



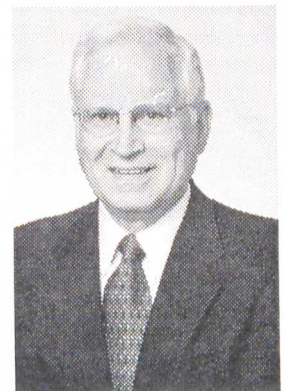
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Rev. Gene Crewse



Dr. Charles Shepson



Rev. William Evans

91st Annual Session
Missouri State Association
of Free Will Baptists

Clarion Hotel
Springfield, MO
June 7-9, 2004

Theme:
"Founded, Faithful, Focused"



Rev. Melvin Haas



Rev. Steve Reeves

Glenda Keith With the Lord

Glenda Rae Keith, daughter of Otis B. and Jean Moles Helsley, was born December 26, 1946, in Mansfield, Missouri. She departed this life Friday, February 27, 2004, in St. John's Regional Health Center, in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of fifty-seven years, two months, and one day.

On June 20, 1965, she was united in marriage to Robert Keith and to this union two sons were born.

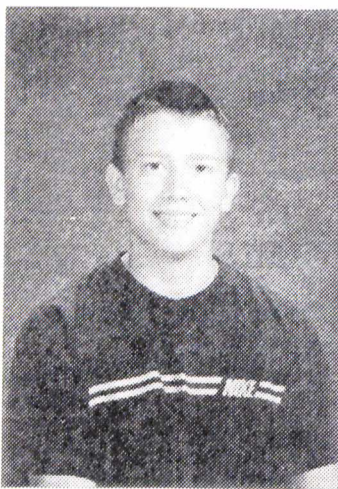
Glenda was saved at the Wolf Creek Church when she was just a child. She was baptized and was a faithful member of the church the rest of her life. She served faithfully for many years as the clerk of the Mission Association of Free Will Baptists and also of the First Quarterly Meeting until failing health forced her to resign.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; two sons, Brent, and his wife Susan, and Scott and his wife Tonja; five grandchildren, Lindsay, Carley, Matthew, Zachary, and Braden; her parents, Otis and Jean Helsley, her brother, Lynn Helsley; several aunts and uncles; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Kenneth and Faye Keith, and Dale and Cheryl Keith; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relations and friends.

Glenda was an extremely talented person. Her outgoing personality and warm friendly smile made her an easy person to love. With the strong voice that God gave her, she blessed many of our hearts with her singing. Many times in her praising God in song, the glory of heaven would come down and hearts would be moved. She served as church pianist for years, not only in her local church, but also in many churches in this area. She and Bob were a blessing as they ministered in song. They were indeed a team. All over southwest Missouri they were known as Bob and Glenda. No doubt that God intended for this wonderful couple to be together. She excelled at whatever she did. She wrote several good songs, poetry and many other things that could be mentioned, but the greatest, most important would be the Godly life she lived. I think it could be said of her, as it was of an Old Testament character, Glenda walked with God consistently for fifty years and she was not for God took her.



Josh Provow Selected for E-Team Panama



Josh Provow

The Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church is proud to announce that Joshua Provow has been selected to participate in the E-TEAM Panama 2004. This is a high school student ministry of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. This is indeed an honor to have been chosen for this endeavor. He is the only one to go from the state of Missouri. Joshua is the son of Les and Eileen Provow and they will travel to Nashville, Tennessee on June 14, where Josh will begin a week of training on what to expect in Panama. On June 20 Josh and ten other team members, one college intern, and an adult chaperone couple will leave for Panama. After landing in Panama City, they will go to the Panama countryside and go to local villages. During their two week stay, they will go to Parita, Las Tablas, and Chitro. While there, they will do various construction projects, Bible schools, public scripture readings, mime presentations, tract distributions, and church visitation. They will have the opportunity to stay with local Christians in these towns. Their main objective is to see souls won for God's kingdom, but also to encourage local Christians and help them in any way they can. On July 5, E-TEAM Panama will return to Nashville for a day of debriefing.

Due to the generous donations of his home church and the other local Free Will Baptist churches in Southeast Missouri Association, plus friends and family, Josh was able to raise all his needed funds for this journey.

The Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church is justly proud of this young man and we expect great things from him in the future. The pastor of the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church is Rev. Darin Alvis.

All items for publication must be in the hands of the editor no later than the 5th of the month preceding the issue month. Business Office: 202 West Commercial, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, Missouri 65536, Nathan Ruble, Editor. Address all correspondence relating to the GEM, including subscription and mailing information, to the above address. The sermons and articles published in the GEM represent the personal views of the authors and not necessarily the views and policies of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists or of the editor. Subscription rates: Single subscription, \$4.50 per year, cash in advance. Church Plan, \$4.00 per year, consisting of five subscriptions or more. The Church Plan will continue until it is canceled by the church. This magazine is published monthly.

General Board Selects New Executive Secretary

Rev. Gary Fry has been selected by the Missouri General Board to succeed retiring Executive Secretary Nathan Ruble. The 53 year old pastor is a native of Mountain Grove, Missouri. He is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and is currently working on a master's degree at the Assembly of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Missouri.

