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Rev. David McCutcheon

## A Whistling Rose

By Dana  
(McCutcheon) White

In his play Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare wrote, "what's in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." I know this to be true. It doesn't matter what name something or someone is

called, the true essence will come through and be known. My father is a great example of this.

My dad has had several names so far in his life. Fifty years ago he was given the name Charles David McCutcheon. However, people in Bollinger County do not believe in first names so he was simply called David by the family. There were many times however, as he grew that he was referred to as "Charles David!" This was usually just before a good lecture or whipping. Many people enjoy telling me about what an ornery boy my father was. However, one thing I have always noticed is that they are always smiling with every story. Dad wasn't mean; he just liked to have fun. His antics brought some joy to many people, if not always himself. My father's essence still shown through even when he was being "Charles David!"

At age eleven Dad took on another name-Christian, which in turn lead to Reverend and Pastor. Then came Rev. and Mrs. McCutcheon. Next came the name I'm most familiar with-Daddy. Growing up, my brother and I knew dad was the "Preacher" to a lot of people-but to us he was Dad. He prayed every evening before we ate supper. He sang crazy songs and whistled like a bird. Yet, looking back, that was the same man that the others knew as preacher-A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

While my brother was in Wheeblos, the step between cub scouts and boy scouts, dad picked up the name Mr. Peanut. There are many people in Southeast Missouri that do not realize that he has any other name beside Mr. Peanut. We can be out somewhere and a young man with a big grin on his face will walk up to dad and say, "Peanut, how ya' doin'?" And it is always with a grin. You see Mr. Peanut is the one who was at all the camp outs and scout camp. He always had a funny song, tied knots in ropes, whistled like a bird, and he often prayed before the family dinners at camp-A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

Another name my dad picked up was Bro. Dave. Bro. Dave made sure children had a part in the church service and he was a big part of church camp for a lot of children, including me. Bro. Dave usually carries a string in his pocket

that he can tie in a knot with just a twist of his wrist. He can catch an invisible ball in a paper bag; he sings silly songs and whistles like a bird. Bro. Dave will also meet you at the altar to pray and cry with you, and then carry your name around on a slip of paper in his bible and in his heart for future talks with God— A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

The latest name that my dad has been given is Pa Pa. This is a name he wears proudly. We have learned in our family that "Pa Pa not old. Pa Pa good!" Pa Pa is fun to play with: he sings songs and whistles like a bird. Papa prays, "God is Great, God is Good" with the girls before they eat. He carries their pictures in his wallet and their names in his heart for future conversations with God— A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

Charlie, David, Daddy, Mr. Peanut, Bro. Dave, Pa Pa-No matter what you call him he plays, sings, prays and whistles. God's love is always shining through. So it is true— A rose by any other name would smell as sweet, or in this case, play, sing, pray or whistle just like a bird. He is a rose God has given us to brighten up our lives, and I am proud to have known him as Daddy.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST FAMILY MINISTRIES

Everyone comments on how busy they are these days, with never a moment to spare. Our lives are consumed with family, church, and work responsibilities, not to mention the day-to-day tasks that never seem to have an end. Because of this, we may even forget sometimes to say thanks to those who do so many kind and generous things for us. We may not say it often enough, but your continued support is extremely appreciated. Without your generous Mother's Day offerings and help throughout the year, our ministry would certainly suffer.

Since January 1, 2004, FREE WILL BAPTIST FAMILY MINISTRIES has seen 17 children make decisions for the Lord, 14 have rededicated their lives, and 8 have been baptized. What an awesome testimony to God, as He continually works through this great ministry. We may have not had the opportunity to reach these young lives without your prayers and support. What a blessing we all would have missed if that had been the case. THANK YOU for being there for our children.

If you are interested in our ministry, we have field representatives who would love to visit your church or organization and share our burden for troubled youth. You may also contact us by phone at 423-639-9449, or visit our website at [www.fwbfbm.com](http://www.fwbfbm.com). Together, we can make a difference in the lives of hurting children.

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## Cheshier Resigns as President of Hillsdale College

The Rev. Carl Cheshier, President of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College tendered his res-

ignation in the May college board meeting to be effective July 31, 2004. Bro. Carl will be honored for a job well done at the Hillsdale luncheon during the National Association meeting in July. You are invited to attend the luncheon and help honor him.

## Bivens to travel to Cuba

Bud and Ruth Bivens, Missouri State missionaries to the Hispanic community in Monett, have been invited to travel to Cuba in June. Ruth will be translating for Ashley Hartley and Rhonda Freeman at the Cuban National women's retreat. Bud will be working with Ashley and Rhonda's husbands in Havana where they will be giving a Basketball Clinic. Missouri women may remember that Rhonda came to the Missouri State retreat and blessed everyone with her wonderful voice. Ashley spoke and Rhonda sang at the WNAC retreat in Ashville NC in 2002.

Ruth has been asked to try to raise help for the travel expenses for the Cuban women. Since they have absolutely no resources personally, the Cuban convention tries to provide a bus to bring the women from outlying provinces for the meeting. Without that help they will just not be able to attend. Sister Margarita Pino says that it will cost \$200 for that project.

Ruth says, "These people are worthy of support. When we have traveled to Cuba in the past we were so blessed. We went, hoping to be a blessing to them. We came away challenged by the dedication of these people who have never known the freedom and abundance that we have here. They have truly suffered persecution and deprivation because of their faith."

The three couples traveling down will be responsible for paying their own way. After the expense of flying to Miami, the cost per person to travel into Cuba is \$1,500. The Bivens ask for your prayer, first of all, that God would guide and provide every step of the way. Those moved to help them with the expense of the trip should mail gifts to Bud Bivens, PO Box 381, Monett, MO 65708. Please note whether the gift is for the Bivens or for the bus fund.

