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## Grant Ave. Honors Lee Evans

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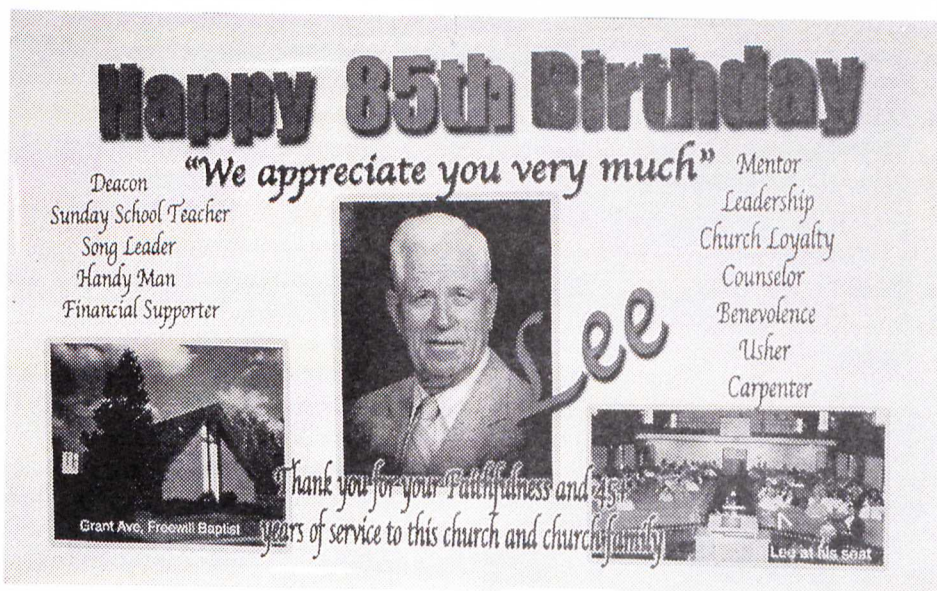
On February 16, 2003, Grant Ave Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield celebrated a very special occasion - Bro. Lee Evans' 85th birthday. Actually, it was more than a birthday celebration. You may call it "Lee Evans Appreciation Day." It was a day set aside for his family, his church, his friends, and his neighbors to express their appreciation for Lee.

Lee has been an influential part of Grant Ave. for 46-47 years. He has served as Sunday School teacher, deacon, song leader, prayer warrior, made thousands of visits, spent countless hours of labor and repair on the church, and served as a sincere and friendly greeter and helping hand to anyone who needed it. Lee has many gifts but his gift of service and wisdom is beyond words.

Bro. Lee's wife, Braxine, served with him side by side until the Lord called her home about 18 years ago. Her dedication to Christ and her gift of prayer is unsurpassed. Their children, Margaret and Ralph, Bill and Brenda, their children and their children's children have been a true gift of God and a tremendous blessing to the Evan's family, the Free Will Baptist denomination, and Grant Ave. Free Will Baptist Church.

Speakers on Lee Evans' Day included son Bill Evans, daughter Margaret Hampton, and Son in law, Ralph Hampton. Each one shared from their hearts in love, respect and appreciation for the Daddy God chose for them. They even shared a few secrets from the past that brought laughter to the congregation, but the message carried thoughts of love, service and dedication.

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Bill Evans, Lee Evans, Brenda Hampton, Ralph Hampton



# Mt. Pisgah Celebrates 75th Anniversary



Pastor and Mrs. David Carroll

The Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church located near Cabool, Missouri, celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary June 29<sup>th</sup>. A large crowd gathered for the morning worship service to join in the spirited congregational singing and enjoy the special music of the church choir. Pastor David Carroll presented a children's sermon before introducing Executive Secretary Nathan Ruble to deliver the morning message from Jeremiah 6:16, 17.

The congregation shared a delicious lunch prepared by the ladies of the church following the morning service. It was a time of enjoying great food and great fellowship.

Deacon Neil Hamilton presided over the afternoon service which was highlighted by music, testimonies, and reminiscing. Warren Walls on the guitar and son Gary Walls on the violin played two instrumental numbers. Nineteen

members of the Walls' family provided a special, and the church choir with others blessed the hearts of the attendees. Lloyd Walls, who united with the church in 1929 when he was fifteen years of age and served as the church clerk for 57 years, shared the history of the church. Former pastors were recognized and given an opportunity to bring greetings.

The Mt. Pisgah church was organized January 8, 1928 by Elder G.W. Scott, Rev. J.H. Plunk, and Deacon Mabes with five charter member: Howard and Pearl Barr, Tom and Rachel Curry, and Elbert Colson.



Gary and Warren Walls

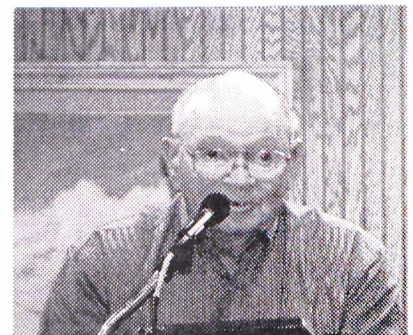
church services until it burned. The church was lighted with kerosene and gas lamps until 1949 when they obtained electricity. It was heated with wood stoves until 1961. Since the first church building in 1932, the church has added a number of additions and made many changes. Today the Mt. Pisgah church enjoys a beautiful modern sanctuary, fellowship hall, and class rooms. It has a thriving congregation that has a vision for reaching the world for Christ.

The following men have served the church as pastor: G.W. Scott, Levi Koch, Ocie Allen, Mose Johnson, Albert Brook, Wesley Crain, Archie Hogue, Homer Smith, Ezra Butts, Fred Wynn, Bill Price, Morris Akers, Danny Douglas, Hubert Darter, Keith Reese, Darin Alvis, and present pastor David Carroll.



