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Pre-Register For Camp

by Bob Thebeau

The past several years has seen some major changes made at Camp Niangua, such as the tabernacle building and a new ball field. This past year a new well and pump system that is capable of supplying all the water the camp needs during the hot summer months was added. A new play ground system will be in place by camp time this year. A big thanks goes out from the camp to all our churches and our state leaders who have helped so much financially and prayerfully in keeping our youth camp up to date.

The Camp Board has been focusing on two major issues for the future; one being some new dorms for the boys and girls that could be used year round and the other is pre-registration. Those who attend camp know that sometimes there is confusion on Sunday afternoon when hundreds of campers arrive within a three hour period, all waiting for a place to stay. Sister Shirley Jackson has done a great job of registering our campers over the years, but the time has come for pre-registration. This will help in the following ways:

1. The superintendent of the camp can better plan the meals when they have exact numbers.
2. It will cut down on the long registration waiting lines. (tempers can flare on hot days).
3. It will make it easier to plan activities and better utilize the classroom space when the camp has the age and the number of males and females who will be attending.

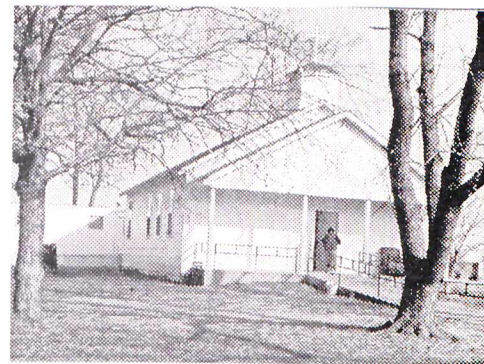
The pre-registration fee will be \$55.00 per camper this year with a deadline of May 25th for Teens and a deadline of July 5th for pre-teens (registrations must be received at camp by these dates). A \$10.00 fee will be added to a camper's registration after this date. It would be a good idea to mail the registration forms at least a week early to ensure they arrive by the above dates. **However, this fee will be waived this year in order to give everyone a chance to get acquainted with pre-registering, but will be effective for the 2005 camp sessions.** We need everyone's cooperation in this change. Pre-registration forms may be downloaded from the camp website (<http://www.campniangua.com>), or you may request one be mailed to you from the Youth Camp. A camp form will also be printed in the April issue of the Gem. You may bring your check upon arrival, but send your pre-registration forms to :

Free Will Baptist Youth Camp
7627 State Hwy. M
Niangua, MO 65713
Phone (417) 473-6444

2004 Camp Schedule	
Teen Camp, Group II - - -	June 13 - 18
Teen Camp, Group I - - -	June 20 - 25
Pre-Teen , Group I - - -	July 25 - 30
Pre-Teen, Group II - - -	Aug. 1 - 6

Hispanic Mission Church Celebrates 1st Anniversary

The Hispanic Free Will Baptist Mission Church, Palabras de Vida Eterna, celebrated their 1st year Anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 18th, with a special service, guests from far and near, and a wonderful meal. Lay pastor Bud "Benito" Bivens hosted the event, inviting everyone who has attended in the past year and also sending out invitations by e-mail to supporters throughout missouri and oklahoma.



Bud Bivens & Ramon Zuniga

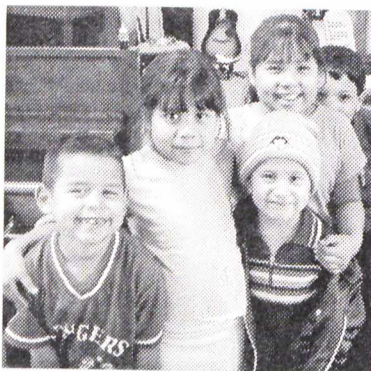
Rev. Ramon Zuniga, pastor of Hispanic mission churches in Springdale and Russelville, Arkansas brought the morning message. Zuniga came with his family and a group from his two congregations.

Rev. Victor Escobar and his wife Elvia and son Israel traveled the farthest, coming from Altamira, Mexico- seven hours south of the Mexican border. Victor brought greetings from the Mexican National Association of Free Will Baptists and Elvia challenged the women to unite in service to the Lord and the community.



Victor & Elvia Escobar

Rev. Nathan Ruble, Promotional Secretary of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, brought greetings on behalf of the 187 Missouri Free Will Baptist Churches.



Smiling Ambassadors

Special music for the day was provided by Israel Escobar, music teacher at the FWB Bible Institute in Altamira, and the choir from the Bible Church of Arurora, directed by their pastor Rev. Chuck Rinehart.

Bivens says that 81 people were present when the morning worship service began. By meal time the crowd had grown to 125 because friends and supporters from several area churches came after their services were over to share in the excitement of the event.

Bivens recognized the eleven people who attended the first service Jan. 19th 2003. Mrs. Ruth Bivens recalled the early days in their work in Puerto Rico when there were only two people at church, she and Bud. She said those times were sad and very hard. "When we came to Monett, we knew we would not be alone," she said, "because we had Darin and Sylvia Dodson and their girls to help us." She went on to point out that it had been true, not only had the Dodsons always been there to help them, they had brought Sylvia's family with them.



The Faithful Eleven



Some of the Congregation

Other guests attending were: Rev. Frank Webster and wife Debbi from Neosho 1st FWB; Rev. Lee Neil from Macdeonia FWB, Purdy; Rev. Gene Robinson and family and a large group from the Chapel of the Ozarks FWB Church in Rocky Comfort; Rev. Gaylon Freeman, Fort Gibson Oklahoma FWB Church; Vivian Nicholson, Rachel and Dustin from the Lake Hills FWB Church, Hot Springs AR; Four young people from the New Home FWB Church, Coweta OK; Maribel Reyes, 1st FWB Church in Moore, OK; Mrs. Louise McCully, 1st FWB Monett; and Drs.

