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thought it not robbery to be equal with God:  
But made himself of no reputation,  
and took upon him the form of a servant,  
and was made in the likeness of men:"*

# Merry Christmas

From the  
Executive Office



**Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Ruble**

Dear Friends,



**William Ruble, Bookkeeper**

Christmas is a joyous season for the child of God. It is a time to rejoice and to give thanks as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Our cup of joy should overflow as we with awe remember what Jesus did for us. He, " ... being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (Phil 2:6-8)"

Christmas is also a time to reflect on our blessings. As I reflect on the many good gifts God has bestowed on me and my family, you will be numbered there. It is with sincerest gratitude that I say thank you for your many prayers and words of encouragement you have given me as I have served you as executive secretary. My family and I want to wish each of you a joyous and blessed Christmas season.

## 2003 Calendar

### Ministers Retreat

March 17 - 19, 2003  
Stonecroft Conference Center,  
Branson, MO

### State Youth Competitive Activities

No dates at this time

### Senior Adult Retreat

#### Group I

May 12 - 14, 2003

#### Group II

May 14 - 16, 2003  
Stonecroft Conference Center,  
Branson, MO

### Missouri State Convention/

### Woman's Auxiliary Convention

June 2 - 4, 2003

Cowan Civic Center

### Youth Camp

Teen Group 1, June 8 - 13, 2003  
Teen Group 2, June 15 - 20, 2003

#### Pre - Teen Group 2

July 27 - Aug 1, 2003

#### Pre - Teen Group 1

Aug 3 - Aug 8, 2003

#### Group 1

Greater Springfield  
Indian Creek  
Central Western  
Mission  
Cave Springs  
Liberty  
MO-ARK  
NianguaNorthwest  
Laclede

#### Group 2

Greater K. C.  
South Central  
Northeast  
St. Louis  
St. Francois  
Mid-Rivers  
Bootheel

### National Convention, NYC & WNAC

July 20 - 24, 2003  
Tampa, Florida

### Missouri Women Active For Christ Retreat

August 15 - 16, 2003

Stonecroft Conference Center

### Preacher/Layman's Retreat and All Boards Meeting

September 8, 2003

Youth Camp, Niangua, MO

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# Sunnyview Church Dedicates New Building

The Sunnyview Free Will Baptist church located near Lebanon has many reasons to celebrate. The Church just added one more reason on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, as the church celebrated the completion of a 2400 square feet addition to their facilities by dedicating it to the Lord.

The celebration began after the morning worship



**Sunnyview Church**

service with a bountiful meal provided by the ladies of the church. Deep fried turkey and ham were just a couple of the entrees which graced the tables laden with food. The 2:30 dedication service was opened with a congregational hymn and a warm welcome from Pastor John Uder. He then introduced the New Horizon singers who provided the delightful and heartwarming special music. State executive secretary Nathan Ruble delivered the afternoon message.

Former pastors, Milan Ruble and Teddy Starnes, were given an opportunity to share their testimonies following the message.



**Pastor and Mrs. John Uder**

Pastor Uder commended those who had worked on the building. (The men of the church did the construction and the building was built debt free.) Following this he invited all who would to gather at the altars for a prayer of dedication. Former pastor Milan Ruble led the prayer. The service concluded with a congregational hymn.



**The New Horizon Singers**

## News from the Westport Free Will Baptist Church in Jefferson City

We have had an excellent Fall. Our two new families are a great blessing. We have so many children now that we are like the Old Woman in the Shoe . . . there are times when we are not sure what to do. What a great problem to have.

Because we had not had any special children's activities since June, we held an alternative to Halloween in our home and had 26 in attendance. We played games, gave prizes, had food and all with no evil influence! Also, we took our children to see the new Veggie Tales movie about Jonah. I wasn't thrilled, but the outing was not for my benefit. The kids loved it and went home singing.

We are still looking for a place to meet. It seems that each time we believe we have found a place, it doesn't work out. Please pray that God will provide. I know He will!

The teacher of our older youth class, Angie Tate, and her family will be moving the first part of November. We will really miss them! They are a joy and encouragement. The church they are led to attend in their future home will receive a blessing, however, please help us pray for a replacement teacher.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us the privilege to serve here in Jefferson City and for all your support, prayers and missions conferences. As we go into the Holidays, from our families to yours, may

God bless you abundantly!  
Bro. Jimmy Kiser

### **CHRISTMAS BRINGS A SAVIOR**

A Calcutta paper related that a young Brahmin came to the house of a missionary for an interview. In the course of the conversation he said, "Many things which Christianity contains I find in Hinduism; but there is one thing which Christianity has that Hinduism has not." "What is that?" the missionary asked. His reply was striking - "A Saviour."

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Dennis



Judy



Kathy



Angie

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
from the  
Employees  
of the  
Lebanon Bible & Book Store*

## O'Fallon Youth Minister in Canada

Twenty members of a Missouri youth group spent a year raising \$20,000 in order to bus to Canada and teach Vacation Bible School at a new Free Will Baptist church in Fredericton. Home missionary Jeff Crabtree said the 28 people (including eight adult sponsors) from First FWB Church in O'Fallon, Missouri, paid their own way and dramatically impacted the Canadian community.

After 33 hours on a chartered bus, the group arrived in Fredericton at 5:00 a.m. on August 8. They lodged in a downtown hostel and hit the ground running with last-minute preparations for the August 12-15 VBS.

