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"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men."

Luke 2:14

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the Executive Office



William Ruble, Bookkeeper

As we approach December 25th, we are given another opportunity to pause and again consider the event of Christmas and the person whose birth we celebrate. Looking beyond the excitement, elaborate decorations, and expensive gifts which symbolizes the world's concept of the day, we need to remember the price and pricelessness of the gift God gave us. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." (2 Cor. 8:9)



Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Ruble

My family and I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you know the joy and peace of God as you celebrate the birth of our Savior.

2004 Calendar

Ministers Retreat

March 15 - 17, 2004
Stonecroft Conference Center,
Branson, MO

State Youth Competitive

Activities
May 7-8 no location at this time

Senior Adult Retreat

Group I
May 10 - 12, 2004
Group II
May 12 - 14, 2004
Stonecroft Conference Center,
Branson, MO

Missouri State Convention/ Woman's Auxiliary Convention

June 7 - 9, 2004
Clarion Hotel - Springfield, MO

Youth Camp

Teen Group 2, June 13 - 18,
2004

Teen Group 1, June 20 - 25,
2004

Pre - Teen Group 1

July 25 - 30, 2004

Pre - Teen Group 1

Aug 1 - Aug 6, 2004

Group 1

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

Group 2

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

National Convention, NYC & WNAC

July 18 - 22, 2004
Kansas City, MO

Missouri Women Active For Christ Retreat

August 13 - 14, 2004
Stonecroft Conference Center

Preacher/Layman's Retreat/All Boards Meeting

September 13, 2004
Youth Camp, Niangua, MO

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Myrtle Celebrates Centennial

by Geneva Sorrell

The Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church was richly blessed as they celebrated their 100th anniversary October 12, 2003. Many shared their experiences and memories. They rejoiced in seeing friends and loved ones of days long past.

The services began at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Dale Skiles serving as master of ceremonies. Rev. Ben Scott delivered a stirring message listing other notable beginnings in 1903. Both

brother Ben and his father, the Rev. George Scott, served the church as pastor. George Scott served the church from 1953 till 1955.

A most delicious meal was catered by the John Wrenfrow family. They served the 170 people in attendance.

"Faithful Followers," a mixed quartet from the Sutton Free Will Baptist Church in Pocahontas, Arkansas, provided the special singing during the afternoon service. Some of the visitors provided specials as well.

The Myrtle church was organized October 25, 1903, with fifteen charter members. The first congregation met once a month in the old Methodist church which was located where the Myrtle Quick Stop now stands.

The charter members of the church were: T.L. Taylor, H. Wisehart, Edith Wisehart, W.W. Campbell, Laura Campbell, W.G. Campbell, Bettie Campbell, Katie Wisehart, Maud Campbell, R.C. Taylor, Virgil Campbell, F. Shields, Elzada Taylor, and R.J. Wisehart.

The original name of the church at the time of organization was "Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church." In 1970 the church voted to change the name to Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church.

The land where the church now stands was donated by T.L. Taylor, and in 1907 the first church was constructed. The first service was held August 21, 1907. The original building was torn down to make way for the present building. The new rock building was constructed in 1943 at a cost of \$3,000.00. Three additions and other improvements have been made since that time.

The first pastor was Rev. T.J. Dunkin. He was followed by the following men: H.C. Crase, N. Combs, Billie Rogers, Harry Beatty, Clarence Dotson, Mark Lewis, O.T. Allred, Wm. (Bill) Hill, George Scott, Russell Spurgeon, Bud Hill, Wayne Parsons, Dale Skiles, Tommy Carlson, Herbert Boggs, Ernie Hale, James Stovall, Russell Johnson, Gylmn Campbell, George Naumann, Lavelle Reeves, Bob Epperson, Ben Scott, Troy Burney, Frank Giunta. At this time, the church is without a pastor. The congregation is praying that God will call one out for us.

Editor's note: The Myrtle Church continues to be a committed supporter of state and national ministries and is to be commended for its faithfulness.

The Executive Committee is Accepting Resumes for the Position of Executive Secretary

The Missouri Executive Committee is currently accepting names as candidates for the position of Executive Secretary. If you submit a name, please include as much information about the ministry, character, and family of the individual as you possibly can. All information should be sent to the state Moderator.

Rev. Richard Robinson
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*For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
and the government
shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.*

Isa 9:6



The Student Senate of Hillsdale and Free Will Baptist Bible College met for a Joint Leadership Conference at Zion Hope #2 campground in Rudy, Arkansas. National Executive Secretary, Keith Burden, President Carl Cheshier, President Matt Pinson, Jon Forlines, and Craig Shaw each spoke on the theme of leadership. Brother Burden said, "This is a historic meeting in which leaders are building bridges for the future."

The conference goals were five fold: 1) to provide an opportunity to network with other student leaders, 2) to encourage denominational service, 3) to establish a forum for the development of student leaders, 4) to strengthen bonds of Christian unity, 5) to challenge student leaders to achieve greatness in the kingdom of God.

