown | \$105.00 |
| New Life - Licking | \$74.50 |
| New Testament | \$15.00 |
| Noel, D. | \$15.00 |
| Oak Grove - Houston | \$30.00 |
| Oak Hill - Union | \$20.00 |
| O'Fallon 1st | \$110.00 |
| Olivet | \$30.00 |
| Ozark 1st | \$45.00 |
| Parker, G. | \$15.00 |
| Parkview - Desloge | \$355.55 |
| Pinkerton, J. | \$45.00 |
| Pleasant Home | \$330.00 |
| Pleasant Ridge - Urbana | \$50.00 |
| Purdy | \$690.00 |
| Reiter, K. | \$30.00 |
| Richwoods | \$67.50 |
| Rock Chapel | \$210.00 |
| Rogers, F. | \$15.00 |
| Rolla 1st | \$30.00 |
| Royal Oak | \$120.00 |
| Ruble N. | \$45.00 |
| South Fremont | \$225.00 |
| Springfield 1st | \$527.00 |
| Thayer | \$250.00 |
| Thomas, E. | \$30.00 |
| Trinity | \$525.00 |
| Union Light | \$150.00 |
| United - West Plains | \$398.95 |
| Unity | \$75.00 |
| Viburnum | \$150.00 |
| Walnut Grove | \$15.00 |
| White, R. | \$15.00 |
| Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove | \$85.00 |
| Willow Springs 1st | \$150.00 |
| Total | \$24,805.71 |

Foreign Missions

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Belton | \$15.00 |
| Central | \$60.00 |
| Central | \$20.00 |
| Chapman, A. | \$20.00 |
| Cuba | \$58.50 |
| Farmington 1st | \$37.50 |
| Fordland | \$10.00 |
| Fourth | \$50.00 |
| Gospel Light | \$80.00 |
| Grace | \$70.00 |
| Grant Ave. | \$30.00 |
| Houston 1st | \$40.00 |
| Lewis, D. | \$20.00 |
| Matthews, A. | \$15.00 |
| Minor, K. | \$10.00 |
| New Testament | \$80.00 |
| O'Fallon 1st | \$61.50 |
| Ozark 1st | \$35.00 |
| Rock Chapel V. B. S. | \$400.00 |
| South Fremont | \$25.00 |
| Thayer | \$5.00 |
| Trinity | \$117.39 |
| Total | \$1,259.89 |

Nat'l Home Missions

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| Belton | \$40.00 |
| Carthage | \$5.00 |
| Carthage | \$5.00 |
| Chapman, A. | \$10.00 |
| Columbia | \$25.00 |
| Columbia | \$25.00 |
| Cuba | \$175.50 |
| DeSoto 1st | \$285.00 |
| DeSoto Auditorium Class | \$10.00 |
| Faith & Hope- Aurora | \$49.37 |
| Faith & Hope- Aurora | \$72.15 |

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| Farmington 1st | \$265.00 |
| Fordland | \$20.00 |
| Fourth | \$50.00 |
| Gospel Light | \$160.00 |
| Gospel Light | \$240.00 |
| Grace | \$53.00 |
| Grant Avenue | \$25.00 |
| Hannon | \$600.00 |
| Hartville | \$100.00 |
| Houston 1st | \$45.00 |
| Huffman, T. | \$10.00 |
| Jackson | \$40.00 |
| King, B. | \$5.00 |
| Monett 1st | \$105.00 |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$60.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | \$25.00 |
| Myrtle | \$97.00 |
| Myrtle | \$96.00 |
| Neosho 1st | \$100.00 |
| New Home- Hartville | \$10.00 |
| New Testament | \$140.00 |
| O' Fallon 1st | \$70.00 |
| Oak Hill | \$55.00 |
| Pleasant Home | \$10.00 |
| Rader, J. | \$20.00 |
| Richwoods 1st | \$55.00 |
| Rock Chapel | \$61.85 |
| Rogers, B. | \$15.00 |
| Ruble, N. | \$10.00 |
| South Fremont | \$110.00 |
| Springfield | \$20.00 |
| Thayer | \$533.78 |
| Thebeau, B. | \$5.00 |
| Trinity | \$257.94 |
| Union Light | \$126.00 |
| United | \$150.00 |
| Unity | \$50.00 |
| Wolf Creek | \$75.00 |
| Total | \$4,572.59 |

State Home Missions

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Belton | \$25.00 |
| DeSoto 1st | \$90.00 |
| Fellowship | \$125.00 |
| Fellowship | \$100.00 |
| Fordland | \$10.00 |
| Gospel Light | \$80.00 |
| Gospel Light | \$80.00 |
| Grace | \$55.00 |
| Hannibal WAC | \$77.75 |
| Lebanon Bible & Book | \$330.00 |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$50.00 |
| Myrtle | \$95.00 |
| Myrtle | \$91.00 |
| O' Fallon 1st | \$70.00 |
| Ozark 1st | \$10.00 |
| Pleasant Home | \$36.07 |
| Pleasant Ridge | \$20.00 |
| Springfield 1st | \$130.00 |
| Thayer | \$363.78 |
| Trinity | \$37.94 |
| United | \$25.00 |
| White, R. | \$10.00 |
| Total | \$1,911.54 |