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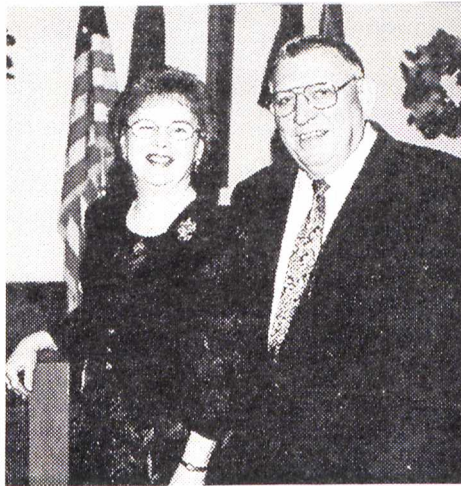
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1st Annual Bass and Crappie Fishing Tournament FWBBC Fund Raiser

It's still winter time right now, but hang on, spring time is just around the corner! And that means it will be time to pull out the boat and tackle and go fishing! The Missouri Alumni Association of Free Will Baptist Bible College will be hosting the **1st Annual Bass and Crappie Fishing Tournament** to be held on Saturday, May 22, 2004 at Truman Lake. We would like to invite you to participate in this event to help raise money for our Free Will Baptist Bible College. The Tournament will consist of two-man teams. The entry fee is \$50.00 per team. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place winners for the largest stringer of Bass, and for the

largest stringer of Crappie. There will be cash prizes awarded for the largest Bass and the largest Crappie. We will also have a drawing for free give-a-ways! So find you a fishing partner, mark your calendars, put some new fishing line on your reels, and make plans to show us how to catch fish! More details will be given in next Month's issue of the Gem!



Lloyd and Janice Durbin have a new CD available. They have sang Southern Gospel Music together, and as a family, throughout their years in the ministry of Free Will Baptist Churches. The CD is entitled "From Heaven's Point of View" and has 9 other selections. The CD can be purchased for \$12.00 post paid. The address is: Lloyd Durbin, 1119 Madison 9222, Fredericktown, MO 63645

CHURCH NEEDS YOUTH MINISTER

CUBA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH located in Cuba Missouri (about 1 hr. from St. Louis) is looking for a **Full-Time Teen Minister/ Worship Leader and/or Outreach Director**. This is one position comprising of at least two of the three mentioned areas with the primary emphasis on Teen Ministry. Salary comparable. Interested candidates should contact Pastor Mike Schultz, Cuba FWB Church @ 573-885-3543 or revmrs@fidnet.com. Position must be filled immediately and are trusting in God to send the right individual (01/21/04).

Great News From Jefferson City

We have a church building. Though not quite finished, we are close.

Much has happened since the last article was written keeping us busy. Our building was finally delivered in late September. It was assembled within two weeks, and then the very next week, we had folks from the O'Fallon church come to work. While one group was doing carpentry work, another group passed out flyers for Operation Saturation. The next week a group from the Liberty Association framed our classrooms for us. Three families from DeSoto and Fellowship spent a week with us hanging doors, sheet rock, framing in the bathrooms, and much more. Rejoice church sent their associate many times to help wiht multiple tasks, and DeSoto Church also sent a group of young men to hang sheet rock. So much was accomplished in a short time due to the generosity and dedication of Missouri Free Will Baptists.

It has been a great year for us. We have received loads of blessings. Springfield First gave us a piano and fourteen tables. Hannibal blessed us with a beautiful podium and adopted our family for Christmas. Twin Oaks church in Fredericktown raised \$2000.00 for building materials. A small church in southern Missouri, Pleasant Hill Community Church gave us a large organ. A family from Harmony church in Kansas City donated a sound system. Neighborhood families furnished a rocking chair and chairs for the children in our nursery, and ceramic tile for our entryway. Rejoice in Columbia blessed us with a van. There have been other financial donations too. Please know that we appreciate all the contributions we have been given and our hearts sing with gratitude.

The Kisers

The dates for the Missouri Women Active For Christ Retreat listed in the Gem Calendar are wrong.
PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECT DATES: AUGUST 20-21, 2004

Memorandum ! ! ! ! !



TO: Missouri Pastors, Free Will Baptist Colleges and all Woman's Auxiliary Officers and Members

FROM: Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Scholarship Committee

RE: Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Scholarship Applications



The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention has established a scholarship fund to assist young Christian women who attend Free Will Baptist colleges. Listed below is the criteria for qualification.

1. The applicant must be a female student.
2. The applicant must enroll as a "full-time" student.
3. The applicant must be a resident of Missouri and a member of a Missouri Free Will Baptist church.
4. The applicant must have already made application to a Free Will Baptist college.
5. The application should be forwarded to the president of the Missouri State W.A.C.
6. The scholarship Committee will evaluate the applications and award the scholarship.
7. Scholarship funds will be placed in the student's name at the Free Will Baptist college specified by the student who is selected.
8. Students who are awarded the scholarship will be eligible the second year for approximately one-half of the first year's award. Students must reapply for second year.
9. Deadline for receiving the application for consideration is May 23.

If there are young ladies in your congregation who would qualify for this scholarship, please share this information with them, and make a copy of the application on the adjoining page for them.

Thank you for helping us assist deserving young women who wish to receive their education at one of our Free Will Baptist colleges.

This year applications must be postmarked no later than May 23, 2004

Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary President,
Shirley Jackson

Please mail applications to:
Shirley Jackson
428 Kimberly Ln.
Saint Peters, MO 63376

Free Will Baptist Bible College's SUMMER CAMP '04

Free Will Baptist Bible College's SUMMER CAMP '04 will be held on campus June 27-July 2, 2004. Campers may choose from four camp choices:

- Leadership Camp—for those who know where they are going.
- Music Camp—for people who want to give their music talent back to God.
- Drama Camp—for those who know the power of the Gospel on stage.
- Basketball Camp (for guys and girls)—for those who exercise for the glory of God.

