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## 2003 Missouri Women Active for Christ Retreat

A total of 271 women recently enjoyed the Missouri Women Active for Christ Retreat at Stonecroft on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

The retreat began Friday afternoon with a warm welcome from state president Shirley Jackson and lively congregational singing lead by Debbie Beck. Special music was presented by four churches: First Free Will Baptist of Ozark, Crossroads Free Will Baptist of Lebanon, Mt Zion Cuba, and Mt. Pisgah of Cabool. Reva Baker narrated a power point presentation explaining the mission of Women Active for Christ. This was followed by skit featuring Diana Anderson and Sandy Wright.

The theme of the Retreat was "Walking Worthy." Groups from across the state were challenged to buy a step to Kansas City for \$25 in order to raise the remaining \$1,500.00 needed to host the national WAC convention in July of 2004. As usual,

Missouri women accepted the challenge, and over \$2,200 was pledged.

On Friday evening the ladies were introduced to Viney Mae from Kentucky. After a fun time of side-splitting comedy, Viney Mae introduced the group to her Savior in both story and song.

On Saturday another guest appeared. This time it was Mary, the mother of Jesus, as an elderly Jewish woman recalling special events in her life. Tears in abundance flowed as we shared this special woman's experience.

Terri Peacock was superb in both roles as she expertly assumed each personality. She used both music and dialogue to entertain, educate, and always to present Jesus as the Savior.

It can be said again that his year's retreat was a success.



Missouri Women Active for Christ Officers







## Copper Mines Members Make a Mission Trip

Several members of the Copper Mines Freewill Baptist Church made a working missionary trip to the Indian Bible College in Flagstaff, Arizona during the early part of August. They were Pastor Darin Alvis, Jennifer Hovis, Mr. and Mrs Joe Pogue and daughter Katie, Josh and Les Provow, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sikes. They were joined in Springfield, MO, by Lon E. Rehkop, who lives in Clinton, MO, for the balance of the trip.

The President of the Indian Bible College is Richard Standley. He and his wife Barbara, and son Isaac, were away on itenary. They are originally from Madison, Conmty, MO.

The initial goal of this trip was to put up a chain link fence around the Bible College. Before this could be accomplished, an old wooden fence, built in 1956, had to be torn down, so there was plenty of work for the skilled and the unskilled. The new fence was erected and other work was also completed. This consisted of a fence around the married students residences, and a double door was put in at the back entrance of the college. This door was painted by Jennifer, Katie, and Melinda. A roof was placed Over an outside stairway entrance of the college, and one of the trailers received new underpinning.

Thelma Sikes and Gloria Sikes took advantage of the college kitchen and made nourishing meals for the group, three time a day. They also did the grocery shopping. Two ladies, Helen and Martha, who are employees of the college, fixed Navajo Tacos

for one of the meals. There were devotions for the morning and evening meals, led by various people.

Regular worship services were held during this journey. Brother Joe Pogue led a Bible Study. Rev. Darin Alvis held the Sunday night service and Elder Lindell Sikes led the Wednesday night Prayer Meeting. Rev. Alvis played the piano and Sister Sharon Pogue was the Song Leader. Services were held in the Bible College chapel.

The group went to the Grand Canyon on Wednesday. It was a new experience for most of the group. They took their lunch with them, but they ate at the Sizzler's steak house that evening to give the cooks a night off.

It was back to work on Thursday morning. They placed a porch and steps in front of one of the trailers and boxed around a chimney flue in tho college, giving it a neater appearance. That evening they drove around the country side trying to see deer and other wild life.

Friday morning the group left for home, all but the Sikes. They left on vacation to tour the western states. On the way home the group drove to the rim of the Arizona meteor crater, and drove through the painted desert and the petrified forest national parks.

The group had accomplished much and enjoyed themselves even though the work was hard. The funds for the journey were raised from various projects and at the end of the trip they still had \$1,200 left to be applied to another mission trip. Jennifer Hovis was the reporter for the mission trip. She kept notes for sister Clarice Hovis, the church reporter.

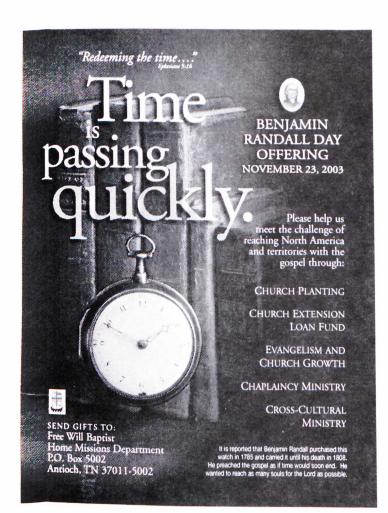
## More MWAC Retreat Photos







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## Mile High Update

Scott and Rebecca Cheatham

Greetings to you our faithful supporter of God's work in the Mile High city. It's been a few months since you've heard from us, and we have several things to report.

