



"Enter into his gates  
with thanksgiving  
and into his courts  
with praise:  
be thankful unto him,  
and bless his name."

Ps 100:4

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## Daily Living

*Thanksgiving is not limited  
To just one day a year.  
For we should offer daily thanks  
For all that we hold dear.*

*For food upon my table, Lord,  
For clothes that I may wear,  
For shelter of my little home,  
For all the comforts here;  
For health to do my daily tasks,  
For eyes that I may see,  
For ears to hear the songs of joy,  
Dear Lord, I now thank Thee.*



*I could not all my blessings count,  
I have so vast a store.  
Each day I am more thankful Lord,  
Than e'er I was before.  
For Christ my loving Savior dear,  
Throughout eternity,  
My grateful heart shall sing its praise  
And offer thanks to Thee.*

*Thanksgiving Day is everyday,  
Remind us, Lord, for we  
So soon forget to praise Thy name  
For blessings sent from Thee.*

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Rev. Gene Howell

## New Mission Work

Gene and Sandy Howell are the new State Home Missionaries serving in Raymore, Missouri. Raymore is located south of Kansas City. If you know of anyone living in the Raymore area who would be a prospect for the new church, please contact Bro. Gene at 816\719-9374 or 15214 Grand Summit Extension Apt. 104, Grandview, MO 64030.

## Jefferson City News

Greetings from Jefferson City. We have had a very busy summer and we are excited about the fall. Many of the young families that we had this summer have moved away and another family is preparing to move.

I would like to thank Brother Darren Alvis from Mt. Pisgah church in Cabool. Darren drove up and helped pass out flyers last Saturday. We found some families with interest, however, it is very difficult when we don't have a permanent place to meet. Another problem is that we need teachers to help with our children. We are still working hard to keep our church meeting to worship God and He is sending us new families. This past Sunday, we had two first-time visitors. God is truly blessing this work. We have a long way to go, but we are excited about the possibilities!

*The Kisers*



## A Thanksgiving Quiz

1. How many lepers returned to give Jesus thanks for healing them? (Luke 17: 15-16)
2. At what feast did Jesus take the cup and give thanks? (Matt. 26:19, 27)
3. At whose grave did Jesus lift up His eyes to give thanks? (John 11:14, 41)
4. Jesus gave thanks that certain things were hid from whom? (Matt. 11:25)
5. What did Jesus do after receiving the loaves at the feeding of the 5,000? (John 6:11)
6. Who prayed and gave thanks to God for revealing a king's dream? (Daniel 2:23)
7. Who said he was thankful not to be like other men? (Luke 18:11)
8. Who thanked God and took courage after a long voyage? (Acts 28:15)
9. With what does the psalmist tell us to enter into the Lord's gates? (Ps. 100:4)
10. We are instructed in II Cor. 9:15 to give thanks to God for his unspeakable\_\_\_\_\_.
11. In regard to gratefulness, what will be one of the signs in the last days? (II Tim. 3:2)
12. We are to give thanks always for what? (Eph. 5:20)
13. What are we to include with prayer and supplication to God? (Phil. 4:6)
14. How many times each day did Daniel schedule to pray and give thanks to God?(Dan. 6:10)
15. It is the will of God that we give thanks in what? (I Thess. 5:18)

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**D**on't we all know people who, even in this season of Thanksgiving, are ungrateful? No one likes being around someone like that, yet we are all guilty of forgetting to give thanks in all things (as taught in 1 Thessalonians 5:18).

It's often in comfortless situations where we learn the power of thankfulness. Such was the case of Corrie ten Boom and her sister, Betsie, while they were imprisoned in a flea-infested camp. As shared in *THE HIDING PLACE*, Corrie tells how Betsie encouraged her to follow Paul's teachings and to give thanks for the fleas.

The fleas? The fleas!! After several months of Betsie's persistence, Corrie relented and thanked God for the fleas. The girls would later learn why their Bible study and prayer time was not met with interference -- because the guards would not enter the barracks due to . . . fleas.

Great is His faithfulness! Choose to be thankful.

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# OUT OF AFRICA

Following are the e-mails sent by the Pinkertons as they made their way out of harms way. We thank God for His hand of deliverance.

## September 28, 2002 - Abidjan

Leaving Bouna was not easy...you could see the questions in folk's eyes... It wasn't when will you return, but will you return??? We do not have the answers to give...We do not know what could happen next? WE Know the One who holds us in the palm of His Hand...and that's about all we know.

Thanks for your prayers..The convoy left Bouna a wee bit past 7am..Kenneth & Rejane took the lead followed by 5 vehicles (18 people) from New Tribes Mission, then Jerry & I followed. New Tribes Folks shared walkie talkies so we were able to keep in contact while on the road together. Never the first problem at the police checks.. Apparently Bouna police did as they promised & sent word ahead that we were coming. Nobody even asked to see our papers. I'm sure many people who were standing along the road side have sore necks tonight. Just to see one car passing down the road with white folks is a sight, but to see so many cars all with Pale Faces inside..one followed by another, yet another...till seven passed..eeekkk!. You could see heads turning back and forth as we passed by...Even the police used their hands to count as we passed. It was a long trip..we arrived at Abidjan, without any car troubles, at 5:30 pm.



Cousineaus are with ICA folks, but West, Andersons, Alice, Eagles & us are all together at the guest house. We've had talks & prayers..but no decisions yet. Appreciate so much your help as we seek God's choice for us at this time..none are eager to leave, yet we don't want to stay too long either...