Our students had only great things to say about the Conference. Michael Abbott said, "I think it was a great time of fellowship and it shows the whole denomination that the upcoming leaders can mesh and work well together." Andy Haskins said, "I believe that having this Conference will help our denomination grow stronger and accomplish great things

for the kingdom." Travis Palmer said, "we were able to mix and mingle with other brilliant, Godly minds on the same level - WHAT GREAT VISION!" Steven Sholtzman said, "Everyone was really touched by the Spirit this weekend." Emily Clark said, "the Conference was a great time of renewal and fellowship with other students who have the same goals and aspirations."

Plans are already underway for another conference in 2004. Our hope is to include the other Free Will Baptist Colleges for the 2004 Leadership Conference.



Youth Look

by Ann Robinson

Isaiah prophesied about the coming Prince of Peace. The angels declared peace on earth in Luke as they announced the Lord's coming. Who would have thought that the infant born in Bethlehem would be so scandalous?

Jesus proclaimed in Matthew 10:34 that He would be the source of division on Earth. He has changed countless lives yet men still question His very existence. His cross and resurrection would be the greatest scandal in history. When judgment comes, He will be the dividing line by which families and nations are split.

Peace? Not the kind of peace that the world seeks by desiring harmony on this planet. Jesus said His peace would be of a different order. It is a peace within and from above. It is deeper and better than any peace the world offers. . . and it lasts forever.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley of England was without doubt one of the most productive hymn writers and preachers of all time. Yet strangely enough, Wesley was able to get but one hymn poem into the Church of England's Book of Common Prayer, and that one by error!



An eighteenth century printer didn't know that the "established Church" of England frowned with disapproval upon Wesley's hymns. Since he needed material to fill an empty space in the new Hymnal, he took it upon himself to insert a Christmas poem call, "Hark, How All the Welkins Rings!" by an Anglican clergyman names Charles Wesley. When the error was discovered, attempts were made to have it removed, but it proved so poplar that it was allowed to remain.

Written in 1738, but still very moving.

Hark the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild:
God and sinners reconciled.

COUNTRY CHAPLAIN

News From Salem



LIMBURGER CHEESE

By J. Mark Vandivort

During my freshman year in college I had three roommates. We often car pooled home as our families lived close to each other. One weekend I decided to stay on campus while my roommates went home. I anticipated that by late Sunday

afternoon they would come bounding up the stairs to our second floor apartment, hungry as ravenous wolves. Usually we cooked huge meals together on weekends. They would expect me to have some food ready to eat.

It suddenly occurred to me that my roommates arriving back hungry would be a situation that I could use to my advantage. At that time it was trendy to coat graham crackers with a thick frosting made of cream and powdered sugar. Ummmmm good! Cholesterol was not a topic of discussion during those years and none of us had much of a weight problem.

After shopping at the grocery store for my supplies, I coated one side of each graham cracker with the thick icing. Next I placed a spoonful of Limburger cheese in the center of the sugared cracker, then added another cracker, making a Limburger cheese sandwich. Finally, I carefully sealed all four edges of the graham cracker sandwich with the creamy icing, thus sealing off the strong smelling Limburger cheese.

Limburger cheese facts (from the Internet): It originated from Belgium but most is imported from Germany. The cheese continues to ripen during transit and arrives devastatingly odorous! It requires an "acquired taste".

I prepared a large bowl of Limburger sandwiches, placing them in the center of our kitchen table. When my roommates burst through the door, I was sitting with one leg casually slung over the arm of an overstuffed chair, munching on a delicious, creamy graham cracker sandwich (minus the Limburger). "Whatcha" got? Whatcha" got?"

I waved them toward the bowl of Limburger sandwiches which they attacked like hogs to a trough of slop. One roommate wolfed down two before he sniffed the Limburger.

Somehow, I managed to outrun my pursuing roommates!

The Apostle Paul warned the first century church about the danger of being deceived. "But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:3, NIV).

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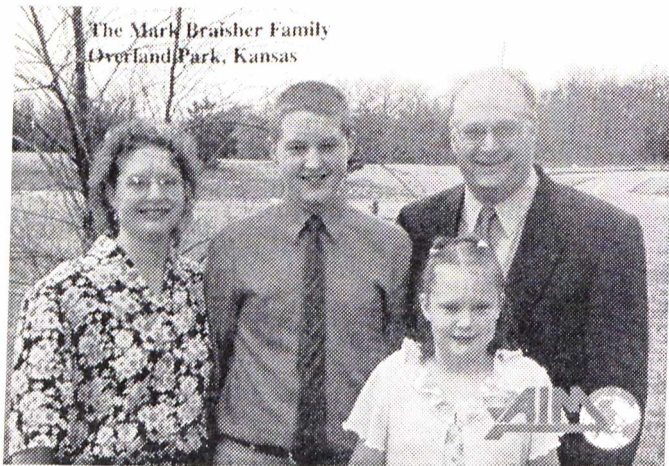
On Sunday morning, September 28, 2003, the Salem Free Will Baptist Church honored their pastor, Rev. Garland Davidson, and his wife, Sue Ann Davidson. The deacons and trustees gave tribute to Bro. Garland, and the women read poems for Sister Sue. It was very nice. The church is doing very well. Recently, we have had some renewing of souls and a baptizing.