We continue to add new families to our fellowship. Two more have committed to us over the summer months and while this is normally the season for a summer "slump", we've enjoyed a summer "surge". Our average attendance has increased since the spring!

We were blessed to have two youth groups visit us over the summer. Eastside FWB Church in Dothan, Alabama and Skyridge FWB Church in Noble, Oklahoma both made visits to Mile High and what a great blessing they were. We appreciate both groups for stopping by during their time in Colorado. We hope their youth saw the need for more Free Will Baptist Churches in states like Colorado and how Home Missions works.

We now have five additional candidates for baptism. Our baptistry actually broke down after our first few baptisms since I don't think the machinery had been used in a while! That all has changed and we've since made the necessary repairs to baptize the remainder of our candidates.

We've been blessed to have some great guest preachers like Revs. Richard Adams and Larry Powell from Home Missions and Rev. Wesley Rider from Wentzville, Missouri. What a blessing they were to our fellowship!

There's still much to be done for sure but all in all, the summer months have been great. God is building his church here in Denver and we need your prayer and financial support to keep it going. Thanks so much for all you do for us!

## **Nevada Mission News**

We want to say a big thank you to those of you who are and will be praying and helping to support our ministry here in Nevada. I know that you would like a report of what is going on here. We have been averaging between 28-34 for the last couple of months. Our services have been wonderful and exciting. During July we had our first Bible School. We averaged around 43 kids with 28 on Monday and 58 on Friday. We truly were blessed as each day the children responded to the Gospel. By the end of the week we had 32 professions of faith. Please pray for us as we continue to follow-up on those children. Some of them are now coming to church on a regular basis. Praise the Lord!

We need your help, we and our people need your prayers and if possible your financial support. I spend



4-5 days a week working in Arkansas. This has been a hindrance to the growth of the our church. I believe that if I could spend more time at home we might be able to keep some of those who have come and gone, as well as bring more people in I need very much to be here in Nevada more but as its stands, I have not been able to find adequate work to allow me to be here full-time. So much of the work has been left to my family as I am forced to go on the road to work. I ask you, the people of Missouri, to pray to the Lord about helping the Free Will Baptist Church in Nevada, Missouri, get on its feet. Thanks again for your faithful prayers and support.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Robby Rutledge, "Missionary to Nevada".

## YOUTH LOOK

Ann (Poletti) Robinson

My husband and I found some humor in a billboard we saw over the weekend. The billboard had read "Lose 30 pounds in 6 weeks." The funny part was the 6 had been removed and it now read "Lose 30 pounds in weeks". . . .it just didn't say how many weeks!

Life is full of shortcuts, isn't it? Some of them are real but most of them are false. No matter how good it sounds, there are NO shortcuts in becoming a godly man or woman. The only way to godliness is training as I Corinthians 9:25 teaches us. However, it will not stop the enemy from offering us these shortcuts in our Christian walk. Sooner or later every child of God will be tempted with an easy way to spiritual maturity.

Remember: if we could make ourselves godly, we wouldn't need a Savior. Only God can make us godly.

## **Churches Needing a Pastor**

Eastern Gate - Springfield Doug Norris 4914 West University Springfield, MO 65802 Phone 417-865-5239

Hannon - Liberal Charles Hoover 669 West V Hwy. Liberal, MO 64762 Phone 417-843-5125

Harmony - Parkville (Kansas City) Laymon Stamper 6900 Fulton Rd. Pleasant Valley, MO 64068 or Ken Harris - Phone 816-741-5966