OH, Pastor George from Bouake called Jerry after we'd arrived in Abidjan.. LISTEN TO THIS. PASTOR GEORGE, WIFE AMA & THEIR TWO YOUNG GIRLS LEFT BOUAKE WALKING...THEY WERE GOING TO A VILLAGE TO TRY & GET TRANSPORTATION BACK TO THEIR VILLAGE NEAR BONDOUKOU..THEY WALKED TWO DAYS, SPENT ONE NIGHT IN THE BUSH & ARRIVED WHERE THEY COULD GET A BUS...WALKING 60 MILES. Jerry asked if they had money for the bus ride & Pastor George said it would take all he had to get tickets to Abidjan -prices have jumped with the urgency of folks to travel away from rebel controlled towns. Jerry told him to buy the tickets & we'll help to see that they can take another bus back to their village. They are super precious folks..scared & rightly so. Please add them to your prayer list. When I think of them & the many Believers who are still in troubled spots, I realize my problems are very small... Jerry & Carol

## September 29, early a.m. Abidjan

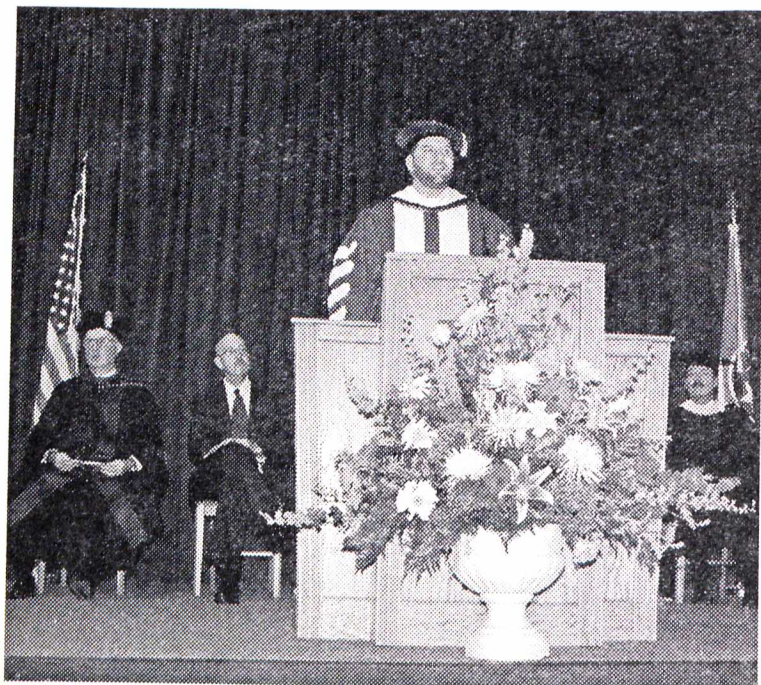
Africans are seeking ways to return to their villages to be with their families. FWB Miss'ys are also returning. In total unity, a decision was made Sunday afternoon that FWB Miss'ys serving in the Ivory Coast follow the strong recommendations of the US Embassy & depart. We'll be leaving as soon as air tickets can be purchased. None of us want to go, yet feel it is wise at this time—praying that soon the country will be safe so we can return to continue the work God has placed upon our hearts.

More news about Pastor & Madame George. They have arrived in Abidjan worn & torn from the flight from Bouake. When Jerry picked them up in Abidjan, Ama's feet were so swollen she could barely walk. They fled from Bouake with the clothes on their backs, a few cooking pots and their most valuable possessions; Rebecca (3rd grade) and Pricilla (kindergarden), their two children. It seems they did not walk the total 60 miles as we had been told earlier, but were happy to be hauled like cattle in a truck with as many as could crowd in for part of the way in a truck driven by Catholics. Bullets had come through the roof of the new parsonage home in Bouake. The sights they saw before leaving Bouake are too raw to be shared. Emotionally & physically they are drained, yet praising God for His protection.

We do not know the condition of other Believers in Bouake & request your continued prayers for their safety. After a time of rest, Pastor George & Family will continue to Bondoukou to stay with their families in a village near by. Enemy troops continue to gain control in the north of the Ivory Coast moving south. Last report from Pastor Jerome, President of FWB in Ivory Coast, Bouna was calm. He has cancelled his flight to the USA for the International Fellowship of FWB so he can remain with his family.

Thanks so very much for your prayer support.  
(Jerry) & Carol

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## *J. Matthew Pinson Inaugurated as FWBBC's Fifth President*

On a rainy September morning (September 26, 2002), some 700 students, faculty, staff, and visitors gathered in the Picirilli Activities Center at Free Will Baptist Bible College to witness and participate in the inauguration of J. Matthew Pinson as FWBBC's fifth president.

In addition to a host of alumni, pastors, and friends of the college, a delegation of well-wishers from colleges and universities were in attendance. These included representatives from such institutions as Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Belmont University, Trevecca Nazarene University, Belmont University, Vanderbilt University, Mount Olive College, Carolina Bible Institute, The University of The South, Bob Jones University, and Columbia International University.

Among those bringing greetings were Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell; Rev. Keith Burden, newly elected Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists; and others.

Board Chairman Gary Fry recited the Investiture of office conferring the presidential duties on Mr. Pinson. FWBBC History professor John Carter presented Rev. Pinson with a 65-pound replica of the original 1611 edition of the King James Bible, reminding him of the College's commitment to the Word of God.

President Pinson's Inaugural Address made frequent mention of the late Dr. L. C. Johnson, the College's first president. Mr. Pinson recommitted the College to prepare students to serve Christ in whatever vocation to which God calls them. He reiterated FWBBC's commitment to provide Free Will Baptists with pastors, missionaries, and other full-time church workers.

The Inauguration was followed by a luncheon at which personal tributes to Rev. Pinson were shared by family and friends. The day closed with an Inaugural Gala, featuring music and drama by members of the faculty, past and present, and a reception for President Pinson.

## **YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED**

By Kenny Simpson  
President of Missouri FWBBC Alumni Association

Someone has been noted for saying, "Education can't make us all leaders—but it can teach us which leader to follow." Free Will Baptists are being forced to get acquainted with new leadership at the helm of many of our national agencies. Personally, I am encouraged by the selection of servants who have been chosen to lead those departments.

Free Will Baptist Bible College is one of those national agencies with a new leader. J. Matthew Pinson was inaugurated as the fifth President of FWBBC on September 26, 2002. I had the privilege of sitting down with President Pinson in his office to discuss his vision for our college. I listened intently as he spoke, and I learned many things.

First, he is passionate about excellence. Many talk about excellence, but few model it and motivate people toward

it. President Pinson passes that test. I saw it immediately as I drove on campus. The renovation of the campus has brought a much-needed face-lift to the appearance of the college. Blacktop driveways and parking lots, well-manicured lawns, attractive flower gardens and formerly dilapidated houses, now standing proud with new life.