## Kingsway News

by Donna Terry

I was privileged to be invited by my daughter Rhonda Hicks to attend a luncheon and Ladies Bible Study at Kingsway Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, to honor mothers. A wonderful group of ladies from the church and invited guests enjoyed a lovely pasta and salad lunch. Sister Bobbie Bellamy coordinated the program and following the lunch, she shared a devotion entitled, "Reflections". She shared thoughts on how we see ourselves and how others see us, emphasizing how things can hold us back from being all that God wants us to be in our role as wife and mother.

On February 15, 2004 Derek Terry and his wife, Tina and sons Grant and Rusty assumed their duties as pastor and family of the Kingsway church. Derek is a third generation Free Will Baptist Preacher. His father, Gene Terry, and his grand-father, Grover Terry, all have pastored in Missouri.

## Liberty Association Missions Conference

The Liberty District Association recently held its first Missions Conference. Four missionaries participated: foreign missionary Stan Bunch and state home missionaries Bud Bivens, Gene Howell, and Jimmy Kiser.

A rally of the churches was held on Sunday evening at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield. The service began with a parade of flags representing countries where our missionaries are serving. Rev. Alvin Hook, pastor of the host church, presided. He recognized those who had participated in the Bowl-a-thon and the Walk-a-thon and announced the total amount contributed during the conference. The churches contributed over \$9,000.00. Everyone agreed that this was a good first time effort.

The missionary couples (husband and wives) were given time to share about their individual works and their needs. Executive Secretary Nathan Ruble spoke briefly commending the association on its vision and participation in the Great Commission. Stan Bunch, Missionary to Panama, delivered a great message on the need for soul winning.

Enthusiastic singing, joyful participation, and a sense of accomplishment characterized the service. The rally concluded with a fellowship dinner provided by the host church.

## A Call for Theological Papers

by Bert Tippet

The 2004 Theological Symposium will be held October 25-26 on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. All who wish to submit a paper are encouraged to do so.

Papers should be ten-fifteen pages in length, double spaced, and should be related to the Bible, theology, Christianity and culture, or some related topic. You may submit your paper by August 1, 2004, to: Matt Pinson; 3606 West End Avenue; Nashville, TN 37205.

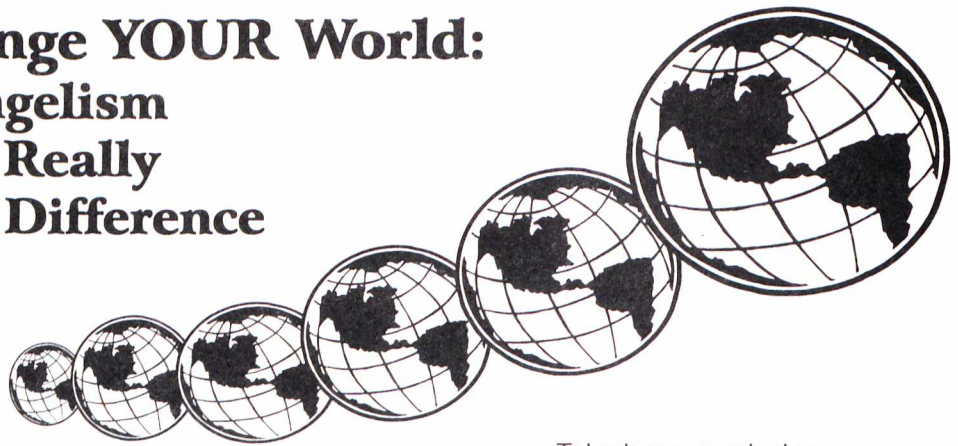
E-mail: [president@fwbbc.edu](mailto:president@fwbbc.edu)

The symposium is sponsored by the Commission on Theological Integrity of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.



# 10 Ways to Change YOUR World: Personal Evangelism that Really Makes a Difference

by Geoff Tunnicliffe



**T**herefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

The challenge to "go, give, or pray" rings out from church pulpits and missions conferences around the country. But while Christians often leave these meetings inspired and ready to act, many have no clear direction as to where to begin, or what they can do specifically, even in their own neighborhood or community. Changing the world is a tall order!

Here are ten simple, specific action steps that can help you follow through on your desire to be a world changer, a "Great Commission" Christian. Warning: don't try to accomplish everything at once! Instead, treat these ideas like items on a menu and select just a couple suggestions. Then decide on a time frame (e.g., three, six, twelve months) and take action! You may want to accomplish several easy steps before moving on to the more difficult ones.

Bringing the light of the Gospel to a world in darkness is too great a task to be accomplished by just a few. The entire body of Christ must get involved. But it can start with you, and it can start today. May the Lord help you as you step out to change the world!

• Put your loose coins in a jar each day. At the end of the month give what you have collected to a worthy cause. *Global Snapshot:* One billion people do not have access to health care, education, and safe drinking water.

• Do an act of service without anyone knowing what you are doing.

*Global Snapshot:* Just less than 50 percent of the world's families live on an annual income of \$4,500 or less.

• Pray that your children (or children you know) would seriously consider missionary service.

*Global Snapshot:* Most people make faith decisions before they reach the age of twenty.

• Read a missionary biography; find out how others got involved in changing the world.

*Global Snapshot:* It is estimated that 120 million people are presented with the Gospel for the first time each year.

• Help an elderly neighbor with a difficult project such as shoveling snow, washing windows, or cleaning gutters.

*Global Snapshot:* Twelve percent of North Americans are over sixty-five years old.