Worship Service Averages July 2003- October 2003

<u>Churches:</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct.</u>
Belton		43	41	33
Buffalo 1 st	127	123	135	141
Cabool	41	39	39	37
Calvary Chapel	241	269	269	272
Calvary Fellowship		351		371
Cape Girardeau		56		
Central	71	65	59	
Clifton	54	64	59	
Copper Mines	49	53	55	
Columbia	59	52	59	65
De Soto	232	213	204	210
Grant Avenue				92
Green Hills- Lebanon	48	50	60	49
Green Hills - Kirksville		16	14	16
Hannibal	93	84	98	
Harmony	71	70	89	72
Hartville		176	186	
Hopewell	39	30	32	32
Houston	47	58	59	63
Hurryville	101	103	92	100
Joplin 1 st	103	114		
Jordan				25
Kingsway	33		37	
Lebanon 1 st	124	144	139	148
Mill Creek	83	85	85	80
Mt. Pisgah	70	75	68	69
Myrtle	31	28	25	62
New Life - Licking	58	69	66	64
Oak Hill- Union	46	62	62	
O'Fallon 1 st	129	139	157	131
Ozark 1 st	183	176		186
Palabras De Vida Eterna				34
Pleasant Hill		35		26
Richwoods	41	50	62	
Rock Chapel	47	52	53	44
Rolla 1 st	33	39	36	
Springfield 1 st	118	136	157	
Terrill Road	57	52		
Thayer	143	153	137	151
Trinity	65	65		71
Union Grove	122		128	111
United	525	561		
Victory- KC	88	100	91	92
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove		74		

This is only a partial listing. There are 187 FWB Churches in Missouri.

The Mark Braisher Family
Overland Park, Kansas



Braisher Newsletter

Good morning friends and family,

It has been a long time since I've written a letter concerning our work here in Overland Park. My apologies for not keeping better contact. Despite my lack of contact, many of you continue to be faithful in your support of us. *We are humbled by your support and thank you.* Obviously, we could not be here without your support. Many of you support us every month. In addition to these monthly supporters, there have been numerous supporters of our account, as well as our building fund.

We will use a future letter to highlight all of you that have contributed to our building fund. If you want to know more about being a part of our building fund, let me know. You can send gifts to our salary account to Home Missions, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002. Please designate whether your gift is

for our regular salary account or for our Building Fund.

I continue to be amazed at the support of the Rejoice Church in Owasso, OK. Lenny Pirtle, their pastor, and the church continues to stand with us in amazing ways. They have already given \$25,000 to our building fund and currently are placing us in their giving list with their own building fund campaign. How about that? They are raising funds for their own building, but will take a portion of that and give to our building. What a giving attitude!

Let me share just a few things about what is happening here. We are currently in the middle of "40 Days of Purpose." It has been a blessing thus far. We have seen our Home Bible Studies grow from 2 groups to 7 groups! We know that some of these groups will last only for the seven weeks of the campaign, but what a great outreach!. Please pray that some of these new people will accept Christ and join with us at Southern Hills.

Currently, our Sunday morning attendance is still at about 40. We have had some growth, but have lost some to relocations. We will do our annual Living Nativity on December 5th and 6th. This is an outreach that reminds those around us of the true meaning of Christmas. Pray that some of the hundreds that view this event will choose to join us for church on the following Sunday.

We are still meeting in a school. We know that this is a huge hindrance to outreach, but it seems to be the best option at this time. Construction, lease, and building costs are terribly expensive. We are still working towards raising the needed funds for construction on the land we own. It is a great location and we are anxious to be there.

Again, thanks for your help in giving, your prayers, and your other support. It not only provides practical resources, but also provides great encouragement. Come and see us, we'd love to show you around!

Your servant in Christ,

Mark Braisher, Church Planter

The Cates Newsletter

Hi from the Cates,

We thank God for the great and mighty things that are happening in Mexico. God is truly blessing the work and expanding our borders into many new areas. We praise Him for the opportunity to work in the fields that are truly white unto harvest and for allowing us to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in new regions. Thank you for your support and help getting the much needed message of Jesus Christ and his saving grace to so many in Mexico. Without your help we would be unable to see souls saved and lives changed by the lord.

Jeff traveled to the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, to help set up a new

district association of Free Will Baptists. There are seven churches and two missions which make up this new East Oaxaca District. We are grateful to God for the opportunity to help this area spread God's word to those in this region of Mexico. After helping this group of pastors form a new district association on Saturday, Jeff attended services at the Rock of Salvation Mission Church on Sunday morning. Some had to stand outside due to lack of room in their small church building. They are in need of a larger building in which to hold services. Please keep this building project, the mission church, and Pastor Ubaldo Mariano in

your prayers.