The cost is just \$195 for a week of outstanding fun and instruction. Send your registration or request a free brochure:

Summer Camp '04
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

Phone: 615-844-5000
Email: tommys@fwbbc.edu

Missouri State Women Active For Christ

**** Scholarship Application**

Personal And Academic Information:

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street or P.O. Box City State Zip

Telephone (____) _____ Social Security Number _____

Parents' Name _____

High School _____ Date of Graduation _____

Church Membership _____ How Long? _____

Pastor's Name _____ Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____

Probable College Major or Academic Interests _____

High School Grade Point Average _____ ACT _____ SAT _____

Class Rank _____ In a Class of _____ Students

Other Colleges Attended _____

Activities and Awards: List all awards, activities and any leadership positions held in high school and church community. Use another attachment if necessary:

References: Please identify three references that will be submitting letters of recommendation. These should include your church pastor, a member of the Woman's Auxiliary or another church member, and one person familiar with you outside of church activities (School Principal, Teacher, etc.):

Name _____ Position _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Position _____

Address _____ Phone _____

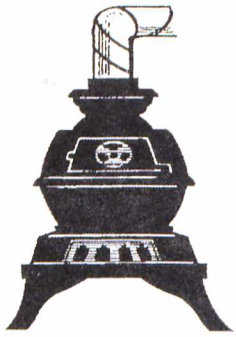
Name _____ Position _____

Address _____ Phone _____

**** Along with this application, please include:**

1. An official transcript of work completed at least through the first semester of the Senior year in high school and any transcripts from colleges attended.
2. A typed essay explaining your interest in this college, your spiritual commitment, your plans for the future and the contributions you anticipate you can make in your college and church communities.
3. A recent photograph of yourself.

Today's Date _____ Applicant's Signature _____



Who Will Build The Fire?

By J. Mark Vandivort

According to reports, the 2004 cold wave in New England has set records. This brings up memories. During the summer of 1960 Louise and I helped Free Will Baptist home missionaries, Mack and Jackie

Owens, conduct a Vacation Bible School in a closed church. It was located in Twin Mountain, New Hampshire—the only protestant church in the community. About a half dozen people had faithfully maintained the church that had been established as a FWB church in 1881. (At one time they had recorded 150 in Sunday School.) After the VBS program some of the community people expressed interest in conducting Sunday Services. Question? Who would build the fire? I volunteered.

Heating an un-insulated New England church building proved to be a serious wintertime challenge. My routine included driving nine miles from our house to the church on Saturday night to build a fire in the wood furnace. I let the fire burn for about an hour. During this time I studied my sermon and Sunday School lesson while sitting on a stick of wood beside the furnace. (Due to working a construction job 5 or 6 days per week I had to study when I could grab a few minutes.) Then I would load the furnace full of wood and close down the dampers for the night. That same process was repeated at 5:00 a. m. Sunday morning.

After Sunday School I would disappear behind a door that led down to the furnace pit. There I would take a few minutes to collect my thoughts, pray, and throw three-foot sticks of firewood into the furnace. One Sunday my few minutes of solitude was interrupted by teen-age, Gary. After some hesitation he asked me if I could show him how to be saved. I led him in confessing his sins to God and inviting Jesus Christ into his heart. Later Gary married a dedicated Christian girl.

Some community people kept me supplied with firewood. And eventually some of the men volunteered to help me fire the furnace—what a blessing that was. One Sunday morning, my wife Louise, baby Andy, and I provided transportation for 80-year retired artist, Marian K. Zane. (Marian had produced color paintings for National Geographic.) We noticed as we walked into the church that it was -20 below zero inside as well as -20 below outside. One man had failed to fulfill his promise to build the fire. Miss Zane would not let us take her back home. She stood on the furnace grate, wrapped from head to toe in many layers of warm clothing, while I built a hot fire.

About three years ago, while on a business trip to Boston, Andy rented a car and visited the church at Twin Mountain. He found the current Baptist pastor at the church (probably studying for his Sunday sermon). The church had improved their building, sponsored a Christian school, and provided their pastor a salary. I think they now have a gas furnace.

News From Free Will Baptist Family Ministries

Special thanks to all those who gave so generously, our children at Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, enjoyed a great Christmas. We are so grateful for everything you've done in years past, and once again, this year you came through with showers of gifts, creating a memorable Christmas for each one.

On another note, you may remember in August of 2001, we experienced a great deal of damage caused by a devastating flood. At that time, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offered little financial assistance, due in part to our faith based, non-profit status. Just recently, however, President Bush passed the Faith Based Initiative, making us eligible for a \$600,000.00 grant, providing we raise an additional \$200,000.00. The funds will be used in our restoration efforts at the OAKS camp; the clean up of logs and debris as a result of the flood, reconstruction of two flood damaged bridges, a strengthening wall and fireplace added to our tabernacle, as well as constructing a new activities building to replace the structure lost in the flood. This funding will also allow us to include additional recreational areas to the camp.

We are praising God for such a tremendous blessing and the incredible opportunity He has presented us. Youth camps and retreats are a vital part of our ministry. We are asking you to consider helping us in our efforts to raise the additional funding needed to restore and rebuild. This project will allow us to take this ministry to a new level. For more information on how you can be involved, please contact us at 423-639-9449.

Colleges to Hold Rally

The students of Free Will Baptist Bible College and Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College will jointly sponsor a rally for all Free Will Baptist college students, regardless of what college they attend. *Fusion Rally* will be held April 2-3, 2004, at First FWB Church, in Russellville, Arkansas.

"We wanted to create something for college students that would bring them together to meet and build relationships," says Paul Bryant, FWBBC student body president. "With that in mind, we planned this conference to be enjoyable, relaxing, and very interesting."

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Christopher Leland, a teacher with the Focus On The Family Institute. He will speak on how to defend your faith and how to develop a Christian worldview. Special music will be by Michael Boggs, who sings with FFH and is a Hillsdale alumnus.

The cost is \$10 for those who register before March 10; \$15 for all who register later. Make your check out to "Fusion Rally" and send it to:

Fusion Rally
c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37205.



Geraldine Plummer Gone Home

Geraldine Faye Plummer, daughter of Ralph and Emma Walker Webster, was born July 24, 1927, near Sleeper, Missouri. She departed this life Wednesday, December 24, 2003, in St. John's Hospital, in St. Louis, Missouri, at the age of seventy-six years and five

months.