He has 34 years of ministry experience, serving as youth pastor and minister of music in the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mountain Grove, Missouri. He has pastored two churches, the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church in Bratt, Florida, and the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove, Missouri, where he has served since 1981. He founded the Mountain Grove Christian Academy in 1982 and the KFFW-FM Christian radio station in 2003.

Gary has held a number of district and state positions both in Florida and Missouri. In Missouri he has served the state as moderator, general board member, executive committee member, and currently serves as a member of the Christian Education Board and the Show-Me Plan Committee. He is chairman of the Free Will Baptist College Board of Trustees and a member of the general board of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

Brother Gary married Cynthia Allen in 1972 and they have three children, Jessica Gainey, Nashville, TN, Thadaeus Fry, Nashville, TN, and Katherine Fry of the home. He and Cynthia are also proud grand-parents.

Gary and his family will be moving to Lebanon this summer and assume his duties on August 1, 2004. Please pray for and support the ministry of this fine family as they make this transition.



St Francois Women Active for Christ Install New Officers



The St. Francois WAC held its Installation of Officers at their March 20 District meeting held at the Fredericktown First FWB Church. Pictured is: Kathy Thebeau, Coordinator; Linda Ragsdale, Vice Co-Coordinator & Field Worker; Carolyn Rouse, Secretary; Mary White (secretary in training); Becki Wisdom, Treasurer; Carol Belken, Mission Action Chairman; Melody Carr, Mission Prayer Chairman; and Lee Ann Wilfong (wrote and conducted the Installation Skit). The theme was making WAC cookies. We each have just a small part but it takes all of us to make the batch come out right. Not pictured: Laverne Thorsrud, Mission Study Chairman.

Good News from New Hope in Fredericktown

R e v . D a v i d McCutcheon of the New Hope F. W. B. church in Fredericktown, MO, was honored to baptize Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kimmich on November 16, 2003.

Bro. Bob, age 89, was saved during our revival in October, under the preaching of Rev. Cliff Clark. Shortly after the revival ended, Sis. Juanita Kimmich came to the altar, too. The couple requested to be baptized together.

Many friends and neighbors witnessed this joyous occasion.

You are never too old to join God's family.



The Mile High Update

The Cheathams

Tough Decisions Lie Ahead

Proverbs 14:8a

The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way...

Our work here in Denver is nearing some new pathways we've never been through. In many cases, we have several options as to direction and all look good, but only one can be chosen. Our recent growth has continued into the spring season as yet another new family is joining us for worship. That is not to say we're "bursting at the seams" but we're not far away either. NOW is the time to act and begin to put into place plans to continue our forward momentum. If we don't, we'll certainly lag back in our progress and I don't want that. A very real option is the possibility of going to two worship services in the fall. Our leadership is exploring that option which would give us some additional breathing room. Our sanctuary is only about two to three families from being over 80 percent full and our limited parking gives us few options other than another service. I'll tell you, I'm so glad to be having these problems. It's obvious your prayers are being heard and I ask for you to continue to pray for us and for wisdom to make the right decisions as we grow. The wonderful thing about our growth is that we are adding "unchurched" families. That is, folks who were not going to church at all prior to attending Mile High. That's my goal. I tell our folks that I don't want to be a church that gathers sheep from other folks' flocks. With that emphasis though, comes the very real need for discipleship and leadership training so we can have believers mature and prepared for service in our work here. It's beginning to take shape gradually from where we were just a few months ago, but there is still much that needs to be done. All of this is good news for you, our faithful supporter. Jesus is building His church here in North Denver! People are being saved, baptized and serving in our fellow-ship. The beginnings of what I see as a strong, church planting fellowship of believers is taking shape each and every week. Continue to pray for us. I'll have some special news to share with you next month. I can't wait to let you know about it, but I'm making myself wait it out until warm weather permanently arrives! In the news business, this is called a teaser to get you to read the next issue. I'll visit with you then!

What's Happening With Our Account?

Glad you asked! If you have Internet access, you can go to the National Home Missions website "www.homemissions.net" and click on the prayer page and look under "burdens." The accounts are organized alphabetically, so I'm near the top. We are still several dollars in the red. Each dollar you give to our account goes so very far in this endeavor. Right now, giving is consistent but is about \$1000 a month less than what is needed just to bring my expenses to zero balance each month. Not to mention the deficit that's there now. So many individuals and churches help us each month and I'm so grateful for each of you. In

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Speakers for the 91st Session of the Missouri State Association

The 91st session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists will be held June 7 - 9, 2004, at the Clarion Hotel, 3333 South Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri. The theme of this year's convention is "Founded, Faithful, Focused." Four speakers - Rev. Gene Crewse, Rev. Melvin Haas, Rev. Steve Reeves and Rev. William Evans will develop the theme.

The Monday evening message will be delivered by Rev. Gene Crewse. The Missouri native was born in Upton, Missouri, converted in 1959, and ordained to the ministry in 1973. He is a graduate of Mountain Grove high school and a student of Hillsdale college through MO MBI.

During his 31 years in the ministry, Brother Crewse has pastored five churches in Missouri. He has been in his present pastorate at the Fordland Free Will Baptist Church since 1990.

Brother Gene has held positions on the district and state level, and he currently serves on the Senior Adult Ministries Board.

He and his wife Dottie have three children Andy, Amy and Anna.

