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# Thou Shalt Love the Lord Thy God

## George Washington's Prayer

(Written at the age of 20 years)



Almighty God, and most merciful Father... since Thou art a God of pure eyes, and wilt be sanctified in all who draw near unto Thee, who dost not regard the sacrifice of fools, nor hear sinners who tread in Thy courts, pardon, I beseech Thee, my sins; remove them from Thy presence, as far as the east is from the west, and accept me for the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ; that when I come into Thy temple and compass Thine altar, my prayer may come before Thee as incense; and as Thou couldst hear me calling upon Thee in my prayers and give me grace to hear Thee calling on me in Thy Word, that it may be wisdom, righteousness, reconciliation and peace to the saving of my soul in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that I may hear it with reverence, receive it with meekness, mingle it with faith and that it may accomplish in me, gracious God, the good work for which Thou hast sent it. Bless my family, kindred, friends and country; be our God and Guide this day and forever, for His sake who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Abraham Lincoln's Statement of Faith

Shortly before his death, Abraham Lincoln was asked by an Illinois clergyman, "Do you love Jesus?" His answer is recorded as follows: "When I left Springfield, I asked the people to pray for me. I was not a Christian. When I buried my son, the severest trial of my life, I was not a Christian. But when I went to Gettysburg and saw the graves of thousands of our soldiers, I then and there consecrated myself to Jesus Christ. Yes, I do love Jesus."





***Please Note the date and location  
of the Youth Competitive Activities.***

## 2003 Calendar

### Ministers Retreat

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

### State Youth Competitive Activities

Calvary Fellowship Church, Fenton  
May 9 - 10, 2003

### 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

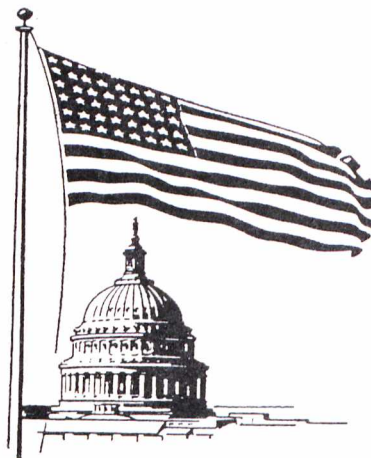
August 15 - 16, 2003

Stonecroft Conference Center

### Layman's Retreat and All Boards Meeting

September 8, 2003

Youth Camp, Niangua, MO



## **GOOD NEWS FROM WESTPORT! (JEFFERSON CITY)**

We are all rejoicing! We have finally found a place to build a church. After seven months of searching daily and many miles of driving to look at buildings and lots, God has delivered and we are rejoicing! We have found almost six acres which is located on

Highway 54, south of Jefferson City about 4 miles. We really had hoped to find something within the city limits of Jefferson City, but real estate is just too expensive. However, we are told that if the proposed annexation passes this spring, this property may well be within city limits. Our people are excited. It is hard to express how much this means to our people. When we get a building built on the property, it will add permanence to our work.

Please keep praying that God will send us teachers and workers. These are as important as the building. We know that we still have a lot of hard work ahead but we are very encouraged as we take one more step in building God this church. We are thankful for the State Mission Dept. and all their help and support which make it all possible. Also thanks to all of you who support this work.

## **CHURCH IN NEED OF A PASTOR**

Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church located near Cabool, Missouri, is in need of a pastor. For more information call Neil Hamilton at 573-364-8652.

## **Love's ABC'S**

*You'll have your hands full and your heart filled trying to live out Love's ABC's.*

**Love** Accepts, Behaves, Cheers, Defends, Enriches, Forgives, Grows, and Helps.

**Love** Includes, Joins, Kneels, Listens, Motivates, Notices, Overlooks, and Pro-vides.

**Love** Quiets, Respects, Surprises, Tries, Understands, Volunteers, Warms, eX-pects, and Yields.

**Love** in Action breaks the code that adds . Zip to your life.

Stan Michaiski

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# REPORT OF THE SPANISH MINISTRY OF THE CARTHAGE CHURCH

About one year ago the Free Will Baptist Church of Carthage launched into a whole new type of ministry as they began the first Spanish speaking Free Will Baptist Church in Missouri. Under the leadership of Rev. Jim Williams, the church gained a vision for this needed ministry. The Carthage area has experienced significant growth in Spanish speaking people.

The church averages between 15 and 30 in attendances each week. 18 people have been saved, baptized, and united with the Church. In fact, our Church just this year has brought a man from our Spanish Church into leadership by asking him to serve on our Church Trustee Board.

It is truly rewarding, exciting and sometimes challenging to be involved in such an undertaking. When we have a fellowship dinner or a special service, our Spanish speaking Church is a part of it. Although the language is a barrier when we meet together, we have a lot of fun with it. When we had our Christmas 'Fun For All Gift Exchange' which allows a person to take a gift someone else has, all of our folks began calling out "robar" which means 'steal' in Spanish. A great time was had by all!



Then, in our Christmas program all the children were used, and all who wanted watched the program, including several of our Hispanic families. Above is a picture of the children in our Christmas play and to the left is a picture taken after the program was over.