Myrtle Geneva Sorrell Phone 417-938-4353 Dale Huddleson Phone 870-966-4001

South Fremont - Springfield Richard Pointer Phone - 417-865-8117

## 2003 NYC Winners

2003	NIC	AAII	illers
Category	Age/Grade	Place	Entry Name
Bible Memorization	Grade 4	3rd	Joel Williams
	Grade 7	3rd	Christine Harkey
	Grade 8	1st	Stephanie Hurst
	Grade 9	1st	Leanna Baumer
	Grade 10	2nd	Teddie Collier
	Grade 12	2nd	Katie Conway
	Grade 5	2nd	Austin Jackson
Truth Quest+A329	Jr. High	1st	Michelle Anderson
Bible Bowl		3rd	First Hartville
Vocal Solo	А	1st	Jordyn Dixson
Vocal Quartet	C	3rd	Hartville Quartet
	D	3rd	Calvary Teen Quartet
Vocal Ensemble (5-12)	В	3rd	Fellowship Children's
			Ensemble
	C	1st	Calvary Girls Ensemble
Vocal Ensemble (13+)	С	1st	Hartville Choir
Woodwind Solo	D	1st	Teddie Collier
Brass Solo	D	3rd	Josh Harrison
Bowed Sting Solo	В	1st	Cory Allen
	C	2nd	Jacklyn Sickmeier
Plucked String Solo	D	3rd	Drew Kernan
Percussion Solo	В	1st	Wade Sprenkle
Keyboard Solo	В	2nd	Joel Williams
Keyboard Ensemble	C	1st	Piano Trio
Famous Speech	В	1st	Tadd Wagner
Preaching	D	1st	Brian Sevits
Individual Drama	В	1st	Kirsten Wagner
	D	1st	Katie Conway
Group Drama	D	3rd	Dramatizers
Recorded Puppetry	Α	1st	Trinity Puppets II
	В	3rd	Calvary Puppet Team
	D	1st	Calvary Puppet Team
Essay	С	1st	Justin Roskowske
Powerpoint Presentation	В	1st	Ben Conley
Painting	С	2nd	Sarah Dotson
	D	1st	Amy Thebeau
3-D Art	В	2nd	Sarah Jones
	D	1st	Drew Kernan
Photography	Α	1st	Logan Reynolds
	D	1st	Ashley Matlock
Promotional Graphic Art	В	1st	Mikaela Thompson
Computer Art	В	1st	Kirsten Wagner
Praise Band	D (grades	10-12)	Calvary Teen Praise
			Band
Age Code A = Grades 1-3 B = Grades	4-6 C = Gra	ides 7-9	D = Grades 10-12

Rev. and Mrs. Craig Bodenschatz

## **Homecoming Celebrations**

Homecoming celebrations are joyous occasions. They give opportunity for God's people to reflect on past blessings and time to recommit to God's leadership for the future. Two Missouri churches recently celebrated with special services, fellowship, and food.

The Leadington Free Will Baptist Church was organized in 1921. Pastor Craig Bodenschatz led in the celebration of the 82<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the church on August 14<sup>m</sup>. Executive Secretary Nathan Ruble delivered the morning message and Sister Frances Simpson provided the special music.



Frances Simpson



Rev. and Mrs. Truman Hoffman

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown was organized in 1922. Pastor Turman Hoffman led in the celebration of the 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the church on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Executive Secretary Nathan Ruble preached the morning service.

Both of these fine churches are to be commended for their faithful service to the Lord, their communities, and the denomination.



Some of the Fredericktown Ladies

## 2003 All Boards

The 2003 all boards/minister and laymans retreat was well attended. God blessed with a beautiful day and 43 golfers enjoyed great fellowship as they chased the little white ball. The team of Greg Cleveland and Bob Tompson took home the first place trophy with a 5 under par round. Three teams tied for second: Mitchener and Painter; Norris and Tanner; Hays and Cook with a score of one under par. Gene Howell took the trophy for closest to the pin. Dale Skiles won a ride in an ambulance after being hit in the back of the head with a golf ball. He received a good report from the hospital and six clamps to bind the wound before being released to

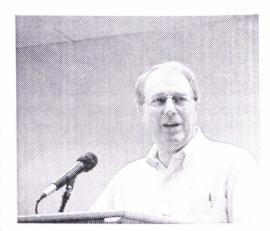
go home.



Gary Mitchener and Gene Howell

The golfers joined the non-golfers at Camp Niangua for a delicious dinner. Following the meal two preachers, Eddie Vincent and Tommy Franks, did a fine job of expounding the Word. The standing boards met after the services to plan their calendars for the coming year.

The Youth Camp Board and personnel are to be commended for assisting the Executive Office in hosting this annual meeting.



Eddie Vincent



Tommy Franks



## Bivens Update

Dear Friends and Prayer Warriors,

How we thank the Lord for your faithfulness. Each day we are

desc,y aware of our own need of consistent prayer and realize again and again how your prayer encourages and sustains us.

In early June, Ruth had the honor of speaking at the Missouri State WAC meeting in their 11 o'clock service and also at the Kansas State WAC annual banquet. Then we were honored at the Westside Checotah Free Will Baptist Church VBS as their missionaries. These appointments were in three different directions but we managed to make them all. These opportunities opened new doors for us to make new friends and renew acquaintances with some from years past. We had a ball!