Dr. Charles Shepson will be the speaker for Tuesday morning workshop and the eleven clock service. He has been widely used as a conference speaker in the United States and thirty other countries. He holds a B.S. degree from Nyack College, Nyack, New York, a M.A. from New York University, New York City, and a D.D. from Toccoa Falls College, Toccoa Falls, Georgia.

Brother Shepson has authored nine books, held pastorates in New York, Minnesota and British Columbia, and served as Dean of Students at St. Paul Bible College. He is the founder and director of Fairhaven Ministries in Roan Mountain, Tennessee, and currently he is opening Fairhaven Ministries in Canada.

Rev. Melvin Haas will fill the pulpit Tuesday evening. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee. As the son of missionary parents, he spend most of his early years in France. He was converted in 1967 and ordained to preach in 1982.

He has pastored churches in New Hampshire, Maine, Canada and South Carolina. He currently pastors the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church in Thayer, Missouri. Brother Melvin has been actively involved in district and state ministries where he has served.

Brother Haas attended Free Will Baptist Bible College and completed his under graduate degree at the Francis Marion University and earned a Master of Theological Studies from the Louisiana Baptist Theological Seminary.

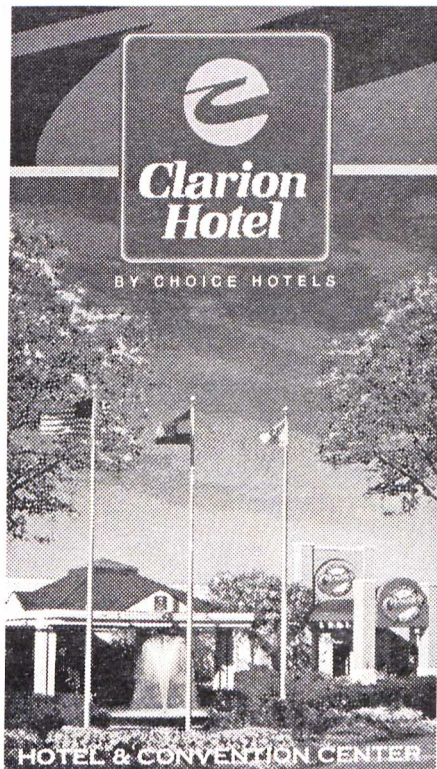
Melvin and his wife Sheila have four children, James, Michelle, Miriam, and Joseph.

The Wednesday morning worship service will have Rev. Steve Reeves delivering the message. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and was converted in 1965. Steve

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Hotel Information 2004 State Meeting

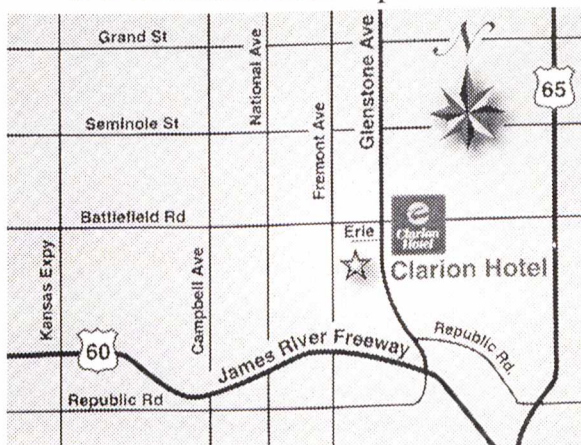
Missouri Free Will Baptists will meet at the Clarion Hotel in Springfield for the 91st annual session June 7 - 9, 2004. All meetings will be held at the Clarion hotel.



\$59.95 + tax
1- 4 people

When you register, you must tell them you are with Missouri Free Will Baptists and reserve by May 23.

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Springfield, MO 65804
417-883-6550
Toll Free: 800-756-7318
www.clarionhotel-spfld.com



2004 PROGRAM MISSOURI STATE MEETING

Theme: "Founded, Faithful, Focused"

Heb. 12:1,2

Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

Monday, June 7, 2004

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Missouri WAC

1:30 p.m.

General Board Meeting

7:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Rev. Gene Crewse

"Founded in the Past"

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

C. E. Bd. Workshop

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Dr. Charles Shepson

1:30 p.m.

Business Session

7:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Melvin Hass

"Faithful in the Present- In Sanctification"

Wednesday, June 9, 2004

9:00 a.m. Devotion

Rev. Kenny Simpson

Till adjournment

Business Session

11:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Steve Reeves

"Faithful in the Present - In Service"

Afternoon Business

7:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Rev. Bill Evans

"Focused on the Future"

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was ordained to preach the gospel in 1979. He has pastored churches in Missouri and Oklahoma. He and his family served 10 years as missionaries in Spain. He presently serves as a State Home Missionary in Columbia, Missouri, where he founded the Rejoice Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Steve has been actively involved in state and district ministries.

He and his wife Linda have one daughter, Hanna.