We are thankful for Enrique Gutierrez, who is serving as our teacher and leader in our Spanish Church. We met him through the efforts of Rev. Rick Bowling, who has been a true friend to us during this time. We covet your prayers as we go forward in this much needed ministry.

If your Church is interested in beginning such a ministry, or if you are simply interested in this kind of work, call Brother Jim Williams to discuss it. His phone number is 417/358-4113.

The Free Will Baptist Church of Carthage.

P.O. Box 578, Carthage, MO



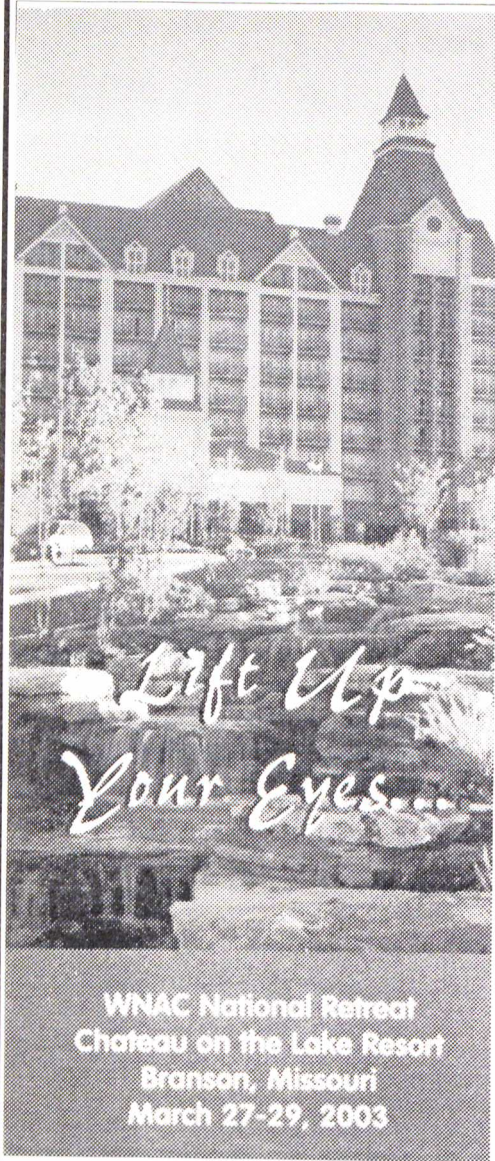
## Mountain Grove Girls Walk for Missions

Three young ladies from Mountain Grove's First Free Will Baptist Church participated in the Mission Association's annual Walk-A-Thon for Missions on November 2. This was Katherine Fry and Mikaela Thompson's third year to participate in the 5-mile walk, and Hannah Moore's second, and they completed this year's walk in record time. Through the support of family, friends, and their church congregation, the girls have raised more than \$2300 for missions during the three year period, with this year's total hitting over the \$900 mark. The third through fifth grade students and their parents thank everyone for their support and the girls say they can't wait to do it again!

Pictured are Katherine Fry, Hannah Moore, and Mikaela Thompson, with their sponsor/chaperone Sarah Moore.







## SPEAKER

*Ronda Sturgill*

Ronda is the wife of Free Will Baptist Chaplain, Tim Sturgill. A gifted communicator, Ronda is a sought after Bible Study leader and seminar speaker. Ronda has been a paraplegic since a horseback riding accident in 1972. A mother, world class archer, and writer, Ronda motivates and encourages others to apply Biblical principles to their lives. Ronda will help you lift up your eyes and discover God's truths from His word as she speaks in the main sessions.



## ROOM RATES

RESERVATIONS -----CALL 1-888-333-LAKE MUST ASK FOR WNAC RATES

Includes two nights lodging, resort fees and taxes

TRADITIONAL DELUXE - either doubles or king  
(1-4 persons) - \$232.90

(\$58.22 a person with four in a room)

CHATEAU KING - more spacious room with comfortable sitting area  
(1-4 persons - 297.40

(\$74.35 a person with four in a room)

AMBASSADOR SUITE - spacious room with sitting and kitchen areas.  
Complete with microwave and mini-fridge.

(1-4 persons - \$370.82)

\$92.71 a person with four in a room)

Rates good only until registration deadline. Payable directly to the hotel.  
Taxes figured @ current Missouri rate of 11.225%. Taxes and fees  
subject to change without notice.

## WNAC REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church (or WAC group) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 27**

**RETREAT REGISTRATION FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM**

GROUPS ARE WELCOME TO SEND IN FORMS TOGETHER AND PAY WITH ONE CHECK,  
BUT EACH PERSON MUST FILL OUT A FORM.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WNAC.

**Registration Fee**

**\$25 for Chateau Hotel**

**Guests**

**\$50 for all others**

**Mail to WNAC**

**P.O. Box 5002**

**Antioch, Tn 37011-5002**



# 2003 Minister's Retreat

March 17 - 19, 2003

Stonecroft Conference Center  
Branson, MO

## Speakers

### Melvin Worthington

For the past 23 years, Dr. Melvin Worthington has served as executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Prior to his election as executive secretary, Worthington pastored 20 years in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, and Georgia. He holds a doctorate in education from Vanderbilt University



### Milton Worthington

Rev. Milton Worthington has pastored in Florida, North Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and Michigan. He earned his Bachelor of Biblical Education degree from Columbia Bible College and his Master of Divinity from Luther Rice Seminary. He is currently completing his Doctor's degree with Luther Rice Seminary.