• Go on a prayer walk in your city. As you pass by, pray for people in their homes or business.

*Global Snapshot:* By the year 2025 it is estimated 62 percent of all Christians will live in urban areas.

• Organize a rich person/poor person lunch. Provide three-fourths of the participants (randomly selected) with small amounts of rice and vegetables, and the other one-fourth with a full course meal. Watch the reaction!

*Global Snapshot:* Rescue missions in North America serve over 28 million meals annually.

• Familiarize a recently arrived immigrant with your city. Explain the transportation system, the schools, local laws, shopping, etc.

*Global Snapshot:* There are between 3-4 million Muslims in North America.

• Telephone a missionary; overseas calls are less costly than you may think. (Just remember the time difference!)

*Global Snapshot:* You can call anywhere in the world for less than \$10.

• Have a "coming home" shower for a retiring missionary.

*Global Snapshot:* Unless someone goes to share with them, over 1.1 billion people have little chance of hearing the Gospel.

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## Church Money Management

(copied from giftlegacy newsletter)

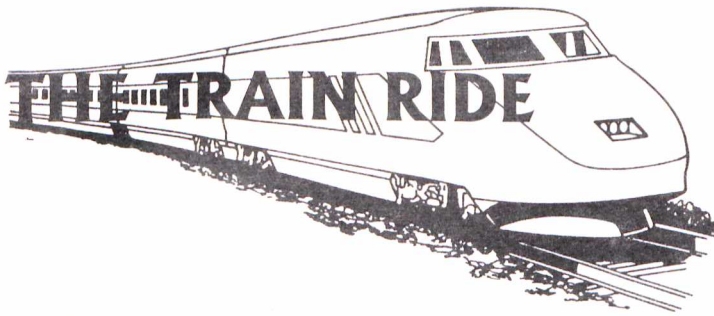
Becky, Treasurer at First Free Will Baptist Church, was dissatisfied with the earnings her church receives on the church savings account. She looked at moving some of the savings to a CD but doesn't like the idea of locking up funds in case they are needed for an emergency. Plus, her local bank's money market and CD rates aren't that impressive.

She feels that, like the good steward of Matthew 25, she has an obligation to be wise with church funds. The rates banks offer on savings and money market accounts are often less than the inflation rate which means the church loses purchasing power by placing their funds in these accounts. This is like the foolish steward who buried his talent.

Becky understands that higher returns can also bring risk the church does not want to take with their excess funds. She wants to find a place to put the

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The music was peaceful and the day was beautiful. It looked like it was going to be a nice warm day even though the calendar said there were three more days of winter left. Some of us were reading about the previous night's soccer score. Some were happy with the results, while others were not. We were with friends and we were set to see the city of Madrid. We, being the FWB Bible College Spring Break Mission Team, were about to conclude our last full day in Spain. We had already enjoyed some historical sites, the 'new' food of Spain and we loved meeting the Spanish believers in the Villaba FWB Church.

We had been enchanted by the Spanish people from the first day we met them. We were going to Madrid to see the Royal Palace and the city. We were going just like thousands of others do each day, via the train system. What made our trip to Madrid different than that of others who had made the trip was the date. We were going on March 18<sup>th</sup>, exactly one week following what is now being called M-11. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, in Madrid, near the central train station, a number of bombs were detonated and almost 200 people had been killed. If the trains had not been running a few minutes late, the bombs would have exploded within the central train station in downtown Madrid. The result would have been even worse.

Even though our trip to Madrid was similar to the one many others had taken just one week earlier, it was still very different. Yes, on M-11, many passengers were also listening to the peaceful music that plays within the commuter trains. During our day we even heard a wonderful flute solo by a gentleman playing tunes for money. Many of those passengers like us were reading

about the previous night's soccer games and other world happenings. Some were even resting peacefully during the long ride to work. This is where the similarities end!

Our FWBBC team, along with missionaries Anthony Edgmon, Lynn Midgett and Susan Turnbough, knew where we would spend eternity if we were to die on March 18<sup>th</sup>. There is a possibility that only 2 of the almost 200 that died on M-11 knew Jesus as their Savior. This is why these missionaries, along with others are ministering in Spain. They are seeking to share the message of hope and eternal life that only Jesus Christ offers. Only about 1% of the entire country of Spain has this saving knowledge of God's grace.

Unlike those who were killed and the families they left behind, we enjoyed Madrid and returned safely to our homes in the USA on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Should we have been in Spain following an attack by Al Queda on the very morning of our departure from the USA on M-11? Maybe not, but the students will tell you that they would not trade their experience

for anything. They saw life as it is. Living and dying, hurting and crying, mourning and suffering, everyday occurrences that take place all around the world.

These students will never forget what they saw, felt, ate, and experienced while they were in Spain. They will never forget the challenges that their missionaries face on a daily basis to bring the gospel of peace to the people of Spain. We were all challenged to pray harder, give more and always be ready to share the gospel through the power of relationships.

Because we never know who we might meet that is not ready to meet God just like many that perished on M-11.

Dear MO FWB,

Mary and I enjoyed the chance to lead Spain Team '04 during spring break. We had the extra special joy of having a Missouri girl on our team, Heather Thurman. She is in the middle of the picture with the sunglasses. We are standing in front of a Roman Aqueduct in the city of Segovia, Spain that was built around 1 A.D. It was awesome! It was also great to see the Turnboughs whom we have supported for many years. Thanks for praying for us during our ministry at FWBBC as the Missionaries in Residence.




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church funds in order to receive a reasonable rate of return without taking on risk. Becky called Free Will Baptist Foundation and discovered they offer Money Management trusts for organizations and churches. The funds are conservatively invested in United States government agency bonds and long-term CDs. The rate is variable but through the years has exceeded the inflation rate by 2-3%.