Not only did I see excellence, I heard it. From the President's inaugural address to informal discussions with faculty and students, the status quo is not on the agenda. The spiritual and academic bar has been raised at FWBBC.

Second, our new President is committed to truth. Forgive me for being a little nosey but I couldn't help taking inventory of all of his books lying on his desk. From historical writings to books on music and morals, his reading as-

signment is lengthy. The Bible, you ask? It was right in the center of his desk.

In time you will observe that J. Matthew Pinson is a leader who learns truth and seeks to practice it in every discipline of life.

Third, he *really* knows FWB. Some know FWBs and then others *really* know us. President Pinson is the latter. He is a fourth generation FWB. He is a historian who knows our heritage, our doctrine, our people and also our needs. In a reception honoring President Pinson, Mr. Leroy Forlines commented, "If I had to name Mr. Free Will Baptist, I would call the name J. Matthew Pinson."

I have had enough education to know that J. Matthew Pinson is a leader worth following. Keep your eyes on him. You won't be disappointed.

## BIBLE COLLEGE ENROLLS 322 FOR FALL SEMESTER

Free Will Baptist Bible College began its 60th year of ministry with an enrollment of 322, some 13% higher than fall 2001, according to the Registrar's Office. More good news was the 20% increase in dormitory students, who total 230.

Nearly 90% are full-time students, also a 13% increase. Students new to FWBBC total 105. They join 217 returnees. There are 161 men and 161 women in the fall student body.

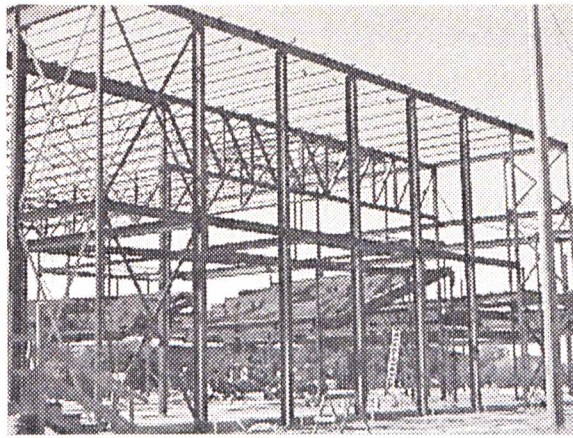
By classes, students number 100 freshmen, 70 sophomores, 70 juniors, 74 seniors, and eight special students.

This semester's students have come to FWBBC from 22 states and seven foreign countries:

Alabama	20
Arkansas	20
Florida	9
Georgia	18
Illinois	21
Indiana	12
Kansas	4
Kentucky	5
Louisiana	1
Michigan	15
Mississippi	9
Missouri	7
North Carolina	15
Ohio	5
Oklahoma	2
Pennsylvania	2
South Carolina	10
Tennessee	109
Texas	5
Virginia	11
Wisconsin	1
West Virginia	5
Foreign	16
(Albania, Bahamas, Brazil,	
Canada, Japan, Spain,	
Zimbabwe)	

President J. Matthew Pinson says, "We see a world of potential in the students we recently enrolled. We thank God for each of them. We also thank the parents, pastors, youth directors and others who encouraged them to make FWBBC their choice."

We welcome these students and ask for the prayers of Free Will Baptists everywhere, that God's hand will be on them as they prepare to serve Him.



Classroom is taking shape as the crane lifts each beam into place. In addition, the ground is being readied for a much needed student parking lot across from the administration building.

Please know that none of these things would be possible without the generous support of you and others like you. It is such a blessing to see the changes, both physically and spiritually, that have been taking place on the campus of Hillsdale. Please pray with us for the continued surge forward.

Bob Thompson

## Hillsdale Update!

Dear Friends of Hillsdale,  
WOW! It is simply amazing to see all of the changes being made on campus. If you have driven by or visited the web site, you have seen some of the exciting projects underway. The steel framework for the Bill J. and Alma Lou Barber Chapel/

### HOW DOES GOD DO IT?

How can He create a perfect body, breath life into it, and then having formed woman from the man, set in motion a process of natural reproduction that will allow for bodies equally as marvelous as the original? Consider some interesting facts about our tabernacle of clay. If you are a person of average size, you perform in each of 24 hours, the following functions:

1. Your heart beats 103, 689 times.
2. You breathe 23,040 times.
3. You inhale 438 cubic feet of air.
4. You eat between 3 and 4 pounds of food and drink 3 quarts of liquid, and perspire about 2 pints through your skin.
5. Your body maintains a steady temperature of 98.6 degrees under all weather conditions.
6. You speak 4800 words (men only), and move and use over 700 muscles, use 7,000,000 brain cells and walk 7 miles (women only) in the home— not men, they ride.

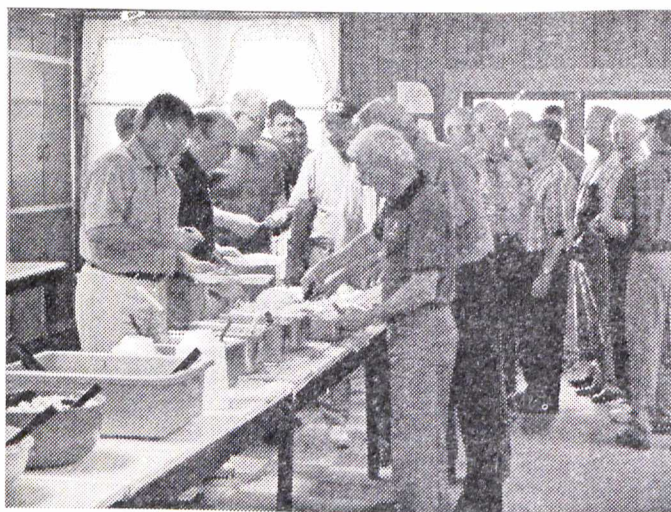
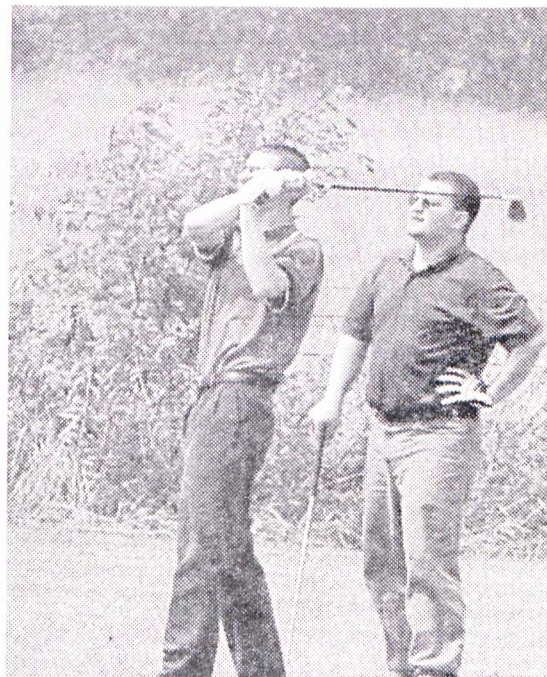
God can do it! He can design a human body that is "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Ps. 139:14). And he does so thousands of times a day. His ability to do it, of course, is tied in with His omnipotence. "The things which are impossible with man are possible with God" (Luke 18:27). His interest in designing man's highly functional body relates to His love and concern. It is so constructed that man can work, dream, rest, have fun, exercise, and still have energy to serve the Creator.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 1:21)