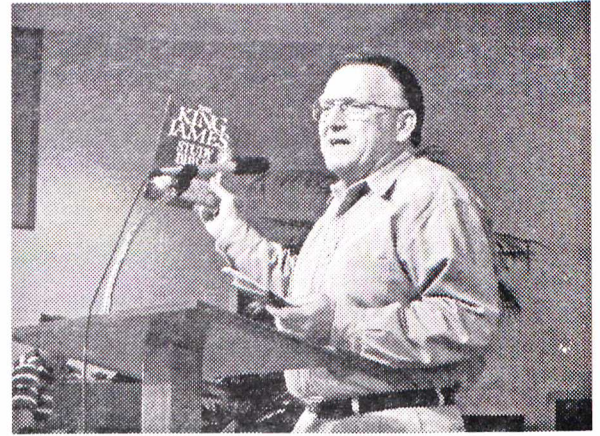
Rev. Bill Evans, General Director of Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement, will be our speaker for the Wednesday evening service. He is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, and he has pastored churches in Missouri, New Hampshire, Georgia, and Kentucky.

Bro. Evans has served in a number of organizations and held a number of positions on the district, state and national level. He served as moderator of the Missouri State Association, as a board member of the Board of Retirement, as director of trust services for World Literature Crusade, and as associate director of the Board of Retirement. Since 1993, he has served as General Director of the Board of Retirement and the Free Will Baptist Foundation.

He and his wife Brend have three children, Jeffery, Lee, and Benjamin.



Clips
From the
2004
Minister's
Retreat



1st Annual Bass and Crappie Fishing Tournament

FWBBC Fund Raiser

On May 22, 2004, the Missouri Alumni Association of Free Will Baptist Bible College, will be hosting a fishing tournament to be held on Truman Lake. The location will be the Long Shoal Marina (660-438-2841), located 8 ½ miles just west of Warsaw, MO on Hwy. 7. The entry fee is \$50.00 per boat, based on a two-man team. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place winners for the largest stringer of Largemouth Bass and for the largest stringer of Crappie. We will also have drawings for free give-a-ways. Awards will be based on the total revenue from all entry fees. 1st place winners receive a 10 % payback per team. 2nd place winners receive a 5 % payback per team, and 3rd place winners receive a 2.5 % payback per team. The Angler with the largest Largemouth Bass will receive \$50. The Angler with the largest Crappie will also receive \$50. The proceeds after awards will go to the renovation of Ennis Hall – The National Alumni Project of Free Will Baptist Bible College. To register your group or to request brochure, please contact Ken Simpson (816)353-7449, Greg Smith (417)581-0784, Joe Wilson (417) 664-2302. Applications are available upon request.

Rules for the Tournament:

1. No Fishing within 50 yards of a public dock, marina, gas pumps, or another contestant that is anchored or tied up.
2. No iced fish will be weighed.
3. Crappie must be at least 9 inches long with a limit of 15
4. Bass must be at least 15 inches long with a limit of 5
5. Any bait or method of fishing may be used.
6. Dead fish being weighed will receive a .5 - pound penalty.
7. Late penalty. Anglers not at designated check-in site (Long Shoal Marina) at 1 p.m. will be penalized ½ pound for every five minutes late.
8. All anglers must meet at 7:00 a.m. at the marina, but may drive to another location to put their boat in the water. (For example: Berry Bend Boat Dock). Anglers are reminded to return to Long Shoal Marina at 1:00 p.m. or be penalized for every 5 minutes late.

Registration Form

We have read and understand the rules and enclose the completed application and entry fee to MO FWBBC Alumni, Attn. Greg Smith, 201 East Church Street, Ozark, MO 65721.

In signing this application, we hereby waive and release all other contestants, sponsors, host and tournament officials from all claims for injury and /or damage incurred in connection with this tournament.

Boater's Name _____ Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Church _____
Signature _____

Fishing Partner _____ Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

160 ATTEND FWBBC WELCOME DAYS

The college welcomed 160 prospective students from 46 churches and 17 states to the campus March 25-27 for the spring edition of Welcome Days. The 23 sponsors brought the total to 183 visitors.

The most from one state was 25 from Missouri, followed by Tennessee (23) and Michigan (21). The largest church group was nine from Virginia Beach FWB Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Students sampled classes and attended numerous special activities, including a Friday afternoon baseball game and an evening choir program.

Matt Markins, director of enrollment management, says, "I hope prospective students see us as a college where they can get a Bible-based education in an academically challenging environment that is balanced in its spiritual, social, and academic arenas." At least seven new applications were turned in before our guests left.

The next Welcome Days is scheduled for Nov. 11-13, 2004. To make your reservations call 1-800-76-FWBBC or email recruit@fwbbc.edu.

Free Will Baptist National Convention to Meet in Kansas City

The National Association of Free Will Baptists meets in Kansas City, Missouri, July 18-22, 2004, for its 68th annual session. Executive Secretary Keith Burden says he expects 6,000 delegates and visitors from 40 states at Kansas City Convention Center for the five-day meeting. For the seventh time, Missouri's 15,000 members and 186 churches will host the national convention. The National Association previously met in Missouri in 1944 (Flat River); 1958, 1969 (St. Louis); 1964, 1978, 1988 (Kansas City).

The National Association of Free Will Baptists includes 2,500 churches and 215,000 members. The denomination supports 106 missionaries in 13 foreign countries and 138 home missionaries in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

National convention delegates are expected to approve denominational budgets which will exceed \$22 million. Moderator Tim York will gavel the voting body through electing 31 board and commission members and general officers. Each national agency and commission will submit an annual report to delegates during the two-day convention business session on Wednesday and Thursday.