Missouri youth minister Ben Crabtree (son of Jeff Crabtree) preached Sunday morning and evening. The youth arranged the church for the VBS "Jonah and the Whale" theme.

Monday through Thursday, 9:30-11:35 a.m., classes were held for area

children. Afternoons were for sight-seeing and relaxation. Though unplanned, the evenings became times for witnessing and interacting with others in the hostel. No air conditioning or televisions brought everyone to the common rooms where area university students and international travelers interacted with the youth group and its leaders concerning their faith. Discussions went late into the night. A highlight of the trip was the visit to the building site of Serenity FWB Church. The group had raised over \$500 for the new building and learned that their sacrifice and efforts paid for the sheet rock for over half the wall area, plus one special project to be announced later. They gathered where the altar will be in the new sanctuary and prayed for God's blessings on the congregation as it works to reach the community for Christ. Home missionary Jeff Crabtree said, "Only time will tell what this trip accom-

plished for the kingdom. For most, it was a trip to a new country, an introduction to a new culture and an opportunity to share the gospel with people not familiar with Bible-belt theology. It was an opportunity for the youth to see their leaders actively sharing their faith while living it in new surroundings, and to share their table with others who sounded and thought differently than they did."

Thursday evening at 9:00 p.m., Alex, an eight-year-old boy from the community, expressed the feelings of his group as he stood by his parents and cried as Steve, his new friend from St. Louis, boarded the bus to go home.

Missouri pastor Rick Dement welcomed the youth group back to the O'Fallon congregation after they completed their long trek.

*\*Article reprinted from Contact*

# Information Concerning Missouri State Retirement Program



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

A Retirement Pension Enrollment Form supplied by the State Office give the following guidelines:.

## I. Eligibility

An applicant for participation in the plan must be gainfully employed a minimum of 20 hours weekly by a Free Will Baptist Church or church-related agency. Being gainfully employed is receiving reasonable compensation for services. Serving in a voluntary ministry -without compensation does not qualify a person for participation in this plan.

## II. Types of Contributions

- A. ER (Employer Contributions) - ER contributions are made by the employer as a budgeted amount above the employee's taxable income.
- B. SRA/tax deferred contributions - SRA contributions are tax deferred, non budgeted employee contributions made through an agreement between the employee and the employer. The church/employer withholds the specified amount and sends it direct to the retirement office.
- C. EE (Employee) contributions - EE contributions are made directly to the retirement fund by the employee from tax-paid income.

## Participation level

- A. Plan 1 - Full Employer Participation - pays the highest earnings

The Church/employer is required to contribute a minimum of 5% of the employee's base salary (taxable income), which excludes housing and other expense allowances. The employer may contribute up to 25% of the employee's base salary as long as all tax deferred contributions (ER and SRA) do not exceed 25% of base salary or \$10,500. In addition to the employer's contributions the employee may contribute any amount of tax paid (EE) contributions. Employer contributions must be paid by church/agency check.

\$25,000 term life insurance is required for participants in Plan 1.

- B. Plan 2 - Individual Plan - pays 1/4% less earnings than plan 1

The employee and/or employer is required to contribute a minimum of 3% of the employee's base salary (taxable income) which excludes housing allowance and other benefits. The employee may contribute any amount beyond the 3% as long as all tax deferred contributions (ER and SRA) do not exceed 25% of base salary or \$10,500.

\$25,000 term life insurance is optional.

- C. Plan 3 - Entry Level Plan - earns 1/2% less than Plan 1

The plan requires a minimum contribution of \$10.00 a month. The contributions may come from the employee or the church/employer.

No Insurance is available under Plan 3.

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

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

## Bible College Hires New Recruitment Director

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE-Free Will Baptist Bible College has employed an alumnus to serve as Director of Enrollment Management.

Matthew Markins, a 2000 FWBBC graduate and a native of Sharpsville, Indiana, has joined the staff to direct the College's recruitment activities. He majored in Christian Education and Missions and went on to serve as coordinator of the E-Team and Overseas Apprentice Programs for the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department. Graduate studies are part of his plan for the future. He and his wife, Katie, have a son, Matthew Warren.

Mr. Markins replaces Jeff Caudill in Enrollment Management. Mr. Caudill is the newly appointed Director of Financial Aid at FWBBC, replacing Mrs. Peggy Hampton, who is retiring.

The College welcomes Matt to the staff and looks forward to long and successful association.

## Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Dear Friend of Hillsdale,

The leaves are beginning to turn and sweaters are being pulled from storage. Fall isn't the only noticeable change on campus...the Bill J. and Alma Lou Barber Chapel/Classroom Building is progressing quite nicely as well as the new student parking lot in front of the Administration Building. What a treat to drive in each day and see all the wonderful changes taking place. Don't forget to visit the web site ([www.hc.edu](http://www.hc.edu)) to view the progress of the Bill J. and Alma Lou Barber Chapel/Classroom.

New Life and Players have begun touring and some very exciting reports are coming back about their performances. Basketball will soon be in full swing, so don't miss the Saints and Lady Saints as they represent Hillsdale on the court this year.

