

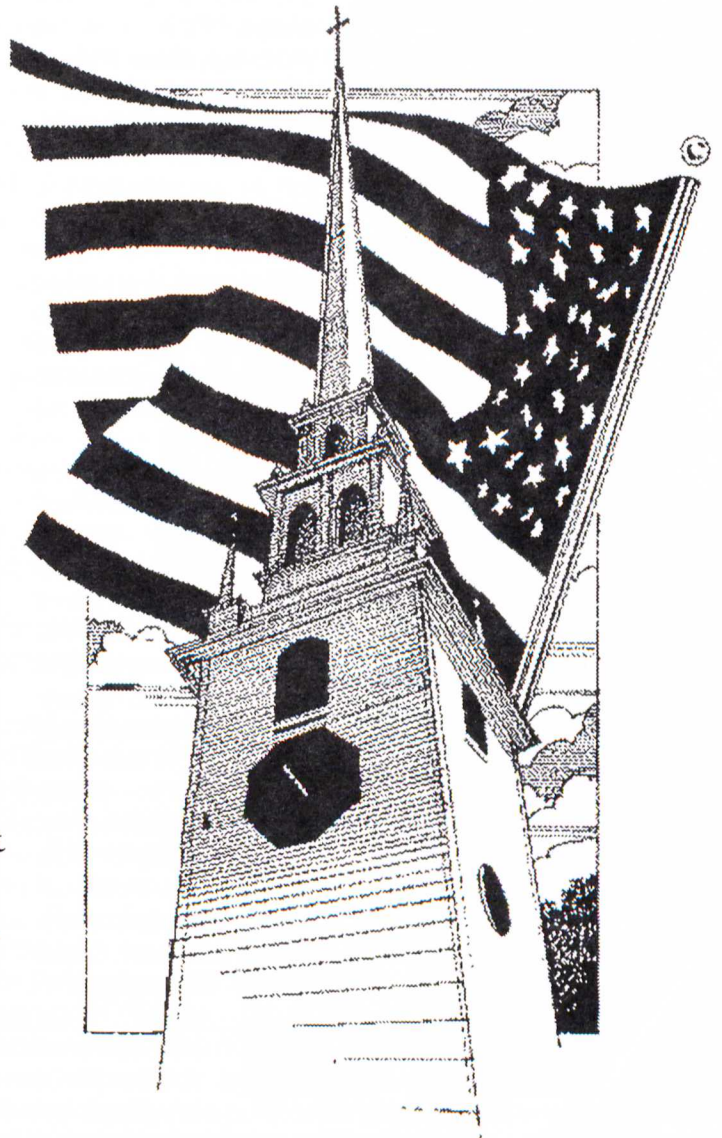
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Daniel Webster Said:
.. Finally, let us not forget the religious character of our origin. Our fathers were brought hither by their high veneration for the Christian religion. They journeyed by its light, and labored in its hope. They sought to incorporate its principles with the elements of their society and to diffuse its influence through their institutions, civil, political, or literary. Let us cherish these sentiments, and extend this influence still more widely; in the full conviction, that that is the happiest society which partakes in the highest degree of the mild and peaceable spirit of Christianity."



State Meeting 2003

The 90th session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists was held at the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon, Missouri, June 2-4, 2003. It was a time of celebration as we reviewed how God had blessed during 2002. It was a time of inspiration as the singer and preachers proclaimed the Word with great assurance. It was a time of fellowship as the attendees visited and worshiped together.

416 registered for the convention, and 134 reg-



The Ozark Quartet

istered for the Women Active for Christ meeting. The speakers for this year's convention were Max Courtney, Jim Williams, Dale Skiles, and National Executive Secretary, Keith Burden. They did a tremendous job in developing the theme, "Guarding our Heritage." The music and the singing were

excellent and complimented the preaching in every service. The Christian Education Board sponsored a workshop on Tuesday morning. The speaker was Dr. John Marshall who challenged the convention concerning world missions. He also delivered the morning message.



Dr. John Marshall

Business sessions began Tuesday afternoon with Moderator Richard Robinson delivering a challenging Moderator's message. During the Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning sessions, the delegates heard the reports and approved the budgets of the executive office, the bookstore, the five standing boards, and the Show-Me committee. They adopted a co-

operative budget of \$525,000.00; forgave the Youth Camp loan effective January 1, 2004; increased the state repre-



sentation fee from \$50 per church to \$100 per church; increased the gratuity for state delegates to the National Association from \$50 to \$100; approved a \$5,000.00 gift for Hillsdale and for Free Will Baptist Bible College from the executive office; voted to go to Springfield for the 2004 meeting; approved a Show-me budget of \$521,563.72; heard Executive Secretary Nathan Ruble report that he had submitted his resignation to the General Board, effective August 29, 2004.

The delegates also filled 20 board and committee positions and elected officers for the association. New board

and committee members are: Dale Cochran (Home Mission Board), John Copeland and Greg Smith (Youth Camp Board), Doug Earls (C.E. Board), Gene Howell (Senior Adult Board), Ben Crabtree and Gary Roe (Youth Ministries Board),



The Bivens with Lynn Wood

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L-R: Grandmother, Cindy Cates holding Jonathan, Mother, Katie Conrad holding Daniel; Pastor Dale Cochran, Rodney and Carrie Harvey holding Brandon and Bradley

Hannibal Dedication/Baptismal Service

On April 27, the Hannibal Free Will Baptist Church celebrated two very special events, a baby dedication and a baptismal service. Pastor Dale Cochran had the privilege of dedicating two sets of twin boys. It was certainly a Kodak moment. The boys were two months old Daniel and Jonathan Harris, and two weeks old Bradley and Brandon Harvey.