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## All Boards Meeting and Golf Tournament

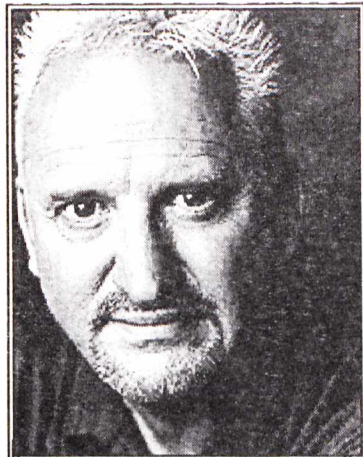
The events of the All Board/Minister's and Layman's Retreat were well attended. Attendees were able to enjoy a round of golf, eat a delicious dinner, and hear Rev. Jerry Norris speak. All in all, it was a great day. Below are some photos.



# 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 15<sup>TH</sup>

- 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 16<sup>TH</sup>

- 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  
15<sup>TH</sup>-16<sup>TH</sup>**

### COST

**IF POSTMARKED  
BEFORE  
OCT 22<sup>ND</sup> \$40**

**BEFORE  
NOV 11<sup>TH</sup> \$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:

**Windermere:  
[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

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Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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### Male Sponsors

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Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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### Female Sponsors

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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 22<sup>nd</sup> = \$40 NOV. 11<sup>th</sup> = \$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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002 through November 16<sup>th</sup>, 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

#### Oct. 4 - Kansas City

Greetings. Our bodies have been in Kansas City- since Wednesday afternoon. Our hearts remain in the Ivory Coast-aching for the Believers there. Please pray for them. News is not at all encouraging..we fear for their safety yet very confident of their faith in the Lord. We are staying with Family..asking God to direct us in the path of His Choice. Thanks for your prayers..I'll write more later when words come out in printed form instead of liquid from the eyes. Carol-for Jerry too.

#### Oct 8 St. Joseph, MO

Thank you so very much for your prayers & ways of showering us with love & concern..the IC news remains on the dark side. The policeman who gave us permission to leave Bouna has been shot & killed. Jerry & Dr. Kenneth prayed with him as we were leaving. We have no news from Pastor George & Family.RebelForces have entered Bondoukou. Nine were reported killed. Please excuse this letter to many, but it's the quickest way to contact you all with the same news..Son,Tim is doing quite well- he's back to work already. Sister, Anna is also doing great. thanks so much for your prayers in their (our) behalf.

Andersons will begin an early furlough (due in Nov) & locate in Nashville. Eagletons are staying with their sons near Nashville. Alice Smith is with her Mom in W. Va. The West are in NC. If the loan is approved Jerry & I will soon become All Americans Again—in debt for a truck to pull the 5th wheel. We plan to spend what time we have US in visiting our churches..hope to see YOU! We want to be serving HIM regardless of the location. Thanks again so very much for remembering our African Family..

Jerry & Carol Plnkerton

#### E-Mail from Edwin Bowden Oct. 10

We were thrilled to see answered prayer in the flesh at church last night.

Our dear friends and veteran FWB missionaries to the Ivory Coast, Jerry & Carol Pinkerton were with us in church last night. The last that we had

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## 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 crosscultural 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.

### News From Micah Derby

Missionary to France

If I would have thought back in January when I started my support raising, that I would be where I am at today, I would have laughed. Well, needless to say, our God is greater and richer than any other god.

First, I have to thank God for allowing the provisions he has provided, and second, I have to thank all the churches who have taken me under their wings.

Since I have started this journey, I have met some very wonderful and lovely people. From the St. Louis area, to the Greater Kansas City area, to Springfield, to all parts of California and even to a small town called Purdy, all have been a blessing to me since I have started this endeavor to reach Muslims for Christ.

In other news, I have gone full time with the mission and will now be able to devote myself more fully to preparation and support raising. This is an amazing accomplishment on the parts of the churches that have been supporting me already! I greatly thank each and every one for what they have done and will do for me in the future. In times like these, when God is providing despite the lack of faith that we may

have, He proves himself to be larger than any force here on this Earth. I count it a blessing to serve a God who cares, hears, and loves even when we don't deserve it.

#### Prayer Request

- . Preparedness for leaving next August.
- . Stronger development within the team.
- . Support raising for entire team.
- . The hearts of those we will minister to will begin to become softened.
- . Pray that support will continue to come in, and that new support will start!

#### Fall Team Focus

On our team, we have 4 children, Eli, 1, Sophia, 1, McKinna, 5, and McGuire, 2.

Children are very special people to me, and I would ask that you say a special prayer for them. They will have some of the hardest challenges to face (i.e. growing up knowing two different cultures). Please pray for God's hand of protection over them as well as His love being an active part of their lives.



# A CUT ABOVE

By Phyllis Detherage

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25

My Grandma Alice and Grandpa Harry came to visit us when I was about 4 years old. We were living in Missouri on a farm at the time and life was really pretty calm and peaceful, or so it was from the perspective of a 4-year-old. I don't really remember any exciting events during that stay but there was one little thing that will forever be in my memory!