Next, Jeff traveled with Bro. Howard Munsey and Bro. Luis Tijerina to the state of Vera Cruz to attend one of the churches in the new district. Jeff translated for Bro. Howard in the service held at the Mount of Olives FWB Church. This church has a wonderful congregation of brothers and sisters who love the lord. We are so thankful for this church and all it does to reach the lost in this community. The pastor, Bro. Miguel Talavera is a hard working, faithful servant of the lord. He has a rehabilitation center for drug addicts

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Dennis

*The Employees of the
Lebanon Bible and Book
Store Wish You a Very
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year*



Judy



Kathy



Angie

and alcoholics. He teaches them of God's saving grace and is helping change lives and win souls for the kingdom of heaven. Please pray for this church, the center, and Bro. Miguel Talavera.

We ask you to keep us in your prayers as we continue to labor in Mexico. We have groups from several different areas in Mexico who are inquiring about our missions group and wanting Berea Ministries to help them in their area. God is opening doors but we have to have resources to be able to continue to grow and spread God's word. Will you help us reach these new areas with the Gospel of Christ? We thank each of you who are so faithful to help us get the message of Jesus Christ and His saving grace to these who are in need. You are making a difference in many lives through your giving. May God richly bless you.

Your missionaries to Mexico,
Jeff, Sondra, Whitney and Alyssa Cates

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Excerpt From Marberry's Newsletter

... We are in the middle of the fall semester, and the seminary students are much involved in their classes and in their work in the area churches. This semester they are participating every Saturday in a program of evangelism in the neighborhood of Jarachina. This is a new area in Reynosa where Rev. Marco Mendoza is establishing the Mt. Horeb Free Will Baptist Church. Jarachina is a large and fast-growing suburb with no Bible-preaching churches. Please pray both for the seminary students as they learn to share the gospel more effectively and for this new mission church that they are helping to establish. . .

We have a special need in the seminary family at this time. Rev. Luis Felipe Tijerina is an important part of our work in Mexico. He has served the seminary as administrator and teacher for the past five years; he also serves as moderator of the Association of Free Will Baptist Churches of Mexico. His wife Leticia is facing surgery later this year. Please remember this family in your prayers. They do not have health insurance, and the cost of the surgery will be approximately \$2,000.00. Would you like to help meet this need?

Thank you for your support for the Marberry account. Your contributions to our account make it possible for us to serve the Mexican Free Will Baptists. Although our account is improving, it is still in the red. Your faithful support will help put it back in the black. . .



Turnbough Update

Dear Friends:

This is a praise and prayer update. Thank you for taking time to read it and for taking time to actually participate in this ministry by praying.

√ The Lord used the VILLALBA CHURCH SPIRITUAL RETREAT to impact some believers in ways that are boosting the overall church morale.

√ Several unbelievers attended the church's BAPTISMAL SERVICE. Please continue to pray for the five who were baptized and have now officially joined the Villalba Church, and for their family and friends that are not Christians.

√ In our last update we asked you to pray for JAVIER. He preaches his first message this coming Sunday since getting "back in the line-up" of preachers. Please pray for him, his wife, his family, their protection and encouragement.

√ JUAN CARLOS & CARMEN are still struggling because of the long hours they work and because of abusive treatment from employers.

√ JOSÉÉ MANUEL & CARMEN still need your prayers as they continue to attend the Alcaláá Church, but take a break from the role of pastor.

√ JHON FREDY continues to look for a job that will allow him to dedicate more time to Biblical studies and the church. (Note I did *not* say dedicate more time to "ministry" because Jhon has a ministry anywhere he is, including on the job.)

Last week Nieves and I had an appointment to meet with the new MAYOR OF GALAPAGAR. The day before the appointment, the town's secretary called and said we didn't need to meet with him because what we wanted was already resolved. Our *spoken* agreement with the previous mayor was that the church would not have to pay taxes (again) for the building permit. However, that point was not included in their *written* agreement. So, if indeed she is right (we will know when we take the updated blueprints to them), then this is a praise item. Please pray that she is right and that it works out this way. Javier, Sam and I have an appointment with our ARCHITECT tonight. We hope to kind of hurry him up a little so that we can get things going. Pray for the NEHEMIAH PROJECT - things are looking positive.

Please pray for RUBIELA & YESID. Rubiela was part of a group of people that completed an evangelistic home Bible study with me this last year, and she made a public profession to follow Christ. She later began discipleship studies with us. But, when it came to baptism, she backed out. Later she dropped out of the studies and didn't come back to church for a month. Last night Susan and I had coffee with them. She apologized for disappearing for that month. She does not want to continue with discipleship studies right now, but she is interested in us being her accountability partners and they both said they will continue to attend church. Please pray for both of them. The enemy attacks all God's children, but it is especially devastating when he attacks "small kids."

This coming Sunday our missionary team is sponsoring another CAFÉÉ Y ALGO MAS, but this time in the neighboring town of ALPEDRETE. We are attempting to do multiple church plants, and our push into this new area is being spearheaded by the EDGMONS and the JOHNSONS. Please pray for them and this EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH.