The 2004 convention theme is "Harvest Time." Five pastors will deliver major addresses: Glenn Murray (United FWB Church/West Plains, Missouri), Kerry Gandy (Rolling Oaks FWB Church/Maumelle, Arkansas), Randy Wright (Piney Grove FWB Church/Beaverton, Alabama), José Rodriguez (Ebenezer FWB Church/Miami, Florida) and Glen Johnson (Good News FWB Church/Chesterfield, Virginia). Missouri layman Bob Farwell, a science and math instructor as well as creation science lecturer, will teach the Adult Sunday School Class.

Meeting simultaneously with the National Association are the 37th annual National Youth Conference (NYC), with an expected 1,500 registrants and the 69th annual Women Nationally Active for Christ (WNAC) Convention with more than 700 women anticipated.

The four-day NYC which includes Bible competitive activities as well as a music and arts festival will rally around the theme, "Xtreme Cause, Xtreme Cost," from Matthew 10:38. NYC will conduct separate worship services for youth. Numerous seminars are scheduled for attendees. Several hundred teens will participate in "Reach That Guy" service and work projects within the Kansas City community. The youth will meet with adults Wednesday evening for a combined worship service at Kansas City Convention Center. The two-day WNAC theme is "Great Expectations." During a two-hour Monday afternoon seminar, delegates will get a first look at "Show Me HGTV-WNAC Style" led by Debbie Burden. Tuesday's business session convenes at Kansas City

Convention Center. The WNAC keynote service will feature foreign missionaries to Japan, Don and Ruth McDonald. Missionary Lynette Morgan (on special assignment) will address the Fellowship Luncheon at noon Tuesday.



Tuesday morning's Preaching Conference meets in Kansas City Convention Center. Participants at the two-hour conference will hear Tulsa, Oklahoma, pastor David Archer and Burton, Michigan, pastor Allen West.

The Monday afternoon (3:00-5:00 p.m.) Missions Rally in Kansas City Convention Center will draw some 800 ministers and laymen for a two-hour session.

The Kansas City Marriott will serve as headquarters hotel for the national convention, National Youth Conference and WNAC. Worship services and plenary business sessions will meet at Kansas City Convention Center.

Seven Missouri Free Will Baptists serve on the national Steering Committee to coordinate the 2004 convention:

- Nathan Ruble (Lebanon) - Steering Committee Chairman
- Richard Robinson (Joplin) - State Moderator
- Ken Simpson (Raytown) - Hospitality Committee Chairman
- Gene Howell (Grandview) - Prayer Committee Chairman
- Allen Kinder (Grandview) - Ushering Committee Chairman
- Shirley Jackson (St. Peters) - State WAC President
- Mark Braisher (Overland Park) - State NYC Advisor

For more information about the national convention, please visit the convention website at www.nafwb.org/convention

HILLSDALE Free Will Baptist College

Dear Friends of Hillsdale:

It seems almost impossible that graduation is just around the corner. We are excited to have fifty-one graduates scheduled to walk across the stage of the new Bill J. and Alma Lou Barber Center, shake President Cheshier's hand, and receive their degree on Friday, May 14, 2004. This promises to be an exciting and joyous occasion!

Please pray for each of our graduates as they leave college and begin their new journey in life. Also, pray for those students who are planning to continue their education at Hillsdale College. . . .

Your contributions are making a difference in the lives of many.



Speaker
Joanne King

Missouri Women Active For Christ Retreat

**STONECROFT CONFERENCE
CENTER**

AUGUST 20 - 21, 2004

Theme:
"Eyes of Faith"

RETREAT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

For those STAYING at the Conference Center

Cost: \$55.00 per person

List the ladies that will be staying in the same room (each room has 2 double or queen size beds). You may copy this form or add a sheet for additional names.

1/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone(____) _____ Church _____

2/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone(____) _____ Church _____

3/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone(____) _____ Church _____

4/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone(____) _____ Church _____

RETREAT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

*For those NOT STAYING
at the Conference Center*

List the ladies attending the retreat, but providing their own accommodations. Check which meals they will be eating at Stonecroft. The cost for registration and all meals will be \$32.00

1/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ Church _____
_____ Registration Fee \$17.00 _____ Friday Dinner \$10.00
_____ Saturday Breakfast \$5.00

2/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ Church _____
_____ Registration Fee \$17.00 _____ Friday Dinner \$10.00
_____ Saturday Breakfast \$5.00

3/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ Church _____
_____ Registration Fee \$17.00 _____ Friday Dinner \$10.00
_____ Saturday Breakfast \$5.00

4/Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ Church _____
_____ Registration Fee \$17.00 _____ Friday Dinner \$10.00
_____ Saturday Breakfast \$5.00

In order to accommodate the maximum number of ladies attending, there must be 4 ladies to each room. Rooms are assigned as reservations are received. **Reservations will not be accepted before June 21, 2004. Due to limited space and the purpose of the retreat, we request no babies please.**

Total amount inclosed: \$ _____. PLEASE SEND **ONE CHECK** FOR ALL REGISTERING WITH YOUR GROUP. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MISSOURI STATE WAC (no cash please). As in years past, no refunds will be given, but substitutions may be made. **PLEASE SEND FORM, CHECK, AND SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO:** Judith Ruble - 610 Hunters Creek Dr. - Lebanon, MO 65536.