On November 13, 1945, she was united in marriage to Calvin C. Plummer, and to this union two daughters were born.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Betty Hoefle.

Geraldine is survived by her husband of fifty-five years, Calvin; two daughters, Linda Fiordimondo and her husband Joe of Wentzville, Missouri, and Donna Carmona and her husband Len of St. Louis, Missouri; eight grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Geraldine was a member of the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis for many years, and she served as a Sunday School teacher in the teen department. She also worked with the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary. After moving to Lebanon she joined the First Free Will Baptist Church where she served as choir director. Later she united with the Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church and served as choir director of that church until she became ill. She loved music and particularly enjoyed southern gospel music. She will be greatly missed by her family, church, and friends.

Funeral Services were held December 29, 2003, at the Holman-Howe chapel in Lebanon with burial in the Washington cemetery. Revs. Milan Ruble, Clarence Burton, and Nathan Ruble officiated.

Housing Reservations for the 2004 Free Will Baptist National Convention

Housing Reservations for the 2004 Free Will Baptist Convention can be made beginning 8:00 a.m. CST, April 1, 2004. Hotels will not accept reservations in our housing block until that time. The April issue of Contact will contain convention housing information and the information will be available on the convention website (www.nafwb.org/convention) beginning March 15, 2004.

Blanche Matthews With the Lord

Blanche Matthews age 83 of Guin, Alabama, died Thursday, December 4, 2003, in the Sunset Manor Nursing Home in Guin.

Born in Mine La Motte, Missouri, she was the daughter of the James and Eva Henson Huffman. She had lived in Guin since 1973. She was a member of the Barnsville Free Will Baptist Church and a faithful pastor's wife for 60 years.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Woodrow Matthews of Guin, AL, two sons, Gary (Joyce) Matthews of Kirksville, MO, David (Kathy) Matthews of Guin, AL. Three grandchildren, Chad (Denise) Matthews of Kirksville, MO, Alisha (Derrick) Dove of Sulligent, AL, and Ashley Matthews of Guin, AL. Three Sisters, Alta Matthews and Joyce Lunsford of Fredericktown, MO and Annie Rebella of Nevis MN, and two brothers, Truman Huffman and Vernon (Abe) Huffman of Fredericktown, MO.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Judith, and three brothers, Raymond, Homer, and Richard Huffman.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 7, 2003 at 2:00 PM at the Norwood Funeral home chapel with burial in Guin City cemetery. Bro. Scott Stokes, Bro. Jeff Fleming, and Bro. Mike Beckon officiating, with Norwood funeral home of Guin, AL directing.

EXCERPT FROM THE MASTER'S MEN MONTHLY MESSAGE

Chapter News!

Master's Men would like to start a new link on their website titled "Chapter News". We will post information from our different chapters and what they have going on. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share what your group is doing and look to see what others have done. Email us any information you have to share about your chapter.

FREE WILL BAPTIST HISTORY TOUR:

New information about our Free Will Baptist History Tour is now available on our website. The dates have been set for September 9-14, 2004. Join Master's Men for this exciting tour as we discover the rich heritage of our denomination.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deep South Golf Tournament ,Feb. 26-28, 2004, Dothan, AL

Master's Men Rally, March 26-27, 2004, Smithfield, NC

National Master's Men Retreat, May 13-15, 2004, Ashland, KY

*National Father's Day Offering for the Master's Men Department
June 20, 2004*

The dates for our annual golf and softball tournaments have been set. Mark your calendars! Golf Tournament will be held on August 5th and our Softball Tournament will be held on August 6th & 7th. See our website for more details, "<http://www.nafwb.org/mm>" www.nafwb.org/mm.

Missouri CTS Bible and Arts Competition

May 7 & 8, 2004

Boys and Girls Club of Springfield

1410 N. Fremont, Springfield, MO

Registrations and fees: See fee schedule on attached official registration form. Must be postmarked by April 13, 2004. Send registration and fees to Youth Ministry Board, P.O. Box 23808, Overland Park, KS 66283. Coaches will receive registration confirmation by email or mail (if email not available) prior to competition.

Questions concerning competition? Contact Board Chair, Mark Braisher at 913-814-0712.

Projected Schedule:

Friday –

Competition — 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday –

Competition — 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Awards Ceremony – 3:00 p.m.

Final schedule and details will be based on actual entries and will be available at competition.

Nachos, hotdogs, popcorn, candy, and soft drinks will be available at the Boys and Girls Club concession stand.

Directions to Boys and Girls Club of Springfield:

From Hwy. 65 and Interstate 44, go south on Hwy. 65 to Division Street. Go west on Division to Fremont. Go south on Fremont to Boys and Girls Club at 1410 N. Fremont.

Coming from the south take Hwy. 60 to Hwy. 65, north to

The following hotels are blocking a limited number of rooms for CTS Competition. You must request the special rate for Free Will Baptist Churches and reserve by April 24.

La Quinta Inn

1610 E. Evergreen, Springfield, MO

417-520-8800

2 Queen Beds - \$49.99 per room

(Double Suite) 2 Queen Beds with

a hide a bed sofa, refrigerator - \$59.99 per room

All rooms come with a continental breakfast.

Oasis

2610 N. Glenstone, Springfield, MO

417-866-5253

2 Double Beds - \$44.95 per room

Continental Breakfast

* In order to eliminate some taxes the room must be charged to church and a tax exempt letter must be presented to the hotel.