## Cost

Double Occupancy - \$70.00 per person (Cost includes two nights lodging, five meals and two snacks.)

## Directions

Approximately 45 miles south of Springfield, Missouri, on Highway 65 (four miles south of Branson), turn right on 265 and stay left one mile to center.

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### REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to room with \_\_\_\_\_

**A \$20 non-refundable deposit is required for each person.** Please return this registration form to: Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536. Registration forms must arrive at the state office on or before the 10th of March.

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



**GLENDELL L. "COOKIE"  
LABROT  
JULY 19, 1921-  
AUGUST 25, 2002**

By Jim Bolden, Assistant Pastor-  
Grace Free Will Baptist Church



Ever since it's beginning Glendell (Cookie) LaBrot had been a part of Grace Church. Then, to say Cookie LaBrot was a part of Grace Church is like saying that summer days are a part of baseball or fireworks a part of the Fourth of July or that turkey is a part of Thanksgiving. He helped to build the church into what it is today, both the physical building as it stands and the spiritual family we are. Grace is fortunate to have many long standing members, some going back over thirty years, our pastor included, yet Cookie could lay claim to over forty years of dedicated service.

The Lord blessed us with his presence for so long, the church seemed emptier somehow the first Sunday after his funeral. His presence was a part of my life every Sunday. I would shake Cookie's hand and he would smile and ask how I was doing and I knew that he wanted to know. All of us at Grace will miss him. Glendell LaBrot was more than a faithful church member. He was a loving husband to Katie, a caring father and grandfather, and a good friend to many. Above all Glendell LaBrot was a servant of Jesus Christ. This showed in every aspect of his life. We take comfort in knowing that, even though his place in church is empty, his place in heaven is full.



I appreciate the opportunity to share a few challenging thoughts about missions with you in the GEM. Since returning from Brazil last summer, many people have asked about the Sao Jose church that was planted during our last term. The Sao Jose church, in Campinas, Brazil is under Brazilian leadership. Please continue to remember Pastor Osmir in your prayers. For the next few months I want to share some things that will hopefully enlighten, strengthen and increase our vision and participation in Missouri missions and around the globe!

This month I would like to share some introductory thoughts. My wife hates it when I throw out a project or an idea to her and then expect a quick response and decision from her about it. Maybe you are like that too. Unfortunately, many times when it comes to our missions, we feel like we need more time or more information before we make a DECISION.

I remember my first Mission Conference as a student at Hillsdale FWB College. Missionary Robert Bryan preached from Acts 1:8 and asked the student body these questions. If not you, then who? If not now, then when? If not here, then where? He called upon us to make a DECISION that night.

We need to make a DECISION. When I say we, I mean each of us as individual Christians, as FWB Churches, as associations in the SHOW-ME State. This is the DECISION that we need to make. What will we do with our sons (and daughters), our shares and our society?

When I say sons, I mean our children and grandchildren who will be the future leaders in our churches, our denomination and our world. Where

will we encourage them to receive their college education? What experiences will we expose them to? What will make them think and act like World Christians (not worldly Christians!)? What challenges will we set before them as they consider their responsibility in impacting their world?

When I say our shares, I am referring to the SHOW-ME plan in MO, and your part in global evangelization taking place in Brazil, Cuba, Panama, France, Spain, Ivory Coast, India, Japan, Uruguay and the regions beyond. When was the last time you wrote a letter to a SHOW-ME missionary? The SHOW-ME missionaries need your financial support through your shares, but they need you to SHARE with them from your heart and share encouragement for their ministries also.

When I say society, we must ask ourselves some serious questions. Do we have relevant, cross-cultural ministries? Do we work at developing the relationships that need to be nurtured with the people we are trying to reach? Do we have a plan to reach the WORLD that has moved in next door to us? Do we see these people as our new cross-cultural friends or foes?

All of these questions should lead us to ask more questions. What is our responsibility to the world around us? To the world next door? To the millions that have yet to hear the gospel? What DECISION will you make as an individual, as a church or as an association to reach the lost, disciple the saved and send the called? If not you, then who? If not now, then when? If not here, then where?

Curt Holland  
1-02-03



# Free Will Baptist Bible College And Relocation

Have you heard? Enrollment is up at Free Will Baptist Bible College! The college registered a 13% increase in student enrollment this year as compared to 2001-2002. We are grateful that God is sending students to our school, and we are grateful for a corresponding increase in general fund gifts. Both are factors that relate to the eventual relocation of the college.