Back home at the church, June was a month of ups and downs attendance-wise, but we had some very good services. After our being away during the latter part of May, attendance was down. The good news is that for the last three Sundays of June, we had 45,51 and 72 in attendance. That really sounds good, but the fact is the last Sunday we had help. Twenty-two were from Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. They came to visit us and practice their drama and skits and sing in Spanish before they left on a mission trip to Mexico. We really enjoyed having the group. I had been wondering how many people we could seat. With 12 pews and 6 people per pew, I had figured on seventy-two. However, we still had room for more. Our next goal is one hundred. . .

July 3rd Brother Lynn Wood and his wife Joanne came to deliver a van for the church. Their son Scott bought a shuttle van for us, seats about 15, with seat belts, air, and very low mileage. God continues to provide even before we ask. We had just been considering what we would use to pick up children if we started a bus route. The answer came right on time!

There is a large Fourth of July Festival here every year in the city park. Lots of people come. We reserved a booth and handed out literature about our church and visited with a lot of new people. Many local natives were glad to learn about our work with the Hispanics.

July 6th we hosted the first Mexican Mission Trip to the USA. Brother Victor Escobar, his wife Elvia, and son Israel arrived with three young people from their church in Tampico, Mexico, to present Vacation Bible School for our children. They were with us through Thursday morning. We had three days of VBS with attendance going from 8 the first day to 23 children the third day. Several adults also attended classes taught by Bro. Victor. We had a sweet time with them and enjoyed the opportunity of hosting these dear folks in our home. They later traveled to Springdale, Arkansas, where they worked with Brother Ramon Zuniga, and then on to Moore, Oklahoma,

where they worked with Brother David Arteaga, assisting with VBS in each place. We hope that this will be only the beginning of a ministry to the Hispanics in the US from the churches in Mexico.

In our unique congregation here, Ruth and I act as the father, mother, sister, and brother to many of our people. Being far from home and family, and unable to speak English, they are confronted by difficult situations on a regular basis. We make up their "support group." When we began to talk about our trip to Tampa, Florida, for the national association. several of them expressed concern about our being gone and so far away. We made arrangements for one brother to speak on the Sunday morning that we would be away and felt sure that they would be fine. On the road we received several calls from different ones, just confirming where we were and that we were okay.

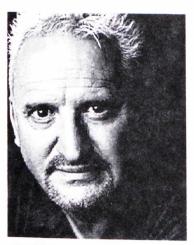
On Sunday the 20th, a rather frantic call came from Brother Rigoberto, our speaker. On their way to church that morning a cow stepped up out of a ditch directly in front of their car, killing the cow and totaling the car. They were not injured and managed to contact others who were already at the church. They helped one another that morning, getting the police to the scene, and one of the women who speaks English helped with the accident report. Although they were all late, they went ahead and had service and Rigoberto preached. He told us in a later call that his wife had lost her job on the Thursday that we left, and he lost his job on the Monday following the accident.

Then Thursday the 24th, as we were heading back home another frantic call came. Our dear brother Ismael called to say that his wife had been taken from their apartment by Immigration officials and was going to be deported. Ismael is the very first contact we made when we came to Monett for a mission conference in November. I had prayed that the first man I met would be someone the Lord would raise up to be a leader in the church.

His wife has been here since 1992, working with a legal work permit, renewed every year. When she became ill and was unable to work during her last pregnancy, Immigration refused to renew it. She was ordered to leave the country. When she appealed, her appeal was denied. She had not received a departure deadline, so we hoped that Immigration officials were not going to pursue the case since Ismael and Margarita have two small children who were born here. When officials removed her from her home in handcuffs, we were all devastated. She is currently in a county jail in Texas awaiting deportation. Please pray with us about this situation. We may be called upon to take the children to their mother in Guatemala. All of the legal papers are in place for us to transport the children. Our hearts are broken over this situation. Please pray with us that the Lord will accomplish His purpose in all of it.

Meanwhile, we have a good rapport with our people. We help them in any way we can. Our days are filled with translating, going to the hospital, doctor appointments, the Department of the Family, getting car tags, inspections, etc. We have been personally involved in three deliveries so far. Ruth went through a C-section; I went through a delivery, and then I gave the job back to her for the next one. We presently have SIX

## CON Ken Freeman



From surviving on the streets to full-time evangelism, Ken Freeman is a living illustration of the Apostle Paul's description of "a new creature in Christ."

(2 Corinthians)



Forty Days is an appropriate name for a band of musicians who have walked through some tests and have come through on the other side with a renewed commitment to share their story through the musical platform they've been given.