Mt. Pisgah Choir

For the first four years the church held services in the Peacock school house until the church was built in 1932. Mt. Pisgah bought the one-acre of land where the church house and cemetery are located in 1930 for \$15.00. Before the church was built, Peacock was consolidated with the Cabool schools and the school property reverted back to the original owners, Steve and Cora Surber. Cora was a member of the Mt. Pisgah church. Milton S. Barr, one of the first members wanted the church to have enough land for a cemetery, so he traded a Jersey cow for the school house and property. The church used the school house for



Lloyd Walls

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## New Life Church Honors Greg Hadley

It was Old Fashion Sunday, Father's Day, and Harold Price Sunday at the New Life Free Will Baptist Church of Licking, Missouri, Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>. Many of the congregation wore old fashioned dress for the morning service as the church honored one of its leaders. The day was named after Harold Price, the first recipient to be honored.



The Three Best Dressed Ladies

entertained.

Greg Hadley, this year's honoree, has been a faithful member of the church for twenty years. He has chaired the church board, taught Sunday School, computerized the church records, and currently serves as the treasurer of the church. State Executive Secretary Nathan Ruble, after reading a brief biographical history of his labors in the church, presented Brother Hadley a plaque on behalf of the church. Pastor Max Courtney then presented him a number of gifts from the church. Nathan Ruble preached the morning message.

A pot-luck dinner was served following the morning message. A committee then awarded prizes for those with the best old fashion dress and those who arrived at church in the oldest transportation. Afterward, an old fashioned singing group



Greg Hadley with parents and Pastor Courtney



Warren and Leona Livingston

# V B S

## News From Copper Mines Clarice Rehkop

The Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church held a successful Vacation Bible School June 13 – 15. Pastor Darin Alvis and VBS Director Melina Buxton were assisted by Sarah Dalton, Sally Hovis, Cathy Lunsford, Teresa Pogue, Eileen Provow, Greg Buxton, David Hovis, Les Pogue, Youth Pastor Joe Pogue, Joy Alvis., and Sharon Pogue in this rewarding endeavor. There was an average daily attendance of 50.

The Bible School theme was "Adventures in Odyssey, The Great Global Adventure – Celebrating Life in Christ." The children made imaginary visits to five countries consisting of Africa, Australia, Bolivia, China, and Ireland. Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, Foreign Missionaries to Africa, assisted in this learning experience as they shared with the children about the African culture.

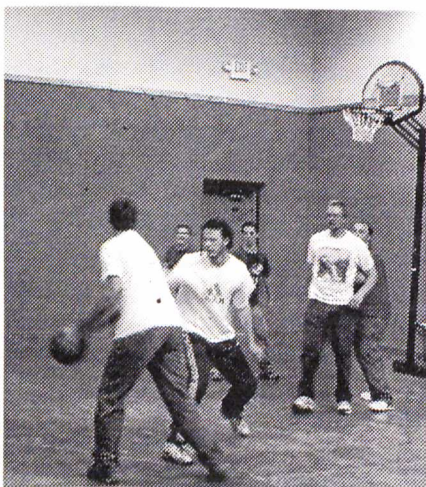
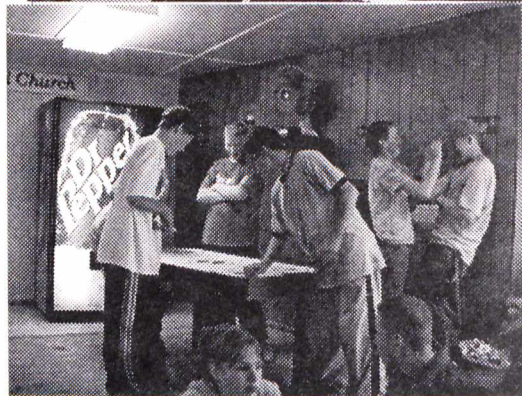
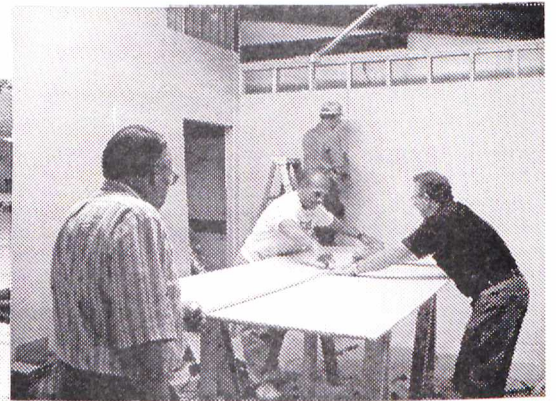
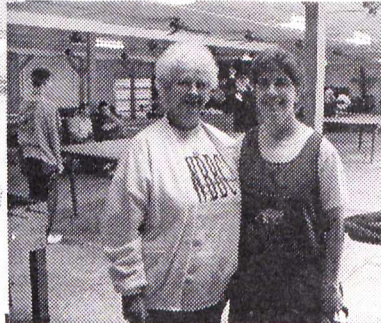
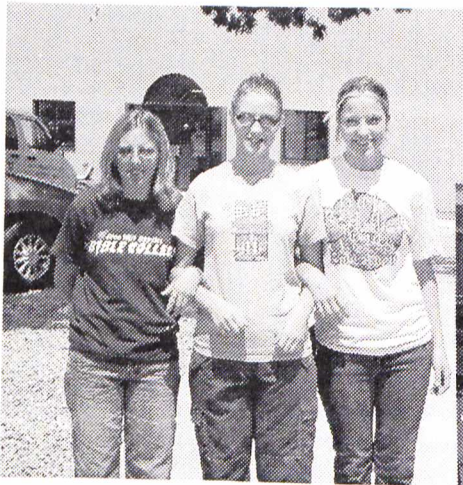
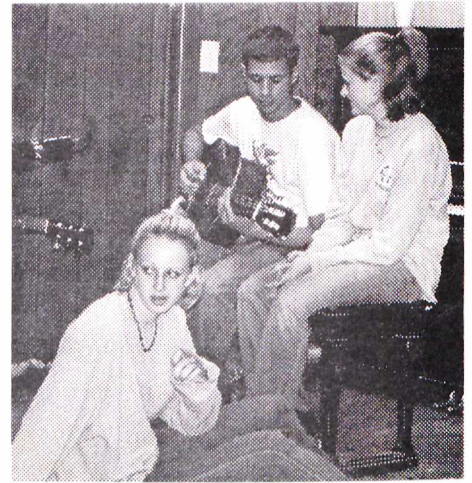
Others you helped make VBS a success were David and Jennifer Hovis, Les and Joshua Provow who provided a skit. Thema and Vernon Sikes were craft leaders and Joshua Provow was the game leader. Russell and Leasa Parker and Pat Reynolds were the food committee.