Here for HIS glory,

Holland Highlights Excerpt

... 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 are not 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. . .

McDonald News

Dear Friend,

As missionaries working in a spiritually dark nation, we can not overemphasize the importance of having people partner with us in prayer. Japan has been our "home" now for over 17 years and we have grown to love it. Actually, protestant missionaries have had a presence in Japan since the late 1880s and Free Will Baptists have been laboring for almost 50 years. However, the percentage of Christian believers in Japan remains at about 0.5 percent. We are ever conscious of that as we walk the streets, ride the trains and subways, shop and commute. For every 200 people we meet, statistically there MIGHT be one believer. And that believer is likely struggling along as the only believer in his/her family, workplace or school.

On Sept. 27, the Iriso FWB Church here in the Tokyo area had a puppet show for neighborhood children. Eleven first-time children came in response to flyers passed out in front of their elementary school. "Jesus Loves Me" was first on the program and the MC asked, "Have you heard the name 'Jesus'?" ALL those children- 6th graders) said that, no, they didn't think they ever had. One little boy said, "Well...that name sounds kinda familiar from somewhere..."

Pastor Kojima of the Iriso Church (now in his 30s) went to California to work as a young man after being saved in a Free Will Baptist church here. He found a group of Japanese Christians to fellowship with there and found that most of them were saved while in the U.S. One day he asked them, "Why didn't you get saved in Japan?" They unanimously re-plied, "We never one time heard the gospel while we were in Japan." That dialogue grew to become his call from the Holy Spirit to return to his own country and share the gospel with as many as he could.

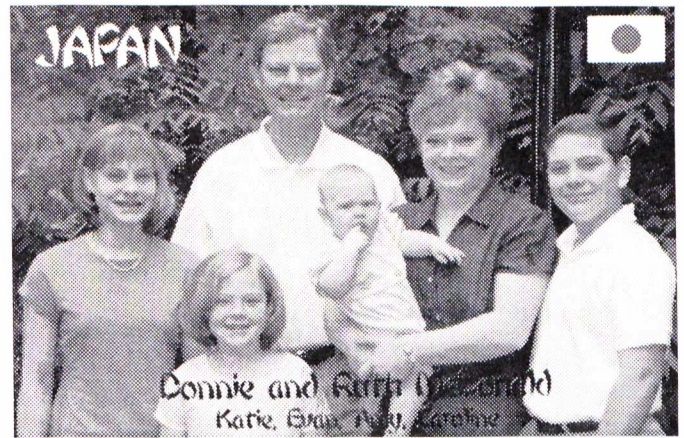
Darkness-true spiritual darkness-doesn't just exist in places where people have inadequate medical care, education and food. It is so thick that we can some days almost sense and touch it right here in affluent, sophisticated, technologically amazing Japan.

We are giving our all to push back the darkness. But we always, along with our efforts and victories, experience tremendous opposition of just about every kind imaginable. PLEASE lift up our names and the people of this nation in prayer!

Some specific praise/requests:

- (1) Pray for Donnie as he serves as Team Leader of the Tokyo area church planting team for the next several months until home assignment (until June of 2004).
- (2) Pray for workers: We have an immediate and desperate need for a short-term English teacher to replace our co-worker, Brenda Wendlandt, from January of 2004.
- (3) Pray for the "Good News Gospel Choir" that Ruth has just begun in our church plant. (Gospel music has become unbelievably popular, even among the unsaved in Japan, thanks to movies such as "Sister Act." This ministry has been launched with this unique cultural opportunity in mind.) Thank the Lord for 11 unsaved members, 9 who are first-time contacts who responded to flyers placed in their mailboxes. At least 3 of these new people said they had just moved into the area and are hoping to make friends through this choir. As we sing "Oh Happy Day," "The Hallelujah Chorus," etc. and listen to the testimonies of believers, we are sharing THE GOSPEL with them. Pray that they will be saved! Pray for the 11 believers (including missionaries) who are participating, that the Lord will use our lives and witness in obvious and life-changing ways.
- (4) Pray for former missionary to Japan, Judy Smith, who will be conducting children's ministries during the month of October. Pray that the Lord will use her puppets, music, and testimony in both the Tokyo area and in Hokkaido.
- (5) Pray for our children: KATIE, at 15, is growing in the Lord and starting to have her own ministry opportunities in music and, especially, in "Game Night" for Junior High/High school/college students at the church once a month; EVAN, at 13, is participating by playing guitar in worship services and helping with Game Night; pray that he will continue to grow into a true man of God; AMY, at 9, is our social butterfly, and CAROLINE, age 3, is attending Japanese daycare and making lots of friends. She is facing eye surgery some-time in the near future to correct "strabismus," or crossing of the eyes.
- (6) Pray for the Nakamura family-father, mother and 6-year-old daughter-who have been attending our church at every service since summer. They are unsaved and have several layers of relational, spiritual, and emotional needs. Join us in praying earnestly for their salvation and deliverance. Pray for our Japanese co-worker, Mrs. Amano, as she counsels them and has many opportunities to confront them with the truth of Scripture.