The church can place any amount they wish with the Foundation and withdraw up to \$50,000 on seven days notice. Becky liked the concept of Money Management trusts and First Free Will decided this was the place for their savings.

For more information contact the Foundation toll free at 877-336-7575 or email at [foundation@nafwb.org](mailto:foundation@nafwb.org).





# PRAY FOR 2004 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Gene Howell, Prayer Chairman

I would like to encourage all of our Missouri Free Will Baptist Churches to pray for this year's National Association of FWB. As you know, Missouri Free Will Baptists are hosting the convention July 18-22nd in Kansas City this year. There are three different groups that will be meeting during the convention. Remember the WNAC, Youth Conference and the National Convention as they meet. To help you be more specific for the needs of our Convention I have listed the Convention personal. Please remember the following in prayer.

National Convention Theme - Harvest Time (John 4:35)

WNAC Theme - Great Expectations (Psalm 62:5)

NYC Theme- Extreme Cause...Extreme Cost (Matt. 10:38)

## Speakers

### July 18, 2004

Adult Sunday School ..... Bob Farwell (MO)  
Student Sunday School ..... TBD  
Adult AM Worship ..... Glenn Murray (MO)  
Student AM Worship ..... Trula Cronk (India)  
Adult PM Worship ..... Kerry Gandy (AR)  
Student PM Worship ..... Craig Portell (Mongolia)

### July 19, 2004

WNAC Seminar ..... Debbie Burden (TN)  
Adult Worship ..... Randy Wright (AL)

Student Worship ..... 1st LT Stephen Pierce (TN/Iraq)

## Preaching Conference

Allen West (MI)

David Archer (OK)

## WNAC Missionary Service

Donnie & Ruth McDonald (Japan)

WNAC Luncheon ..... Lynette Morgan

Adult Worship ..... Jose Roriquiez (FL)

Student Worship ..... Neil Gilliland (TN)

## July 21, 2004

Combined Worship ..... Glen Johnson (VA)

## Convention Team

### Cordination

National Convention ..... Keith Burden, Dean Jones

National Youth Conference. Dean Jones, Steve Greenwood

WNAC ..... Marjorie Workman

## Missouri Steering Commtee

Chairman ..... Nathan Ruble

Hospitality ..... Kenny Simpson

Prayer ..... Gene Howell

Ushering ..... Alan Kinder

Missouri WAC ..... Shirley Jackson

Missouri NYC ..... Advisor Mark Braisher

State Moderator ..... Richard Robinson

Transportation ..... Steve Pate

Convention Press Officer ..... Jack Williams

Convention Phtographer ..... Danny Conn

Convention Music ..... Chris Truett

Convention Tape Coordinator ..... Mike Anderson

Convention Registration ..... Dari Goodfellow

Convention Ushering ..... Billy Walker

## Convention Moderaiors

National Association ..... Tim York

WNAC ..... Debe Taylor

# HOME WITH THE LORD



Helen Anthony (Hand) Gamblin was born March 11, 1923 in Flat River, Mo., the daughter of Rev. S.A. and Ethel (Snodgrass) Hand and passed away on December 29, 2003 at Mineral Area Regional Medical Center in Farmington, Mo. at the age of 80 years.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband Fred N. Gamblin, brothers Richard S. Hand, Robert B. Hand and sister Virginia L. Adams.

Survivors include brother Russell Dale Hand of Dothan, Alabama; sisters Doris J. Grindstaff, Shirley A. Jackson and Ruth N. Young all of Fredericktown, Mo. numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Helen was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown, devoting her life to God, family and others. Helen was employed with the Democrat-News of Fredericktown for 45 years retiring in 2000.

Funeral services were January 2, 2004 at Follis and Sons Funeral Home in Fredericktown with Rev. Bob Graham officiating. Burial was at Marcus Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers were Robert Hand, jr., Rickford Young, Jerry Grindstaff, David King, Ben Whitener and Jason Grindstaff.



# A Positive View of Conflict

By Rich Hurst

Bumble bees were placed in a container empty of everything but stable air. The container functioned much like a space simulator: the air was free of obstacles and pressure. Every bee died despite what should have been an ideal stress-free setting.

What conclusion did scientists draw from this discovery? Bumblebees cannot survive without stress-without obstacles. We are like bumblebees in that respect. For us, too, obstacles are important in life. In fact, obstacles are life. Who needs conflict? Every single one of us!

David Augsburger defines conflict: "Conflict is natural, normal, neutral, and sometimes even delightful. It can turn into painful or disastrous ends, but it doesn't need to. Conflict is neither good nor bad, right nor wrong. Conflict simply is." What is significant about conflict, then, is what we do with it, how we handle it.

We assume that conflict is negative. Consider the phrase "The Korean Conflict." The conflict was the misunderstanding about boundaries; the war was the way we dealt with it. The way we deal with conflict is the real issue.

We think that conflict must interrupt life, that life is to be comfortable. The logical extension of this premise is that a violation of conflict is a violation of life. Life, however, is the handling of obstacles and conflict.

What we need are life management and relationship skills. Friction is a normal part of relationships. If there isn't that friction, between people, one of you must be dead! As a pastor, I teach people how to deal with the friction not so that they can once again find comfort but, more importantly, so that they can develop important skills for their journey called life.

A person's identity is not defined by conflict. If my identity is tied to how the conflict is resolved, I stand to lose respect and friendship depending on the outcome of the situation. If my identity is tied to conflict, I enter any attempt at resolution with a hidden agenda: I will be wanting and needing to prove something, to get something or to blame something or someone in order to preserve my identity as an okay person.