Graduation exercises were held on Sunday evening with friends and family members gathering to participate in the commencement program.

The Copper Mines Church also participated in the Relay for Life in Madison County. A total of \$69,326.73 was collected, Copper Mines donated \$1,000.00.



# 2003 TEEN - CAMP SNAPS







## Blue Springs Free Will Baptist Church Welcomes New Pastor

The Blue Springs Free Will Baptist Church wishes to announce the arrival of their new pastor. Rev Howard Anderson and wife Diana come from Cape Girardeau. He has been preaching and pastoring for about 35 years. He and Diana have two children, Scott Anderson and wife Tonya, Sandra Wright and husband, Mike of Mtn. Grove, MO and three grandchildren, Tyler, Devin, and Dakota. His plan for the near future is to impact the community and promote the work of Christ. We invite everyone to come to our church and to meet our new pastor at: Blue Springs Free Will Baptist Church; 4116 NW R.D. Mize Rd.; Blue Springs, Missouri; (816) 229-9937. To see a picture of the pastor and activities of the church visit us at: [www.forministry.com/64015bsfb](http://www.forministry.com/64015bsfb)



## Bivens Update

Yesterday was a wonderful day. The sun shown brightly after several rainy days, and a week of hard work paid off. What a great service! After going to Mexico for two weeks (see below, in case I forgot to tell you about that) our attendance had plummeted. However, this week we got back on track and had some very good in-home visits. Yesterday we planned a cook-out for Father's day and had special Father's Day caps for all of the dads. I had no idea we would have nearly as many as Mother's Day (45, our record) but we ended up with 51 after a recount today. This is our new record. We also dedicated Gleysi Ixchop Chun, a 4-month old baby with good Christian parents from Guatamala. This gave me an opportunity to explain why we do not practice infant baptism. By the way, we had 34 Guatamalans, 13 Mexicans, one Puerto Rican and us 3 gringos. And, two of our Guatemalan dads were away playing Soccer. We can always count a list of people who should have been there. We are working on getting more Mexicans in the church (and Guatamalans, etc.) After the service we grilled hamburgers and hot dogs out on the church lawn and had plenty of room for everyone to sit at the tables under the wonderful shade trees and visit. For dessert we cut some watermelons we had brought back from Texas. It went so well that one of the families is going to have a birthday dinner for their little boy after church next Sunday and cook a meal for everyone. They plan to invite all of their friends for the service.

After Mother's Day- on May 12 we left for Mexico, keeping a promise we had made a year ago. We met the team of twenty men from Conway, South Carolina that came to Puerto Rico and built the roof on the church there. (Pastors Buddy



Seay and Allen Goodman ) Along with Mark and Brenda Cole, we escorted them the seven hours to Altamira, Mexico where we have many of our Mexican churches. They stayed at the Bible Institute there. Brother Mark had everything ready and in 17 hours the crew of carpenters and helpers built the church, lacking only the metal roof and sheetrocking.

The 17 hours was spread over 3 days. They had a good initiation to Mexico- we had to wait again and again for materials. We took them back to the border and hooked up with our next group. The Locust Grove Okla youth group (22 young people with youth pastor Curt Gwartney and three other adults) primed, caulked, and painted the church. On the second Tuesday night we had a service in the completed building (without the metal roof) and 94 attended with one saved and one rededication. Brother Mark went back the next week with his son and son-in-law and put on the roof on the building. He will go back in August to do the sheetrocking. Here is the amazing thing: It cost approximately \$8,000 to build this church!!! Would you like to go down next year and build a church in Mexico? You should be able to raise the money and brother Mark already has some places picked out. We have 9 missions in the area and several lack a building and are meeting in homes. The Sunday before we arrived, brother Lazaro de la Rosa had baptized 18 at a mission about an hour and a half away. God is good. Ruth and I will be helping Mark lead other teams down this next year. On the trip we also visited our son John and dtr-in-law Paulina at the orphanage in Piedras Negras and they would like a group to come down next year also and do some work with youth and also some building. As soon as we got back from the Mexican trip we attended the Missouri State Meeting in Lebanon. Ruth spoke to the WAC in their annual meeting on June 2, then as soon as that meeting was over we headed out for the Kansas State Meeting where she spoke at the WAC annual banquet. We thoroughly enjoyed both meetings, met lots of old friends and made lots of new ones.

Now Ruth is about to get things unpacked from the trip, and things in the house caught up. She unpacked the last moving box today-reason to celebrate, since we moved from Puerto Rico last fall.



# Missouri State Winners to Compete at the 2003 National Youth Conference

## **Bible Memorization**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Mitch Wagner, Carthage
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – David Easley, Beacon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Alison Jackson, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Joel Williams, Carthage
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Alysia Battiest, Harmony, Parkville
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Christine Harkey, Hartville
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Stephanie Hurst, Springfield, First
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Leanna Baumer, Hartville
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Teddie Collier, Springfield, First
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Katie Conway, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton

## **Sword Drill**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Joel Williams, Carthage
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Austin Jackson, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Tadd Wagner, Carthage

## **Tic Tac Toe – O'Fallon**

## **Bible Bowl – Hartville**

## **Vocal Solo**

- A-1.10 – Jordan Dixon, Mountain Grove
- B-1.10 – Drew Maestas, O'Fallon
- D-1.20 – Brian Sevits, Hazel Creek, Kirksville
- C-1.30 – Kimberly Harden, Hazel Creek, Kirksville
- D-1.30 – Katie Conway, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton

## **Vocal Duet**

- A-2.20 – Cousins Duet (Laura Stecher, Joey Wood), Beacon
- D-2.20 – Sarah & Kylie (Sarah Bastings, Kylie Turner), Carthage

## **Vocal Trio**

- B-2.30 – Fellowship Children's Trio (Aaron Phillips, Juliana Phillips, Tyler Heflin), Fellowship, Park Hills
- D-2.30 – God's Children (Danielle Proctor, Vanessa Nelson, Jennifer Pearce), Chapel of the Ozarks, Rocky Comfort