Following the morning worship service, there was a baptismal service held in which four people were baptized. The church enjoyed a very busy and blessed Easter.

Black Oak Dedicates New Addition



The Black Oak Free Will Baptist Church located near Marshfield, Missouri, has made a number of additions to the church facilities through the years to accommodate the increasing attendance. The church recently completed an addition to their sanctuary and two new bathrooms and dedicated the building on Sunday afternoon, June 1st. In August, Pastor Jack Day will have led this fine church for thirty-five years.

Brother Jack said that as long as he has pastored the church, the church has observed the ordinances of com-

munion and the washing of the saints feet on the first Sunday in June. 103 attended the morning worship to celebrate the ordinances. God truly blessed the service.

Following a delicious lunch served by the ladies of the church, the congregation and a number of visitors and former members met to dedicate the new addition.

The congregational singing and the special music helped give expres-

sion to the joy and thanksgiving felt and expressed in the service. Missouri Executive Secretary Nathan Ruble delivered the afternoon message. He commended the church on its faithfulness. Following the message, Pastor Day gave special recognition to the Hartwell family who did the construction and the church family for their sacrifices and patience during the building.

Brother Jack led the church in the act of dedication and invited the congregation to the altar for a prayer of dedication which was led by Rev. R.E. Helsley.



Pastor and Mrs. Jack Day



Rev. Bill Day Washing Pastor Jack Day's Feet





Coming Events

July 20 - 24, 2003
National Association Meeting
Tampa, Florida

July 27 - Aug. 1, 2003
Pre-teen Camp - Group 2

Aug. 3 - 8, 2003
Pre-teen Camp - Group 1

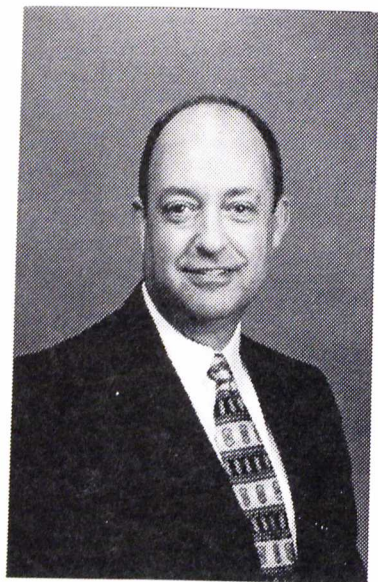
Aug. 15, 16, 2003
Women Active for Christ
Retreat
Stonecroft Conference
Center

Sept. 8, 2003
All Board Meeting and
Retreat/Golf Tournament
Youth Camp

MISSOURI IS #4 IN FOREIGN MISSIONS GIVING

In 2002 Missourians gave \$49,468.64 to Foreign Missions and ranked number four among the states in giving. **Hannon Free Will Baptist Church at Liberal ranked number 8 among churches across the denomination with gifts totaling \$37,002.00.** Other churches that gave over \$5,000.00 were:

Macedonia, Purdy	\$26,871.08
Calvary Fellowship, Fenton	23,024.41
Gospel Light, Bonne Terre	13,765.00
Verdella, Liberal	12,053.00
First, O'Fallon	11,683.00
First, Farmington	10,450.00
Trinity, Bridgeton	10,322.78
First, Springfield	8,941.50
First, Mountain Grove	8,642.00
First, Desoto	7,230.00
Grace, Arnold	6,734.00
Fellowship, Park Hills	6,577.10
Freeman Chapel, St. Joseph	6,480.00
First, Waynesville	5,772.17
First, Houston	5,358.90
Calvary Chapel, Buffalo	5,348.00
Hazel Creek, Kirksville	5,084.49



FOREIGN MISSIONS SELECTS LITTLE AS DIRECTOR OF STATESIDE DEVELOPMENT

Doug Little of Russellville, Ark., was approved as the new director of stateside development for the Department of Foreign Missions at the April 2003 board meeting. The position has been vacant since Fred Warner resigned August 2000 to resume pastoral ministry. Little has served 18 years as senior pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Russellville. He is to begin his responsibilities with Foreign Missions in July.

"Doug is a man of God with the heart of God for the world and the passion to abandon his life for the sake of the call. Without any conditions or provisos Doug is my recommendation," wrote General Director James Forlines in his report to the Board of Foreign Missions.

Mr. Little states, "The focus of my attention will be serving state leaders and pastors by helping them lead their churches to respond to the enormous opportunities and challenges of extending the Kingdom of God to the ends of the earth. I believe God has not only called us but also equipped us, as Free Will Baptists, to play a strategic role in completing the evangelization of the world in the 21st century. I look forward to what God will do through us

as we work together in the harvest."

Doug is a 1977 graduate of FWB Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., where he received a B.S. in Bible, music and Christian education. He followed this with a master's degree in music from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn., in 1983. Mr. Little also received a bachelor's degree in French from Arkansas Technical University in 1996.