addition, I've begun writing churches that aren't on our support list and encouraging them to get involved. Some have but several have not. I've continued to keep my mailing list for this newsletter pretty much intact from where it was in 2001, but I know that only about 40 percent of my individual list is consistently giving. I pray that many who have stopped, who still receive this newsletter, will pray about getting back on board with us for the next few years and help us to our goal of self supporting status. Our church is still not nearly ready for this burden but will soon be increasing it's monthly giving towards our deficit. The cost for the printing and mailing of this newsletter continues to rise. Nearly \$200 is spent sending this out, and I'm trying to be the very best steward I can with the money you are sending us. Please, pray for new givers and/or renewed giving from old supporters and let's get this deficit down and moving downward each month. It can happen, but only with your prayerful and financial support. Thank you to each one who is so faithful to help us each month. You are certainly the lifeblood which keeps us moving onward. I thank you and I know Home Missions does as well! God bless you!

The Cheathams

Correct Phone Number for Eastern Gate FWB Church

The Phone Number in the national directory for the Eastern Gate Free Will Baptist Church is incorrect. The correct phone number is 417-882-1429. The pastor is Rev. Keith Garrison

Financial Report March 2004

Cooperative Disbursements

March 2004	\$71,884.62
18.50% St Home Miss	\$13,298.65
17.00% Executive Office	12,220.38
3.00% General Fund	2,156.54
.50% Show-Me Comm	359.42
8.50% Youth Camp	6,110.19
2.50% Youth Ministries	1,797.12
2.50% Christian Ed Bd	1,797.12
2.50% Senior Adult Bd	1,797.12
9.00% MO Retirement	6,469.62
33%	23,721.92
National Ministries and Hillsdale	
Foreign Missions Board	
National Home Missions Bd	
Same Allocation	
FWBBC	
Hillsdale FWB College	
Executive Department	
Layman's Board	
Radio & TV Commission	
Theological Commission	
Historical Commission	
Board of Retirement	
3.00% MO Show-Me PI	2,156.54
Total	\$71,884.62

Co-op

Amity	\$124.72
Aulsbury Chapel	\$233.06
Bailey	\$234.00
Bailey	\$193.00
Bailey Chapel	\$255.00
Belton	\$404.25
Berean	\$60.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$497.32
Bethel-Northview	\$732.00
Black Oak	\$553.36
Byrd	\$91.00
Byrd	\$128.00
Cabool 1st	\$402.19

Calvary Chapel	\$1,765.50
Cape Girardeau	\$708.59
Carthage	\$265.00
Central	\$1,289.41
Christ Chapel	\$474.00
Clifton	\$58.61
Columbia	\$600.05
Copper Mines	\$447.21
Cornerstone	\$536.38
Crossroads- Wentzville	\$1,036.00
Cuba	\$650.00
DeSoto 1st	\$2,160.00
Faith & Hope- Aurora	\$85.19
Faith & Hope- Willow Spgs	\$72.70
Faith Chapel	\$337.15
Farmington	\$3,685.15
Fellowship	\$1,500.00
Fordland	\$1,419.52
Fourth	\$545.91
Fredericktown 1st	\$337.00
Freeman Chapel	\$478.10
Gospel Light	\$100.00
Grace	\$2,280.35
Grant Avenue	\$1,370.28
Grant Avenue	\$919.94
Green Hills- Kirksville	\$83.43
Green Hills- Lebanon	\$374.00
Hannibal	\$1,131.00
Hannon	\$940.00
Harmony	\$728.20
Hartville	\$1,500.00
Hopewell	\$424.00
Houston 1st	\$369.01
Hurryville	\$810.64
Jackson	\$302.83
Joplin 1st	\$1,462.25
Jordan	\$97.00
Kingsway	\$224.60
Koshkonong	\$142.00
Lead Hill	\$255.01
Leadington	\$486.69
Lebanon 1st	\$1,789.96
Liberty- Nevada	\$192.00
Lone Star	\$46.00
Macedonia- Niangua	\$132.66
Merls Chapel	\$148.00
Mill Creek	\$782.48
Mine LaMotte	\$102.95
Monett 1st	\$1,050.72
Mt. Pisgah	\$522.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$1,863.27
Myrtle	\$177.76
Myrtle	\$162.44
New Home- Lebanon	\$188.23
New Life- Licking	\$570.83
Niangua	\$319.00
Niangua	\$321.82
North Five	\$12.80
Number One	\$282.80
Number One	\$191.01
O' Fallon 1st	\$1,911.00
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove	\$318.25
Oak Hill	\$616.00
Olivet	\$580.00
Overland	\$80.00
Ozark 1st	\$1,894.55
Palabras de Vida Eterna	\$60.00
Park Hills 1st	\$2,074.28
Parkview	\$553.48
Pleasant Hill	\$225.72
Pleasant Home	\$162.70
Pleasant Ridge	\$129.00
Potosi 1st	\$226.69
Republic	\$100.00
Rock Chapel	\$528.78
Rolla 1st	\$401.00
Salem	\$30.00
Seymour	\$562.00
Smyrna	\$77.00
Smyrna	\$82.00
South Fremont	\$750.00
Springfield 1st	\$1,420.50
St. Francois Assn	\$114.00
Stockton	\$239.11
Thayer	\$1,477.00
Trinity	\$1,228.91
Twin Oak	\$1,542.00
Union	\$60.00
Union Grove	\$815.00
Union Grove	\$592.00