## Location

Windermere **Baptist Camp** 

## Date

November 14th - 15th

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## Cost

If Postmarked Before Oct. 22nd - \$40 Before Nov. 10th - \$45 At the door - \$50

Substitutions \$5 @ Registration No Refunds

## **Directions**

### From St. Louis:

Take I-44 West approx. 170 miles to Hwy 5 (Lebanon, MO) Hwy 5 North to Hwy 54. Make a left (West) on 54. Make a right off Hwy AA and look for signs on the right.

## From Springfield:

Take Hwy 65 North to Hwy 54. Make a right on 54 (East). Make a left (West) on Hwy AA. Watch for sign on the right.

## Friday, November 14TH

4:00 p.m. - Begin Registration

7:00 p.m. - Supper

7:45 p.m. - Forty Days - Concert

8:45 p.m. - Meet Ken Freeman

10:00 p.m. - Break

10:15 p.m. - Late Night Options

\* Workshops

\* Youth Workers Reception

\* Hang Out Time

11:00 p.m. - Cabin Devotions

11:30 p.m. - Lights Out

## Saturday, November 15TH

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast

8:45 a.m. - Session 2 K. Freeman

10:00 a.m. - Break

10:30 a.m. - Session 3 K. Freeman

11:45 a.m. - Lunch

1:00 p.m. - OFF THE WALL

\* Games

\* Youth Workers Only!

\* Presentation

1:45 p.m. - Break

2:00 p.m. - Closing Session

K. Freeman

## Off-The Wall

Will be brought to you by FWBBC & Hillsdale FWBC

## CONTACT INFO

Windermere: (573) 346-5200

**MSYMB** (913) 685-2855

## Camper Medical Release Form Windermere Baptist Assembly Roach, MO

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If not available in an emergency, notify?				
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November 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2003 at Windermere Baptist Asso	embly, located at I	Roach, Mi	issouri.	
Conference: Missouri Free Will Baptist State You	uth Conference			
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## 2003 Missouri State Youth Conference

## Group Registration Form (Must be Postmarked by October 10th)

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(Includes lodging and three meals.)	(# attending) (Total Amount)
Mail completed registration form, che	ck for registration fees and medical release forms to:
Missouri FWB Youth	Ministries Board (MO FWB YMB)
	16 S. Woodlawn

COST: IF POSTMARKED BY: OCT 22<sup>nd</sup> = \$40 NOV. 10<sup>th</sup> = \$45 At The Door = \$50 Substitutions \$5 @ Registration No Refunds

O'Fallon, Mo. 63366



Max # Per Group: 15 Cost: \$11 Per Person

If you have a Smaller Group another Group to reach 15 you will be allowed to join



Ben Crabtree (youth board member) have any questions at all. Don't forget to call if you 21/ 575 1214

> This is what the **Edge** is for. then we are not going to be able to move forward groups`ability to grow. If we do not work as a team Icam building is an important part of your youth

A team building experience.

Rock Climbing Walls, Zip Lines, Etc.) and tough obstacles that will test your faith. (Kopes, in. It is an adventure course with very challenging make a new and exciting event for us to participate The staff at Windermere has worked together to

come/first serve basis not get a chance to participate as we are on a first this year is a trial run and everyone may or may as a team while you are at Windermere. Please note opportunity for your youth groups to work together We as a youth board wanted to present this as an

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Dear Youth Pastor,

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Assembly, located at Roach, Missouri. during the dates of November 14th, 2003 through camp program in which the child has been enrolled November 15th, 2003 at Windermere Baptist care of him/her to the adults responsible for the with me at the above address, am entrusting the

Conference: Missouri Free Will Baptist **State Youth Conference** 

Permission slip for: The Edge

# **Authorization for Emergency Care**

to the camp's insurance carrier. disclose any information thus acquired, if requested, hospital that has previously treated my child, to treatment for, and physician or any physician or the health of my child, in the event I cannot be my child to x-rays, routine test and treatment for by the camp personnel entrusted with the care of I hereby give permission to the physician selected to the said physician to hospitalize, secure proper reached in an emergency. I hereby give permission

Parent or Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Insurance Providei

Insurance Policy #

Please return this form to your youth pastor.

## HILLSDALE Free Will Baptist College

Dear Friend of Hillsdale:

WOW! It's hard to believe that summer is over and we have already completed two weeks of school, with an oncampus enrollment of approximately 260. Everyone seems to be getting into the routine - at least everyone who DOES NOT have 7:30 am classes!