He has served on the staffs of FWBBC and Hillsdale FWB College in Moore, Okla. He has also ministered on the staffs of East Nashville FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn., and Southern Oaks FWB Church in Oklahoma City, Okla. Doug has led the Russellville church to become one of the denomination's top-giving churches to global outreach. At the same time, the church has given generously to FWBBC, Home Missions, the Cooperative Plan and various other ministries. Mr. Little has served on the Arkansas Executive Board, the Arkansas State Mission Board and the Free Will Baptist Bible College board. He chaired the FWBBC board for four years. In July 1998 he was elected to the Board of Foreign Missions and has served as chairman for the last three years.

Doug was born in Ashland, Ky., and is married to the former Joyce Dunbar, daughter of former board member Galen Dunbar. The Littles have a daughter, Rachel, who married Thomas Whittenburg in December 2000.

The following are excerpts from Missionary greetings sent to the State Meeting.



and for others who are continuing discipleship studies on various levels. . .

Thanks again for your support, both financial and prayer. Keep on keeping on, you're doing a great work, for which God will bless you.

Here for HIS glory,
Jeff and Susan Tumbough

Stan and Brenda Bunch, Panama

The Bunches are on leave of absence until September 2003. Stan has been serving as interim pastor at the Verdella church in Liberal, and Brenda taught school this past year. They plan to begin deputation in September.

Curt and Mary Holland, Brazil

The two churches in Campinas are excited about our E-TEAM visit in June and July. We will spend the first two days in Araras with the Combs and the Lar Nova Vida (New Life children's home).

The churches in Campinas continue to do well under the leadership of Lucas and Osmir. Both are completing their first year as ordained FWB pastors this month. Osmir and the Sao Jose church have three home fellowship groups going in another part of the city. They have more than 20 new converts that are taking part in the Bible studies and fellowship groups. I have heard from other members and missionaries who have visited the churches, and the reports sound very encouraging. . .

We, of course, have just completed our year at FWBBC as the Missionaries in Residence and have enjoyed living in the house and working closely with the students.

Curt and Mary Holland

Don and Ruth McDonald, Japan

As we, the Tokyo Team, near the one-year anniversary of The Good News Chapel, we thank the Lord for His blessings on the newest church plant in Japan! We meet each Sunday with a group of 20-30 believers and seekers. English classes have presented the opportunity for children and adults to hear the gospel weekly. Special Christmas, Valentine's, Easter and musical outreaches have brought in first-time contacts and broadened the church's influence. All in all, we've seen God's hand at work and know He is keeping His promise to build His church!

The McDonald family is soon to reach the two-year mark since moving to the Tokyo area and the 17-year mark since coming to Japan! In April, we moved into a smaller house to be closer to the new church. We are praying that by being "on location" (just a 5-minute walk from the church) we will be able to use our friendships with neighbors to point more people to Christ and to His church.

We sense the need for extra prayer support

Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, Cote d'Ivoire

We are excited about returning to Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on 23 June, Lord willing. We wish to thank everyone for your prayers for us and the African believers. We are grateful for the Missouri Show-Me Plan and for each one who prays and participates in this great program.

Jerry and Carol

Ken and Judy Bailey, Japan

We are approaching the one-year anniversary of the start of The Good News Chapel in Sayamagaoka, a suburb of Tokyo. It has been a JOY to see the Lord working in the new area and having unsaved people in most of our services! Since opening our doors in June of 2002, we have had several outreach ministries: special "Come and Learn English" days, Kids' Ministries, Christmas programs, a Valentine music outreach, children's Easter outreach, and in each service, several Japanese were in church for the FIRST TIME in their lives! . . .

We are planning to return to the States for furlough sometime in August after the teams are gone. We hope to visit in as many churches as possible, so we're anxious to begin lining up services as soon as possible. We hope to visit all of our supporters in Missouri. We APPRECIATE you all for giving us faithful prayer and financial support! You have blessed us in so many ways, and we look forward to sharing our ministries with you!

In Japan to serve Him,
Ken and Judy Bailey

Jeff and Susan Turnbough, Spain

Thanks for another year of faithful support for our ministry in Spain. I'm sure it is difficult to continue to give gifts to missions month after month, year after year, especially when you don't see us very often and when financially things are tight. We understand that. This month we will have been in Spain 21 years. In some ways it is hard to believe that much time has gone by. In other ways we are very much aware of the time and there are times when it is difficult "to continue to give." There are a lot of times when we feel "out of sight, out of mind." However, we believe that we both are doing a good thing, an important thing, a worthwhile thing--extending the Kingdom of God around the world.

We wish we had more tangible results to report. We would love for all of Spain to come to Christ and to plant a church in every town here. We are thankful for the people who have come to Christ this year, mainly immigrants, in our two FWB churches here,

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as we seek to provide leadership for the team while Ken and Judy Bailey are on stateside assignment (from August). We need wisdom and God's direction, as well as extra energy and grace!

While we feel very excited to be part of church planting in the Tokyo area, we also feel deeply grateful for all of you who support us in this effort. Your participation in the Show-Me Plan, both by your gifts and your prayers, is literally being used by God to push back the darkness and make way for the light of the gospel to shine in this highly populated and needy area. Thank you!

Donnie and Ruth McDonald

Katie (15), Evan (13), Amy (9) and Caroline (2)

Micah and Becky Derby, France M Team

I would like to take this time to bring you up to speed. As most of you know, I got married this past January 18 to Becky Hale. Now, instead of one, we are two going to the same field to do what God has called us to do. We would like to thank you for your support through the Missouri Show-Me Plan. It is such a blessing! We are very thankful that the plan is providing greatly toward our needs.