Your generous support is such a blessing and is responsible for both physical and spiritual growth here on campus. Please pray that this progress continues

## News From the Turnboughs

Dear Friends,

I just had an encouraging telephone conversation with a local bank director. After talking to "the powers that be" she says they have decided they have no problem in working with "a church" to give us a construction loan. I received news this week that another Evangelical Church in a nearby town was turned down by a bank, specifically because it is a church. This does not mean it is a "done deal" for us, but it is a great beginning step. Now, the church and the bank will have to study the details about exactly how the church will guarantee the bank payment, which will undoubtedly mean the personal involvement of several church members. The bank director is calling me next week to set up an appointment.

At the same time, one architect has presented us sketches of new plans for the building this week, and called me last night to see if we want to move ahead with him (we met him through an email update just like this one). Another architect is studying the old plans to give us a bid on how much he would charge to take on the project, and we are to meet with him next week (this one is a friend of one of the church members).

At the same time, both of these architects have given (free) important suggestions to the church lawyer concerning the writing of the agreement we are to present to City Hall this month. The church members will need to make important decisions and be willing to commit themselves financially in the coming days. We are doing all we can humanly speaking, but there is so much that will have to be God's working in order for the Nehemiah Project to take off and be a success. That is good. If it happens, everyone will have to give God the glory. That would be a great testimony for so many unbelieving people here in Spain.

We appreciate your prayers!

Here for HIS glory,  
Jeff Turnbough

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## Cates Newsletter Excerpt

Hello from the Cates,

We are excited about the many wonderful things God is doing in Mexico. There are many new missions the Lord has blessed with since we have been here. We have seen the church in Atlapexco built and completed. We have a new mission in Victoria that is just starting. Please pray for Brother Alfonso Vargas as he works to start a church there. A new mission in the extreme south of Mexico has been started. We ask that you pray for Brother Manuel Francisco and his work in Bacalr, Quintana Roo. Reynosa has two new mission churches. It is a huge city of about half a million people, so yes, two more churches are very needed in this large city. We ask you to pray for Brother Marco Mendoza and Luis Tijerina who are starting these churches. A new mission church is also being started in Crisolco, Hidalgo. Please keep Brother Orlando Bautista in your prayers as he starts this mission and pastors a church in Teccacuaco, Hidalgo. We also rejoice in the continuing growth of the mission church in Las lomas, Vera Cruz under the leadership of Brother Andres Trinidad, which is now constructing a new building.

... We thank the lord for the wonderful people who are willing to give of their time and effort to come and help in the work here. Without all of you, our work would not be possible. Thank you so much for your prayers and all you do for us and the work in Mexico.

Working for Him in Mexico,  
Jeff, Sondra, Whitney and Alyssa Cates

## News From the Pinkertons

Greetings from MO.

As you know all FWB African Miss'ys are now in the US..Conditions in Ivory Coast change quickly- most of the recent reports have gone from bad to worse..we ache for the Believers in the midst of this conflict & request your continued prayer support for them. We're confident that if we're allowed to return or not, His Church will remain firm.

It is our desire to return to the Ivory Coast as soon as events calm down. If we're not able to return, the options are to: go to another field, start a new work, take a leave of absence or resign. The Lord knows the desires of our hearts yet, we want to be obedient to what He desires.. Please pray with us...

Meanwhile, we'll be on an unscheduled furlough until April...regardless of where we find ourselves, we want to be useful in being busy about Our Father's Business. We appreciate your love/concern & standing with us & these dear Ivorian Christians. Jerry & Carol Pinkerton

### GOODBYES

I've never liked them-they hurt:  
they pull, twist, shread—ouch!

It doesn't matter which side of the ocean  
I find myself, emotions become liquid  
that falls from the eyes (& nose!). I am  
learning that there is something that  
hurts even more than the goodbyes..  
and that is not being able to say them!

Our departure from the Ivory Coast  
was fast. I never knew that the last  
class with the Bible Institute women  
would be the last one.

God, in his mercy, did allow me to leave  
them with words that unknown to me  
would be my final ones...and I praise  
Him. I whispered in their ears, the words  
that can never be said too often: I LOVE  
YOU. And I do you too.

Thanks for all your prayers for us  
and for the African Believers..

Please continue.

we do not know what God has  
for us in the days to come..

BUT regardless of what/where  
it is, we want to be found faithful.  
when words come in printed form  
easier than in the liquid drips/drops,

I'll send more news.

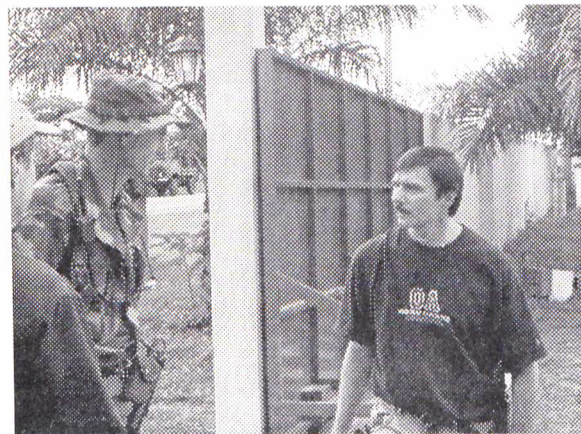
Hugs to EWE.

CAROL PINKERTON

## Crisis Intervention Fund Established

God's intervention in the crisis at International Christian Academy in Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire, at the end of September is worthy of praise. He used the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions staff, the United States State Department, the French and U.S. military, the prayers of Christians, and other individuals and groups to bring about safe evacuation of the students and staff at ICA.