Everyone was off doing his or her own thing, except for Grandpa Harry and me. Grandpa Harry was reclining on the couch enjoying a peaceful afternoon snooze and I was playing quite happily on the floor. I had a new pair of preschool scissors and I was busy finding all sorts of things that I could do with them. I discovered that they cut paper really well, but surely there was something else that could be done with this wonderful invention! All of a sudden it hit me! I could play barbershop and give Grandpa Harry a haircut! Wouldn't everyone be surprised and pleased! I knew they would appreciate me saving them the cost of a hair cut.

Grandpa Harry was a gruff and often formidable little man so I very quietly tiptoed over to him, bent down to whisper in his ear, and I said, "Grandpa, can I give you a haircut?" Of course being the doting Grandfather that he was, his immediate response was a gruff and sleepy, "sure." To this day,

I'm not so sure he said that because he was spoiling me. It may have had something to do with the fact that he was half-asleep! He never admitted to that though!

Needless to say, I was ecstatic! My first haircut! Maybe this would lead to a life-long career! I took scissors in hand and went at it! A little snip here, a little snip there. What could go wrong? This was easy! I was enjoying my hairdressing

success to its fullest when, you guessed it, the proverbial boom was lowered!

I was just really getting with it and in walked Mom and Grandma Alice! The looks of shock and terror will forever be seared into my mind! Even at 4 years old, I was very well aware that I was in big trouble! I believe my Mother's first words were, "Phyllis, What are you doing?" Now, to me, it was quiet obvious but I suppose being a Mother, it was a requirement for her to ask. I grinned great big, stuck my chest out with pride, and announced that I was giving Grandpa a haircut. I think it was about then that Grandma showed signs of swooning! I just couldn't understand their response? Weren't they proud of what I was doing? Wasn't it a worthy task?

One little detail that I haven't mentioned up to now is the fact that Grandpa Harry always wore his hair in a crew cut. He really didn't have much hair before I started, so you can imagine what he looked like when I was done! I thought the hole was rather becoming! It was on the top so nobody would see it anyway, surely! After all, he was tall. To a 4-year-old that is! Grandpa was only a little over 5 feet tall. Minor details!

After a few minutes, Mother regained her breath and began to quite thoroughly explain the rules for scissor use to me. I told her that Grandpa had said it was okay but she didn't seem too impressed with that tidbit of information. Until, Grandpa quietly sat up on the couch and spoke in his gruff voice, "It's alright, Marcella, I told her she could cut my hair." I'll never forget

the warmth that flooded my heart at that moment! Grandpa came to bat for me! Even after what I had done to him, he loved me that much! I gained a new appreciation for my Grandpa Harry that day and it has stuck with me all these years.

There's someone else that I have that warm appreciation for. Jesus! I don't think there is a day that goes by that I don't find some new mess to get into. I'll turn my back on what I know to be right and off I go in my own direction, and then, in walks God, right in the middle of things. Just about the time he's ready to announce sentence on me, Jesus walks up and says, "It's okay, I've already paid the price Father, and I love her. Please forgive her for my sake." Even after what I've done to him! Even after I scorned his ways! He loves me enough to go to bat for me! Isn't he a great Savior? What more could we want?

Grandpa Harry went to be with Jesus several years ago, and I have a feeling that they are good friends. After all, they have something in common! They both love me, and they both know how much trouble I can get into!

"Batter up," goes out the call,  
To those who hear. Yes, one and all.

But no one moves to take the plate,  
Won't someone save us from Hell's gates?

Will someone come to claim the blame?  
To save us from our sin and shame?

Yes, there is one, who takes our place,  
He comes forward with glowing face.

He stands so tall, and straight, and strong,  
Even though he does not belong.

He stands before us with loving eyes,  
And calmly, quietly, replies.

"I'll take the bat for one and all,  
I wish to see not a single one fall."

Why will he take our place to bat?  
When we often ignore him and give him his hat!

I think I see the answer in his eyes.  
He loved us so much, that for us he died!



## ANOTHER DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MISSIONARY BUILDER

by Bud Bivens

Today was one of those days when I would rather have been shoveling gravel or mixing cement! I left Tony and David at the church at 9:00 a.m. and headed toward downtown Carolina to see if I could get the elusive "Use Permit."

I went to the architect's office and she told me where to go in the Municipal building and what to ask for. I went to office No.2 and waited in line (take a number!) for about 10 minutes. Being a little impatient, I asked the secretary if she could just hand me the form I needed to fill out requesting the "Use Permit." She looked annoyed that I hadn't taken a number and sat down with the rest of the people to wait my usual two hours. She reached over next to her desk and pulled out the form and handed it to me.

I took the form back to Indira's office and she showed me a list she had made of places I needed to go. First of all, I had to go down the street to the Collecturia (tax collector) and pay sixty dollars. Then I could go to the Fire Department and request an inspection of the church. Naturally, I had to have the church tax number so I retreated back to Indira's office. Fortunately she had the number.

I returned to the Collecturia and stood in line again for several minutes. I paid the \$60.00 and got the receipt, then I headed for the Fire Department central office. I finally located it in another part of the city. (There are no street signs, of course.) I found the man who does the inspections and explained what we needed. He said he would be out to do the inspection in about a week. (You know what that means!!)

I then headed for the Department of Health. (That would be the eighth office, counting returns.) This office is located in Rio Piedras (a city inside San Juan). I finally found it at 11 :45. Once again, I waited in line. When I finally reached the desk, I told the girl what I needed. You guessed it, she sent me

to another building. When I got there, it was closed for lunch.

Parking in the city is absolutely unavailable most of the time. I had driven around several narrow streets looking for a place to park when I got there. I finally found a parking place big enough for our dodge van and did not plan to move from that spot until I finished my business. So, I just went back to the van, got in, and read the newspaper for an hour.

At one o'clock I went back to the office, took a number and waited. When my turn finally came, I paid the \$35.00 fee for the inspection. It did not surprise me one bit when I was told I needed to take the receipt to another Health office in Hato Rey. (That is another city inside San Juan.)

I searched until I located the street in Hato Rey and spent another 15 minutes looking for the building and a parking place. I went in, took my place in line and listened for 15 minutes as a little old lady lambasted the guy at the desk. It seems he wouldn't give her a permit to be buried in her back yard. Finally my turn came. The fellow at the desk looked at my receipt and said "Around the corner."