Please continue to pray for us and our ministry. We will be leaving August 27 for France to begin language study. We are looking forward to this day, and yet, we realize that there is so much more to do here before we leave.

Thank you again and see you soon.
Micah and Becky

Benjamin Bailey, Japan

Greetings from Japan! I am glad to be back "home" and working with my parents and the other Tokyo Team members in the ministry at The Good News Chapel and the Iriso Church. I am teaching two English/Bible studies at The Good News Chapel each week, and an English/Bible class at the Iriso Church where my dad pastored while I was growing up. Most of the people in the Iriso class have known me since I was two years old, so it's odd to be their teacher now, but I am enjoying it. I have elementary students and adults in The Good News Chapel classes, and one of the young men, in his 30s, has been attending some of our church services. . .

Please pray for our team as we have several young people coming to help us this summer. Pray that our efforts will result in people making decisions to follow Christ. I appreciate your prayers for me and for all of us working in Japan.

Benjamin Bailey

Matthew and Brooke Turnbough, Spain

We were recently approved (December 2002) by the Board of Foreign Missions to serve a two-year term of service in Spain. We are excited about this opportunity! During the term Brooke will focus on language and cultural acquisition while Matthew will be helping out in the Villalba church.

At this point in time we are almost at the halfway mark of our financial needs. We are planning on leaving this August and therefore have two months to raise the remainder of our support! We want to thank all of you in Missouri who are helping us, whether through prayer or financial support. Spain is a most needy country as less than 1% of the people are evangelical Christians!

As we continue having deputational services, we ask for your prayers that God might provide the necessary funds so we can go to Spain in August.

The Youth Look

by Ann (Poletti) Robertson

A story tells of two friends walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, an argument ensued with one friend slapping the other in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt and quietly knelt to write in the sand, "Today my best friend slapped me in the face."

They kept on walking until they found an oasis where they decided to take a bath. The friend who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning but his friend saved him. After recovering, he carved into a stone, "Today my best friend saved my life."

The friend who had both slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand, but you carved on stone after I saved your life. Why is that?" The other friend just replied, "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in the sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. When someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

I'm so glad God's love is like that. The Bible says He has engraved us on the palms of His hands but He throws our forgiven sins as far as the east is from the west to be remembered no more. If we are to be more like Him, we too must learn the art of unconditional love and neverfailing forgiveness

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Mark Braisher (Hillsdale Representative). The officers remained the same.

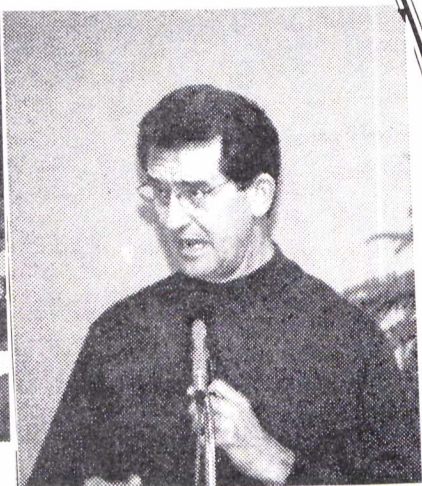
The delegates also had the opportunity to hear reports from the national departments, Hillsdale, the children's homes in Tennessee and Alabama. National Home Mission Board member Lynn Wood, presented Bud and Ruth Bivens a plaque in appreciation for their work in Mexico and Puerto Rico.



Jerry Pinkerton and Steve Lytle

The 2003 meeting flowed smoothly from the opening session through the closing service. All of those who helped with registration, ushering, and music are to be commended for making this possible.

Senior Adult Retreat



Churches Needing a Pastor

Hannon Free Will Baptist Church
Liberal, MO
Contact: Charlie Hoover
417-843-5125

Rock Chapel Church
Norwood, MO
Contact: Shelby Housley
417-746-4743

Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church
Myrtle, MO
Contact: David and Geneva Sorrell
417-938-4353

First Free Will Baptist Church
Cape Girardeau, MO
Contact: Donald Gregory
573-339-0797

First Free Will Baptist Church
Fredericktown, MO
Contact: Roy Carlton
573-783-6123

Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church
Mountain Grove, MO
Contact: John Shannon
417-626-3726

TOP TEN IN ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL SUNDAY 2003

<u>Church</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
1. United	West Plains	Glen Murray	837
2. Calvary Fellowship	Fenton	Jerry Norris	508
3. First	Farmington	Roger Hogan	447
4. Calvary Chapel	Buffalo	Doug Earls	387
5. First	Mountain Grove	Gary Fry	371
6. First	Desoto	Bob Thebeau	341
7. Fellowship	Park Hills	Wayne Phillips	260
8. Second	Lebanon	David Douglas	254
9. First	Hartville	Melvin Moon	252
10. First	Ozark	Gary Mitchener	241

Just Suppose...

Suppose we had to run for church membership as any candidate runs for political office. Would we win or lose?

Suppose the membership were good for one year only and that re-election depended on our faithfulness at worship during that time. Would we be reelected?

Suppose there were a long list of those waiting to get in. Would we be more alive to our duties as representatives of God?

Suppose we were called to explain just why our church should keep our name on the roll. Have we a case to offer in our defense?