Some are wondering where we are in the relocation process. Because of a declining enrollment in several previous years and the withdrawal last year of Watkins Institute's offer to buy the campus, the Board of Trustees of the college voted to put relocation plans on hold. President Matt Pinson reported to the National Association of Free Will Baptists (July 2002):

"Money given for relocation has been well invested. The progress and work that has occurred up to this point will enable us, when the time is right, to proceed with relocation. Funds received for relocation will continue to be wisely invested. We are poised for growth, and relocation is still a part of our long-range plan."

So, what is being done at the college in the meantime? If you were to step on campus today, you would see significant changes from a few years ago. Buildings have been and are being renovated. Extensive paving has been done. The grounds are the best they have been in years. But none of this is being done at the expense of relocation. *Relocation* gifts will continue to be held until conditions are right for the move. *Renovation* funds have come from alumni and friends of the college and from money borrowed for this purpose. Is renovation a good investment? A recent appraisal of one newly renovated building shows that its value has increased \$2 for every \$1 invested in renovation!

When will the college move? We will keep tracking enrollment, since that is the most powerful force driving relocation. The need for more space will tell us it is time to move. The marketing of the present campus will also play an important role, since funds from its sale will be needed to pay for construction. In addition, general fund and relocation giving will have to be adequate for the transition to a new campus. Those three factors—enrollment, the campus sale, and financial support—will tell us when it is time to move.

As of the end of 2002, the college has received \$1.2 million in relocation gifts. Nearly all of this went into architectural drawings and engineering fees, which are currently assets of the college. The expenses of the campaign were also paid from relocation gifts. By the way, thanks to Missionary TECH Team, architectural plans were drawn at about half the cost of most projects of this magnitude.

We are grateful for the support of our Free Will Baptist people. Pray for us as we determine God's timetable for resuming the campus relocation.

## **FWBBC HONOR ROLL**

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE Following fall semester final exams, the names of 133 Free Will Baptist Bible College students were placed on the Dean's List of honor students. The list included 35 seniors, 32 juniors, 28 sophomores, 37 freshmen and one special student, according to the Dean's office.

Twenty three maintained a straight-A average for the semester. The following students from Missouri are to commended:

### **A Roll**

Susan Pattengill (Sr.)-Park Hills, MO

### **B Roll**

Junior

Stacie Turner, -West Plains, MO

Freshman

Amanda Roberds, House Springs, MO

## **FWBBC APPROVES NEW DEGREE PROGRAM**

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—Free Will Baptist Bible College's board of trustees have approved a new degree completion program to be offered by the college. The program will target adults with at least two years of college training who want to complete requirements for graduation. It will be offered in 5-week, 4-hour evening modules that will enable students to earn a bachelor's degree in 19-24 months. The college expects to have the program in place by the fall of 2003.

The board additionally approved two new programs in Teacher Education. The two-year Associates Degree in Early Childhood includes a paraprofessional certification program in early childhood for individuals interested in becoming professional childcare providers. The four-year Bachelor of Science program in Early Childhood includes a PreK-4 licensure for students desiring to teach younger children in grades preschool through fourth and qualifies graduates to direct preschool childcare programs.

Trustees authorized a major renovation of Welch Library. The \$150,000 face-lift is due to begin next summer and could take a year or more. It will include a new roof, a wiring upgrade, new carpet and more.

The college's trustees met on campus December 4-5. Members of the board are Rev. Gary Fry (chairman), Rev. Richard Barnes, Mr. Greg Kettelman, Rev. Archie Ratliff, Mr. A.C. Allen, Rev. Billy Hanna, Rev. Terry Pierce, Dr. Steve Ashby, and Rev. Gene Outland





# Support the Show-Me Plan in 2003



Here are some ways that can be used by churches, individuals, and district associations to raise funds to support the Missouri Foreign Missions Plan:

- \* Include it in the church's budget.
- \* Get individuals in the church to pledge \$15 a month to underwrite a share each.
- \* Have an offering one Sunday each month designated to the Missouri Foreign Missions Plan.
- \* Have a district-wide "Walk-a-thon" or similar project to underwrite a large part of the district's goal of shares for the year.
- \* Youth groups could adopt a number of shares, then have projects to raise the support.
- \* Use quarter folders to get kids and families involved. (36 quarter folders = 1 share)

Use the card below to make your pledge.

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Show-Me Mission Plan</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Pledge Card</h3>	
<p>Write in the number of shares which you wish to adopt</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: II Cor. 9:8</i></p> <p>Trusting God to supply for me and for those whom He has sent, I will adopt the following shares to help support nine foreign mission families.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">By faith I adopt _____ Share(s)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write in the number of shares desired: 1 share is \$15.00 per month)</p>		
<p>(Please print)</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ St. _____ Zip Code _____</p>		
<p>MAIL TO: MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, P.O. BOX 991, LEBANON, MO 65536</p>		

## 2002 Show-Me Receipts

### Associations:

Cave Springs .....\$12,766.17  
 Central Western .....39,713.01  
 Indian Creek .....35,350.00  
 Greater K. C. ....23,287.15  
 Greater Springfield .....14,194.00  
 Laclede .....2,250.00  
 Liberty .....9,852.00  
 Mid-Rivers .....2,783.50  
 Mission .....44,088.38