I finally got everything on my list taken care of, then I realized I was no closer to my "Use Permit" than I had been at the beginning of the day. Our engineer/inspector is coming Friday to take the Certificate of Electricity; Certificate of Plumbing, and his Certificate of the Building and see what else he needs to do to get the Use Permit. After he has the permit in hand, he will take it and start the process to get the "Permit to dig a hole in the street to connect the water." I am glad it will be his turn to wait in line. I just hope I don't get a fine for having the hole already dug there- for the last 3 months (Optimism)

One week later. The engineer-inspector finally came and we went to the city offices with all the papers filled out to get our permit. We had six original copies of the filled out forms, as directed. We took our number, waited in

line, and finally the secretary started working on our case on her computer. After about 10 minutes, the electricity went off and we all just sat around for about an hour waiting for it to come back on. When she finally finished, she stamped our copy and gave it to us. Finally, I thought! Then she explained to us that this was the "permit to get the use permit" and we still needed the Health Department inspection and the fire department inspection. We could then come back and get the Use Permit (sure, sure). We have now been waiting almost two weeks for them to come and inspect. We were told it would be within 30 working days, which with all the holidays here, means up to seven weeks. Once we get the inspections, we take the papers to the city, they stamp them and we take that to the water department and electric company, and they will come and hook up the water and permanent electricity. Then we can advertise who and what we are. Red tape? No kidding!

Please continue to pray.

Bud and Ruth Bivens

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heard was that the FWB missionaries left IC on 10/1.

They shared some of the dangers that they faced while there and how dangerous it would have been for them to stay at this time. Most of our FWB churches are in the northern part of the country that is now being controlled by the Muslim rebels.

They are really concerned for the Ivorian Christians because of the religious aspect of the rebellion. Jerry said that many different divisions and hatreds were coming out as a result of the rebellion.

They have 3 month tickets and are tentatively planning to return at that time. Our FWB missionaries will be meeting in Nashville on 10/21 to make plans.

They are very appreciative of all the prayers that have gone up for them and ask that we continue to pray for the Ivorian Christians living through this situation.

Jerry & Carol will be RVing while they are home. They can be reached at their email: Pinkertons4jc@cs.com

# Abraham Lincoln's Excerpt from the Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1863

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us. We have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.



## Worship Service Averages June 2002 - September 2002

<u>Churches:</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept.</u>
Beacon	110	96	110	
Belton	47	47	39	36
Buffalo 1 <sup>st</sup>	120	131	130	125
Cabool	38	39	41	48
Calvary Chapel	226	226	242	254
Calvary Fellowship	301	315	302	328
Cape Girardeau			54	
Copper Mines	48	47	60	50
Columbia	48	47	56	52
Crossroads-Wentzville		60	60	
De Soto	210	222	197	
Hannibal		75	82	
Hannon	136	126		
Harmony - Parkville				92
Hartville	186	191		200
Hopewell	33	35		33
Houston	62	67	67	70
Hurryville	88	87	94	91
Joplin 1 <sup>st</sup>	93	96	107	
Kingsway	34	36	40	37
Lebanon FWB	41	44	31	38
Macedonia- Purdy	145			
Mill Creek	74	84	93	90
Mt. Pisgah	68	78	74	80
Myrtle	34	30	28	32
New Life - Licking	65	63	71	58
Oak Hill- Union	62	60	60	59
O'Fallon 1 <sup>st</sup>	144		138	141
Ozark 1 <sup>st</sup>	179	183	182	177
Pleasant Hill	31	24	26	29
Richwoods 1 <sup>st</sup>		41	42	42
Rock Chapel	58	47	51	52
Rolla 1 <sup>st</sup>	31	35	38	35
Springfield 1 <sup>st</sup>	135	118	125	
Sunnyview	50	56	61	
Thayer	145	125	162	155
Trinity		64		77
Union Grove	112	115	120	127
United	617	582	602	613
Westport- Jeff. City	11			
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove	73	74		74

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

## Financial Report September 2002

### Cooperative Disbursements

September 2002	\$47,644.09
18.50% MO Home Missions	\$8,814.16
17.00% Executive Office	8,099.50
3.00% General Fund	1,429.32
.50% Show-Me Plan	238.22
8.50% Youth Camp Board	4,049.75
3.00% Y.C. Restricted Funds	1,429.32
2.00% Youth Ministries Board	952.88
2.00% Christian Education Bd	952.88
2.00% Senior Adult Min Bd	952.88
9.00% Missouri Retirement	4,287.97
31.50%	15,007.89
National Ministries, Hillsdale and	
California Christian College	
Foreign Missions Board	
National Home Missions Board	
Same Allocation	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
HillsdaleFWBt College	
Executive Department	
Layman's Board	
Radio & TV Commission	
Theological Commission	
Historical Commission	
Board of Retirement & Insurance	
1.00% California Christian College	
3.00% Show-Me Plan	1,429.32
Total	\$47,644.09

### Co-op

Alton	\$200.00
Amity	\$166.39
Aulsbury Chapel	\$180.59
Bailey	\$183.00
Bailey Chapel	\$150.00
Beacon	\$1,670.00
Belton	\$268.45
Berean	\$67.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$412.84
Black Oak	\$393.59

Buffalo 1st	\$100.00
Byrd	\$93.45
Cabool 1st	\$298.24
Calvary Chapel	\$1,341.55
Cape Girardeau	\$507.48
Christ Chapel	\$385.53
Clifton	\$66.60
Copper Mines	\$361.60
Cornerstone	\$412.98
Crossroads-Wentzville	\$680.00
Cuba	\$593.00
De Soto 1st	\$1,240.00
Emmanuel- Colorado	\$32.15
Faith and Hope- Willow Springs	\$146.13
Farmington 1st	\$2,774.37
Fellowship	\$1,200.00
Fordland	\$681.70
Fourth	\$239.32
Fredericktown 1st	\$406.00
Freeman Chapel	\$539.10
Gospel Light	\$100.00
Grace	\$1,185.31
Grant Avenue	\$1,164.56
Hannibal	\$473.00
Hannon	\$870.00
Hartville	\$1,085.00
Hopewell	\$207.00
Hurryville	\$495.94
Jackson	\$141.08
Joplin 1st	\$687.90
Kings Way	\$237.33
Kirksville 1st	\$68.80
Koskonong	\$163.00
Lead Hill	\$258.28
Leadington	\$356.70
Lebanon 1st	\$989.23
Lone Star	\$56.00
Macedonia- Niangua	\$82.52
Marshfield	\$217.35
Marshfield	\$213.41
Merls Chapel	\$168.00
Mill Creek	\$662.02
Mine LaMotte	\$74.63
Monett 1st	\$631.25
Mountain Grove 1st	\$1,415.22