By God's grace all Free Will Baptist missionaries and children were safely removed from Ivory Coast. Most are now in the U.S. on temporary stateside assignments, praying and awaiting the outcome of the coup d'état. The Cousineaus have gone to Dakar, Senegal, to fulfill their commitments the school where many of the students from ICA transferred.



clothing, extra stateside housing, etc. would adversely affect missionary accounts. Long distance telephone calls to inform the press, deal with the U.S. State Department, the American Embassy and ICA personnel in Bouaké all were significant in effecting the evacuation without casualties. But international phone rates are high.

These combined expenses total approximately \$40,000. Foreign Missions has determined to keep missionary accounts from suffering. Consequently the "Crisis Intervention Fund" will assure them that none of these costs will come from their accounts.

Free Will Baptist partners are asked to help by giving to this special fund. Just 400 people giving \$100 or 800 people with a \$50 one-time donation could provide the money needed. Any gifts beyond the amount needed will remain in the fund for future crises.

Gifts should be sent to Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-

5002 and should be earmarked "Crisis Intervention Fund."

God intervened in the danger crisis. Free Will Baptists are urged to intervene in this monetary crisis as a praise offering to Him.



Since such evacuation efforts cannot be adequately budgeted due to their sudden nature, a special "Crisis Intervention Fund" has been established. The expenses of travel to Abidjan and emergency airline tickets (more costly than when purchased in advance) as well as costs to help missionaries with some replacement



# Missouri Extends a Warm Welcome to Bud and Ruth Bivens

Dear Friends and Family in Christ,

We greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, always thanking Him for your continued interest, concern, prayer, and support for us. We are witnesses to the fact that the Lord is faithful, and has honored and blessed us through you. During times of national crisis and instability, when our own families have experienced sadness and trials as never before, we have seen His hand at work providing and keeping.

We are glad to report to you that the church building in Puerto Rico has been completed. As this letter goes out, we are making plans for the dedication service on October 13, and hope to host Brother Richard Atwood, his wife Sandy, and several others who have been so instrumental in the successful completion of the project. Truly, we could not have accomplished this task without your faithful prayer and support. The completion of the building marks the end of our job in Puerto Rico. Brother David Roy and his wife Connie have been with us here for over two years now. He is the official pastor of the congregation and has been serving in that capacity for well over a year now. I guess you could say that I have been the building contractor. I have spent all of my time and energy for the past year getting the permits, the builders, and the material lined up. God is gracious and generous to us. We have seen things fall into place at exactly the right time. Today, we all praise and thank Him for the debt free building that has already been a witness to the neighborhood. The neighbors have watched groups come and go and have asked, as they always will, how much we paid all of those experts. They walk away wondering why all of those people

love us enough to pay their own way to come down here and work in this heat and rain for nothing! I trust and believe that every one who laid a hand to the work or donated a red penny has been bountifully repaid in blessings. We know that their work will stand as a monument to their love and a light-house to the lost on this sin darkened island.

So, with our job finished, Ruth has packed 52 boxes and started shipping them to Missouri. Yes, Missouri. We had always expected to return to Mexico once we finished our work here, but that door just has not opened for us at this time. One of our tile men, Brother Greg Cleveland, contacted the Missouri State Mission Board soon after he arrived in Puerto Rico. These men in Missouri have been burdened for the many Hispanics that have moved into the southwestern part of the state looking for work. This board has purchased a church building, and have funds ready to begin a work there, but had been unable to find someone who speaks Spanish to just jump in and do it. As we spoke to them, prayed about the possibility, and spoke to our own Home Missions director, we felt more and more that this is the direction the Lord has in mind for us. By the way, Brother Greg Cleveland, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, Missouri, is well known to us. He is one of the young men we count when we add up the positive results of our years of work in Children's Church at East Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church. Ruth prayed daily that the Lord would call faithful workers from that group of children. What a wonderful blessing to have him come to Puerto Rico and work with us on the building, and now we will have the privilege of working with him in Missouri.

Our work there will be a Joint Project between the National Home Missions Department and the Missouri State Mission Board; Our account will remain just as it is, the only change will be our location. Look for the new address and phone number below. We will let you know as soon as we are estab-

lished with a new e-mail address.

Ruth's family is looking forward to this move since she will be only one hundred miles or so from her folks. Her father, Rev. Howard Gage is recovering from the hip fracture, but remains in the Colonial Terrace Nursing Home in Pryor. At this point, it does not appear that he will be able to return home. The Alzheimer's Disease has seemed to accelerate and on October 2, he was diagnosed with pneumonia. Please keep her mother and extended family in your prayers. This has been a difficult time for them all, and some hard decisions still need to be made.

In July Ruth began a new treatment, and she has experienced a wonderful turn around in her health. Before she left the island we were able to hike to the top of El Yunque Peak in the rain forest. This is the mountain behind our house and it had been her dream to be able to hike it one day. We thank the Lord for her restored health. We would not have been able to undertake a new work without her return to health and strength. We give God all of the praise.

We will be attending the Oklahoma State Meeting on Oct. 14, and then taking care of family business for my mother before we move to Missouri. Ruth went back to Oklahoma after the national retreat to help her mother. She spent a day in Monett looking around, and we will be back there the first week in November for a mission conference. We hope to rent a house in the Mexican community then. Please pray for an open door among the Hispanics there and for us to make this move with the least stress possible for all parties involved. Please continue to pray for the work in Puerto Rico. The Roys continue to need your daily prayer that they would quickly be well established with the language and that the Lord would provide the mature Christian helpers they need to minister there.

NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER EFFECTIVE ON OR SOON AFTER NOVEMBER 30: P. O. BOX 381, MONETT MO 65708, PHONE (417)236-9945

Bud and Ruth Bivens



## From the Show-Me Missionaries

Jerry and Carol Pinkerton  
 Don and Ruth McDonald  
 Ken and Judy Bailey  
 Stan and Brenda Bunch  
 Curt and Mary Holland  
 Jeff and Susan Turnbough  
 Micah Derby

## From the Missouri State Home Missionaries

Steve and Linda Reeves  
 Vernon and Ada Long  
 Jimmy and Melissa Kiser  
 Gene and Sandy Howell  
 Scott and Anna Mcvay  
 Bud and Ruth Bivens

## From Home Missionaries Ken and Paula Dodson

Bro. Ken and Sister Paula wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas. They also say thank you for your gifts to their Home Missions account and to the Gymnasium fund.

## From the State Boards

State Home Mission Board  
 Youth Camp Board  
 Christian Education Board  
 Youth Ministries Board  
 Senior Adult Ministries Board  
 Show-Me Committee

## Youth Camp Needs a Pickup



The Youth Camp is looking for a pickup in good mechanical condition with four wheel drive and automatic transmission. If you have one, please contact Ken Goff at the Youth Camp. 417/473-6444. You can help the Youth Camp and give yourself a tax break at the same time. Thank you!

## MO MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Licenced? \_\_\_\_\_ Ordained? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of MO church where you are a member \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date graduated from High School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the School you will be attending. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you pursuing an Undergraduate degree \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate degree \_\_\_\_\_

Last semester grade point average (high school or college) \_\_\_\_\_

You will be enrolling as a: (circle one)

Freshmen      Sophomore      Junior      Senior      Graduate Student



# Paul Kettelman Memorial Christmas Fund Drive For Free Will Baptist Bible College

December is Free Will Baptist Bible College's month in the denomination's Together Way stewardship plan. Every church is asked to respond with a gift to the college in December.

## Worship Service Averages July 2002- October 2002

<u>Churches:</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>
Beacon	96	110		
Belton	47	39	36	44
Buffalo 1 <sup>st</sup>	131	130	125	
Cabool	39	41	48	48
Calvary Chapel	226	242	254	268
Calvary Fellowship	315	302	328	372
Cape Girardeau		54		
Copper Mines	47	60	50	
Columbia	47	56	52	53
Crossroads-Wentzville	60	60	66	69
De Soto	222	197	212	221
Hannibal	75	82		
Hannon	126		126	
Harmony - Parkville		80	92	85
Hartville	191		200	198
Hopewell	35		33	28
Houston	67	67	70	63
Hurryville	87	94	91	93
Joplin 1 <sup>st</sup>	96	107	104	
Kingsway	36	40	37	35
Kirksville 1 <sup>st</sup>	20	26	29	
Lebanon FWB	44	31	38	
Macedonia- Purdy	150	169	157	151
Mill Creek	84	93	90	
Mt. Pisgah	78	74	80	60
Myrtle	30	28	32	
New Life - Licking	63	71	58	
Oak Hill- Union	60	60	59	64
O'Fallon 1 <sup>st</sup>		138	141	146
Ozark 1 <sup>st</sup>	183	182	177	178
Pleasant Hill	24	26	29	27
Richwoods 1 <sup>st</sup>	41	42	42	47
Rock Chapel	47	51	52	
Rolla 1 <sup>st</sup>	35	38	35	
Springfield 1 <sup>st</sup>	118	125	117	
Sunnyview	56	61		
Terrill Road	48	56	52	
Thayer	125	162	155	143
Trinity	64		77	
Union Grove	115	120	127	126
United	582	602	613	640
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove	74	67	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 October 2002

### Cooperative Disbursements

October 2002 ..... \$58,251.49

18.50% MOHome Missions .. \$10,776.53  
 17.00% Executive Office ..... 9,902.75  
 3.00% General Fund ..... 1,747.54  
 .50% Show-Me Plan ..... 291.26  
 8.50% Youth Camp Board ..... 4,951.38  
 3.00% Y.C. Restricted Funds 1,747.54  
 2.00% Youth Ministries Bd .... 1,165.03  
 2.00% Christian Education Bd 1,165.03  
 2.00% Senior Adult Min Bd .... 1,165.03  
 9.00% Missouri Retirement ... 5,242.64  
 31.50% ..... 18,349.22  
 National Ministries, Hillsdale and  
 California Christian College  
     Foreign Missions Board  
     National Home Missions Board  
     Same Allocation  
         Free Will Baptist Bible College  
         Hillsdale FWB College  
     Executive Department  
     Layman's Board  
     Radio & TV Commission  
     Theological Commission  
     Historical Commission  
     Board of Retirement & Insurance  
 1.00% California Christian College

3.00% MiO Show-Me Plan ..... 1,747.54

Total ..... \$58,251.49

The Co-op allocation for National Ministries is undesignated this year, with FWBBC and Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. California Christian College will continue to receive 1%.