MO - Ark .....719.00  
 Niangua .....1,260.00  
 Northeast .....2,543.32  
 Northwest .....6,975.00  
 South Central .....8,214.09  
 Southeast .....11,960.00  
 St. Francois .....55,565.56  
 St. Louis .....23,367.00  
**Other:**  
 Co-op Plan .....19,822.83

MOWAC .....10,308.09  
 Youth Camp Offerings .....2,083.25  
 Misc. ....585.00  
 Pinkertons .....540.00  
 Reiters .....360.00  
 Harvest FWB Mission .....20.00  
 Westport FWB Mission .....40.00  
**Total .....\$329,150.52**



# 2002 CO-OP RECEIPTS

Alton .....	\$600.00	Hazel Creek .....	\$2,599.22	Richwoods 1st .....	\$2,436.00
Amity .....	\$2,009.85	Hickory Grove .....	\$194.00	Rock Chapel .....	\$4,497.59
Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$2,650.09	Hopewell .....	\$3,220.00	Rolla 1st .....	\$3,393.00
Bailey .....	\$2,596.64	Houston 1st .....	\$4,612.30	Royal Oak .....	\$1,188.00
Bailey Chapel .....	\$2,731.60	Hurryville .....	\$6,001.10	Salem .....	\$465.00
Beacon .....	\$14,496.75	Indian Creek Association .....	\$127.15	Seymour .....	\$6,213.00
Belton .....	\$4,087.72	Jackson .....	\$1,841.56	Smyrna .....	\$896.00
Berean .....	\$653.00	Joplin 1st .....	\$8,674.52	South Fremont .....	\$6,612.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs .....	\$4,029.49	Kingsway .....	\$1,979.30	Southern Hills- KS .....	\$2,639.05
Bethel-Northview .....	\$3,686.00	Kirksville 1st .....	\$1,172.76	Springfield 1st .....	\$13,015.61
Black Oak .....	\$5,100.02	Koshkonong .....	\$1,977.52	St. Francois Association .....	\$153.00
Blue Springs .....	\$20.00	Lead Hill .....	\$3,506.56	St. Peters .....	\$1,976.00
Buffalo 1st .....	\$1,210.00	Leadington .....	\$2,976.48	Stockton .....	\$3,393.62
Byrd .....	\$1,101.41	Lebanon .....	\$3,338.93	Terrill Road .....	\$650.00
Cabool .....	\$3,930.56	Lebanon 1st .....	\$11,596.60	Thayer .....	\$11,432.00
Calvary Chapel .....	\$16,259.21	Liberty .....	\$1,615.37	Trinity .....	\$11,368.86
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$2,612.00	Liberty- Nevada .....	\$100.00	Twin Oak .....	\$5,791.00
Cape Girardeau .....	\$3,468.00	Lone Star .....	\$606.16	Union .....	\$240.00
Carthage .....	\$3,305.00	Macedonia- Niangua .....	\$1,175.33	Union Grove .....	\$4,693.00
Central .....	\$10,541.81	Marshfield .....	\$2,566.82	Union Light .....	\$2,397.00
Chapel of the Ozarks .....	\$765.74	Merls Chapel .....	\$1,993.45	United .....	\$22,803.52
Christ Chapel .....	\$4,848.99	Mill Creek .....	\$7,253.21	Unity .....	\$5,890.00
Clifton .....	\$743.75	Mine LaMotte .....	\$991.76	Verdella .....	\$7,755.00
Columbia .....	\$6,253.10	Monett 1st .....	\$7,986.58	Viburnum .....	\$4,644.64
Copper Mines .....	\$4,841.69	Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$19,389.88	Victory- Alton .....	\$5,533.80
Cornerstone .....	\$6,084.60	Mt. Pisgah .....	\$5,120.00	Victory- KC .....	\$5,310.27
Crossroads- Lebanon .....	\$3,113.91	Mt. Zion - Gower .....	\$615.10	Waynesville 1st .....	\$5,419.36
Crossroads-Wentzville .....	\$9,535.00	Myrtle .....	\$3,403.28	West Plains 1st .....	\$9,736.00
Cuba .....	\$6,981.30	Neosho 1st .....	\$1,140.00	Westport- Jefferson City .....	\$172.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$17,675.00	New Harmony .....	\$3,938.15	Wilderness .....	\$2,082.50
Emmanuel-Col .....	\$1,221.65	New Home- Lebanon .....	\$969.80	Willow Springs 1st .....	\$290.08
Faith And Hope- Aurora .....	\$712.84	New Hope- Fredericktown .....	\$840.00	Willow Springs- Mtn Gr .....	\$3,594.60
Faith And Hope- Will Spgs .....	\$1,622.50	New Life- Licking .....	\$4,431.44	Wolf Creek .....	\$4,031.51
Farmington 1st .....	\$35,830.40	Niangua .....	\$2,705.96	<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>\$660,760.92</b>
Fellowship-Park Hills .....	\$14,400.00	North Five .....	\$1,080.64		
Fordland .....	\$7,932.11	Number One .....	\$2,061.72		
Fourth .....	\$3,364.79	O'Fallon 1st .....	\$15,833.00		
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$5,134.00	Oak Grove- Mtn Grove .....	\$2,213.06		
Freeman Chapel .....	\$5,532.20	Oak Hill .....	\$12,966.48		
Gospel Light .....	\$1,200.00	Olivet .....	\$5,870.00		
Grace .....	\$17,146.32	Overland .....	\$1,050.00		
Grant Avenue .....	\$12,914.48	Ozark 1st .....	\$20,115.42		
Greenfield .....	\$1,362.00	Park Hills 1st .....	\$8,710.57		
Hannibal .....	\$6,442.00	Parkview .....	\$7,105.48		
Hannon .....	\$13,072.00	Pleasant Hill .....	\$1,723.61		
Harmony .....	\$5,722.85	Pleasant Home .....	\$2,606.20		
Harmony Fellowship- CO .....	\$514.00	Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$1,041.00		
Hartville .....	\$13,437.90	Potosi 1st .....	\$2,107.27		
Harvest- Raymore .....	\$308.90	Republic .....	\$1,100.00		