Pear Tree Inn

2745 N. Glenstone, Springfield, MO

417-869-0001

2 Double Beds - \$66.99 per room

Continental Breakfast

Econo Lodge - Springfield

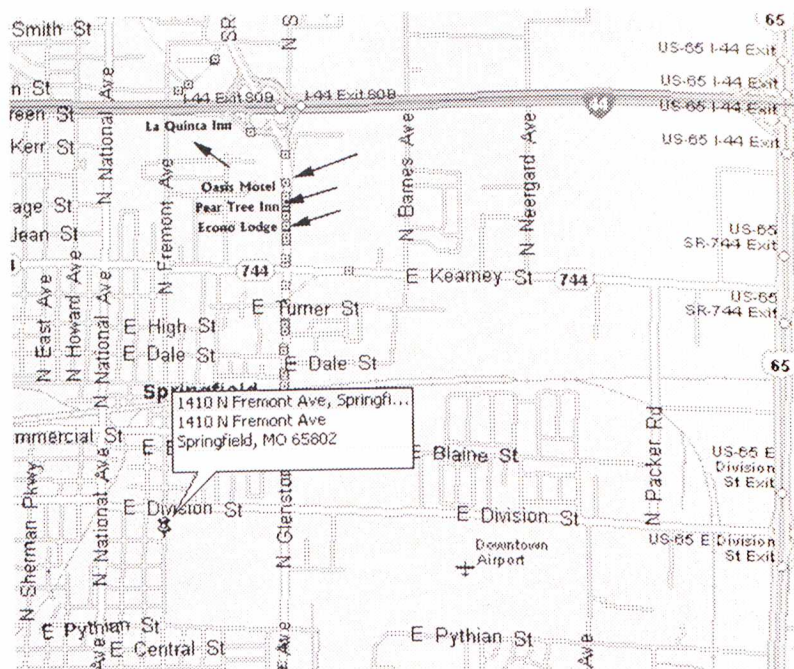
I 44 & 13 HWY

2808 N. Kansas Expwy, Springfield, MO

417-869-5600

2 Double Beds - \$40.00 per room

Continental Breakfast



Would You Like to Help?

Missouri Free Will Baptists will be hosting the National Association of Free Will Baptists Convention July 18-22, 2004. Ushers play an important part in helping the convention carry out its many functions in an orderly manner. If you would like to be an usher during the 2004 convention, contact Rev. Alan Kinder at: 3200 Blue Ridge Ext., Grandview, MO 64030 or phone 816/942-1200.

National Youth Conference Competition Registration Form

COMPETITION CODES

circle the appropriate information below and write correct code numbers in the boxes in the top right hand corner.

AGE GROUP

- A Grades 1 - 3
- B Grades 4 - 6
- C Grades 7 - 9
- D Grades 10 - 12

BIBLE DIVISIONS

- 0.11 Bible Memorization . Grade 1
- 0.12 Bible Memorization . Grade 2
- 0.13 Bible Memorization . Grade 3
- 0.14 Bible Memorization . Grade 4
- 0.15 Bible Memorization . Grade 5
- 0.16 Bible Memorization . Grade 6
- 0.17 Bible Memorization . Grade 7
- 0.18 Bible Memorization . Grade 8
- 0.19 Bible Memorization . Grade 9
- 0.20 Bible Memorization . Grade 10
- 0.21 Bible Memorization . Grade 11
- 0.22 Bible Memorization . Grade 12

MUSIC & ARTS

Vocal Solo

- 1.10 Vocal Solo (Age A-B)
- 1.20 Male Vocal Solo (Age C-D)
- 1.30 Female Vocal Solo (Age C-D)

Vocal Ensemble

- 2.20 Duets
- 2.30 Trios
- 2.40 Quartets
- 2.50 Ensemble with 5 - 12 members
- 2.60 Ensemble with 13 or more members

Instrumental Solo (non-keyboard)

- 3.10 Woodwind
- 3.20 Brass
- 3.30 Strings (Bowed)
- 3.40 Strings (Plucked)
- 3.50 Percussion

Instrumental Ensemble

- 4.10 Duets, Trios, or Quartets
- 4.20 Ensemble with 5 or more members

KEYBOARD

- 5.10 Manual/Electronic-Solo
- 5.20 Keyboard Ensemble

Communication Arts

- 6.10 Famous Speech
- 6.20 Preaching
- 6.30 Individual Drama
- 6.40 Illustrated Storytelling
- 6.50 Group Drama
- 6.60 Puppetry (live)
- 6.70 Puppetry (recorded)

Creative Writing

- 7.10 Short Story
- 7.20 Essay
- 7.30 Poetry

Electronic Media

- 8.10 Video
- 8.20 Web Page Design
- 8.30 Powerpoint Presentation

Creative Arts

- 9.10 Painting
- 9.20 Graphics
- 9.30 Three-Dimensional Art
- 9.40 Photography
- 9.50 Fabricated Art
- 9.60 Promotional Graphic Art
- 9.70 Computer Art

Exhibition Category

- E.X1 Comedy
- E.X2 Clowning
- E.X3 Sign Language
- E.X4 Song Writing
- E.X5 Praise Band

COMPETITION FEES

- \$25.00 per single category
- \$45.00 per group entries of 2-4 people
- \$75.00 per group entries of 5+ people

District-State-National

20

Year

Record code numbers from left column here →

-

Age Code

Competition Code

Name of participant or group (as you want it to appear in the directory)

Name of Church

City

State

E-Mail Address (for coach, pastor or church)

Pastor's Name

Pastor's phone number

- -

Name of director (or coach)

Director's phone number

- -

Name of Association

Total Fee for this entry

\$.

Complete the following information for each participant in this entry:

1. Name M ☐ F

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Current Grade

2. Name M ☐ F

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Current Grade

3. Name M ☐ F

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Current Grade

4. Name M ☐ F

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Current Grade

5. Name M ☐ F

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Current Grade

6. Name M ☐ F

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Current Grade

7. Name M ☐ F

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Current Grade

8. Name M ☐ F

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Current Grade

9. Name M ☐ F

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Current Grade

10. Name M ☐ F

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Current Grade

11. Name M ☐ F

Address

City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Current Grade

12. Name M ☐ F

Address

City St. Zip

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13. Name M ☐ F

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City St. Zip

Phone Birthday Current Grade

14. Name M ☐ F

Address

City St. Zip

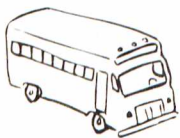
Phone Birthday Current Grade

For groups larger than 14, please use two forms to record additional information.