Suppose every member of the church did as much for their church as we are presently doing, would more seats be needed or would the doors be shut?
Just suppose!

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MISSIONARY RON CALLAWAY TO JOIN BIBLE COLLEGE FACULTY

The Reverend Ronald Callaway, veteran Free Will Baptist missionary to Spain, Cuba, and Panama, will join the Free Will Baptist Bible College faculty to direct its missionary-training program, according to Dr. Milton Fields, Academic Dean.

Rev. Callaway, a 1975 FWBBC graduate, will transition from his service with the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department to begin teaching at the college this fall.

In addition to the Bachelor of Arts he earned at FWBBC, Ron has studied at the University of Madrid (Spain) and holds a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Since 1976, he and his wife, Linda, have served as church planters and as teachers in institutes in Spain, Cuba, and Panama. He currently serves as interim pastor of a Panamanian Free Will Baptist church.

FWBBC President Matthew Pinson says, "Several things attracted us to Brother Callaway. He has served on more difficult fields such as Spain and more receptive fields such as Cuba and Panama. He is the best known teacher/scholar on our mission field. He has a passion for the lost and for global evangelization. He is also noted for his outstanding work with high school students on E-Team mission trips." He added, "I am confident that he will be an excellent addition to our Biblical and Ministry Studies Department."

The Missouri-Texas native says he is looking forward to getting involved with Bible College students and helping them prepare to serve God. He will fill the place occupied by Rev. Tom McCullough for six years, before he assumed the pastorate of Central Free Will Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Michigan, last summer.

We welcome Rev. Callaway to the FWBBC family and faculty

ALTON LOVELESS ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY FOR TEACHER TRAINING

Alton Loveless, former General Director of the National Sunday School and Church Training Department, and Randall House Publications, Nashville, Tennessee, is available to conduct seminars for churches or organizations.

Dr. Loveless has published more than 490 articles and conducted over 1100 seminars in 48 states and 34 foreign countries. He has been widely used as a Christian education consultant, workshop leader, or minister, by 68 denominations in churches of all sizes. He has more than 80 seminars or workshops he has done, or is willing to create a program to fit the needs of any group.

The following testimonies have been published about brother Loveless:

"Few people have a greater knowledge of the changes happening in our society and how it will affect the church and Sunday school. His skill in teacher training workshops and tutorials in interpersonal relationships have created speaking opportunities around the world," stated Jack Williams of Contact magazine.

Art Blakely, former National Sales Manager of Scripture Press made this observation of brother Loveless. "You have three great strengths in your workshops. First, you have audience awareness, sensing their needs, attitudes and feelings. Second, your workshop grows from a deep well of Christian Education knowledge. Third, the manner and methods you use always seem to communicate. You have a unique ability to bring your knowledge and the needs of your audience together."

"His manner of presenting the materials in everyday language is a great asset and guards against anyone getting the idea that he thinks he has all the answers. It was a real pleasure to attend while he was in Europe." Ronald J. Callaway, Missionary.

"Our Association enjoyed several seminars and teacher training workshops conducted by Alton Loveless. The pastors, Sunday school officers, teachers, and youth leaders who participated were both informed and inspired. Brother Alton's presentation was spiritually sound, conducted with compassion and filled with timely truths," Rev. Fred Hanson, Atlantic Canada Association.

His training in Christian education began with Scripture Press Publications which opened the door to a broad and diverse knowledge of what churches have done, or is doing to build a great church. His interest continued in church growth and teacher training while with Randall House Publications, where he created Outreach magazine, a publication on church growth and the training of workers. This full colored magazine has been praised by people both in and out of our denomination.

Alton, a Free Will Baptist minister for 48 years, attended Hendrix College, graduated from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, and earned a Ph. D. in Business Administration from Columbia Pacific University. He has been awarded a number of honorary degrees and business awards.

A brochure with a list of workshops and testimonies is available by writing: Alton Loveless, 1008 Ainsworth Circle, Antioch, Tennessee 37013. Phone 615-361-3896 or email alton.loveless@prodigy.net

Free Will Baptist Bible College Commencement



Free Will Baptist Bible College graduated 59 students from 15 states and one foreign country in Commencement Exercises held on the Nashville campus May 15, 2003. Twenty-two—41% of the bachelor degree graduates—graduated with honors.

President Matthew Pinson handed out 19 bachelor of arts, 35 bachelor of science, two associate of science in business, and three associate of arts degrees. Academic Dean Milton Fields noted that 28 members of the class—47%— are entering some field of ministry.

Dr. Mark Paschall, former medical missionary to Ivory Coast, brought the challenge. Dr. Paschall currently serves as Vice Chief of Family Medicine at St. John Hospital in Detroit, Michigan

Please pray for the Class of 2003 as they go into the field.

Hillsdale Commencement

Fifty-one graduates were honored during Commencement ceremonies at Hillsdale on Friday, May 9, 2003. Linda Kimery, an honor graduate from the Adult Degree (ABLE) Program, gave the invocation and the Hillsdale Concert Chorale, under the direction of Scott Bullman, presented the music. President Cheshier introduced Rev. David Sutton, pastor of Southern Oaks Free Will Baptist Church, who gave the commencement address.