Let go of the myth that your identity depends on the resolution of the conflict, and rest in the fact that your identity is in the hands of your loving God. Then you will be free to work through and grow through the resolution of any misunderstanding or disagreement you may be facing.

Conflict is not an enemy to intimacy. Relationship is always bigger than the conflict. Unfortunately, when we are in the midst of dealing with a conflict, we tend to become myopic. We assume that the entire relationship will be summed



up or defined by or consumed by the way we handle this one conflict. We assume that the outcome of one conflict will be the outcome of the relationship itself. We need to step back and see the bigger picture.

The commitment we have made in the relationship to the other person provides a bigger foundation than any conflict can destroy.

Conflict is not resolved serendipitously. Conflict is resolved by skills and management. Let's look at three common types of conflict: hurt, unmet expectations, and confrontation, and what skills we might use to handle them.

## Hurt: I've been violated.

For twenty-five years, Marge nursed the hurt that her mother never apologized to her for abusive things she did during Marge's childhood. Her mother died, still without apologizing to her daughter, and Marge had imprisoned herself as a victim of these hurts.

Be honest about the hurt. Understand that your identity is not at stake. Remember that the step of forgiveness is a choice, a conscious decision of the will, rather than an emotion that you must wait to descend upon you.

Unmet expectations: I've been disappointed. A young husband explained that he was feeling hurt because he didn't think his wife had enough class in public. He was dealing with unmet expectation. He needed, like all of us, to be honest about his expectations. Expectations always come out in conflict.

Jesus warned us about expectations and evaluations of other people. He asked the penetrating question, "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eyes and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

Another important reading to take when you're evaluating your expectations is whether your identity is intact. Ask yourself, "Am I being owned by these expectations of you? Do I take unmet expectations personally?" Checking the motives behind your expectations boils down, once again, to the question, "Who or what owns me? The plank in my eye? My unstable identity?" Based on your motivation, determine whether this situation requires confrontation. Ask yourself, "What will be accomplished if I confront this person? What purpose will be served? Will the confrontation be healthy for the relationship?"

If the situation is worth discussing, go to the person

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Dear Friends,

Spring is upon us. I have my Purple Martin house up and am looking everyday awaiting their arrival. Their arrival is a sure indicator that spring has sprung. The grass is green, I've added an extra dose of fertilizer to the chagrin of my personal lawn service-our 15 year old son, Jeremy!

It's been awhile since I've written, my how time flies, so let me hit some highlights and try to catch you up on things.

**Building Plans** - We are once again working with architects on revised building plans. The architects were in town a few weeks back and I feel we made good progress. We are working on two concepts. One is a multiple ministry concept that will allow us a larger facility. I do not know if this is feasible, but we are going to do some research and see what God might do. In the next few weeks we will make a decision whether to pursue that. If not, we will begin progress on a much smaller facility. This new facility will be much smaller than our original plans. It will be a more affordable building that is expandable. Pray that God will provide what is needed. I am seriously concerned about building a facility that will not allow for growth. Southern Hills should one day be a large church. We want to make sure we provide the foundation for such.-

**Champions Needed** - Speaking of the building-my good friends at Rejoice Church in Owasso continue to lead the way in partnering with us. In 2002 they gave us \$25,000 for our building. They have committed another \$50,000 in 2004! We need about \$500,000 to be healthy in a new building. So, Rejoice is challenging other churches to help. We are looking for individuals and churches that will take the challenge to be a champion. It reminds me of the "Mighty Men" of David. I'm looking for ten "Mighty Men and Women" who will take the challenge to help us reach our goal. We need ten people who will let us share our vision, our plan, and consider getting on board to help us in this endeavor. Whether you are a pastor or in lay ministry-you can be a part. My good friend, Ron Hall, is helping me put together a plan with which you can share our ministry and help us build prayer and financial support for this cause.

We are looking for serious Champions. The biggest qualification is a desire to help, a faith in our God, and a confidence in what we are trying to do here. If you will consider being a Champion, contact me at one of the numbers or addresses above. **Ministers Needed** - We work hard to reach those that do not know Christ. We also need those that are ready to step in and make a difference immediately. We need ministers for children, youth, women, men, babies, music, drama, and the list goes on. Maybe God is looking to relocate you to Overland Park to help us. Recently, I met two couples from a FWB Church in Russellville, AR who are selling their businesses and quitting their jobs and moving

to mission fields. These are couples who never thought God would use them in missions in such a way. Is God calling you? I hope so. Give me a call and let's talk about it.

**Our Gift to You** - As a missionary, we are so dependent on people like you to get the job done here. I often think about what we can do for you. Here are a few things that we would like to give to you.. .First, we are your arm in planting new churches in growing areas of our country. The make up of our area will allow this church to not only reach people here, but around the world. We are helping you carry out the Great Commission that God has given all of us. Second, and I know this is a small thing, but one thing we are happy about is that we now have Sunday sermons on the web. Just go to our site and follow the links. We hope that you can benefit from these. Finally, if I can ever do anything for you, please let me know. If I can help in a Missions Conference or any part of what you are doing there-let me know. We want to minister to you, as you so generously minister to us.

**One Story** - Let me close with one story. This past year we had a young man walk in on Sunday morning. I introduced myself and he said, "my name is Dan Merkh." That rung a bell with me and I asked him, "are you kin to the missionary, Dan Merkh?" He said, "He was my grandfather." Dan, a single young man, hung around for a few months and one evening he and I were talking. He said, "When I came here, I didn't think this small church had much to offer me, but I've decided that it is about what I have to offer, not what the church can do for me." That was exciting as he made his commitment to be a part of our church. A month later he spoke up again in our men's breakfast Bible study, "when I came here I thought this church didn't have anything to offer me-but I was wrong. The mentors that I have found here are contributing to my life in great ways!" Dan is now a leader in our church.