### Co-op

Alton ..... \$200.00  
 Amity ..... \$202.69  
 Aulsbury Chapel ..... \$217.00  
 Bailey ..... \$246.00  
 Bailey Chapel ..... \$241.00  
 Beacon ..... \$830.00  
 Belton ..... \$407.30  
 Berean ..... \$70.00  
 Bethel- El Dorado Springs ..... \$432.61  
 Bethel- Northview ..... \$744.00  
 Black Oak ..... \$535.53  
 Buffalo 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$200.00  
 Cabool ..... \$315.74  
 Calvary Chapel ..... \$1,292.70  
 Cape Girardeau 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$536.66  
 Carthage ..... \$320.00  
 Christ Chapel ..... \$555.44  
 Clifton ..... \$62.39  
 Columbia ..... \$592.24  
 Copper Mines ..... \$439.21  
 Cornerstone ..... \$563.36  
 Crossroads- Wentzville ..... \$901.00  
 Cuba ..... \$620.00  
 Cuba ..... \$482.00  
 De Soto 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$1,590.00  
 Emmanuel ..... \$210.56  
 Faith & Hope- Aurora ..... \$76.43  
 Faith & Hope- Aurora ..... \$28.00  
 Faith & Hope- Williw Springs .. \$174.70  
 Farmington 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$2,714.78  
 Fordland ..... \$758.82  
 Fourth ..... \$286.73  
 Fredericktown ..... \$489.00  
 Freeman Chapel ..... \$446.20

Freeman Chapel ..... \$384.10  
 Gospel Light ..... \$100.00  
 Grace ..... \$1,446.86  
 Grant Avenue ..... \$1,355.72  
 Hannibal ..... \$544.00  
 Hannon ..... \$1,361.00  
 Harmony ..... \$451.00  
 Harmony ..... \$435.00  
 Hartville ..... \$1,350.15  
 Harvest- Raymore ..... \$70.00  
 Hopewell ..... \$316.00  
 Houston ..... \$340.57  
 Houston ..... \$423.81  
 Hurryville ..... \$483.63  
 Jackson ..... \$141.20  
 Joplin 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$1,064.98  
 Kingsway ..... \$306.83  
 Kirksville 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$163.87  
 Koshkonong ..... \$178.00  
 Lead Hill ..... \$306.45  
 Leadington ..... \$457.20  
 Leadington ..... \$339.21  
 Lebanon ..... \$245.91  
 Lebanon 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$1,101.74  
 Lone Star ..... \$53.16  
 Macedonia- Niangua ..... \$127.52  
 Marshfield ..... \$237.00  
 Merls Chapel ..... \$170.00  
 Mill Creek ..... \$642.71  
 Mine La Motte ..... \$76.96  
 Monett 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$699.99  
 Monett 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$773.52  
 Mountain Grove 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$2,341.76  
 Mt. Pisgah ..... \$432.00  
 Mt. Zion- Gower ..... \$63.00  
 Myrtle ..... \$328.13  
 Myrtle ..... \$280.77  
 Neosho 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$95.00  
 New Hope ..... \$70.00  
 New Life- Licking ..... \$457.65  
 Niangua ..... \$273.34  
 Niangua ..... \$228.54  
 North Five ..... \$49.50  
 Number One ..... \$210.87  
 O' Fallon 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$1,565.00  
 Oak Grove- Mountain Grove ..... \$222.73  
 Oak Hill ..... \$624.00  
 Olivet ..... \$570.00  
 Overland ..... \$125.00  
 Ozark 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$1,740.85  
 Park Hills ..... \$755.69  
 Parkview ..... \$678.28  
 Pleasant Hill ..... \$144.91  
 Pleasant Home ..... \$225.10  
 Pleasant Ridge ..... \$97.00  
 Potosi 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$166.90  
 Republic ..... \$100.00  
 Richwoods ..... \$583.00  
 Rock Chapel ..... \$432.01  
 Rolla 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$293.00  
 Royal Oak ..... \$83.00  
 Salem ..... \$195.00  
 Seymour ..... \$556.00  
 Smyrna ..... \$96.00  
 Smyrna ..... \$95.00  
 Southern Hills ..... \$515.00  
 Springfield ..... \$974.56  
 Stockton ..... \$292.16  
 Terrill Road ..... \$50.00  
 Thayer ..... \$1,098.00  
 Trinity ..... \$995.46  
 Union Grove ..... \$395.00  
 Union Light ..... \$224.00  
 United ..... \$1,995.07  
 Unity ..... \$450.00  
 Verdella ..... \$780.16  
 Victory-Alton ..... \$708.82  
 West Plains 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$979.00  
 Willow Springs- Mountain Grove \$369.19  
 Wolf Creek ..... \$315.86  
**Total ..... \$58,251.49**