President Cheshier, Vice President of Academic Affairs Timothy Eaton, and Craig Shaw, Director of Student Services presented the awards and degrees. The ceremonies concluded with Chad Donahoo, 2003 graduate, giving the benediction. A total of 51 graduates were honored: 23 Bachelor of Arts degrees, 11 Bachelor of Science degrees, one Honorary Bachelor degree, and 17 Associate in Arts degrees. Sixteen of these were ABLE students.

The Bill J. and Alma Lou Barber Chapel/Classroom is in the final stages of construction. It is our hope that we can have OU! Grand Opening ceremonies sometime during late summer.

"His Pen In My Hand"

Sue Winchester, member of the Fourth Church and its W.A.C., has been selling a booklet of her writings titled, "His Pen in My Hand". It is a collection that spans thirty years of her writing for God's glory. The majority of the poems have been published by WNAC. The two included skits have won awards in WNAC Creative Arts contests.

If you did not purchase your copy at the State Meeting, they will be available at the State Retreat at Stonecroft August 15-16th. The cost is \$5.00 with half of the proceeds going to the State to help with the 2004 WNAC National meeting in Kansas City. The other half to stay in her local WAC for mission and service projects.

Worship Service Averages February 2003- May 2003

Churches:	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
Beacon	93	105	113	
Belton	37	46	53	46
Buffalo 1 st	104	123	145	127
Cabool	38	40	36	
Calvary Chapel	264	293	292	269
Calvary Fellowship	379	341	412	
Cape Girardeau	59		52	45
Clifton	60	75		
Copper Mines	62	55	61	
Columbia	53			42
De Soto	196	233	259	214
Green Hills	20	24	30	
Hannibal				96
Hannon	127		127	143
Harmony				72
Hartville	183	204		
Hopewell			34	
Houston	43	60	45	62
Hurryville	95	101	108	97
Joplin 1 st	105			
Kingsway	33	36	34	28
Lebanon FWB	50	57	58	53
Lebanon 1 st		150	152	131
Mill Creek	103	103		95
Mt. Pisgah	55	64	64	72
Myrtle				27
New Life - Licking	60	70	62	78
Oak Hill- Union	51	56	57	
O'Fallon 1 st		170	158	130
Ozark 1 st	158	163		183
Pleasant Hill	22		33	25
Richwoods 1 st	52			
Rock Chapel	42	45	47	52
Rolla 1 st	44	37	40	37
Springfield 1 st		125	134	119
Terrill Road	56	60		
Thayer	146		168	165
Trinity		72	82	72
Union Grove	122	128		121
United	531	670	681	504
Victory- KC	100	114	118	90
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove		75	67	

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

Something to think about:

MANY WHO ARE WELL PREPARED FOR A RAINY DAY ARE TOTALLY UNPREPARED FOR ETERNITY.

BETTER TO BE KNOWN AS A DO-GOODER THAN A DO-NOTHING.

A MAN'S CHARACTER IS LIKE A FENCE - IT CAN-NOT BE STRENGTHENED BY WHITEWASH.

Financial Report

May 2003

Cooperative Disbursements

May 2003	\$51,008.76
18.50% Home Missions Bd	\$9,436.62
17.00% Executive Office	8,671.49
3.00% General Fund	1,530.26
.50% Show-Me Plan	255.04
8.50% Youth Camp Board	4,335.74
3.00% Y.C. Restricted Funds	1,530.26
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd	1,020.18
2.00% C. E. Board	1,020.18
2.00% Senior Adult Min. Bd	1,020.18
9.00% Retirement Program	4,590.79
31.50%	16,067.76
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	1,530.26
Total	\$51,008.76

Co-op

Amity	\$159.68
Aulsbury Chapel	\$165.21
Bailey	\$190.00
Bailey Chapel	\$172.00
Belton	\$419.52
Berean	\$45.00
Bethel El Dorado Springs	\$325.31
Bethel Northview	\$513.00
Black Oak	\$422.00
Byrd	\$100.15
Calvary Chapel	\$951.33
Cape Girardeau 1st	\$742.80
Carthage	\$345.00
Carthage	\$320.00
Central	\$1,023.45
Christ Chapel	\$328.50
Clifton	\$51.94
Columbia	\$498.88
Copper Mines	\$447.42
Cornerstone	\$509.36
CrossroadsWentzville	\$560.00
Cuba	\$503.00
DeSoto 1st	\$1,630.00
Faith & Hope Willow Springs	\$115.70
Farmington 1st	\$4,401.54
Fordland	\$744.00
Fourth	\$321.66
Fredericktown 1st	\$188.00
Freeman Chapel	\$435.60
Gospel Light	\$100.00
Grace	\$1,360.62
Grant Avenue	\$880.91
Grant Avenue	\$922.13
Green Hills	\$137.58
Greenfield	\$400.00
Hannibal	\$492.00
Hannon	\$1,080.00
Harmony	\$511.24
Hartville	\$1,250.00
Hopewell	\$271.00
Houston 1st	\$725.07
Hurryville	\$520.38
Jackson	\$200.64
Joplin 1st	\$743.41
Kingsway	\$176.50
Koskonong	\$174.00
Lead Hill	\$344.60
Lebanon	\$550.00
Lebanon 1st	\$1,060.84
LibertyNevada	\$190.00
Lone Star	\$45.90
MacedoniaNiangua	\$128.07
Merls Chapel	\$151.00
Mill Creek	\$527.79
Mine LaMotte	\$103.85
Monett 1st	\$627.01
Mountain Grove 1st	\$1,642.95
Mt. Pisgah	\$410.00
Mt. Zion Gower	\$46.50
Myrtle	\$235.58
Myrtle	\$231.89
Neosho 1st	\$95.00
Neosho 1st	\$95.00
New Hope	\$70.00
New Life Licking	\$350.50
Niangua	\$228.80
Number One	\$188.82
Number One	\$168.80
Oak Grove Mtn. Grove	\$196.37
Oak Hill	\$374.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$1,410.00
Olivet	\$500.00
Overland	\$100.00
Parkview	\$2,824.51
Pleasant Hill	\$158.65
Pleasant Home	\$185.20
Pleasant Ridge	\$94.00
Potosi 1st	\$141.50
Republic	\$100.00
Rock Chapel	\$318.00
Rolla 1st	\$258.00
Royal Oak	\$66.00
Seymour	\$453.00
Smyrna	\$133.00
Springfield 1st	\$1,376.58
Stockton	\$208.60
Terrill Road	\$50.00