THANK YOU for your prayers! Nothing else has the power to change the world because NO ONE else but the God of the universe is equal to that task!



Serving Him in Japan,
Donnie and Ruth McDonald Tokyo

MO MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Are you Licenced? _____ Ordained? _____
 Name of MO church where you are a member _____
 Pastor's Name _____
 Date graduated from High School _____
 Name of High School _____
 Name of the School you will be attending. _____
 Are you pursuing an Undergraduate degree _____ Graduate degree _____
 Last semester grade point average (high school or college) _____
 You will be enrolling as a: (circle one)
 Freshmen Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student
 Will you be enrolling for 12 or more semester hours? Yes _____ No _____

Mail application to: Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists
 P.O. Box 991
 Lebanon, MO 65536

Financial Report October 2003

Cooperative Disbursements

October 2003 \$60,446.51
 18.50% St. Home Missions \$11,094.40
 17.00% Executive Office 10,194.85
 3.00% General Fund 1,799.09
 .50% Show-Me Plan 299.85
 8.50% Youth Camp Board 5,097.44
 3.00% Y.C. Restricted Funds 1,799.09
 2.00% Youth Ministries Board 1,199.39
 2.00% Christian Ed Bd 1,199.39
 2.00% Senior Adult Min Bd 1,199.39
 9.00% MiO St Retirement 5,397.27
 31.50% 18,890.46
 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 1,799.09
Total \$59,969.71

Co-op

Alton \$200.00
 Amity \$88.15
 Amity \$86.60
 Aulsbury Chapel \$147.35
 Bailey \$189.00
 Bailey Chapel \$120.00
 Belton \$337.08
 Berean \$70.00
 Bethel- El Dorado Springs \$309.70

Black Oak \$361.65
 Byrd \$110.00
 Cabool 1st \$223.68
 Calvary Chapel \$1,605.14
 Calvary Fellowship \$663.00
 Cape Girardeau \$620.65
 Carthage \$270.00
 Central \$729.17
 Christ Chapel \$412.80
 Clifton \$41.35
 Columbia \$522.18
 Copper Mines \$694.54
 Cornerstone \$476.92
 Crossroads-Wentzville \$550.00
 Cuba \$550.00
 Cuba \$403.00
 DeSoto 1st \$1,600.00
 Faith & Hope- Aurora \$39.51
 Faith & Hope- Aurora \$59.92
 Faith & Hope- Willow Springs \$150.08
 Farmington 1st \$3,688.85
 Fellowship \$1,200.00
 Fordland \$857.53
 Fourth \$203.76
 Fredericktown 1st \$260.00
 Fredericktown 1st \$203.00
 Freeman Chapel \$410.00
 Gospel Light \$100.00
 Grace \$1,339.71
 Grant Avenue \$938.59
 Grant Avenue \$966.65
 Green Hills- Kirksville \$21.59
 Green Hills- Lebanon \$606.52
 Green Hills- Lebanon \$478.24
 Greenfield \$315.00
 Hannibal \$535.00
 Hannon \$720.00
 Harmony \$462.95
 Hartville \$1,137.00
 Hartville \$1,207.00
 Hazel Creek \$752.78
 Hopewell \$266.00
 Hurryville \$667.56
 Jackson \$166.48
 Joplin 1st \$650.54
 Jordan-Jefferson City \$200.00
 Kings Way \$217.40
 Koshkonong \$223.00
 Lead Hill \$405.59
 Leadington \$375.83
 Lebanon 1st \$1,310.05
 Liberty- Nevada \$265.00
 Lone Star \$72.00
 Macedonia- Niangua \$162.43
 Macedonia- Purdy \$150.00
 Merls Chapel \$115.80
 Mill Creek \$414.55
 Mine Lamotte \$66.46
 Monett \$603.63
 Monett \$688.40
 Mt. Pisgah \$442.00
 Mt. Zion- Gower \$40.00
 Mtn. Grove 1st \$1,141.25
 Myrtle \$154.44
 Myrtle \$169.89
 Neosho 1st \$190.00
 New Hope \$345.00
 New Life- Licking \$476.39
 Niangua \$272.40
 Niangua \$252.26
 North Five \$14.22
 Number One \$224.20
 Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove \$204.95
 Oak Hill \$445.00
 O'Fallon \$1,133.00
 Olivet \$430.00
 Overland \$85.00
 Ozark 1st \$1,545.45
 Palabras De Vida Eterna \$175.00
 Park Hills \$832.87
 Parkview \$491.57
 Pleasant Hill \$183.50