PARTICIPANT'S PLEDGE (to be signed by the individual participant or by the director (coach) of a group)

I certify that the information on this form is correct and that I (or each group member) meet the requirements for competition indicated above as stated in the Guidelines for Competitive Activities, and I promise to conduct myself (or group) in a manner becoming to a Christian and representative of my church, district, and state.

Signature of Participant or Director (Coach)



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Hispanic Mission continued from page 2

G.Q. & Anjum Qureshi, Monett. Bivens said that people from six countries were represented: Mexico, Guatemala, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Pakistan, and USA.

Ruth and the ladies of the congregation fretted and stewed-or maybe one could say they "roasted and stewed"- preparing a meal to feed the crowd. As usual, every one ate well and there was plenty left over. They concluded that once again the Lord had multiplied the tortillas.

The Palabras de Vida Eterna Church is located between Monett and Purdy on highway BB, 1/2 mile east of the Midway service station. The Sunday morning services begin at 10:30, and are conducted in Spanish. Rev. Scott McCully provides the music accompaniment for the worship and fills in for Bivens when he has to be away. English classes are offered to the public at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Spanish classes are also offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Those interested may call the Bivens at 236-9945.

I will declare thy
name unto my
brethren: in the
midst of the
congregation will I
praise thee.
Ps 22:22

Financial Report January 2004

Cooperative Disbursements

January 2004	\$71,255.27
18.50% St. Home Mission	\$13,182.22
17.00% Executive Office	12,113.40
3.00% General Fund	12,137.66
.50% Show-Me Plan	356.28
8.50% Youth Camp Board	6,056.70
2.50% Youth Mini Board	1,781.38
2.50% Christian Ed Board	1,781.38
2.50% Senior Adult Min Bd	1,781.38
9.00% MO Retirement	6,412.97
33%	23,514.24
National Ministries, Hillsdale	
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	
3.00% MO Show-Me Plan	2,137.66
Total	\$71,255.27

Coop

Alton	\$200.00
Amity	\$70.18
Amity	\$65.02
Aulsbury Chapel	\$174.37
Bailey	\$161.00
Bailey Chapel	\$166.00
Beacon	\$2,912.00
Belton	\$320.21
Berean	\$140.00
Bethel El Dorado Springs	\$259.46
Bethel Northview	\$518.00
Black Oak	\$339.90
Buffalo 1st	\$200.00
Byrd	\$95.55
Cabool	\$355.88
Cabool 1st	\$236.32
Calvary Chapel	\$1,029.80
Cape Girardeau	\$694.03
Carthage	\$285.00
Carthage	\$255.00
Central	\$1,154.19
Christ Chapel	\$538.00
Clifton	\$44.05
Columbia	\$515.00
Copper Mines	\$476.04
Cornerstone	\$450.71
Crossroads/Wentzville	\$1,286.00
Cuba	\$447.00
DeSoto 1st	\$1,700.00
Faith & Hope Aurora	\$143.47
Faith & Hope Willow Springs	\$53.89
Farmington 1st	\$3,993.73
Fellowship	\$1,200.00
Fordland	\$577.70
Fourth	\$333.32

Fredericktown 1st	\$232.00
Freeman Chapel	\$542.20
Gamblin, H.	\$1,900.00
Gospel Light	\$100.00
Grace	\$1,351.78
Grant Avenue	\$943.10
Grant Avenue	\$798.38
Green Hills Kirksville	\$101.14
Green Hills Lebanon	\$627.43
Greenfield	\$302.00
Hannibal	\$661.00
Hannon	\$722.00
Harmony	\$516.91
Hartville	\$1,053.00
Hartville	\$1,236.00
Harvest Raymore	\$287.40
Hazel Creek	\$656.33
Hopewell	\$208.00
Houston 1st	\$341.57
Hurryville	\$523.96
Jackson	\$229.63
Joplin 1st	\$676.00
Joplin 1st	\$861.89
Kings Way	\$243.11
Koshkonong	\$153.00
Lead Hill	\$300.73
Leadington	\$326.90
Lebanon 1st	\$1,222.24
Liberty	\$151.00
Lone Star	\$68.80
Macedonia Niangua	\$125.21
Macedonia Purdy	\$50.00
Marshfield	\$277.00
Merls Chapel	\$120.20
Mill Creek	\$406.40
Mine LaMotte	\$93.35
Monett 1st	\$945.56
Mountain Grove 1st	\$1,509.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$388.00
Mt. Zion Gower	\$38.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$1,581.67
Myrtle	\$138.79
Myrtle	\$154.60
New Home Lebanon	\$326.00
New Hope	\$290.15
New Life Licking	\$439.70
Niangua	\$225.64
Niangua	\$206.82
Number One	\$175.77
O' Fallon 1st	\$1,673.57
Oak Grove Mtn. Grove	\$240.00
Oak Hill	\$411.00
Olivet	\$520.00
Overland	\$85.00
Ozark 1st	\$1,534.50
Palabras de Vida Eterna	\$65.00
Park Hills 1st	\$1,110.93
Parkview	\$320.69
Pleasant Hill	\$161.66
Pleasant Home	\$155.80
Pleasant Ridge Urbana	\$103.00
Potosi 1st	\$115.25
Republic	\$100.00
Rock Chapel	\$332.19
Rolla 1st	\$440.00
Royal Oak	\$33.00
Salem	\$30.00
Seymour	\$427.00

Smyrna	\$68.00
Smyrna	\$85.00
Southern Hills	\$729.75
Springfield 1st	\$1,348.29
Thayer	\$968.00
Trinity	\$1,056.75
Trinity	\$765.00
Twin Oak	\$1,752.00
Union Grove	\$346.00
Union Light	\$177.00
United	\$1,706.57
Unity	\$670.00
Verdella	\$754.54
Viburnum	\$1,109.00
Victory Alton	\$1,678.19
Waynesville	\$328.54
West Plains 1st	\$722.00
West Plains 1st	\$690.00
Wilderness	\$1,051.00
Willow Springs Mtn. Grove	\$335.81
Wolf Creek	\$874.06
Total	\$71,255.27