The recent Hillsdale Golf Classic held at John Conrad, raised close to \$4,000.00 to be used toward scholarships. Special thanks to all our sponsors, golfers, and everyone who assisted in this fun-filled day of fellowship. Check out the September "Insight" for a complete list of our outstanding sponsors.

If you are not currently receiving the "Insight" (our monthly newsletter) and would like to be added to our mailing list, please call the Office of Development. The "Insight" is our way of letting you know what is happening, what has happened, and what will be happening. It's the perfect way to keep up with what is going on at Hillsdale and is a wonderful way to see how your loving gifts are making a difference.

You can still purchase a personalized brick for the walkway, if you have not already done so. If you have purchased a brick and have not received a confirmation letter, please contact Shauna in the Office of Development 405-912-9008. Thank you for keeping Hillsdale in your prayers and for remembering usthrough your monetary giving.

Bob Thompson

## BIBLE COLLEGE ENROLLS 339 FOR FALL SEMESTER

Free Will Baptist Bible College enrolled 339 students from 24 states and eight foreign countries for the 2003 fall semester, according to the office of the registrar. This is an increase of 5 percent over last fall's enrollment. The college's enrollment has grown 21 percent since the fall of 2001.

By classes, they number 64 seniors, 61 juniors, 73 sophomores, 134 freshmen, and seven special students.

## By states, students number:

Alabama	14	Mississippi	8
Arizona	1	North Carolina	29
Arkansas	27	Ohio	9
California	2	Oklahoma	1
Florida	10	Pennsylvania	2
Georgia	18	South Carolina	5
Illinois	21	Tennessee	105
Indiana	9	Texas	5
Kansas	3	Virginia	18
Kentucky	7	Wisconsin	1
Louisiana	1	West Virginia	4
Michigan	12	Foreign	15
Missouri	12	(Albania, Bahan	nas, Brazil.
		Canada, Japan,	Russia,
		Spain, and Zir	mbabwe)

There are 164 women and 175 men in the student body. Of these, 243 live on campus and 96 are commuter students.

President Matthew Pinson says, "This has been an exciting beginning to a promising new academic year. I am enthusiastic about our students this year. This is the largest freshman class we have had in some years. We are also delighted at the response to our new adult degree program, with nine students involved in the program's first course."

## Bible College Freshmen Elect Officers



NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—Free Will Baptist Bible College's newest freshman class, in one of its first actions, elected officers to serve for the year. Jacob Riggs, a member of Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Pleasant View, Tennessee, was chosen president.

Serving with him are:

Vice President—David Jones, Fenton, Missouri; a member of Calvary Fellowship FWB Church

Sect.-Treas.—Susan Eastridge, Catlettsburg, Kentucky; a member of Heritage Temple, FWB Church

Worship Leader—Matthew Price, Gastonia, North Carolina; a member of First FWB Church

Chaplain—Jamie Lane, Nebo, North Carolina; a member of Rocky Pass FWB Church.

Please pray for these new campus leaders as they carry out their duties this year

## Send a representative from your church!

## Prayer Summit 2004

January 16-January 18, 2004

Camp Garner Creek, Dickson, Tenn.

## **Registration Fee:**

\$25 fee per person to be sent with application (non-refundable)

Register before September 15 and receive a complimentary personal prayer journal.

### Accommodations:

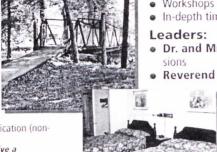
Double occupancy \$140.00 per person to be paid at checkin\*

Single occupancy \$185.00 per person to be paid at checkin\*

\*Includes room and six meals

For registration form and further information contact:
Judy Lytle, coordinator of Prayer Summit 2004
Phone: 615-731-4950 ext. 253

E-mail: judy@nafwb.org



### Activities:

- Plenary sessions to speak to your hearts
- Workshops to inspire and challenge your prayer life
- In-depth times of personal and corporate prayer
- Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley to lead plenary sessions
- Reverend Doug Little to lead worship and praise

### Workshops:

- "Developing an Aggressive Local Church Prayer Ministry," led by Reverend Glen Johnson of Chesterfield Va.
- "The Basis of Prayer Journeying," led by Eddie Payne, director of mobilization and recruitment and Doug Little, director of stateside development
- "The Warfare Nature of Prayer," led by Mike and Deleen Cousineau, missionaries to Côte d'Ivoire



Camp Garner Creek Retreat Center in Dickson, Tenn. The Summit is designed to deepen the awareness of the significance of prayer for world evangelism and is expected to ignite a revival of prayer warriors within the denomination.