Union Light	\$151.00
United	\$2,194.77
Unity	\$600.00
Verdella	\$989.76
Victory- Alton	\$702.58
Waynesville	\$509.32
West Plains 1st	\$1,040.00
West Plains 1st	\$712.00
Willow Spring- Mtn. Gr	\$303.23
Wolf Creek	\$613.66
Total	\$71,884.62

Show-Me Plan

Baldwin, J.	\$25.00
Barker, J.	\$15.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel- El Dorado	\$497.33
Bethel- Festus	\$45.00
Bethel- Festus	\$45.00
Black Oak	\$60.00
Brown, J.	\$15.00
Burns, J.	\$110.00
Buxton, G.	\$30.00
Cabool 1st	\$105.00
Calvary Chapel	\$105.00
Cartee, J.	\$15.00
Central	\$190.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Columbia	\$50.00
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines- Teens & Jr.	\$30.00
Copper Mines- Young Adult	\$15.00
Cornerstone	\$276.08
Cuba	\$135.50
Darnell, W.	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$552.50
DeSoto Auditorium Class	\$30.00
Faith & Hope- Willow Spgs	\$120.00
Farmington 1st	\$663.00
Fellowship	\$1,250.61
Fordland	\$500.00
Fourth	\$60.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$60.00

Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Gospel Light	\$1,000.00
Grace	\$769.00
Graham, S.	\$30.00
Grant Avenue	\$370.00
Grant Avenue	\$280.00
Green Hills- Lebanon	\$30.00
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannibal WAC	\$30.00
Hannon	\$1,070.00
Happy Hill	\$60.00
Harmony	\$64.23
Hartville	\$240.00
Hurryville	\$500.00
Hurryville- Sr. Adult Class	\$18.00
Jackson	\$35.00
Jones Chapel	\$180.00
Joplin 1st	\$150.00
Jordan- Jefferson City	\$15.00
Leadington	\$174.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Maggart, D.	\$90.00
Malloy, A.	\$20.00
Merls Chapel	\$24.44
Mill Creek	\$140.00
Mill Creek CWF	\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$75.00
MO Cooperative Plan	\$2,156.54
MO WAC	\$862.29
Monett 1st	\$60.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$685.00
Mouser, J.	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
New Beginning	\$229.34
New Home- Hartville	\$210.00
New Home- Lebanon	\$60.00
Niangua	\$120.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Number One	\$60.00
O' Fallon 1st	\$298.00
Oak Grove- Houston	\$30.00
Oak Hill	\$20.00
Olivet	\$30.00
Ozark 1st	\$15.00
Palbras de Vida Eterna	\$15.00
Park Hills	\$592.29
Parker, G.	\$15.00
Parkview	\$387.22
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill	\$45.00
Pleasant Home	\$300.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$50.00
Richwoods	\$67.50
Rock Chapel	\$225.00
Rock Springs	\$110.23
Rogers, B.	\$15.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble, N.	\$45.00
Shelton, B.	\$100.00
South Fremont	\$30.00
Springfield 1st	\$515.00
St. Francois Assn.	\$2,850.00
Stockton	\$15.00
Thayer	\$240.00
Trinity	\$650.19
Union	\$180.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United	\$300.00
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$1,274.76
Victory- Alton	\$45.00

Walker, H.	\$10.00
Waynesville 1st	\$359.00
White, R.	\$30.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Gr.	\$100.00
Total	\$25,942.05

Foreign Missions

Belton	\$50.00
Central	\$130.00
Chapman, A.	\$20.00
Cuba	\$27.10
Farmington 1st	\$20.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fourth	\$50.00
G. M.	\$240.00
Grant Avenue	\$15.00
Grant Avenue	\$15.00
Hartville	\$35.00
Lewis, D.	\$40.00
Matthews, A.	\$15.00
Minor, K.	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$60.00
Rock Chapel	\$35.00
Rolla 1st	\$275.50
St. Francois Assn.	\$1,425.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Trinity	\$49.93
Verdella	\$197.95
Waynesville 1st	\$180.00
Total	\$2,960.48

Nat'l Home Missions

Belton	\$112.00
Cape Girardeau	\$25.00
Carthage	\$5.00
Columbia	\$25.00
Cuba	\$81.30
DeSoto 1st	\$260.00
Farmington 1st	\$411.00
Fordland	\$70.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$30.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grace	\$35.00
Grant Avenue	\$78.52
Grant Avenue	\$55.99
Hannon	\$658.00
Jackson	\$45.00
Joplin 1st	\$40.00
Jordan	\$15.00
King, B.	\$10.00
Monett	\$5.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$55.00
Myrtle	\$85.00
Myrtle	\$77.00
New Home- Hartville	\$10.00
O' Fallon 1st	\$68.50
Oak Hill	\$56.00
Park Hills 1st	\$347.43
Rader, J.	\$20.00
Richwoods	\$56.00
Rock Chapel	\$93.95
Ruble, N.	\$10.00
St. Francois Assn.	\$1,425.00
Thayer	\$285.00
Thebeau, B.	\$5.00
Trinity	\$101.45
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
Unity	\$50.00
Verdella	\$70.00