Show-Me Plan

Barker, J.	\$15.00
Barker, J.	\$15.00
Beacon	\$1,043.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel El Dorado	\$259.46
Bethel Festus	\$45.00
Bethlehem	\$100.00
Black Oak	\$60.00
Brown, J.	\$15.00
Buffalo 1st	\$120.00
Burns, J.	\$110.00
Buxton, G.	\$30.00
Cabool 1st	\$105.00
Cabool 1st	\$105.00
Calvary Chapel	\$105.00
Cartee, J.	\$15.00
Cartee, J.	\$15.00
Carthage	\$658.50
Carthage Jr. Class	\$15.73
Carthage Ladies Auxilliary	\$250.00
Carthage Sunday School	\$175.00
Central	\$150.00
Chapel of the Ozarks	\$868.01
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Cooperative Plan	\$2,137.66
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines Teens & Jr.	\$30.00
Copper Mines Young Adult	\$15.00
Cornerstone	\$310.50
Cornerstone Joplin	\$200.00
Cuba	\$79.50
Darnell, W.	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$552.50
DeSoto Auditorium Class	\$30.00
Faith	\$24.00
Faith & Hope Willow Springs	\$120.00
Farmington 1st	\$300.00
Farmington 1st	\$550.00
Fellowship	\$990.38
Fordland	\$250.00
Fourth	\$75.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$60.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Garrett, R.	\$15.00
Gospel Light	\$1,000.00
Grace	\$557.00
Graham, S.	\$80.00
Graham, S.	\$60.00
Grant Avenue	\$345.00
Grant Avenue	\$240.00
Green Hills Lebanon	\$30.00
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannibal WAC	\$15.00
Hannon	\$3,782.00
Harmony	\$36.02
Hartville	\$240.00
Hartville	\$240.00
Harvest Raymore	\$60.00
Hazel Creek	\$437.55

Houston 1st	\$418.00
Hurryville	\$500.00
Hurryville	\$500.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult Class	\$18.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult Class	\$15.00
Indian Creek Volleyball	\$477.16
Jackson	\$41.00
Jones Chapel	\$281.50
Joplin 1st	\$842.92
Joplin 1st	\$75.00
Leadington	\$197.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Macedonia Purdy	\$101.64
Macedonia Purdy	\$2,988.00
Macedonia Purdy	\$898.36
Maggart, D.	\$45.00
Malloy, A.	\$20.00
Merls Chapel	\$100.00
Mill Creek	\$140.00
Mill Creek C. W. F.	\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult Class	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$75.00
MO WAC	\$1,287.15
Monett 1st	\$30.00
Monett 1st	\$365.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$385.00
Mouser, J.	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion Thayer	\$30.00
Mt. Zion Thayer	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Neosho 1st	\$1,000.00
Neosho 1st Auxillary	\$1,000.00
New Beginning	\$154.20
New Beginning	\$85.89
New Home Hartville	\$210.00
New Home Lebanon	\$180.00
New Hope	\$150.00
New Life Licking	\$134.50
New Life Monett	\$1,372.56
New Testament	\$15.00
Niangua	\$30.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Number One	\$60.00
O' Fallon 1st	\$163.00
Oak Grove Houston	\$30.00
Oak Hill	\$20.00
Old Bethel	\$360.00
Olivet	\$40.00
Ozark 1st	\$60.00
Palbras de Vida Eterna	\$50.00
Palbras de Vida Eterna	\$15.00
Park Hills	\$333.27
Parker, G.	\$15.00
Parkview	\$307.14
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Grove	\$1,783.33
Pleasant Hill	\$45.00
Pleasant Home	\$600.00
Pleasant Ridge Urbana	\$50.00
Purdy 1st	\$930.00
Richwoods	\$45.00
Rock Chapel	\$210.00
Rock Springs	\$76.00
Rogers, B.	\$15.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble, N.	\$45.00
Southeast MO Assn.	\$90.00
Southern Hills	\$160.00
Springfield 1st	\$515.00
Thayer	\$412.00
Trinity	\$525.00
Trinity	\$435.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United	\$308.77
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$949.54
Viburnum	\$225.00
Victory Alton	\$45.00
Walker, H.	\$10.00
Walnut Grove	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st	\$433.30
White, R.	\$30.00
Wilderness	\$191.50

Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Willow Springs Mtn. Grove	\$90.00
Total	\$43,192.54

Foreign Missions

Central	\$55.00
Chapman, A.	\$20.00
Cuba	\$15.90
Farmington 1st	\$27.50
G. M.	\$291.00
Grant Avenue	\$15.00
Hannon	\$1,000.00
Hartville	\$35.00
Hartville	\$35.00
Houston 1st	\$60.00
Lewis, D.	\$20.00
Matthews, A.	\$15.00
Minor, K.	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$60.00
New Testament	\$35.00
Oak Hill	\$25.00
Pleasant Home	\$88.20
Rock Chapel	\$10.00
Rolla 1st	\$245.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Trinity	\$20,175.55
Trinity	\$44.25
Verdella	\$150.91
Waynesville 1st	\$190.00
Total	\$22,633.31

Nat'l Home Missions

Beacon	\$120.00
Carthage	\$5.00
Carthage	\$5.00
Central	\$25.00
Cuba	\$47.70
DeSoto 1st	\$185.00
Farmington	\$100.00
Farmington 1st	\$370.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$10.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grace	\$27.00
Grant Avenue	\$10.00
Grant Avenue	\$49.92
Hannon	\$2,009.00
Houston 1st	\$45.00
Jackson	\$75.00
Jackson Youth	\$41.17
King, B.	\$5.00
Monett 1st	\$5.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$45.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Myrtle	\$62.00
New Home Hartville	\$10.00
New Testament	\$75.00
Oak Hill	\$57.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$61.00
Park Hills 1st	\$196.09
Rader, J.	\$20.00
Richwoods 1st	\$75.12
Rock Chapel	\$96.92
Ruble, N.	\$10.00
Ruble, N.	\$235.00
Thebeau, B.	\$5.00
Trinity	\$72.84
Trinity	\$58.25
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
Unity	\$50.00
Verdella	\$40.00
West Plains 1st	\$30.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Total	\$4,900.01