## **Vocal Quartet**

- B-2.40 – Fellowship Boy's Quartet (Nick McMillian, Kent Bannister, Tyler Heflin, Jordan Pace), Fellowship, Park Hills
- C-2.40 – Hartville Quartet (Jeni Dixon, Christine Harkey, Katie Long, Shanda Moon), Hartville
- D-2.40 – Calvary Teen Quartet (Katie Conway, David Jones, Trey Petit, Bobby Roskowske), Calvary Fellowship, Fenton

## **Vocal Ensemble**

- B-2.50 – Fellowship Children's Ministry, Park Hills
- C-2.50 – Calvary Girls Ensemble, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton
- D-2.50 – First Church Ensemble, First FWB, West Plains

## **Choir**

- C-2.60 – Hartville Choir, Hartville

## **Instrumental**

- C-3.10 – Brittany Sickmeier, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton
- D-3.10 – Teddie Collier, Springfield First, Springfield
- B-3.20 – Zac Short, Verdella, Liberal
- C-3.20 – Matt McMillian, Fellowship, Park Hills
- D-3.20 – Josh Harrison, Fellowship, Park Hills
- B-3.30 – Cory Allen, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton
- C-3.30 – Jacklyn Sickmeier, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton
- D-3.40 – Drew Kernan, Fellowship, Park Hills
- B-3.50 – Wade Sprenkle, Verdella, Liberal

## **Keyboard**

- A-5.10 – Alison Jackson, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton
- B-5.10 – Joel Williams, Carthage
- C-5.10 – Kaleb Jesse, First FWB, Mountain Grove
- D-5.10 – Brian Sevits, Hazel Creek, Kirksville
- C-5.20 – Piano Trio (Kaleb Jesse, Zach Hurtt, Katherine Fry), First FWB, Mountain Grove
- D-5.20 – Hartville Duet (Joni Dixon, Zachary Keith), Hartville

## **Famous Speech**

- B-6.10 – Tadd Wagner, Carthage

## **Preaching**

- D-6.20 – Brian Sevits, Hazel Creek, Kirksville

## **Individual Drama**

- A-6.30 – David Easley, Beacon, Raytown
- B-6.30 – Kirsten Wagner, Carthage
- C-6.30 – Samantha Conway, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton
- D-6.30 – Katie Conway, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton

## **Illustrated Storytelling**

- A-6.40 – Nathaniel Brinkhoff, Carthage
- B-6.40 – Amanda Brinkhoff, Carthage

## **Group Drama**

- A-6.50 – His Kids, Verdella, Liberal
- B-6.50 – Brother to Brother, Verdella, Liberal
- D-6.50 – Dramatizers, Verdella, Liberal

## **Recorded Puppetry**

- A-6.70 – Trinity Puppets II, Trinity, Bridgeton
- B-6.70 – Calvary B Puppet Team, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton
- C-6.70 – Calvary C Puppet Team, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton
- D-6.70 – Calvary D Puppet Team, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton

## **Artwork**

- A-9.10 – Eli Dozier, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton
- B-9.10 – Katherine Fry, First FWB, Mountain Grove
- C-9.10 – Sarah Dotson, First FWB, West Plains
- D-9.10 – Amy Thebeau, DeSoto
- A-9.20 – Drew Reynolds, Carthage
- B-9.20 – Emily Booker, Carthage
- C-9.20 – Sarah Hill, O'Fallon
- D-9.20 – Samantha Hajek, Trinity, Bridgeton
- A-9.30 – Logan Reynolds, Carthage
- B-9.30 – Sarah Jones, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton
- C-9.30 – Jesse Sherron, Verdella, Liberal
- D-9.30 – Drew Kernan, Fellowship, Park Hills
- A-9.40 – Logan Reynolds, Carthage
- B-9.40 – Ben Osterkamp, O'Fallon
- D-9.40 – Ashley Matlock, O'Fallon
- B-9.60 – Mikaela D. Thompson, First FWB, Mountain Grove
- D-9.60 – Hannah Williams, Verdella, Liberal
- B-9.70 – Kirsten Wagner, Carthage
- D-9.70 – Nick Boedy, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton

## **Praise Band**

- E.X5 – Calvary Teen Praise Band, Calvary Fellowship, Fenton



# News of Jerry and Carol Pinkerton

Jerry and Carol Pinkerton returned to the Ivory Coast on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. During the time they have been state side, they worked out of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mountain Grove. The church released the following statement:

We were so blessed to have them with us for almost a year. They have worked in our church and community so willingly, but have been home sick to return to the Ivory Coast. We will miss them, but we will pray for them and the lives they will touch.



## Greetings from a Happy Couple in Ivory Coast:

Thankful to be "home" again. Those flights get longer as we get older. But no problems, unless you want to consider that our baggage did not arrive with us. Hopefully, that will be corrected soon. (three of the four bags are here..where is number four?)

A group of 7 African Christians were at the air port to meet us. What a glad reunion. Have already had 2 African meals and did not eat breakfast. What suffering!!!!!! Thanks to all of you for upholding us in prayer. God did watch over us and we appreciate your part in His work.

Things appear to be normal here in the city. Traffic jams, crowds here and there, police checks, and lots of hot weather. Do please keep praying for the church here. We will be meeting the Wests this Friday and we will be trying to get up country to see our brothers and sisters in the area behind rebel lines.

Thanks for making our time in the States memorable.

## Sunday Morning Worship Service

Services began at 9am..it was followed by 40 minutes of prayers & songs. Then a testimony by Pastor Silas' daughter. "My name is Love N'Guettia. I am 7 years old. I thank God for my parents. Many of my friends do not know who there parents are. I thank God for my hands, my feet, my mouth. I thank God for all."

The choir of 7 young men (ages 18-35) & 14 also young women sang, twirling a white Kleenex..the choir was directed by Géédion. He is a miracle since his parents had been told they could not have children—but the mother said, "is anything too hard for our God?" Géédion was conceived. His father, Jean-Baptist, one of FWB first pastors (who couldn't carry a tune in a bucket), has long since gone to Glory suffering from kidney failure.