# THE SEVEN WARNING SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL CANCER

1. An unusual preoccupation with self; over-emphasis in conversation about I, me, we, us, mine, ours.
2. A lump or thickening in the wallet or bank account without regard for the great needs of others.
3. A sore feeling of anger or resentment that persists and does not heal. .
4. A change in prayer life and attendance at worship, from regular to irregular:
5. A feeling of uneasiness when matters relating to God, Christ and the church are mentioned. .
6. Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing Christian thought or references to commitment, witnessing or stewardship.
7. A change in size, color or complexion when asked, "Are you an active, participating member of your church?"

How Is the Health of Your Soul? If you were alarmed by any of these warning signs, we suggest a consultation with the Great Physician. (III John 2)

## Worship Service Averages September 2002- December 2002

Churches:	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Belton	36		35	44
Buffalo 1 <sup>st</sup>	125	140	125	134
Cabool	48	48	39	41
Calvary Chapel	254	268	300	264
Calvary Fellowship	328	372	348	358
Cape Girardeau		60	65	
Copper Mines	50	61	58	
Columbia	52	53	56	
De Soto	212	221	208	230
Crossroads- Wentz.			71	66
Hannon	126	127		137
Harmony - Parkville	92	85		72
Hartville	200	198		194
Hopewell	28	32		
Houston	70	63	65	60
Hurryville	91	93	93	
Joplin 1 <sup>st</sup>	104			
Kingsway	37	35		35
Kirksville 1 <sup>st</sup>	29			
Lebanon FWB	38	50	53	53
Macedonia- Purdy	157	151	155	165
Mill Creek	90		89	96
Mt. Pisgah	80	60	66	
Myrtle	32			28
New Life - Licking	58	50	59	
Oak Hill- Union	59	64	67	57
O'Fallon 1 <sup>st</sup>	141	146	151	150
Ozark 1 <sup>st</sup>	177	178	167	167
Pleasant Hill	29	27	28	25
Richwoods 1 <sup>st</sup>	42	42	52	
Rock Chapel	52	47	48	57
Rolla 1 <sup>st</sup>	35	36	36	30
Springfield 1 <sup>st</sup>	117	107	104	
Sunnyview		48	53	
Terrill Road	52			
Thayer	155	143	145	147
Trinity	77	79	53	85
Union Grove	127	126	116	118
United	613	640	569	667
Victory- KC	92	91	101	104
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove	74			66

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 December 2002

### Cooperative Disbursements December 2002 \$44,884.49

18.50% MO Home Missions	\$8,303.00
17.00% Executive Office	7,630.99
3.00% General Fund	1,346.54
.50% Show-Me Plan	224.42
8.50% Youth Camp Board	3,815.18
3.00% Y.C. Restricted Fds	1,346.54
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd	897.69
2.00% Christian Education Bd	897.69
2.00% Senior Adult Min. Bd	897.69
9.00% MO Retirement	4,039.60
31.50%	14,138.61
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% MO Show-Me Plan	1,346.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,884.49</b>

### Co-op

Amity	\$137.45
Aulsbury Chapel	\$165.26
Bailey	\$222.00
Bailey Chapel	\$202.00
Belton	\$271.10
Berean	\$50.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$334.90
Black Oak	\$404.20
Buffalo 1st	\$100.00
Byrd	\$257.68
Calvary Chapel	\$1,092.19
Calvary Fellowship	\$1,306.00
Cape Girardeau 1st	\$213.61