### Show-me Plan

Barker, Rev. J. .... \$15.00  
 Beacon ..... \$362.00  
 Belton ..... \$165.00

Berean .....	\$30.00
Berry, R. ....	\$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado Springs .....	\$527.62
Bethel - Festus .....	\$45.00
Bismarck .....	\$60.00
Black Oak .....	\$60.00
Brown, J. ....	\$15.00
Buffalo 1st .....	\$120.00
Burns, J. ....	\$60.00
Buxton, G. ....	\$30.00
Cabool .....	\$105.00
Calvary Chapel .....	\$105.00
Cartee, J. ....	\$15.00
Chrisman, M. ....	\$30.00
Columbia .....	\$75.00
Copper Mines .....	\$150.00
Copper Mines Teen, & Jr. Cl. ....	\$30.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult Class ..	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove .....	\$324.87
Cuba .....	\$145.00
Cuba .....	\$116.50
Cuba Ladies Auxiliary .....	\$360.00
Darnell, W. ....	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$552.50
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class .....	\$25.00
Faith - St. Louis .....	\$40.00
Faith & Hope - W.S. ....	\$120.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$730.00
Fordland .....	\$250.00
Fourth .....	\$60.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$150.00
Freeman Chapel .....	\$540.00
Freeman Chapel .....	\$540.00
Garrett, R. ....	\$15.00
Gospel Light .....	\$1,000.00
Grace .....	\$372.00
Graham, S. ....	\$45.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$370.00
Greenfield .....	\$180.00
Hannon .....	\$1,461.00
Happy Hill .....	\$60.00
Harmony - Parkville .....	\$33.04
Harmony - Parkville .....	\$21.18
Hartville .....	\$240.00
Hastings, H. ....	\$30.00
Houston 1st .....	\$452.80
Houston 1st .....	\$372.00
Hurryville .....	\$300.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class ..	\$15.00
Jackson .....	\$40.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$75.00
Leadington .....	\$220.00
Lebanon 1st .....	\$150.00
Lebanon F.W.B. ....	\$30.00
Macedonia - Purdy .....	\$1,000.00
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
MO Women Active For Christ .....	\$571.80
Monett 1st .....	\$60.00
Monett 1st .....	\$15.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$550.00
Mouser, J. ....	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer .....	\$30.00
Myrtle .....	\$75.00
Myrtle .....	\$75.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$135.00
New Home - Hartville .....	\$210.00
New Hope - Fredericktown .....	\$105.00
New Life - Licking .....	\$98.35
New Testament .....	\$15.00
Noel, D. ....	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Houston .....	\$30.00
Oak Hill - Union .....	\$20.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$226.00
Olivet .....	\$30.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$45.00
Park Hills 1st .....	\$226.71
Parker, G. ....	\$15.00
Parkview - Desloge .....	\$334.37
Pinkerton, J. ....	\$45.00

Pleasant Grove - Anderson .....	\$135.00
Pleasant Hill .....	\$45.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$330.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana .....	\$50.00
Reiter, K. ....	\$30.00
Richwoods .....	\$67.50
Rock Chapel .....	\$270.00
Rogers, F. ....	\$15.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$30.00
Royal Oak .....	\$120.00
Ruble N. ....	\$45.00
Southeast MO Assn. ....	\$90.00
Southern Hills .....	\$60.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$515.00
Starnes, A. ....	\$60.00
State Cooperative Fund .....	\$1,747.54
Stockton .....	\$80.00
Thayer .....	\$360.00
Trinity .....	\$525.00
Union Light .....	\$150.00
United .....	\$300.00
Unity .....	\$75.00
Verdella .....	\$1,100.16
Walnut Grove .....	\$15.00
White, R. ....	\$15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove .....	\$70.00
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$150.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$22,527.94</b>

#### Foreign Missions

Beacon .....	\$35.00
Belton .....	\$15.00
Chapman, A. ....	\$20.00
Cuba .....	\$29.00
Cuba .....	\$23.30
Farmington 1st .....	\$112.50
Fordland .....	\$15.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$135.00
Grace .....	\$30.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$35.00
Hannon .....	\$500.00
Houston 1st .....	\$40.00
Houston 1st .....	\$40.00
India Bible Institute .....	\$5.00
Lebanon FWB Ladies Auxillary ..	\$125.00
Lewis, D. ....	\$10.00
Matthews, A. ....	\$15.00
Minor, K. ....	\$10.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$30.00
New Testament .....	\$80.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$20.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$60.61
Rock Chapel .....	\$30.00
Southern Hills .....	\$250.00
Thayer .....	\$20.00
Trinity .....	\$247.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,932.91</b>

#### Nat'l Home Missions

Beacon .....	\$35.00
Belton .....	\$37.00
Carthage .....	\$5.00
Chapman, A. ....	\$10.00
Columbia .....	\$25.00
Cuba .....	\$87.00
Cuba .....	\$69.90
De Soto 1st .....	\$475.00
Faith & Hope- Aurora .....	\$76.44
Faith & Hope-Aurora .....	\$28.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$1,245.00
Fordland .....	\$35.00
Fourth .....	\$50.00
Gospel Light .....	\$240.00
Grace .....	\$50.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$30.00
Hannon .....	\$1,476.00
Houston .....	\$45.00
Houston 1st .....	\$45.00
Huffman, T. ....	\$20.00
Jackson .....	\$40.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$20.00
King, B. ....	\$5.00
Macedonia- Purdy .....	\$100.00
Monett 1st .....	\$5.00

Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$25.00
Myrtle .....	\$79.00
Neosho .....	\$100.00
New Home- Hartville .....	\$10.00
New Testament .....	\$140.00
O' Fallon 1st .....	\$71.50
Park Hills 1st .....	\$195.57
Pleasant Home .....	\$10.00
Rader, J. ....	\$20.00
Richwoods .....	\$61.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$90.45
Rogers, B. ....	\$15.00
Ruble, N. ....	\$10.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$20.00
Thayer .....	\$260.00
Thebeau, B. ....	\$5.00
Trinity .....	\$269.77
Union Light .....	\$96.00
United .....	\$150.00
Unity .....	\$50.00
Verdella .....	\$10.00
Wolf Creek .....	\$75.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$6,077.63</b>