The regular offering was taken. People were told a 2nd offering would follow later. There were many more songs, a poem and testimonies..one about how God delivered a child during the night in the home-curfew hours were in effect & the parents couldn't get to the hospital. The child was born, but the placenta refused to be expelled. A neighbor who is a pastor came to help (he was in the medical field before God called him to preach). Later, the wife was taken to the hospital, but nothing could be done to assist her since the hubby hadn't bought gloves for the exam... Much later & pain later..the placenta was removed. Glory was given to God for His care towards this family.

It was now 11:45 am and Pastor Silas began preaching. His topic was thanking God and being obedient—by paying tithes and offerings. It was a very good sermon..It was also quite long 40+ minutes but nobody seemed to notice. There were more special songs & testimonies. The small room had been full all morning...I couldn't count the overflow outside under the porch roof. (maybe 140 in all). During this past troublesome year there have been 5 marriages; at least 17 people stood saying they had received Christ this past year- I couldn't count the ones outside.

One of the 6 cell-church groups (the red-roofers) is dividing because of their large attendance! It was time for the 2nd offering of thanksgiving to God. The amount of this offering was 304.000cfa (that's about \$ 537 Wow...from mostly unemployed folks. ). More singing, praying, then the final AMEN! It was 2pm. People gathered in a line to shake hands, visit and hug.

Thanks for helping us be here.  
Jerry & Carol Pinkerton

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Before the morning message by Brother Ralph Hampton, Brother Nathan Ruble shared his sentiments and led in prayer. After great morning services, we proceeded to the fellowship hall where dinner was served followed by open house all afternoon. The fellowship hall was decorated with railroad memorabilia and a birthday theme. A large crowd attended and many people continued to flow through during the afternoon with greetings and best wishes.

Lee is still going full steam ahead and we at Grant Ave look forward to many more years of service and fellowship with him - "Thank you Brother Lee".

Brother Cody Freeman serves as Pastor of Grant Ave Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri.





# When I've Failed

Rob Frost

*On 29 November 1761 John Wesley wrote in his journal: Many have, and many do daily experience an unspeakable change. After being deeply convinced of inbred sin, particularly of pride, anger, self-will and unbelief, in a moment they feel all faith and love; no pride, no self-will, or anger: and from that moment they have continual fellowship with God, always rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks.*

**T**his work of transformation and change is an ongoing process. On a number of occasions over the years I've had to return to the Lord to ask Him to deal with aspects of my being which I know have displeased Him. When I feel that I've failed, I need to face up to my sin and remember again the extent of His redeeming power.

The address read "The Chapel", and as there was no letter-box in the church, the postman had pushed it under the front doors as best he could. The contents of the letter were bewildering. The writer, using prison notepaper, begged me to go to a nearby prison to visit him.

A week later, after all the formalities had been completed, I was led down a long gray corridor and into a small interview cell. Keys rattled and the lock turned and I was led in to meet the prisoner. Two detectives arrived and sat behind me.

The prisoner had asked if he could make his confession to me, but with the police present. It was a horrific story of a murder and a life of sin. Eventually the man's life was transformed by the power of Christ. The prisoner could tell a new story: a story of repentance, forgiveness, and of a new beginning.

I never cease to be amazed by the

wonder of the Christian Gospel. No matter how low we have sunk, how far we have strayed, or, how foolish a life we have lived, there is room in the love of Jesus for forgiveness and a new beginning. Many of us who are long-established Christians need to discover again the transforming power of this redemption.

I have a friend who is the minister of a small Yorkshire chapel. He is a keen artist, and often involves the whole congregation in celebrating their faith creatively.

One Sunday I watched as his congregation turned up with all kinds of rubbish they'd collected: scrap paper, empty boxes, and useless trash. Gradually they sorted through the refuse, and over the days that followed they discovered ways of using it artistically.

By the following Sunday the mound of rubbish had been transformed into a powerful illustration of the cross. The twisted, broken scraps of refuse had been redeemed into something beautiful and elegant.

This is the work of redemption. This is what the Lord wants to do within us all, if only we'll let Him. He wants to take away the filth and sin of our lives, and forgive us. He wants to take away the guilt and shame, and transform us. He wants to turn us away from selfishness, and redirect us.

The "Daybreak" musical tour was

absolutely exhausting. Every day we traveled to a different town to set up several tons of equipment, rehearse the local choirs and drama groups, and present the musical to a packed theater.

In the production I played the part of Simon Peter. Night after night I had to stand alone on the stage in a blinding spotlight and enact "the denial."

As the last chords of the last song faded, the lengthy de-rig in Southampton Guildhall began. Props, costumes and PA equipment were packed and trundled on trolleys to the waiting truck.

I looked up at the Guildhall clock; it was just after midnight. It was my turn to travel overnight in the truck. I cambered into the cab next to the driver and wrapped my coat around me. We were bound for Cornwall. . . it was going to be a very long night.

The roads were covered with mist. The noise of the engine made conversation impossible; and no matter how I tried I couldn't find a comfortable position to sleep.

Hour after hour we rolled along in this kind of unreal world. My thought tamed back to the previous evening's performance. The sounds and images rolled around my mind and I relived Peter's denial."

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## ★ DINNER/AUCTION ★ GROWING EACH YEAR

Hillsdale's fifth annual dinner/auction brought in nearly \$70,000.00. Proceeds from this event are used to help underwrite the \$400,000.00 plus in scholarships that Hillsdale awards each year. Thanks to Barbara Cheshier, Jeannene Wade, and Linda Kimery for tri-chairing this event. Also, a very special thanks to all the volunteers who are instrumental each year in making this event such a success

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I looked again at my own life, and the words of Peter's denial returned to haunt me. The swirling mist in front of the headlights created an eerie feeling of unreality.

As my mind backtracked down the years I began to feel a failure as a disciple of Jesus. I felt that there were areas of my life which I still needed to yield to His Lordship. I felt that I loved the work more than I loved the Lord.

As soon as we arrived in Cornwall I found a room and knelt to pray. I was broken. I offered every aspect of my life and ministry back to the Lord and asked Him to change me from within.