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Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley will lead plenary sessions utilizing their years of missions experience in Cote divore. Doug Little, director of stateside development, will unite participants in prayer, praise and worship. Workshops will be led by Pastor Glen Johnson of Good News FWB Church, Chesterfield, Va.; Eddie Payne, director of mobilization and recruitment, assisted by Doug Little; and Mike and Deleen Cousineau, missionaries to Ivory Coast.

"Individuals who are truly concerned about their missionaries should attend Prayer Summit 2004 and every church is urged to send a representative," says General Director James Forlines. "Prayer is one of the greatest things they can do to aid the missionaries' ministry. The Prayer Summit will open the eyes of participants to new methods of prayer involvement and challenge them to enlist prayer warriors on the missionaries' behalf. As people pray and acknowledge total dependence on God. He unleashes His power to shatter the strongholds of Satan."

In June 2003 Carlisle Hanna emphasized the need for prayer warriors: "The warfare in India has been intense. ... I have feared that the revival He has given would be snuffed out. In spite of the battle, however, we have continued to see many come to Christ, new churches born and people grow in their walk with Christ. Thank you for praying. We ask you to continue and to give extra time in prayer for us."

Join with Free Will Baptists from across the United States in one place, with one focus – prayer for world evangelization Prayer Summit 2004 will be linked to Free Will Baptist mission fields around the world in prayer retreats on the same dates January 16-18. "This is a worldwide prayer effort," says Brother Forlines. "We expect world-changing results!"

For registration information please contact <u>judy@nafwb.org</u> or call Foreign Missions at 1-877-767-7736. Information is also posted on the Web (<u>www.nafwb.org/fm/prayersum.html</u>).

## **Greetings From Abidjan**

Greetings from Abidjan where it is pouring rain.. causing the driver ants to come out—small insects that can kill an elephant; the ants have caused the cockroaches to flee for their lives...We're glad for bug spray! Add this adventure to the 12 rats that have been killed here in the house and the 2 vipers that Jerry killed just outside the yard fence and you see we live in a jungle—Yet, we're thrilled to be "home".

Jerry & Robert West are working with Pastor Samuel; adding tin to the rented parsonage roof where we've been having services..Their living/dining room is too small, so with the additional tin roofing outside (& later a cement floor),

we'll have more space to seat people.

But that's not all. This Sunday we'll begin Sunday School Classes: one for the children (yippee, Carol gets to be the teacher), one for new converts and another for the not-sonew converts. Days of evangelism have been scheduled after days of fasting and prayer...

True, troubles abound & people live in fear. Perhaps it is because of all the uncertainities all around us that people are searching truth & lasting peace. Thanks for helping through your prayers & gifts so we can gladly share Jesus Christ.

Jerry & Carol Pinkerton



## HOLLAND NEWS-LETTER

We have just completed a year of stateside assignment (Furlough). This past year has been one of transition for our family in the areas of edu-

cation, ministry, residence, and adaptation back to the U.S.

We have been involved with teaching, campus ministries at Free Will Baptist Bible College as Missionary in Residence, and traveling. I've worked on my Masters and Curt is also continuing his education.

Due to these major transitions that are occurring, we will need an extended time in the United States. I will be doing my final year of my Masters Degree requirements, which will require many hours. Amber is doing her final year of high school and has begun the search for a college to meet her educational needs. Curt needs to pursue leadership/mission training to enhance our ministry in Brazil. He is also teaching at the Free Will Baptist Bible College and is the Missionary in Residence this school year.

Because of these pending needs, our return to Brazil will be delayed. We have taken a leave of absence for one year. (This means we will not be drawing salary from our mission account, but our account will remain open.) Our prayer for this time is that God would give us clear direction of our target ministry and that we'll be preparing for what opportunities lie ahead.

It is still our desire to be in Brazil. There is still a lot to be done in Brazil. We are in desperate need of developing leaders and training church planters and pastors. However, for our family at this time, to return to Brazil would be neglecting our own preparation and training that we need to be effective for our phase of ministry there. We also want to be available to Amber as she makes the transition into college.

As college students some years back (too many years to mention), Curt and I answered the call to "world evangelism" not knowing at the time where that meant. That call will never change. However, "our world" is not overseas at this time. God has not called us from Brazil. We know that we will go back. But we do not know the "when" at this time.

We know that it is important to be faithful in the preparation and upgrading of ourselves for future work in Brazil. Neglecting this area would only short change our ministry later. We also feel the necessity to raise up and send our children on their way into adulthood.