Youth Camp

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Hartville | 10.00 |
| Niangua | 20.00 |
| De Soto | 55.00 |
| Lebanon Bible & Bookstore | 180.00 |
| Rolla 1st | 20.00 |
| Hannon | 50.00 |
| Mountain Grove 1st | 10.00 |
| Thayer | 65.00 |
| Ozark 1st | 10.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | 15.00 |
| New Home- Hartville | 10.00 |
| Cornerstone | 25.00 |
| New Life- Monett | 340.60 |
| Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove | 10.00 |
| Cabool 1st | 10.00 |
| Trinity | 9.00 |
| Niangua | 80.00 |
| Total | \$919.60 |

Camp Development Fund

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| Myrtle | 36.00 |
| Rock Chapel | 37.00 |
| Houston 1st | 100.00 |
| Total | \$173.00 |

C. E. Board

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| Lebanon Bible & Book Store | 130.00 |
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Senior Adult Ministries

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| Lebanon Bible & Book Store | 130.00 |
| FWB Foundation(Stewardship Fund Transfer) | 7000.00 |
| Total | \$7,130.00 |

Youth Ministries Board

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| Lebanon Bible & Book Store | 130.00 |
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Free Will Baptist Bible CollegeDe

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| Soto 1st | 40.00 |
| Ruble, N. | 15.00 |
| Farmington 1st | 152.16 |
| Thayer | 50.00 |
| Ozark 1st | 20.00 |
| Oak Hill | 95.00 |
| Total | \$372.16 |

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

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| Farmington 1st | 147.84 |
| Hannon | 100.00 |
| Joplin 1st | 75.00 |
| Monett 1st | 100.00 |
| Thayer | 50.00 |
| Neosho 1st | 60.00 |
| Oak Hill | 95.00 |
| Total | \$627.84 |

Southeastern FWBCollege

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| Springfield 1st | \$20.00 |
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Women Nationally Active for Christ

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|----------------|---------|
| Ruble, J. | \$10.00 |
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Trula Cronk Home for Children

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Myrtle | 7.00 |
| De Soto 1st | 55.00 |
| Nosser, M. | 25.00 |
| Hannon | 100.00 |
| Belton | 70.00 |
| Unity | 20.00 |
| New Life- Monett | 340.60 |
| New Hope | 30.00 |
| Myrtle | 9.00 |
| Total | \$656.60 |

Rev. John McClure

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| De Soto 1st | 10.00 |
| Mountain Grove 1st | 72.50 |
| Monett 1st | 85.00 |
| Purdy | 40.00 |
| Carthage | 15.00 |
| MO Women Active for Christ | 120.00 |
| Grace | 15.00 |
| Total | \$357.50 |

Richard Stanley

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| Chapman, A. | \$10.00 |
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Cornerstone FWB Church

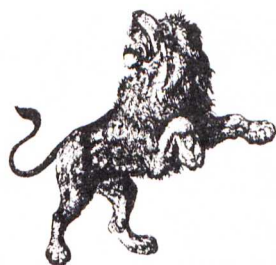
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| (Brian Brinkoff) | |
| New Testament | \$10.00 |

Vergel Maness

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| Gospel Light | 80.0 |
| Grace | 100.0 |
| Gospel Light | 80.0 |
| Total | \$260.0 |

Morgan Minkler

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| Beiton | \$30.0 |
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“There Is A Lion in the Street!”

By J. Mark Vandivort

I wish I could have heard Dr. L. C. Johnson preach that sermon one more time, “There Is a Lion in the Street!” (Proverbs 22:13). He taught that one should not be a slothful person. Nor should fear of a “lion in the street” be an excuse to avoid carrying out God’s call on one’s life.

After over 40 years, his message still echoes through the chambers of my heart.

During chapel time, while a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College, I often observed Dr. Johnson stand on the platform, reach into his pocket and pull out a small Bible, and proceed to preach extemporaneously from his selected text.

It was after chapel services while standing in line outside the “mailroom/ snack shack” that I got to know Dr. Johnson face to face. (I was standing in line, looking for my daily letter from my fiancée, Louise.) Often he would mingle among the students and visit. His eyes seemed to penetrate deep into one’s soul. I remember his quick smile and easy, jovial laugh. He appeared tall and dignified, and was usually wearing his hat.

When we learned of Dr. Johnson’s death, Louise said, “It is the end of an era in our denomination”. He liked her blackberry cobbler that she took to the married student potluck.

During our student days, fellow student Dan Parker and I spent countless late night hours discussing some of the “fine points” of denominational theology. It seemed that for many years Dr. Johnson kept his hand near the pilot wheel of our denomination. Sometimes he stood and spoke or offered a “resolution”. At other times he stayed on the sidelines but his influence was felt.

After Dr. Johnson’s retirement, other men assumed the helm of FWBBC. During one of those years, Dr. Dan Parker and I agreed to meet for lunch during a National FWB Convention. Since many people wanted to talk with Dan, the convention hall was nearly empty by the time he was free to go. We noticed Dr. Johnson standing all alone. My eyes met Dan’s. Here an opportunity to invite him to join us for lunch— our former college president and friend.

As I recall, we didn’t discuss theology or denominational “issues”. We simply “broke bread” together as brothers.



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