#### State Home Missions

Belton .....	\$22.00
Berean .....	\$15.00
Copper Mines .....	\$75.00
De Soto 1st .....	\$90.00
Fordland .....	\$10.00
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
Grace .....	\$55.00
Kirksville 1st .....	\$100.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore .....	\$330.00
Mill Creek Women's Auxillary ..	\$100.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$25.00
Myrtle .....	\$138.00
Myrtle .....	\$74.00
O' Fallon 1st .....	\$71.50
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Park Hills .....	\$10.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$20.00
Republic .....	\$25.00
Skiles, D. ....	\$500.00
Southeast MO Assn. ....	\$90.00
Thayer .....	\$90.00
Trinity .....	\$49.77
United .....	\$25.00
White, R. ....	\$10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,025.27</b>

#### Youth Camp

Mt. Pisgah .....	15.00
Rolla 1st .....	20.00
Cornerstone .....	25.00
Park Hills 1st .....	23.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store .....	180.00
Thayer .....	55.00
New Home- Hartville .....	10.00
Hartville .....	10.00
Ozark 1st .....	10.00
Buffalo 1st .....	100.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	10.00
New Life- Monett .....	214.22
Niangua .....	20.00
Trinity .....	9.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove .....	10.00
Berean .....	15.00
Cabool 1st .....	10.00
De Soto 1st .....	55.00
Hannon .....	50.00
Stephens, T. ....	10.00
Niangua .....	20.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$871.22</b>

#### Camp Development Fund

Myrtle .....	38.00
Rock Chapel .....	92.00
Houston 1st .....	200.00
Monett 1st .....	26.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$356.00</b>

#### 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

Ruble, N. ....	15.00
Thayer .....	50.00
Farmington 1st .....	152.84
Ozark 1st .....	20.00
Verdella .....	156.03
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$433.87</b>

#### Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Joplin 1st .....	75.00
Thayer .....	55.00
Farmington 1st .....	147.16
Monett 1st .....	100.00
Hannon .....	100.00
Neosho 1st .....	50.00
Monett 1st .....	100.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$627.16</b>

#### Southeastern FWB College

Springfield 1st .....	\$20.00
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#### Rest Of The Family

Myrtle .....	110.00
Hannon .....	300.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$410.00</b>

#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

Myrtle .....	3.00
Unity .....	20.00
Belton .....	65.00
New Hope .....	30.00
New Life- Monett .....	214.22
De Soto 1st .....	55.00
Hannon .....	100.00
Nosser, M. ....	25.00
Myrtle .....	6.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$518.22</b>

#### Rev. John McClure

Central Western Auxillary .....	15.00
Carthage .....	15.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	35.00
Chapman, A. ....	10.00
Grace .....	15.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>

#### Richard Stanley

Chapman, A. ....	\$10.00
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#### Women Nationally Active for Christ

Ruble, J. ....	\$10.00
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#### Victor Torrez

United Youth Group .....	\$200.00
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#### Marco Mendoza

Hartville .....	\$150.00
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#### Morgan (Minkler)Wood

Belton .....	\$40.00
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#### Vergel Maness

Gospel Light .....	80.00
Grace .....	100.00
Myrtle .....	67.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$247.00</b>

#### Cornerstone FWB Church

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

# The Power of Prayer



*The Presidential Prayer Team shares this amazing story in the news today.*

50 Christian truckers got together to pray that somehow the sniper terrorizing the Washington, DC area would be caught. Ron Lantz would be retiring as a driver in a few days and didn't even live in the area, but he felt sure that God would answer their prayers. In fact, he told the others there that God was going to use him to catch the sniper.

A few days later he was listening to the radio as he was driving again through the region and felt compelled to pull off the highway to a rest stop. It was just a couple of miles from where the prayer meeting had taken place. As he pulled in, he was shocked to see a car similar to what was being described on the radio right there before his eyes.

Carefully trying to read the li-

cense plate, a chill went up his back as the numbers matched. He quickly called 911 and remained there for what he said were the longest 15 minutes of his life until the police arrived. He even pulled his truck across the exit, there would now be no escape for these elusive murderers. The rest is now history-the snipers were taken into custody without incident.

Ron's testimony is being beamed around the world today. It shows the power of prayer. And in a class act, showing his true character, when asked what he would do with the award money, he said the half million dollars would simply be given to the victims' families.

The snipers killed 10 and wounded

3 around our nation's capital over the past three weeks, leaving the entire region in a state of terror. Yet out of the great darkness has

also come a great beam of light as the world has heard a clear testimony of the power of prayer.

The Presidential Prayer Team is pleased to honor trucker Ron Lantz as today's American Inspiration, and we strongly encourage you to share his uplifting story of prayer with your friends and colleagues. You too can experience the power of prayer, as we pray for the President and leaders of our nation. Join the team at [www.presidentialprayerteam.org](http://www.presidentialprayerteam.org). Kids can join at <http://www.presidentialprayerkids.org>. It's free!

*\*This was received by e-mail from Charolette Tallent*



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