Today, reflect on those aspects of Your life which are not pleasing to the Lord. Do you really want to live in a continuing cycle of failure, selfishness and despair? Allow the Redeemer to transform those areas which you know are flawed; allow Him to change those wrong attitudes, that unyielded thought life, that root of selfishness and weakness. Hand over the trash in your life, and let Him get to work on redeeming you!

*Excerpt from Living Waters for Your Parched Prayers, by Rob Frost. published by Cook Communications Ministries. Rob Frost is an evangelist in Great Britain and the leader of See Teams, and evangelistic program in Great Britain, France, Poland, and Estonia. He also takes over 500 people on Share Jesus Missions each year. Used by permission.*

Two of Free Will Baptist Bible College's teachers have announced their resignations from the faculty, according to Dr. Milton Fields, Academic Dean.

Mr. Thurman Lucas came to the college in 1999 to teach in the Music department and to supervise touring ministry teams. He was promoted to department chairman in 2000. Mr. Lucas's plans for the future are uncertain at present, he says.

Mr. Ben Franklin joined the FWBBC English faculty in 2000 and later became its chairman. He has accepted the pastorate of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Antioch, Tennessee.

Dr. Fields says, "Both are very competent men who set high standards in their respective fields of study." He added, "They are committed to strong principles of biblical leadership and Christian ministry. We will sorely miss them."

The college prays that God will lead and provide abundantly for Mr. Lucas and Mr. Franklin as they continue to serve Him.

## The Perfect Pastor

**Something to Smile about!**

*The weekly bulletin of an unidentified church included the following:*

"The ideal pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes. He condemns sin, but never hurts anyone's feelings. He works from 8:00 a. m. to midnight and also serves as the church janitor. He makes \$40 a week, wears good clothes and donates \$30 a week to the church. He is 29 years old and has 40 years of experience. He makes 15 house calls a day and is always in his office.

If your pastor does not measure up to these criteria, send this list to six other churches that are also dissatisfied with their pastor. Then, bundle up your pastor and send him to the pastor of the top list. In one week you will receive 1,643 pastors. Surely one of them will be perfect. Have faith in this letter. One church broke the chain and got its old pastor back in three months."

**SEPTEMBER IS A GOOD TIME  
TO SHOW YOUR PASTOR  
HOW MUCH YOU APPRECIATE HIM.**



# REMEMBER-

**SEPTEMBER  
IS**

**PASTOR APPRECIATION  
MONTH!**

## Worship Service Averages

March 2003- June 2003

Churches:	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
Beacon	93	105	113	
Belton	46	53	46	40
Buffalo 1 <sup>st</sup>	123	145	127	126
Cabool	40	36		35
Calvary Chapel	293	292	269	268
Calvary Fellowship	341	412		
Cape Girardeau		52	45	50
Clifton	75	79	65	57
Copper Mines	55	61	59	
Columbia			42	43
De Soto	233	259	214	210
Green Hills	24	30		
Hannibal			96	
Hannon		127	143	
Harmony			72	76
Hartville	204			179
Hopewell		34	35	30
Houston	60	45	62	60
Hurryville	101	108	97	98
Kingsway	36	34	28	33
Lebanon FWB	57	58	53	49
Lebanon 1 <sup>st</sup>	150	152	131	127
Mill Creek	103		95	84
Mt. Pisgah	64	64	72	
Myrtle			27	34
New Life - Licking	70	62	78	70
Oak Hill- Union	56	57	50	49
O'Fallon 1 <sup>st</sup>	170	158	130	
Ozark 1 <sup>st</sup>	163		183	
Pleasant Hill		33	25	22
Richwoods	51	61	51	51
Rock Chapel	45	47	52	47
Rolla 1 <sup>st</sup>	37	40	37	32
Springfield 1 <sup>st</sup>	125	134	119	
Terrill Road	60			
Thayer		168	165	144
Trinity	72	82	72	71
Union Grove	128		121	115
United	670	681	504	528
Victory- KC	114	118	90	103
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove		75	67	69

This is only a partial listing of the Churches of Missouri

The world has forgotten,  
in its concern with Left and Right,  
that there is an Above and Below.

## Financial Report

June 2003

### Cooperative Disbursements

June 2003	\$53,423.56
18.50% St. Home Mission	\$9,883.36
17.00% Executive Office	9,082.00
3.00% General Fund	1,602.71
.50% Show-Me Plan	267.12
8.50% Youth Camp Board	4,541.00
3.00% Y.C. Restricted Fds	1,602.71
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd	1,068.47
2.00% Christian Ed Bd	1,068.47
2.00% Senior Adult Min.	1,068.47
9.00% Missouri Retirement	4,808.12
31.50%	16,828.42
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% Show-Me Plan	1,602.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$53,423.56</b>

### Coop

Amity	\$168.83
Aulsbury Chapel	\$221.40
Bailey	\$216.00
Bailey Chapel	\$151.00
Belton	\$362.10
Berean	\$40.00
Bethel El Dorado Springs	\$326.91
Bethel Northview	\$442.00
Black Oak	\$545.65
Buffalo 1st	\$200.00
Cabool 1st	\$210.09
Cabool 1st	\$199.24
Calvary Chapel	\$1,331.97
Calvary Fellowship	\$1,104.17
Cape Girardeau	\$582.92
Central	\$652.38
Christ Chapel	\$509.40
Clifton	\$41.25
Columbia	\$401.93
Copper Mines	\$351.60
Cornerstone	\$462.74
Crossroads Lebanon	\$796.33
CrossroadsWentzville	\$814.00
Cuba	\$470.00
DeSoto 1st	\$1,430.00
Faith & Hope Willow Springs	\$125.97
Farmington 1st	\$2,646.28
Fellowship	\$1,200.00
Fellowship	\$1,200.00
Fordland	\$658.89
Fourth	\$241.95
Freeman Chapel	\$443.80
Gospel Light	\$100.00
Grace	\$1,426.13
Hannibal	\$593.00