I'm glad that we were here when Dan moved to town and was looking for a church. I'm glad that Dan decided to make a difference with his life. I'm glad that the ministry here is affecting his life for good. And.. .I'm glad and I thank God that you have seen fit to make sure we are here to reach people like Dan. Only eternity will tell what lives have been changed through your investment here! Thank - you.

Looking for Champions,

Mark

P.S. - If you want to be a champion or to look at the prospects of relocating to our great city to help us in this adventure, let me know! I'd love to hear from you!





*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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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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

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\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Breakfast \$5.00

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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.



# MASTER'S MEN MONTHLY MESSAGE

Ken Akers

Spring is in the air. Well at least at times. Today in Nashville it is supposed to be in the mid-seventies. Two days ago it was snowing. I woke up yesterday morning, April 14th, with two inches of snow on the ground at my house. They say in Tennessee if you don't like the weather just wait a little while and it will change.

I started thinking that sounds like some Christians I know. They seem to be influenced by whatever the conditions are; who they are with, where they are at, what the weather is, etc. Ephesians 4: 14 tells us not to be like children, blown in every direction by every wind of doctrine. Be sure in your doctrine. Know what you believe.

I am Free Will Baptist! I believe Free Will Baptist! I believe in Free Will Baptist doctrine! I believe in the Free Will Baptist Covenant! I believe in the Free Will Baptist Treatise! I believe in the leadership of Free Will Baptists!

Don't get me wrong, I don't believe only Free Will Baptists are going to Heaven or that we are the only ones that are right. But I do believe in the standards and beliefs that we set forth as a denomination. I wonder how many of our church members have read the covenant and know what it says. How many know that we believe "social drinking" is wrong or that as a member of a Free Will Baptist church we are expected to be faithful to our church- even to going to quarterly meetings? How many know that we are to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. And that we are to promote and support the denominational enterprises.

Let me encourage you to read the Free Will Baptist Covenant and know what we believe, and then set the right example.

## Positive View of Conflict continued from page 7

involved, not to a third party. Once you have discussed the situation with the person, allow room for growth. Allow time for change. Demanding change overnight is unrealistic. Also, be ready and willing to help him or her pursue creative alternatives. Don't back the person into a corner.

Confrontation: I need to confront you, my friend, about an unhealthy lifestyle.

Only someone willing to pray for a person has the right to confront that person about his or her lifestyle. "God, You created my friend for abundant life. How can I now be a part of a loving confrontation that will help that person realize Your love and Your will for her actions? Please be with me, God. Show me the way You would have me deal with this situation in love."

Approach your friend in love and in genuine humility. If the person responds to you by attacking, put that reaction in perspective. Never take the attack personally. The attack reveals that a nerve was touched.

Allow room for growth. Expect the best. Expect improvement. Pray for that growth and pray for guidance as to how you may be able to facilitate it. Ask God to show you how to be a friend.

Although we've looked at three types of conflict and constructive steps to take in deal with each kind, the best guideline for dealing with conflict is to understand its inevitability. Understand, too, that agreeing to disagree is not a bad thing. In fact it can be a significant building block for intimacy. Conflict does not need to mean war. You can throw down your weapons. You can turn them into plowshares and cultivate the ground for loving and open interaction.

Excerpt from *Courage to Connect: A Journey Toward Intimacy in Relationships* by Rich Hurst, Cook Communications Ministries. Rich Hurst is a nationally recognized speaker, teaching adults and their leaders how to effectively empower others and create life-changing ministry. He has served as director of Strategic Adult Ministry, which hosts one of the largest training conventions for single adult leaders in America. Used by permission

## Financial Report April 2004

### Cooperative Disbursements

April 2004 ..... \$61,002.17

18.50% State Home Miss .. \$11,285.40  
17.00% Executive Office ..... 10,370.37  
3.00% General Fund ..... 1,830.07  
.50% Show-Me Plan ..... 305.01  
8.50% Youth Camp Board ... 5,185.18  
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd ... 1,525.05  
2.50% Christian Ed Bd ..... 1,525.05  
2.50% Senior Adult Min .... 1,525.05  
9.00% MO Retirement ..... 5,490.20  
33% ..... 20,130.72

National Ministries and 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 .... 1,830.07

**Total ..... \$61,002.17**

### Co-op

Amity ..... \$71.19  
Amity ..... \$112.49  
Aulsbury Chapel ..... \$234.24  
Bailey Chapel ..... \$143.00  
Beacon ..... \$2,750.00  
Belton ..... \$298.76  
Bethel- El Dorado Springs ..... \$333.02  
Black Oak ..... \$563.22  
Byrd ..... \$92.25  
Calvary Chapel ..... \$1,600.30  
Cape Girardeau ..... \$601.39  
Carthage ..... \$240.00  
Carthage ..... \$305.00  
Central ..... \$876.91  
Christ Chapel ..... \$396.40  
Clifton ..... \$45.10  
Columbia ..... \$475.11  
Copper Mines ..... \$470.74