West Plains 1st	\$20.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Total	\$5,353.14

State Home Missions

Belton	\$32.00
Bethel- Festus	\$15.00
Bethel- Festus	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$90.00
Fellowship	\$125.00
Fordland	\$20.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grace	\$70.00
Grant Avenue	\$68.51
Grant Avenue	\$46.00
Lebanon Bible & Bkstore ..	\$540.00
Myrtle	\$116.00
Myrtle	\$87.00
Niangua	\$64.45
O' Fallon 1st	\$68.50
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Palabras de Vida Eterna ..	\$93.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
Republic	\$25.00
Rolla 1st	\$275.50
St. Francois Assn.	\$2,850.00
Thayer	\$105.00
Trinity	\$61.45
Union	\$45.00
United	\$25.00
Unity	\$75.00
Waynesville	\$50.00
White, R.	\$10.00
Total	\$5,162.41

Youth Camp

Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	540.00
Cornerstone	25.00
Hartville	10.00
Rolla 1st	20.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
Niangua	20.00
Stephens, T.	10.00
Hannon	50.00
Hannon(for Laundry room)	278.83
New Home- Hartville	10.00
Thayer	50.00
Union	30.00
Trinity	9.00
West Plains 1st	25.00
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove ..	10.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Park Hills 1st	36.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	20.00
Niangua	20.00
Verdella	20.00
Total	1,263.83

Camp Development Fund

Myrtle	97.00
Rock Chapel	240.00
Houston 1st	200.00
Myrtle	20.00
Total	\$557.00

C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Bk Store	\$140.00
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Senior Adult Ministries

Lebanon Bible & Bk Store	\$140.00
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Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Bk Store	\$140.00
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Free Will Baptist Bible College

Farmington 1st	150.00
Ruble, N.	15.00
DeSoto 1st	40.00
Oak Hill	10.00
Thayer	50.00
Verdella	197.95
Total	\$462.95

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Farmington 1st	175.00
Monett	100.00
Hannon	100.00
Oak Hill	10.00
Thayer	50.00
Joplin	170.00
Grace	500.00
Total	\$1,105.00

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Myrtle	29.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Stephens, T.	10.00
Hannon	100.00
Unity	20.00
Belton	35.00
Unity	20.00
Myrtle	26.00
Total	\$275.00

Women Nat'l Active for Christ

Ruble, J.	\$10.00
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Rev. John McClure

Carthage	15.00
Grace	15.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	5.00
Total	\$35.00

Vergel Maness

Grace	100.00
Gospel Light	80.00
Total	\$180.00

Morgan Wood

Belton	\$25.00
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Victor Torrez

United Youth Group	\$200.00
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Brian Brinkhoff

Unity	\$12.50
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Berea Ministries

Hartville	\$150.00
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Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

Unity	12.50
MO WAC	109.86
Total	\$122.36

Scott Lundeen

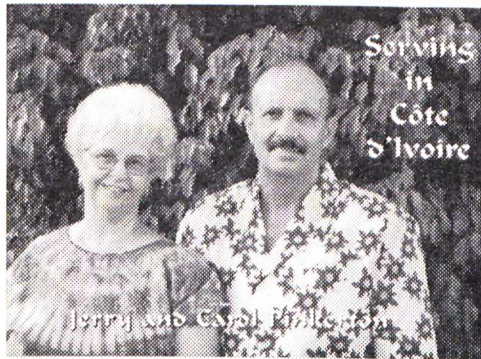
Verdella	\$494.88
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George Lemelin

Jackson	\$15.00
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Richard Standley

Chapman, A.	\$20.00
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Greetings From the Pinkertons

Please allow my heart to overflow with you..

What a blessed, honored day this is... Got to church at 8:30. Madame Samuel already had the Wiggle Worms around her dining room table..more than usual with 5 missing. She gave me a cut piece of plastic tubing and a twisted electrical wire— to make the kids mind! Well, I've never used such, but it did make me wonder what class was going to be like..

Class was very good-a little lively, but very good. I'm so pleased with their memory verses..which they were repeating when out the window in the yard ran two grown women..screaming. They had apparently walked past Pastor's sleeping dog and frightened it. The dog chased them as far as the chain would allow. One fell getting her outfit soiled; the other split her skirt. Pastor came to correct the dog and Madame Pastor came with the two women to help clean their outfits and sew up the split skirt...as we continued with our Bible Verses.

Church services were blessed..more special songs than usual. Madame Pastor sang John 3:16-18..it was beautiful. To my American ears the songs were strained since the man playing the keyboard just knows cords — which aren't always the same notes as the singers...but it doesn't seem to bother anyone...and it was a most joyful noise unto the Lord.

Pastor Samuel's sermon was wonderful-as usual. We celebrated the Lord's supper. The African Church requires that to participate one must be saved, not be living in sin and be baptized...so not all could join in since several have not been baptized.. For the feet washing service it was 99% participation.. what a joy and privilege to serve.

We got home at 12:30 with rejoicing hearts...probably about the time you were getting ready Easter Breakfast..with daylight savings time, we're 5 hours ahead of central time.. Our thoughts are with you today as we thank God for your assistance in His Work here. We were 46 in number at 3rd church with several missing.

Blessed Easter to you and yours. Jerry & Carol



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