Hannon	\$780.00
Harmony	\$400.49
Hartville	\$1,177.00
Harvest	\$430.30
Hopewell	\$234.00
Hurryville	\$573.04
Jackson	\$171.99
Joplin 1st	\$605.76
Kingsway	\$176.91
Koshkonong	\$138.00
Lead Hill	\$232.11
Leadington	\$765.55
Lebanon	\$437.98
Lebanon	\$459.27
Lebanon 1st	\$1,122.42
Liberty Nevada	\$136.00
Lone Star	\$58.30
Macedonia Niangua	\$126.59
Marshfield	\$297.00
Merls Chapel	\$141.00
Mill Creek	\$483.05
Mine La Motte	\$70.76
Monett	\$760.83
Mountain Grove 1st	\$1,369.42
Mt. Pisgah	\$415.00
Mt. Zion Gower	\$43.00
Neosho 1st	\$95.00
New Hope	\$70.00
New Life Licking	\$461.93
Niangua	\$235.63
North Five	\$51.60
Number One	\$60.00
Oak Grove Mtn. Grove	\$193.16
Oak Hill	\$606.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$1,090.00
Olivet	\$365.00
Overland	\$90.00
Ozark 1st	\$1,361.30
Ozark 1st	\$1,496.30
Palabras de Vida Eterna	\$102.00
Park Hills	\$695.06
Park Hills 1st	\$1,178.50
Parkview	\$502.60
Pleasant Hill	\$121.39
Pleasant Home	\$147.28
Pleasant Ridge	\$86.00
Potosi 1st	\$157.13
Rock Chapel	\$381.02
Rolla 1st	\$292.00
Royal Oak	\$55.00
Seymour	\$455.00
Smyrna	\$113.00
South Fremont	\$500.00
Springfield 1st	\$1,029.94
Stockton	\$193.90
Terrill Road	\$50.00
Thayer	\$981.00
Trinity	\$958.26
Union	\$60.00
Union Grove	\$378.00
Union Light	\$158.00
United	\$1,825.03
Unity	\$400.00
Viburnum	\$1,870.00
Victory Alton	\$463.32
Waynesville	\$353.19
West Plains 1st	\$761.00



Westport .....	\$86.00
Willow Springs Mtn. Grove .....	\$280.43
Wolf Creek .....	\$339.89
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$53,423.56</b>

#### Show-Me Plan

Barker, Rev. J. ....	\$15.00
Belton .....	\$165.00
Berean .....	\$30.00
Berry, R. ....	\$15.00
Bethel El Dorado Springs .....	\$376.91
Bethel Festus .....	\$45.00
Black Oak .....	\$60.00
Blanks, R. ....	\$15.00
Brown, J. ....	\$15.00
Buffalo 1st .....	\$120.00
Burns, J. ....	\$60.00
Buxton, G. ....	\$30.00
Cabool .....	\$105.00
Cabool .....	\$105.00
Calvary Chapel .....	\$105.00
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$2,831.50
Cartee, J. ....	\$15.00
Central .....	\$55.00
Chrisman, M. ....	\$30.00
Cook, M. ....	\$10.00
Cooperative Plan .....	\$1,602.71
Copper Mines .....	\$150.00
Copper Mines Teens & Jr. Cl. ....	\$30.00
Copper Mines Yg. Adult Class ..	\$15.00
Cornerstone Mtn. Grove .....	\$324.00
Cross Roads Lebanon .....	\$90.00
Cuba .....	\$119.00
Dale, J. ....	\$10.00
Darnell, W. ....	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$552.50
DeSoto 1st Auditorium Class ..	\$30.00
Faith St. Louis .....	\$30.00
Faith & Hope W.S. ....	\$120.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$840.00
Fellowship .....	\$469.34
Fellowship .....	\$549.26
Fordland .....	\$250.00
Fourth .....	\$60.00
Freeman Chapel .....	\$540.00
Garrett, R. ....	\$30.00
Gospel Light .....	\$1,000.00
Grace .....	\$383.00
Graham, S. ....	\$45.00
Greenfield .....	\$180.00
Hannon .....	\$830.00
Happy Hill .....	\$60.00
Happy Hill .....	\$60.00
Harmony .....	\$40.77
Hartville .....	\$240.00
Harvest .....	\$60.00
Hurryville .....	\$500.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class ..	\$15.00
Jackson .....	\$35.00
Jones Chapel .....	\$210.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$75.00
Leadington .....	\$191.00
Leadington .....	\$195.00
Lebanon 1st .....	\$150.00
Lebanon F.W.B. ....	\$30.00
Lebanon F.W.B. ....	\$30.00
Macedonia Purdy .....	\$1,000.00
Maggart, D. ....	\$45.00
Maggart, D. ....	\$45.00
Matthews, G. ....	\$45.50
McNay, S. ....	\$15.00
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 State Ass'n. Offering ..	\$358.48
MO Women Active For Christ ..	\$247.50
Monett 1st .....	\$45.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$550.00
Mouser, J. ....	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$75.00
Mt. Zion Thayer .....	\$30.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$150.00
New Beginning .....	\$114.22
New Home Hartville .....	\$210.00
New Hope .....	\$135.00

New Life Licking .....	\$53.10
New Testament .....	\$15.00
Niangua .....	\$30.00
Noel, D. ....	\$15.00
Oak Grove Houston .....	\$30.00
Oak Hill Union .....	\$20.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$98.00
Olivet .....	\$30.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$15.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$15.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna .....	\$30.00
Park Hills 1st .....	\$353.55
Park Hills 1st .....	\$208.53
Parker, G. ....	\$15.00
Parkview .....	\$294.93
Pinkerton, J. ....	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill .....	\$45.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$330.00
Pleasant Ridge Urbana .....	\$50.00
Plummer, C. ....	\$10.00
Pogue, R. ....	\$15.00
Richwoods .....	\$67.50
Rock Chapel .....	\$195.00
Rogers, B. ....	\$15.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$30.00
Royal Oak .....	\$120.00
Ruble N. ....	\$45.00
South Fremont .....	\$455.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$545.00
Stockton .....	\$104.50
Sutton, E. ....	\$10.00
Thayer .....	\$365.00
Trinity .....	\$450.00
Union Light .....	\$150.00
United .....	\$345.11
Unity .....	\$75.00
Viburnum .....	\$420.00
Victory Alton .....	\$45.00
Walker, H. Jr. ....	\$10.00
Walnut Grove .....	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$476.50
West Plains 1st .....	\$310.00
Westport .....	\$30.00
White, R. ....	\$30.00
Willow Springs Mtn. Grove .....	\$95.00
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$150.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$24,002.41</b>