Cornerstone ..... \$548.90  
Crossroads- Wentzville ..... \$702.00  
Cuba ..... \$384.00  
DeSoto 1st ..... \$1,600.00  
Faith & Hope- Aurora ..... \$68.68  
Faith Chapel ..... \$227.50  
Farmington 1st ..... \$4,254.38  
Fellowship ..... \$1,200.00  
Fordland ..... \$543.00  
Fourth ..... \$371.28  
Fredericktown 1st ..... \$203.00  
Freeman Chapel ..... \$562.80  
Gospel Light ..... \$100.00  
Grace ..... \$1,335.00  
Grant Avenue ..... \$868.53  
Green Hills- Kirksville ..... \$124.82  
Green Hills- Lebanon ..... \$474.17  
Greenfield ..... \$327.00  
Greenhills- Lebanon ..... \$564.82  
Hannibal ..... \$581.00  
Hannon ..... \$770.00  
Harmony ..... \$430.42  
Hartville ..... \$1,488.49  
Harvest- Raymore ..... \$271.90  
Hazel Creek ..... \$355.75  
Hopewell ..... \$285.00  
Hurryville ..... \$608.12  
Jackson ..... \$217.48  
Joplin 1st ..... \$572.88  
Kingsway ..... \$326.65  
Koshkonong ..... \$115.00  
Lead Hill ..... \$207.26  
Leadington ..... \$376.15  
Lebanon 1st ..... \$1,333.19  
Liberty- Nevada ..... \$245.00  
Liberty- Nevada ..... \$210.00  
Macedonia- Niangua ..... \$146.61  
Macedonia- Purdy ..... \$100.00  
Marshfield ..... \$418.00  
Merls Chapel ..... \$114.00  
Mill Creek ..... \$467.34  
Mine Lamotte ..... \$72.67  
Monett 1st ..... \$559.02  
Mt. Pisgah ..... \$456.00  
Mt. Zion- Gower ..... \$62.70  
Myrtle ..... \$189.25  
Neosho 1st ..... \$142.50  
New Hope ..... \$335.00



New Life- Licking .....	\$394.25
Niangua .....	\$271.86
North Five .....	\$14.80
Number One .....	\$178.00
O' Fallon 1st .....	\$2,331.00
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove .....	\$579.88
Oak Hill .....	\$503.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$1,613.60
Palabras De Vida Eterna .....	\$65.00
Parkview .....	\$504.73
Pleasant Hill .....	\$184.30
Pleasant Home .....	\$111.60
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$117.00
Potosi .....	\$173.08
Republic .....	\$100.00
Richwoods .....	\$914.00
Richwoods 1st .....	\$851.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$313.60
Rolla 1st .....	\$295.00
Royal Oak .....	\$25.00
Salem .....	\$30.00
Seymour .....	\$413.00
Southern Hills .....	\$785.88
Springfield 1st .....	\$1,202.34
St. Francois Assn. ....	\$65.00
Stockton .....	\$189.80
Terrill Road .....	\$50.00
Thayer .....	\$1,305.00
Trinity .....	\$872.00
Union Grove .....	\$682.00
Union Light .....	\$182.00
United .....	\$3,214.80
Unity .....	\$607.00
Victory- Alton .....	\$642.44
Victory- KC .....	\$1,771.25
Waynesville 1st .....	\$1,892.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$731.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove .....	\$367.51
Wolf Creek .....	\$932.07
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$61,002.17</b>

#### Show-Me Plan

Baldwin, J. ....	\$25.00
Barker, J. ....	\$15.00
Beacon .....	\$1,234.00
Beacon .....	\$1,583.82
Belton .....	\$165.00
Berry, R. ....	\$15.00
Bethel- El Dorado .....	\$333.03
Bethel- Festus .....	\$45.00
Black Oak .....	\$60.00
Brown, J. ....	\$15.00
Burns, J. ....	\$110.00
Buxton, G. ....	\$30.00
Calvary Chapel .....	\$105.00
Cartee, J. ....	\$15.00
Central .....	\$155.00
Chrisman, M. ....	\$30.00
Copper Mines .....	\$150.00
Copper Mines- Teens & Jr. ....	\$15.00
Copper Mines- Young Adult .....	\$30.00
Cornerstone .....	\$323.00
Cuba .....	\$109.50
Darnell, W. ....	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$552.50
DeSoto Auditorium Class .....	\$30.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$985.00
Fellowship .....	\$814.33
Fordland .....	\$250.00
Fourth .....	\$45.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$90.00
Freeman Chapel .....	\$540.00
Garrett, R. ....	\$15.00
Gospel Light .....	\$1,000.00
Grace .....	\$842.50
Graham, S. ....	\$30.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$265.00
Green Hills- Lebanon .....	\$30.00
Green Hills- Lebanon .....	\$30.00
Greenfield .....	\$180.00
Hannon .....	\$972.00
Harmony .....	\$34.80
Hartville .....	\$240.00
Harvest- Raymore .....	\$55.00
Hazel Creek .....	\$237.17
Hurryville .....	\$500.00