Pleasant Home \$157.50
 Pleasant Ridge-Urbana \$76.00
 Potosi 1st \$134.09
 Republic \$100.00
 Richwoods \$874.00
 Rock Chapel \$334.82
 Rock Springs \$80.00
 Rolla 1st \$202.00
 Royal Oak \$71.00
 Seymour \$503.00
 Smyrna \$104.00
 Southern Hills \$638.07
 Springfield 1st \$1,285.10
 Stockton \$172.20
 Thayer \$1,063.00
 Trinity \$951.85
 Union Grove \$407.00
 United \$1,564.27
 Unity \$300.00
 Viburnum \$1,572.00
 Victory-Alton \$537.66
 Waynesville \$622.36
 Waynesville 1st \$475.70
 West Plains \$607.00
 West Plains 1st \$757.00
 Wilderness \$1,256.00
 Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove \$381.67
 Wolf Creek \$437.67
Total \$59,969.71

Show-Me Plan

Barker, J. \$15.00
 Beacon \$397.00
 Belton \$165.00
 Berean \$30.00
 Berry, R. \$15.00
 Bethel- El Dorado Springs \$309.70
 Bethel- Festus \$45.00
 Black Oak \$60.00
 Brown, J. \$15.00

Burns, J.	\$60.00
Buxton, G.	\$30.00
Cabool 1st	\$105.00
Calvary Chapel	\$105.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$3,462.50
Cartee, J.	\$15.00
Central	\$175.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines Teens & Jr. Class	\$30.00
Copper Mines Young Adult	\$15.00
Cornerstone	\$298.00
Cuba	\$119.50
Cuba	\$110.00
Darnell, W.	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$552.50
DeSoto 1st Auditorium Class	\$30.00
Faith & Hope- Willow Springs	\$120.00
Farmington 1st	\$525.00
Fellowship	\$666.97
Fordland	\$250.00
Fourth	\$45.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$30.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$30.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Garrett, R.	\$15.00
Gospel Light	\$1,000.00
Grace	\$408.90
Graham, S.	\$100.00
Grant Avenue	\$275.00
Grant Avenue	\$270.00
Green Hills- Lebanon	\$30.00
Green Hills- Lebanon	\$30.00
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannon	\$780.00
Happy Hill	\$60.00
Harmony	\$40.67
Hartville	\$240.00
Hartville	\$240.00
Hazel Creek	\$501.86
Hurryville	\$500.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult Class	\$18.00
Jackson	\$50.00
Jones Chapel- Walk for Miss	\$360.00
Joplin 1st	\$85.00
Jordan- Jefferson City	\$60.00
Leadington	\$201.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Macedonia & Purdy 1st- Walk for	\$1,687.25
Missions	\$1,000.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$45.00
Maggart, D.	\$15.00
Malloy, A.	\$35.02
Meris Chapel	\$140.00
Mill Creek	\$15.00
Mill Creek-Young Adult	\$75.00
Mine La Motte	\$238.25
Missouri WAC	\$1,799.09
MO Cooperative Plan	\$45.00
Monett	\$15.00
Monett 1st	\$60.00
Mouser, J.	\$75.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$30.00
Mt. Zion-Thayer	\$455.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$75.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Myrtle	\$285.00
Neosho 1st	\$105.50
New Beginning	\$210.00
New Home- Hartville	\$150.00
New Hope	\$91.00
New Life- Licking	\$30.00
New Testament	\$30.00
Niangua	\$30.00
Niangua	\$30.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Number One	\$60.00
Oak Grove- Houston	\$30.00
Oak Hill	\$20.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$98.00
Olivet	\$30.00
Palabras de Vida Eterna	\$15.00
Park Hills	\$249.87
Parker, G.	\$15.00
Parkview	\$274.60
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00

Pleasant Grove	\$270.00
Pleasant Home	\$330.00
Pleasant Home	\$45.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$50.00
Pouge, R.	\$15.00
Richwoods	\$67.50
Rock Chapel	\$210.00
Rogers, B.	\$15.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble, N.	\$45.00
Southeast MO Assn.	\$90.00
Southern Hills	\$120.00
Springfield 1st	\$530.00
Stockton	\$15.00
Thayer	\$290.00
Trinity	\$450.00
United	\$506.00
Unity	\$75.00
Viburnum	\$225.00
Victory- Alton	\$45.00
Walker, H.	\$10.00
Walnut Grove	\$15.00
Waynesville	\$301.75
Waynesville 1st	\$308.25
White, R.	\$30.00
Wilderness	\$337.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove	\$75.00
Total	\$26,590.68

Foreign Missions

Belton	\$40.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$3,265.00
Central	\$30.00
Chapman, A.	\$20.00
Cuba	\$23.90
Cuba	\$22.00
Farmington 1st	\$17.50
Grant Avenue	\$15.00
Grant Avenue	\$15.00
Hartville	\$110.00
Hartville	\$35.00
Matthews, A.	\$15.00
Minor, K.	\$10.00
New Testament	\$70.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$15.00
Pleasant Home	\$49.58
Rock Chapel	\$10.00
Rolla 1st	\$290.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Trinity	\$128.34
Waynesville	\$185.00
Waynesville	\$195.00
Total	\$4,571.32