#### Foreign Missions

Belton .....	\$30.00
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$490.00
Carthage .....	\$110.00
Chapman, A. ....	\$20.00
Cuba .....	\$23.80
Farmington 1st .....	\$40.00
Fordland .....	\$30.00
Fourth .....	\$50.00
Green Hills .....	\$40.00
Hartville .....	\$617.00
Harvest Youth Group .....	\$7.30
Lewis, D. ....	\$10.00
Minor, K. ....	\$10.00
New Testament .....	\$35.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$10.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$54.20
Rock Chapel .....	\$10.00
South Fremont .....	\$75.00
Thayer .....	\$10.00
Trinity .....	\$131.22
Waynesville 1st .....	\$190.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,993.52</b>

#### Nat'l Home Missions

Belton .....	\$57.00
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$6,950.15
Cuba .....	\$71.40
DeSoto 1st .....	\$210.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$310.00
Fordland .....	\$40.00
Fourth .....	\$50.00
Gospel Light .....	\$240.00
Grace .....	\$36.00
Hannon .....	\$546.00
Jackson .....	\$45.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$75.00

King, B. ....	\$5.00
Monett 1st .....	\$5.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$25.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$50.00
New Home Hartville .....	\$10.00
New Testament .....	\$75.00
Oak Hill .....	\$60.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$61.00
Park Hills 1st .....	\$192.85
Park Hills 1st .....	\$144.51
Rader, J. ....	\$20.00
Richwoods 1st .....	\$44.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$75.50
Ruble, N. ....	\$10.00
South Fremont .....	\$195.00
Thayer .....	\$190.00
Thebeau, B. ....	\$5.00
Trinity .....	\$67.91
Union Light .....	\$96.00
United .....	\$150.00
Unity .....	\$50.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$40.00
Westport .....	\$15.00
Wolf Creek .....	\$75.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$10,352.32</b>

#### State Home Missions

Belton .....	\$27.00
Bethel Festus .....	\$30.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$90.00
Fellowship .....	\$225.00
Fellowship .....	\$25.00
Fordland .....	\$10.00
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
Grace .....	\$40.00
Lebanon Bible & Book .....	\$330.00
Macedonia Purdy .....	\$100.00
McNay J. ....	\$100.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$5.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$25.00
New Testament .....	\$50.00
Niangua .....	\$78.52
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$61.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Palabras de Vida Eterna .....	\$100.00
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$20.00
Thayer .....	\$85.00
Trinity .....	\$47.91
Union .....	\$45.00
United .....	\$25.00
Unity .....	\$75.00
Waynesville .....	\$50.00
White, R. ....	\$10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,754.43</b>

#### Youth Camp

Cabool 1st .....	10.00
Ozark 1st .....	10.00
Park Hills 1st .....	42.13
Rolla 1st .....	20.00
Hartville .....	10.00
De Soto 1st .....	55.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore .....	180.00
New Home- Hartville .....	10.00
Cornerstone .....	25.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	10.00
West Plains 1st .....	195.00
Hannon for Playground .....	250.73
Hannon .....	50.00
Park Hills 1st .....	31.50
Thayer .....	50.00
Trinity .....	9.00
Cabool 1st .....	10.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	15.00
Union .....	30.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove .....	10.00
Ozark 1st .....	10.00
Buffalo 1st .....	100.00
Chrisman, M. ....	50.00
Hutchings, P. in Memory of C. Hutchings	25.00
Niangua .....	20.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,228.36</b>

#### Camp Development Fund

Rock Chapel .....	\$60.00
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#### Free Will Baptist Bible College

Calvary Fellowship .....	225.00
Farmington 1st .....	150.00
Oak Hill .....	10.00
DeSoto 1st .....	40.00
Ruble, N. ....	15.00
Thayer .....	50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$490.00</b>

#### Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Farmington 1st .....	150.00
Oak Hill .....	10.00
Monett 1st .....	100.00
Hannon .....	100.00
Thayer .....	50.00
Joplin 1st .....	75.00
Fordland .....	10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$495.00</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 & BookStore\$ .....	130.00
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#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

Calvary Fellowship .....	10.00
Belton .....	45.00
DeSoto 1st .....	55.00
Nosser, M. ....	25.00
Stephens, T. ....	10.00
Hannon .....	100.00
New Hope .....	30.00
Unity .....	20.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$295.00</b>

#### Rev. John McClure

MO Women Active for Christ .....	120.00
Grace .....	15.00
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	35.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>

#### Women Nationally Active for Christ

Ruble, J. ....	\$10.00
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#### Morgan Wood

Harvest .....	10.00
Belton .....	25.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>

#### Vergel Maness

Gospel Light .....	80.00
Grace .....	100.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>

#### Richard Standley

Chapman, A. ....	\$10.00
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#### Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

Unity .....	\$12.50
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#### Brian Brinkhoff

New Testament .....	10.00
Unity .....	12.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$22.50</b>

#### Berea Ministries

Hartville (for M. Gonzalez) .....	\$150.00
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#### Victor Torrez

United Youth Group .....	\$200.00
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# ALL BOARDS MEETING PREACHER/LAYMAN'S RETREAT

**September 8, 2003  
Camp Niangua**

*Monday, September 8*

10:00 a.m (tee time).....Golf Tourament

Golf Tournament - Heritage 66 Golf Course Phillipsburg, MO

5:30 p.m.....Evening Meal

6:30 p.m - 7:15 p.m.....Rev. Tommy Franks

7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.....Rev. Eddie Vincent

8:00 p.m.....Boards Meet



## **Guidelines For Golf Tournament**

**2 Man Scramble**

**3 Trophies will be awarded for the tournament**

**A trophy each to first place finishers**

**A trophy each to second place finishers**

**A trophy for the ball closest to the hole off the tee on # 2, par 3**

Each participant will pay his own green fee.  
Dale Skiles will be in charge of the Golf Tournament



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