State Home Missions

Berean	\$20.00
Bethel Festus	\$15.00
Copper Mines	\$75.00
DeSoto 1st	\$90.00
Fellowship	\$100.00

Fordland	\$10.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grace	\$40.00
Grant Avenue	\$39.92
Lafayette Oklahoma	\$100.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	\$540.00
Macedonia Purdy	\$100.00
Myrtle	\$73.00
Myrtle	\$83.00
New Testament	\$50.00
Niangua	\$62.25
O' Fallon 1st	\$61.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Palabras de Vida Eterna	\$100.00
Pleasant Ridge Urbana	\$20.00
Republic	\$25.00
Rolla 1st	\$245.00
Southeast MO	\$150.00
Thayer	\$110.00
Trinity	\$52.84
Trinity	\$38.25
United	\$25.00
Unity	\$75.00
Waynesville	\$50.00
White, R.	\$10.00
Total	\$2,530.26

Youth Camp

DeSoto 1st	55.00
Hartville	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	540.00
Rolla 1st	20.00
Stephens, T.	10.00
Trinity	9.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
New Home- Hartville	10.00
Cabool 1st	10.00
Cornerstone	25.00
Park Hills 1st	5.54
Hannon	50.00
Hannon (for Laundry Room)	142.31
Unity	55.00
Cabool 1st	120.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Trinity	9.00
West Plains 1st	25.00
Buffalo 1st	100.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove	10.00
Berean	20.00
Verdella	10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	10.00
Hartville	10.00
Niangua	20.00
Total	\$1,300.85

Camp Development Fund

Myrtle	24.00
Rock Chapel	160.00
Houston 1st	100.00
Myrtle	25.00
Trinity	10,000.00
Total	\$10,309.00

C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..	\$140.00
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Senior Adult Ministries

Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..	\$140.00
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Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store ..	\$140.00
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Free Will Baptist Bible College

DeSoto 1st	40.00
Farmington 1st	150.00
Myrtle	100.00
Ruble, N.	15.00
Oak Hill	10.00
Hannon(Paul Ketteman Drive)	
.....	300.00
Unity	20.00

Verdella	150.91
Beacon	125.00
Total	\$940.91

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist

CollegeFarmington 1st	150.00
Monett 1st	100.00
Joplin 1st	85.00
Oak Hill	10.00
Joplin 1st	75.00
Southern Hills	100.00
Hannon	100.00
Thayer	50.00
Farmington 1st	25.00
Beacon	125.00
Grant Avenue	25.00
Total	\$845.00

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Degonia, C.	100.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Nosser, M.	25.00
Myrtle	30.00
Stephens, T.	10.00
Cornerstone	25.00
Unity	20.00
Hannon	300.00
New Hope	30.00
Myrtle	26.00
Total	\$621.00

Rev. John McClure

Carthage	15.00
Farmington 1st	5.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	10.00
Carthage	15.00
Total	\$45.00

Vergel Maness

Myrtle	120.00
Grace	100.00
Gospel Light	80.00
Total	\$300.00

Women Nationally Active for Christ

Ruble, J.	10.00
Trinity	1200.00
Total	\$1,210.00

Brian Brinkhoff

Unity	12.50
New Testament	10.00
Total	\$22.50

Richard Standley

Chapman, A.	\$10.00
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Victor TorresUnited

Youth Group	\$200.00
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Berea Ministries

Hartville	150.00
Hartville	150.00
Total	\$300.00

George Lemelin

Jackson	21.50
Jackson Youth	20.58
Total	\$42.08

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

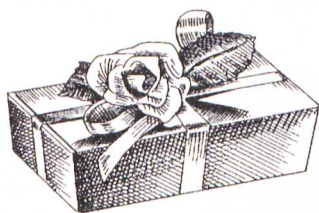
Unity	\$12.50
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Mark Cole

Macedonia- Purdy	\$500.00
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Scott Lundeen

Verdella	\$377.27
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LOCAL FOLKS HELP DELIVER SHOE BOX GIFTS TO MEXICO

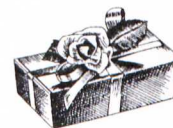
Dec. 27th, a group of 42 Free Will Baptists from Missouri and Oklahoma made a run for the border. Under the guidance of missionary builder Mark Cole of Blanchard OK, they took 1261 decorated shoe box gifts to several orphanages and churches in Mexico to be distributed among the children. Boxes went to Altamira, Reynosa, Tampico, and Piedras Negras Mexico, and although there was a trailer load, there were not enough to go around.

Area churches participating in the shoe box program include: Chapel of the Ozarks Free Will Baptist Church of Rocky Comfort; Bethlehem FWB Church in Rocky Comfort; First FWB Church of Neosho; and the Hispanic Free Will Baptist Church of Monett. The Purdy High School student's club "Youth Alive" participated in the project preparing 27 shoe box gifts. A group from Church of the Ozarks and two young ladies from Neosho made the trip.

Those making the trip were gripped by the grinding poverty of the "homes" along an irrigation canal in Reynosa and shacks down a railroad track behind the orphanage in Piedras Negras. Along with the colorful boxes of goodies they distributed bags of rice and beans to each house. They came away with a greater appreciation of their American citizenship, and the abundance of blessings we enjoy in our daily lives here at home. Comments ranged from "It was awesome!", to "I'm going back!" to "I may just end up down there one of these days." Some were unable to speak about it because of the overwhelming emotion that the memories of the experience bring.

John Bivens, House Parent at the children's home "Casa Hogar Niños de Piedras Negras" in Piedras Negras, Mexico said, "It was a great group of people. We had a wonderful time and the kids loved them."

Cole has plans to repeat the trip next summer with a special project called "Christmas in July".



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