Nat'l Home Missions

Beacon	\$75.00
Belton	\$15.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$7,156.73
Carthage	\$5.00
Cuba	\$71.70
Cuba	\$66.00
DeSoto 1st	\$300.00
Farmington 1st	\$1,001.00
Fordland	\$20.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$5.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$10.00
Gospel Light	\$240.00
Grace	\$26.00
Grant Avenue	\$10.00
Grant Avenue	\$10.00
Hannon	\$504.00
Jackson	\$67.00
Monett	\$5.00
Monett 1st	\$5.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$65.00
Neosho 1st	\$100.00
New Home- Hartville	\$10.00
New Testament	\$150.00
O'Fallon	\$86.00
Oak Hill	\$73.00

Park Hills 1st	\$168.29
Rader, J.	\$20.00
Richwoods	\$88.00
Rock Chapel	\$64.30
Ruble, N.	\$10.00
Thayer	\$155.00
Thebeau, B.	\$5.00
Trinity	\$67.62
United	\$150.00
Unity	\$50.00
West Plains	\$30.00
Westport	\$30.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Total	\$11,064.64

State Home Missions

Berean	\$25.00
Bethel- Festus	\$15.00
Copper Mines	\$75.00
DeSoto 1st	\$90.00
Fellowship	\$100.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Garden Heights VBS- OK	\$191.11
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grace	\$40.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	\$330.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$100.00
Myrtle	\$114.00
Myrtle	\$88.00
Neosho 1st	\$50.00
New Testament	\$100.00
Niangua	\$47.00
Northeast Associaton WAC	\$150.00
O'Fallon	\$86.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna	\$200.00
Pleasant Ridge-Urbana	\$20.00
Republic	\$25.00
Rolla 1st	\$290.00
Southeast MO Assn.	\$150.00
Thayer	\$110.00
Trinity	\$47.62
United	\$25.00
Unity	\$75.00
Waynesville	\$50.00
Waynesville 1st	\$50.00
White, R.	\$10.00
Total	\$2,753.73

Youth Camp

Hartville	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	180.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
Niangua	20.00
Rolla 1st	20.00
New Home- Hartville	10.00
Cornerstone	25.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	10.00
Thayer	55.00
Hannon(for the laundry room)	214.01
Hannon	50.00
Cabool	10.00
Trinity	9.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove	10.00
Berean	25.00
West Plains	25.00
Hartville	10.00
Niangua	20.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Total	\$783.01

Camp Development Fund

Myrtle	20.00
Rock Chapel	500.00
Myrtle	22.00
Total	\$542.00

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

Farmington	150.00
Ruble, N.	15.00
DeSoto 1st	40.00
Oak Hill	10.00
Thayer	55.00
Total	\$270.00

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Farmington 1st	150.00
Monett 1st	100.00
Oak Hill	10.00
Thayer	50.00
Hannon	100.00
Joplin 1st	85.00
Beacon	2.00
Southern Hills	75.00
Monett 1st	100.00
Total	\$672.00

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Myrtle	28.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Nosser, M.	25.00
Belton	50.00
New Hope	30.00
Hannon	100.00
Unity	20.00
Calvary Fellowship	10.00
Myrtle	26.00
Total	\$344.00

Women Nationally Active for Christ

Ruble, J.	\$10.00
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Rest of the Family

Myrtle	103.00
Hannon	300.00
Total	\$403.00

Rev. John McClure

Carthage	15.00
Grace	15.00
Total	\$30.00

Vergel Maness

Myrtle	130.00
Gospel Light	80.00
Grace	100.00
Myrtle	112.00
Total	\$422.00

Victor Torrez

United Youth Group	\$200.00
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Richard Standley

Chapman, A.	\$10.00
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Brian Brinkhoff

Unity	12.50
New Testament	20.00
Total	\$32.50

Berea Ministries

Hartville	150.00
Hartville	150.00
Total	\$300.00

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

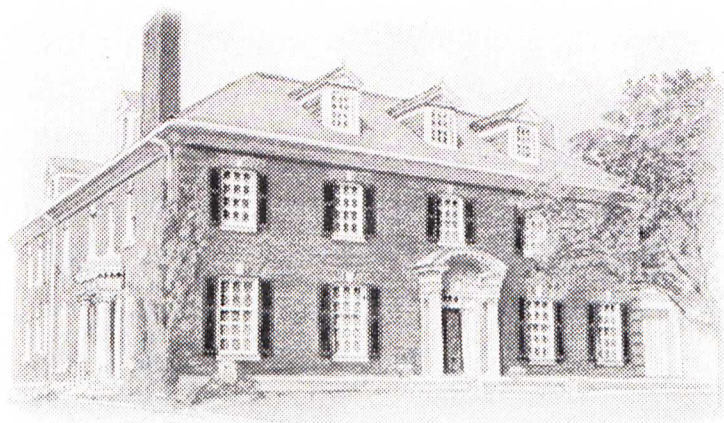
Unity	\$12.50
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George Lemelin

Jackson	\$8.00
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Morgan Wood

Belton	\$25.00
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