Mt. Pisgah .....	\$352.00
Mt. Zion- Gower .....	\$93.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$95.00
New Hope .....	\$70.00
North Five .....	\$37.22
Number One .....	\$137.98
O' Fallon 1st .....	\$1,397.00
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove .....	\$161.04
Oak Hill .....	\$478.00
Olivet .....	\$440.00
Overland .....	\$90.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$1,671.24
Park Hills 1st .....	\$681.16
Parkview .....	\$526.59
Pleasant Hill .....	\$144.60
Pleasant Home .....	\$248.80
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$84.00
Potosi 1st .....	\$135.26
Republic .....	\$100.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$478.57
Rolla 1st .....	\$333.00
Royal Oak .....	\$57.00
Seymour .....	\$441.00
Smyrna .....	\$65.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$1,020.55
St. Francois Assn. ....	\$39.00
Stockton .....	\$473.30
Terrill Rd. ....	\$50.00
Terrill Road .....	\$50.00
Thayer .....	\$919.00
Trinity .....	\$833.73
Twin Oak .....	\$1,270.00
Union .....	\$120.00
Union Light .....	\$165.00
United .....	\$2,105.33
Unity .....	\$470.00
Verdella .....	\$1,317.37
Victory- Alton .....	\$505.73
Waynesville .....	\$870.88
West Plains 1st .....	\$750.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove .....	\$290.42
Wolf Creek .....	\$281.73
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$47,644.09</b>

#### Show-Me Plan

Barker, Rev. J. ....	\$15.00
Beacon .....	\$527.00
Belton .....	\$165.00
Berean .....	\$30.00
Berry, R. ....	\$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado Springs .....	\$462.84
Bethel - Festus .....	\$45.00
Black Oak .....	\$60.00
Brown, J. ....	\$15.00
Buffalo 1st .....	\$60.00
Burns, J. ....	\$60.00
Buxton, G. ....	\$30.00
Cabool .....	\$105.00
Calvary Chapel .....	\$105.00
Cartee, J. ....	\$15.00
Chrisman, M. ....	\$30.00
Copper Mines .....	\$150.00
Copper Mines - Teen & Jr. Cl. ....	\$30.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult Class ..	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove .....	\$307.50
Cuba .....	\$147.72
Darnell, W. ....	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$552.50
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class ..	\$15.00
DeSoto Yg. Adult SS Class .....	\$45.00
Faith - St. Louis .....	\$20.00
Faith & Hope - W.S. ....	\$120.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$750.00
Fellowship .....	\$579.50
Fordland .....	\$250.00
Fourth .....	\$240.00
Fourth .....	\$60.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$150.00
Freeman Chapel .....	\$540.00
Garrett, R. ....	\$15.00
Gospel Light .....	\$1,000.00
Grace .....	\$344.00
Graham, S. ....	\$45.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$355.00
Greenfield .....	\$180.00

Greenfield .....	\$150.00
Hannon .....	\$1,020.00
Happy Hill .....	\$60.00
Hastings, H. ....	\$15.00
Hurryville .....	\$300.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class ..	\$16.32
Jackson .....	\$40.00
Jones Chapel .....	\$210.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$75.00
Leadington .....	\$180.00
Lebanon 1st .....	\$150.00
Macedonia - Purdy .....	\$6,000.00
Maggart, D. ....	\$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 Cooperative Fund .....	\$1,429.32
Missouri St WAC .....	\$769.36
Monett 1st .....	\$185.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$445.00
Mouser, J. ....	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer .....	\$30.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$165.00
New Home - Hartville .....	\$210.00
New Hope - Fredericktown .....	\$105.00
New Life - Monett .....	\$150.00
New Testament .....	\$15.00
Noel, D. ....	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Houston .....	\$30.00
Oak Hill - Union .....	\$20.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$96.00
Olivet .....	\$30.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$50.00
Park Hills 1st .....	\$224.36
Parkview - Desloge .....	\$307.18
Pinkerton, J. ....	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill .....	\$45.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$300.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana .....	\$50.00
Purdy .....	\$345.00
Reiter, K. ....	\$30.00
Richwoods .....	\$82.50
Rock Chapel .....	\$255.00
Rogers, F. ....	\$15.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$30.00
Royal Oak .....	\$120.00
Ruble N. ....	\$45.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$515.00
Stockton .....	\$155.00
Thayer .....	\$355.00
Trinity .....	\$465.00
Union Light .....	\$150.00
United - West Plains .....	\$360.49
Unity .....	\$75.00
Verdella .....	\$1,797.37
Victory - K.C. ....	\$675.00
Walnut Grove .....	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$959.60
West Plains 1st .....	\$182.00
White, R. ....	\$15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove .....	\$90.00
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$150.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$28,105.56</b>

#### Foreign Missions

Beacon .....	\$40.00
Belton .....	\$15.00
Chapman, A. ....	\$20.00
Cuba .....	\$29.54
Farmington 1st .....	\$37.50
Fordland .....	\$5.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$51.00
Lewis, D. ....	\$20.00
Macedonia- Purdy VBS .....	\$258.08
Matthews, A. ....	\$15.00
Minor, K. ....	\$10.00
New Testament .....	\$80.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$218.00
Park Hills 1st .....	\$5.00
Thayer .....	\$10.00
Trinity .....	\$158.55
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$972.67</b>