Central	\$1,751.70
Christ Chapel	\$381.28
Clifton	\$49.13
Columbia	\$481.10
Copper Mines	\$442.56
Cornerstone	\$489.94
Crossroads- Wentzville	\$722.00
Cuba	\$523.00
DeSoto 1st	\$1,300.00
Faith & Hope- Aurora	\$41.50
Faith & Hope- Willow Springs	\$83.90
Farmington	\$2,894.09
Fordland	\$610.80
Fourth	\$252.76
Fredericktown 1st	\$192.00
Freeman Chapel	\$376.70
Gospel Light	\$100.00
Grace	\$1,189.00
Hannibal	\$413.00
Hannon	\$975.00
Harmony	\$890.00
Hartville	\$1,032.00
Harvest	\$121.40
Hopewell	\$267.00
Houston 1st	\$315.54
Hurryville	\$484.03
Jackson	\$108.00
Joplin 1st	\$669.12
Kingsway	\$221.16
Kirksville 1st	\$114.00
Koshkonong	\$133.00
Lead Hill	\$274.75
Lebanon 1st	\$918.25
Liberty- Nevada	\$100.00
Lone Star	\$54.00
Macedonia- Niangua	\$83.62
Marshfield	\$147.00
Merls Chapel	\$154.00
Mill Creek	\$656.21
Mine La Motte	\$80.77
Monett 1st	\$529.58
Mountain Grove 1st	\$1,481.04
Mt. Pisgah	\$340.00
Mt. Zion- Gower	\$48.00
New Home- Lebanon	\$328.79
New Hope	\$70.00
New Life- Licking	\$385.01



North Five .....	\$53.20
O' Fallon 1st .....	\$1,159.00
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove .....	\$192.27
Oak Hill .....	\$410.00
Olivet .....	\$560.00
Overland .....	\$105.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$1,478.35
Park Hills 1st .....	\$822.28
Parkview .....	\$520.82
Pleasant Hill .....	\$157.72
Pleasant Home .....	\$188.80
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$72.00
Potosi 1st .....	\$122.29
Republic .....	\$100.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$349.46
Rolla 1st .....	\$283.00
Royal Oak .....	\$82.00
Seymour .....	\$457.00
Smyrna .....	\$108.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$806.37
St. Francois Assn .....	\$36.00
Stockton .....	\$217.20
Terrill Road .....	\$50.00
Thayer .....	\$973.00
Trinity .....	\$1,050.00
Union Grove .....	\$374.00
Union Light .....	\$209.00
United .....	\$1,789.75
Unity .....	\$500.00
Verdella .....	\$610.00
Verdella .....	\$622.68
Victory- Alton .....	\$504.48
Waynesville 1st .....	\$922.37
Waynesville 1st .....	\$318.10
Westport .....	\$93.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove .....	\$308.16
Wolf Creek .....	\$247.07
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$44,884.49</b>

#### Show-Me Plan

Belton .....	\$165.00
Berean .....	\$30.00
Berry, R. ....	\$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado Springs .....	\$384.91
Bethel - Festus .....	\$45.00
Black Oak .....	\$60.00
Brown, J. ....	\$15.00
Buffalo 1st .....	\$60.00
Burns, J. ....	\$60.00
Buxton, G. ....	\$30.00
Calvary Chapel .....	\$105.00
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$4,816.50
Cartee, J. ....	\$15.00
Central .....	\$619.00
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 .....	\$291.00
Cuba .....	\$144.00
Darnell, W. ....	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$552.50
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class .....	\$30.00
Faith - St. Louis .....	\$20.00
Faith & Hope - W.S. ....	\$120.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$740.00
Fordland .....	\$250.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$150.00
Freeman Chapel .....	\$540.00
Garrett, R. ....	\$15.00
Gospel Light .....	\$1,000.00
Grace .....	\$372.00
Graham, S. ....	\$60.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$605.00
Greenfield .....	\$180.00
Hannibal - WAC .....	\$45.00
Hannon .....	\$1,225.00
Happy Hill .....	\$60.00
Harmony - Parkville .....	\$110.46
Hartville .....	\$240.00
Houston 1st .....	\$351.00
Hurryville .....	\$500.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class .....	\$15.00
Jackson .....	\$35.00

Joplin 1st .....	\$75.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$20.00
Lebanon 1st .....	\$150.00
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 ..	\$1,346.54
MO Women Active For Christ ..	\$1,121.58
Monett 1st .....	\$45.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$1,410.00
Mouser, J. ....	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$75.00
New Home - Hartville .....	\$210.00
New Home - Lebanon .....	\$150.00
New Home-Hart. In Honor of H. ....	
Vandivort .....	\$25.00
New Hope - Fredericktown .....	\$105.00
New Life - Licking .....	\$55.99
Noel, D. ....	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Houston .....	\$30.00
Oak Hill - Union .....	\$20.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$96.00
Olivet .....	\$30.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$60.00
Park Hills 1st .....	\$246.69
Parkview - Desloge .....	\$347.21
Pinkerton, J. ....	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill .....	\$45.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$330.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana .....	\$50.00
Pogue, R. ....	\$30.00
Reiter, K. ....	\$30.00
Richwoods .....	\$52.50
Rock Chapel .....	\$255.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$30.00
Royal Oak .....	\$120.00
Ruble N. ....	\$45.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$530.00
Stockton .....	\$103.50
Thayer .....	\$305.00
Thomas, E. ....	\$15.00
Trinity .....	\$480.00
Union Light .....	\$150.00
United .....	\$360.49
Unity .....	\$75.00
Verdella .....	\$880.00
Verdella .....	\$922.68
Walnut Grove .....	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$713.79
Waynesville 1st .....	\$388.75
West Port- Jeff City .....	\$30.00
White, R. ....	\$15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove .....	\$70.00
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$150.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$26,762.09</b>