It is an honor to serve Free Will Baptists in Brazil. It is a privilege to be called **Missouri Show Me Missionaries**, a state that values missions as a responsibility and not an option. Even though we are remaining in the States for the near future, we would ask for your prayers; for a fruitful year of training and preparation here, and your continued financial support when we return to Brazil.

We want to express our deep appreciation to the members of the New Life FWB Church in St. Peters. Our ministry account has benefited from a trust fund that you established for our ministry. Since we are unable to reach most of you, please accept this THANK YOU via the GEM.



Ken Bailey is shown presenting a communion set to the Japanese team leader, Mrs. Amano (middle), and church member, Mrs. Ogino(on the left). This communion set was purchased by the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Park Hills, MO, Wayne Phillips is pastor.

## **Excerpts From Turnbough Newsletter**

Dear Family & Friends,

Thanks for praying for MATTHEW & BROOKE —they are now here in Spain and getting settled. They and we are excited they are here. I think their "plate is going to be full" with studies and ministry opportunities. Because people here have known Matthew for years, and they have kept in touch since he married Brooke, many seek them out to spend time with them. A mother of one of Matthew"s long-time friends asked this past week if maybe Matthew could help get her son ""back on the right track"" (following the Lord). Please continue to pray for them as they adjust to their new life as a couple in Spain.

JOSE MANUEL has resigned as pastor of the Alcalaa de Henares Church. Noel Sparks will be filling in until the church can find a pastor.

Together, Jhon Fredy and Jeff are preparing several CAN-DIDATES FOR BAPTISM on September 28 ——please pray for them as they take this step of faith. We praise the Lord that JHON FREDY is taking on more responsibility in different areas of the ministry, and he will have a major role in these baptisms. As we have said before, Jhon Fredy himself is a continual praise item for us and the Villalba Church. But, remember what we mentioned about the ENEMY"S ATTACKS ——please ask the Lord to protect Jhon and his family as well. He and Jeff study and spend time together every week preparing Jhon for pastoral ministry. This prayer is VERY important for all workers here in Spain.

Thank YOU for participating in the ministry here with your prayers and support.

Here for HIS glory, Jeff & Susan Turnbough jeffturnbough@wanadoo.es babies: one week old, 3 weeks old, 6 weeks old, 2 months old, 4 months old, 8 months old, and one more on the way. They see the doctor in Neosho and Joplin and we often are called on to take them to their appointments. We need a nursery!!

Working with our people has some side benefits, too. Our land lord has 40 acres of corn planted around our little country house. I asked him if our Guatemalan ladies could have some leaves from the corn plants. (They use them to make tamales). He said: "I have 40 acres and 25,000 plants per acre. That's one million plants. Each plant has seven leaves, so that means seven million (7,000,000) leaves. Yes, they can take all they want." We have someone here almost daily picking corn leaves. I sometimes pick 50 or 60 and take them to someone on visitation. By the way, the tamales are delicious. When the roasting ears were ready he also generously offered all we wanted. That brought us "pan de elote" roasting ear bread. Mmmmm, good!

In spite of the sad things that do come up, God is blessing us and we are having the time of our lives. We are staying busier than we have ever been. Please keep us in your prayers.

Bud and Ruth Bivens

## Rev. Frank Giunta Available for Pulpit Supply

Rev. Frank Giunta is available to serve as interim pastor, for pulpit supply, or to hold revival services. His phone number is 573/335-6240.

### Worship Service Averages May 2003- August 2003 May June Aug. Churches: Beacon Belton Buffalo 1st Cabool Calvary Chapel Calvary Fellowship Cape Girardeau Clifton Copper Mines Columbia De Soto Hannibal Hannon Harmony Hartville Hopewell Houston Hurryville Joplin 1st Kingsway Lebanon FWB Lebanon 1st Mill Creek Mt. Pisgah Myrtle New Life - Licking Oak Hill- Union O'Fallon 1st Ozark 1st Pleasant Hill Richwoods Rock Chape! Rolla 1st Springfield 1st Thayer Trinity Union Grove United Victory- KC Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove 69 This is only a partial listing. There are 187 FWB Churches in

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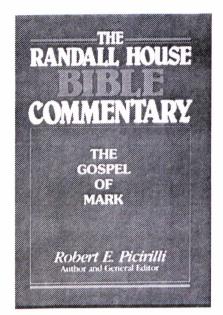
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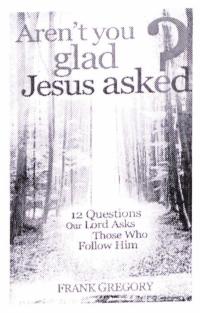
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