Thayer	\$878.00
Trinity	\$867.21
Union Grove	\$386.00
Union Light	\$193.00
United	\$1,798.49
Unity	\$680.00
Verdella	\$710.32
VictoryAlton	\$515.13
Waynesville	\$406.09
West Plains 1st	\$746.00
Willow Springs Mtn. Grove	\$361.87
Wolf Creek	\$450.81
Total	\$51,008.76

ShowMe Plan

Barker, Rev. J.	\$15.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel El Dorado	\$325.31
Bethel Festus	\$45.00
Black Oak	\$60.00
Blue Springs	\$168.00
Blue Springs WAC	\$150.00
Brown, J.	\$15.00
Burns, J.	\$60.00
Buxton, G.	\$30.00
Calvary Chapel Buffalo	\$105.00
Cartee, J.	\$15.00
Central	\$40.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines Teens & Jr. Cl	\$30.00
Copper Mines Yg. Adult Class	\$15.00
Cornerstone Mtn. Grove	\$323.00
Cuba	\$138.00
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	\$930.00
Fordland	\$250.00
Fourth	\$15.00
Fourth	\$45.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$15.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Gospel Light	\$1,000.00
Grace	\$448.50
Graham, S.	\$15.00
Grant Ave.	\$265.00
Grant Ave.	\$280.00
Grant Ave.	\$360.00
Hannibal WAC	\$30.00
Hannon	\$1,130.00
Harmony	\$27.45
Hartville	\$240.00
Houston 1st	\$621.00
Hurryville	\$500.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class	\$15.50
Jackson	\$50.00
Joplin 1st	\$95.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Lebanon F.W.B.	\$30.00
Macedonia Purdy	\$1,000.00
Macedonia Purdy	\$4,000.00
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	\$334.16
MO Cooperative Plan	\$1,530.26
Monett 1st	\$30.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$395.00
Mouser, J.	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion Thayer	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Neosho 1st	\$195.00
Neosho 1st	\$135.00
New Beginning	\$111.97
New Hope	\$135.00
New Life Licking	\$67.45
New Life Monett	\$75.00

New Life Monett	\$75.00
New Testament	\$15.00
New Testament	\$15.00
Niangua	\$30.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Number One	\$60.00
Oak Grove Houston	\$30.00
Oak Hill Union	\$20.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$83.00
Old Bethel	\$50.00
Olivet	\$30.00
Parker, G.	\$15.00
Parkview	\$247.86
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill	\$45.00
Pleasant Home	\$330.00
Pleasant Ridge Urbana	\$50.00
Pogue, R.	\$15.00
Purdy	\$1,035.00
Richwoods	\$45.00
Rock Chapel	\$255.00
Rogers, B.	\$15.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble N.	\$45.00
Springfield 1st	\$515.00
Starnes, A.	\$60.00
Stockton	\$126.50
Thayer	\$355.00
Trinity	\$450.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United	\$368.43
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$965.32
Victory Alton	\$45.00
Walnut Grove	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st	\$450.50
White, R.	\$30.00
Willow Springs Mtn. Grove	\$70.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Total	\$25,024.71

Foreign Missions

Belton	\$25.00
Central	\$25.00
Chapman, A.	\$20.00
Cuba	\$27.60
Farmington 1st	\$47.50
Fordland	\$525.00
Grace	\$15.00
Grant Ave.	\$50.00
Grant Ave.	\$25.00
Hannon	\$300.00
Hartville	\$973.00
Houston 1st	\$75.00
Joplin 1st	\$100.00
Lebanon FWB WAC	\$100.00
Lewis, D.	\$20.00
Matthews, A.	\$15.00
Mid Rivers Assn.	\$1,416.41
Minor, K.	\$10.00
Myrtle	\$90.00
New Testament	\$55.00
New Testament	\$35.00
Northeast Assn.	\$1,000.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$20.00
Pleasant Home	\$48.49
St. Louis Assn.	\$54.65
Stockton	\$360.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Trinity	\$90.24
Waynesville 1st	\$180.00
Total	\$5,712.89

National Home Missions

Columbia	\$25.00
Cuba	\$82.80
DeSoto 1st	\$210.00
Farmington 1st	\$520.00
Grant Avenue	\$10.00
King, B.	\$5.00
Neosho 1st	\$50.00
New Life Monett	\$50.00
New Testament	\$115.00
Richwoods	\$73.00