#### Foreign Missions

Belton .....	\$15.00
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$905.00
Central .....	\$90.00
Chapman, A. ....	\$20.00
Cuba .....	\$28.80
Farmington 1st .....	\$30.00
Fordland .....	\$10.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$100.00
Grace .....	\$30.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$61.00
Hartville .....	\$35.00
Houston 1st .....	\$45.00
Lewis, D. ....	\$20.00
Matthews, A. ....	\$15.00
Minor, K. ....	\$10.00
New Home - Hartville .....	\$250.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$40.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$46.90
Rock Chapel .....	\$10.00
Stockton .....	\$147.00
Thayer .....	\$10.00
Trinity .....	\$1,805.45
Union Light .....	\$600.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$200.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$100.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,624.15</b>

#### Nat'l Home Missions

Belton .....	\$40.00
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$1,809.90
Carthage Auxillary .....	\$58.44
Columbia .....	\$25.00
Cuba .....	\$86.40
DeSoto 1st .....	\$451.00
Faith & Hope- Aurora .....	\$41.50
Farmington 1st .....	\$420.00
Fordland .....	\$40.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$15.00
Gospel Light .....	\$240.00
Grace .....	\$500.00
Grace .....	\$29.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$37.00
Hannon .....	\$885.50
Hartville .....	\$1,071.55
Houston 1st .....	\$40.00
Huffman, T. ....	\$10.00
Jackson .....	\$40.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$20.00
King, B. ....	\$5.00
Monett 1st .....	\$5.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$65.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$25.00
New Home- Hartville .....	\$10.00
O' Fallon 1st .....	\$68.00
Park Hills 1st .....	\$157.23
Rader, J. ....	\$20.00
Richwoods .....	\$63.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$157.17
Ruble, N. ....	\$10.00
Thayer .....	\$140.00
Thebeau, B. ....	\$5.00
Trinity .....	\$172.50
Union Light .....	\$96.00
United .....	\$150.00
Unity .....	\$50.00
Verdella .....	\$10.00
Verdella .....	\$40.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$65.00
Westport .....	\$15.00
Wolf Creek .....	\$75.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,264.19</b>

#### State Home Missions

Belton .....	\$25.00
Bethel- Festus .....	\$30.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$90.00
Fordland .....	\$10.00
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
Grace .....	\$40.00
Lebanon Bible & Book .....	\$330.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$70.00
New Home- Hartville .....	\$250.00
Niangua .....	\$75.21
O' Fallon 1st .....	\$68.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$20.00
Republic .....	\$25.00
Thayer .....	\$85.00
Trinity .....	\$52.50
United .....	\$25.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$100.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$50.00
White, R. ....	\$10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,445.71</b>

#### Youth Camp

Rolla 1st .....	20.00
Verdella .....	20.00
Cornerstone .....	25.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store .....	180.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	10.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	15.00
Thayer .....	50.00
DeSoto 1st .....	65.00
Hartville .....	10.00
New Home- Hartville .....	10.00
Ozark 1st .....	10.00
Trinity .....	9.00
Buffalo 1st .....	50.00
Willow Springs- Mountain Gr .....	10.00
Hannon .....	75.00

Park Hills 1st .....	39.50
Verdella .....	10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$608.50</b>

#### Camp Development Fund

Rock Chapel .....	60.00
West Plains 1st .....	212.00
Houston 1st .....	100.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$372.00</b>

#### Free Will Baptist Bible College

Verdella .....	122.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	50.00
Thayer .....	50.00
De Soto 1st .....	40.00
Farmington 1st .....	152.84
Ruble, N. ....	15.00
Verdella .....	124.53
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$554.37</b>

#### Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Monett 1st .....	100.00
Thayer .....	50.00
Farmington 1st .....	147.16
Grant Avenue .....	2.00
Joplin 1st .....	75.00
Hannon .....	100.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$474.16</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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#### International Fellowship

Verdella .....	550.00
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#### Women Nationally Active for Christ

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

Belton .....	25.00
Nosser, M. ....	25.00
De Soto 1st .....	55.00
Trinity .....	10.00
Unity .....	20.00
Waynesville 1st .....	36.73
Hannon .....	100.00
New Hope .....	30.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$301.73</b>

#### Rev. John McClure

Mountain Grove 1st .....	20.00
Chapman, A. ....	10.00
Grace .....	15.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>

#### Vergel Maness

Grace .....	100.00
Lebanon FWB Women's Aux .....	25.00
Gospel Light .....	80.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$205.00</b>

#### Morgan Wood

Harvest- Raymore .....	\$10.00
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#### Jeff Cates

Hartville .....	\$206.00
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#### Marco Mendoza

Hartville .....	\$150.00
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#### Richard Stanley

Chapman, A. ....	\$10.00
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### *Attention Youth Workers!*

Looking for a way to jump start your younger students? Bring them to Springboard! Springboard (formerly T&P2) is designed to encourage and motivate your students that are currently in the 6th-9th grade. Springboard is an annual leadership conference brought to you by FWB Student & Children Ministries and Benchmark Adventure Ministries

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