#### Nat'l Home Missions

Beacon .....	\$70.00
Belton .....	\$65.00
Chapman, A. ....	\$10.00
Cuba .....	\$88.62
De Soto 1st .....	\$244.00
De Soto Auditorium Class .....	\$10.00
Degonia, C. ....	\$500.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$380.00
Fordland .....	\$45.00
Fourth .....	\$50.00
Fredericktown .....	\$30.00
Gospel Light .....	\$240.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$32.00
Hannon .....	\$521.00
Hartville .....	\$100.00
Jackson .....	\$40.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$20.00
King, B. ....	\$5.00
Macedonia- Purdy .....	\$200.00
Monett 1st .....	\$105.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$25.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$100.00
New Home- Hartville .....	\$10.00
New Life- Monett .....	\$100.00
New Testament .....	\$140.00
O' Fallon 1st .....	\$66.50
Park Hills 1st .....	\$148.12
Rader, J. ....	\$20.00
Richwoods 1st .....	\$60.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$246.00
Rogers, B. ....	\$15.00
Ruble, N. ....	\$10.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$20.00
Thayer .....	\$300.00
Thebeau, B. ....	\$5.00
Trinity .....	\$61.69
Union Light .....	\$96.00
United .....	\$150.00
Unity .....	\$50.00
Verdella .....	\$20.00
Wolf Creek .....	\$75.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,533.93</b>

#### State Home Missions

Lebanon Bible & Book .....	\$330.00
O' Fallon 1st .....	\$66.50
United .....	\$25.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$20.00
Waynesville .....	\$100.00
De Soto 1st .....	\$90.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
White, R. ....	\$10.00
Belton .....	\$50.00
Bethel- Northview .....	\$10.00
Crawford, J. ....	\$25.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$25.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$51.79
Kirksville 1st .....	\$100.00
Trinity .....	\$41.69
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$90.00
Republic .....	\$25.00
Fellowship .....	\$100.00
Fordland .....	\$10.00
Union .....	\$90.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,399.98</b>

#### Youth Camp

Buffalo 1st .....	50.00
Hartville .....	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore .....	180.00
New Home- Hartville .....	10.00
Park Hills 1st .....	26.63
Rolla 1st .....	20.00
Cornerstone .....	25.00
De Soto 1st .....	55.00
Thayer .....	50.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	15.00
Cabool 1st .....	10.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	10.00
Ozark 1st .....	10.00
West Plain 1st .....	70.00
Verdella .....	20.00

Trinity .....	9.00
Hannon .....	50.00
Willow Springs- Mountain Grove ..	10.00
Union .....	60.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$690.63</b>

#### Camp Development Fund

Rock Chapel .....	\$51.00
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#### C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store ....	\$130.00
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#### Senior Adult Ministries

Lebanon Bible & Book Store ....	\$130.00
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#### Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$130.00
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#### Free Will Baptist Bible College

Farmington 1st .....	152.84
Ruble, N. ....	15.00
De Soto 1st .....	40.00
Thayer .....	50.00
Beacon .....	125.00
Ozark 1st .....	20.00
Verdella .....	263.46
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$666.30</b>

#### Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Farmington 1st .....	172.16
Grant Avenue .....	2.00
Monett 1st .....	100.00
Thayer .....	50.00
Beacon .....	125.00
Hannon .....	100.00
Joplin 1st .....	75.00
Neosho 1st .....	50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$674.16</b>

#### Southeastern FWB College

Springfield 1st .....	\$20.00
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#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

De Soto 1st .....	55.00
Nosser, M. ....	25.00
Stephens, T. ....	10.00
Belton .....	60.00
New Hope .....	30.00
Unity .....	20.00
Hannon .....	100.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>

#### Rev. John McClure

Monett 1st .....	85.00
Chapman, A. ....	10.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	47.50
Central Western Auxiliary .....	15.00
Purdy .....	20.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$177.50</b>

#### Women Nationally Active for Christ

Ruble, J. ....	\$10.00
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#### Cornerstone FWB Church

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

#### Vergel Maness

Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
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#### Richard Stanley

Chapman, A. ....	\$10.00
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#### Morgan Minkler

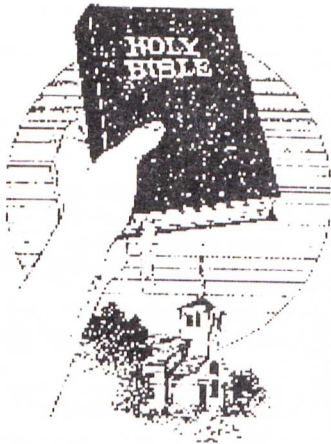
Belton .....	\$25.00
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#### Jeff Cates

Greater Ozarks WAC .....	\$500.00
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#### Victor Torrez

United Youth Group .....	\$400.00
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## The Bible and Our Nation

by Ronald Reagan

Of the many influences that have shaped the United States of America into a distinctive nation and people, none may be said to more fundamental and enduring than the Bible.

Deep religious beliefs stemming from the Old and New Testaments of the Bible inspired many of the early settlers of our country, providing them with the strength, character, convictions, and faith necessary to withstand great hardship and danger in this new and rugged land. These shared beliefs helped forge a sense of common purpose among the widely dispersed colonies— a sense of community which laid the foundation for the spirit of nationhood that was to develop in later decades.

The Bible and its teachings helped form the basis for the Founding Father's abiding belief in the inalienable rights of the individual, rights which they found implicit in the Bible's teachings of the inherent worth and dignity of each individual. This same sense of man patterned the convictions of those who framed the English system of law inherited by our own nation, as well as the ideals set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

For centuries the Bible's emphasis on compassion and love for our neighbor has inspired institutional and governmental expressions of benevolent outreach such as private charity, the establishment of schools and hospitals, and the abolition of slavery.

Many of our greatest national leaders— among them Presidents: Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson— have recognized the influence of the Bible on our country's development. The plain-spoken Andrew Jackson referred to the Bible as no less than "the rock on which our Republic rests."

Today our beloved America and, indeed, the world, is facing a decade of enormous challenge. As a people we may well be tested as we have seldom, if ever, been tested before. We will need resources of spirit even more than resources of technology, education, and armaments. There could be no more fitting moment than now to reflect with gratitude, humility, and urgency upon the wisdom revealed to us in the writing that Abraham Lincoln call "the best gift God has ever given to man. . . But for it, [the Bible] we could not know right from wrong." Excerpted from "Year of the Bible Proclamation" (1983)



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