Thebeau, B.	\$5.00
West Plains 1st	\$50.00
Jackson	\$80.00
Oak Hill	\$64.00
O'Fallon	\$66.00
Rock Chapel	\$81.35
Ruble, N.	\$10.00
Thayer	\$340.00
United	\$150.00
Belton	\$15.00
Carthage	\$5.00
Hannon	\$1,001.00
Mid Rivers Assoc.	\$1,416.42
Mountain Grove 1st	\$55.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Monett 1st	\$5.00
Unity	\$50.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Joplin 1st	\$272.00
Rader, J.	\$20.00
Trinity	\$63.36
Grace	\$43.00
Union Light	\$96.00
Fordland	\$20.00
Gospel Light	\$240.00
Neosho 1st	\$50.00
New Life Monett	\$50.00
New Testament	\$75.00
Central	\$25.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Carthage	\$5.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$5.00
Grant Avenue	\$10.00
Houston 1st	\$75.00
Total	\$5,733.93

State Home Missions

Bethel Festus	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$90.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grace	\$55.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	\$330.00
Macedonia Purdy	\$1,100.00
Macedonia Purdy	\$100.00
Mid Rivers Assoc.	\$1,416.42
Myrtle	\$87.00
Neosho 1st	\$25.00
Neosho 1st	\$25.00
New Testament	\$50.00
New Testament	\$50.00
Niangua	\$110.45
O'Fallon 1st	\$66.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
Republic	\$25.00
Thayer	\$85.00
Trinity	\$43.36
United	\$25.00
Waynesville	\$50.00
White, R.	\$10.00
Total	\$3,868.23

Youth Camp

De Soto 1st	55.00
Hartville	10.00
Lebanon Bible and Bookstore	180.00
New Life- Monett	130.00
Rolla 1st	20.00
Stephens, T.	10.00
West Plains 1st	25.00
Cornerstone	25.00
Niangua	20.00
Thayer	50.00
Hannon	50.00
Hannon for Laundry Room	265.00
Mountain Grove 1st	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove	10.00
Trinity	9.00
Verdella	10.00
Total	\$894.00

Camp Development Fund

Myrtle	31.00
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Rock Chapel	49.00
Houston 1st	200.00
Myrtle	24.00
Total	\$304.00

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

DeSoto 1st	40.00
Farmington 1st	150.00
Oak Hill	10.00
Ruble, N.	15.00
Thayer	50.00
Verdella	284.12
Total	\$549.12

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Farmington 1st	175.00
Oak Hill	10.00
Thayer	50.00
Hannon	100.00
Monett 1st	100.00
Joplin 1st	75.00
Fordland	10.00
Total	\$520.00

Trula Cronk Home for Children

De Soto 1st	55.00
Farmington 1st	30.00
Myrtle	26.00
New Life- Monett	130.00
Nosser, M.	25.00
Belton	25.00
Hannon	100.00
New Hope	30.00
Unity	20.00
Myrtle	25.00
Total	\$466.00

Rev. John McClure

Farmington 1st	5.00
Carthage	15.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	25.00
Grace	15.00
Carthage	15.00
Total	\$75.00

Vergel Maness

Myrtle	105.00
Gospel Light	80.00
Grace	100.00
Myrtle	77.00
Total	\$362.00

Women Nationally Active for Christ

Ruble, J.	\$10.00
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Morgan Wood

Belton	\$30.00
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Victor Torrez

United Youth Group	\$200.00
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Scott & Melanie Lundeen

Verdella	\$355.16
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Brian Brinkhoff

New Testament	10.00
New Testament	10.00
Total	\$20.00

Berea Ministries

Hartville	\$150.00
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Richard Standley

Chapman, A.	\$10.00
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MISSION MOMENT

by Curt Holland

MESSAGE:

Missionaries must know the MESSAGE for the world and know the world in which we communicate the MESSAGE. Last month we talked about the gospel seed and soybeans. I tried to explain that the soil of Missouri and the spiritual soil in Brazil are not the same as we looked at cultural differences. This month I want to look more closely at the seed or MESSAGE of the gospel.

When Jesus spoke to Paul on the road to Damascus, He defined for Paul the MESSAGE he was to proclaim. Acts 26:17-18 *"Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."* This is a very important message of freedom, liberation and blessing. We have been hearing a lot about these things in the news lately, yet Jesus gave the MESSAGE of freedom and liberation more than 2,000 years ago!

Missionaries must be willing to share the Scriptures as a seed and not a potted plant. This allows the gospel to be received by hearers and allows the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they seek to understand the gospel. We made a decision in Sao Jose to present a Bible study, a seed and not a potted plant, based on the book of John, the "Gospel of Belief". Through this Bible study non-believers were given a chance to hear the gospel message and have a better understanding of their need for Christ in their lives.

The Lord proved time and time again the promise of Paul in Romans 1:16, concerning the gospel, it is "...the power of God unto salvation." Our missionaries are proclaiming this power of God around the world. They are building bridges of communication as they share the liberating MESSAGE of Jesus with so many that are in bondage and fear.

We must pray for our missionaries as they communicate the greatest message ever known to man. It doesn't do any good to send willing messengers over 5,000 miles away to preach the gospel, if we are not willing to "pray them through" the last 5 feet, which are the most difficult to overcome in communicating the gospel MESSAGE



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