Hurryville- Sr. Adult Class .....	\$17.00
Jackson .....	\$35.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$75.00
Leadington .....	\$180.00
Lebanon 1st .....	\$150.00
Macedonia- Purdy .....	\$1,000.00
Maggart, D. ....	\$45.00
Malloy, A. ....	\$20.00
Mill Creek .....	\$140.00
Mill Creek- CWF .....	\$15.00
Mill Creek- Young Adult Class .....	\$15.00
Mine La Motte .....	\$75.00
MO WAC .....	\$585.72
Monett 1st .....	\$30.00
Mouser, J. ....	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$75.00
Mt. Zion- Thayer .....	\$30.00
Myrtle .....	\$100.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$135.00
New Beginning .....	\$132.49
New Home- Hartville .....	\$210.00
New Hope .....	\$150.00
New Life- Licking .....	\$74.00
New Life- Licking .....	\$73.25
New Testament .....	\$15.00
Noel, D. ....	\$15.00
Number One .....	\$60.00
O' Fallon 1st .....	\$136.00
Oak Grove- Houston .....	\$30.00
Oak Hill .....	\$20.00
Palbras de Vida Eterna .....	\$15.00
Parker, G. ....	\$15.00
Parkview .....	\$285.00
Pinkerton, J. ....	\$45.00
Pleasant Grove .....	\$270.00
Pleasant Hill .....	\$45.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$300.00
Richwoods .....	\$62.50
Rock Chapel .....	\$210.00
Rock Springs .....	\$96.21
Rogers, B. ....	\$15.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$30.00
Royal Oak .....	\$120.00
Ruble, N. ....	\$45.00
Southeast MO Assn. ....	\$90.00
Southern Hills .....	\$100.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$515.00
Stockton .....	\$122.50
Thayer .....	\$255.00
Trinity .....	\$435.00
Union Light .....	\$150.00
United .....	\$327.89
Unity .....	\$75.00
Victory- Alton .....	\$45.00
Victory- KC .....	\$150.00
Walker, H. ....	\$10.00
Walnut Grove .....	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$473.10
White, R. ....	\$30.00
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$150.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove .....	\$100.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$20,612.31</b>

#### Foreign Missions

Belton .....	\$40.00
Bunton, V. ....	\$20,000.00
Central .....	\$80.00
Chapman, A. ....	\$20.00
Cuba .....	\$21.90
Farmington 1st .....	\$10.00
Fordland .....	\$15.00
G. M. ....	\$216.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$15.00
Hartville .....	\$35.00
Lewis, D. ....	\$30.00
Matthews, A. ....	\$15.00
Minor, K. ....	\$10.00
New Testament .....	\$35.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$10.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$10.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$255.50
Thayer .....	\$10.00
Trinity .....	\$5.20
Victory- KC .....	\$30.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$180.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$21,043.60</b>

#### Nat'l Home Missions

Beacon .....	\$410.00
Beacon .....	\$65.00
Belton .....	\$58.00
Cape Girardeau .....	\$121.46
Carthage .....	\$5.00
Carthage .....	\$5.00
Central .....	\$50.00
Cuba .....	\$65.70
DeSoto 1st .....	\$200.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$905.00
Fordland .....	\$30.00
Fourth .....	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$20.00
Gospel Light .....	\$160.00
Grace .....	\$32.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$53.43
Hannon .....	\$538.00
Jackson .....	\$30.00
King, B. ....	\$10.00
Monett 1st .....	\$5.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$25.00
Myrtle .....	\$67.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$50.00
New Home- Hartville .....	\$10.00
New Testament .....	\$75.00
Oak Hill .....	\$50.00
O'Fallon .....	\$72.00
Rader, J. ....	\$20.00
Richwoods 1st .....	\$57.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$86.60
Ruble, N. ....	\$10.00
Thayer .....	\$175.00
Thebeau, B. ....	\$10.00
Trinity .....	\$63.75
Union Light .....	\$96.00
United .....	\$150.00
Unity .....	\$50.00
Victory- KC .....	\$70.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$20.00
Wolf Creek .....	\$75.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,045.94</b>

#### State Home Missions

Belton .....	\$33.00
Bethel- Festus .....	\$15.00
Copper Mines .....	\$75.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$90.00
Fellowship .....	\$100.00
Fordland .....	\$10.00
Gospel Light .....	\$160.00
Grace .....	\$55.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$43.42
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore .....	\$540.00
Macedonia- Purdy .....	\$100.00
Myrtle .....	\$102.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$25.00
New Testament .....	\$50.00
Niangua .....	\$82.05
O' Fallon 1st .....	\$72.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Republic .....	\$25.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$255.50
Southeast Assn. ....	\$150.00
Thayer .....	\$105.00
Trinity .....	\$43.75
United .....	\$25.00
Unity .....	\$75.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$50.00
White, R. ....	\$10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,301.72</b>

#### Youth Camp

Hannon .....	50.00
Hannon(for Laundry) .....	174.78
Hartville .....	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore .....	540.00
New Home- Hartville .....	10.00
Rolla 1st .....	20.00
DeSoto 1st .....	55.00
Trinity .....	9.00
Thayer .....	50.00
Cornerstone .....	25.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	15.00

Ozark 1st .....	10.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove .....	10.00
Niangua .....	20.00
West Plains 1st .....	25.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,023.78</b>

#### Camp Development Fund

Rock Chapel .....	180.00
Myrtle .....	20.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

#### 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

Ruble, N. ....	15.00
DeSoto 1st .....	40.00
Farmington 1st .....	150.00
Oak Hill .....	10.00
Thayer .....	50.00
Beacon .....	125.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$390.00</b>

#### Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Hannon .....	100.00
Farmington 1st .....	150.00
Oak Hill .....	10.00
Thayer .....	50.00
Monett 1st .....	100.00
Indian Creek Assn.(Have a Heart)	
91.00 .....	
Beacon .....	127.00
Southern Hills .....	50.00
Joplin 1st .....	75.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$753.00</b>

#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

Hannon .....	100.00
DeSoto 1st .....	55.00
M. Nosser .....	25.00
Stephens, T. ....	10.00
Unity .....	20.00
Belton .....	35.00
New Hope .....	30.00
Myrtle .....	25.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>

#### John McClure

Carthage .....	\$15.00
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#### Brian Brinkhoff

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

#### Vergel Maness

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

#### Women Nationally Active for Christ

Ruble, J. ....	\$10.00
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#### Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

Unity .....	12.50
MO WAC- Special Projects .....	5.48
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$17.98</b>

#### George Lemelin

Jackson .....	\$7.50
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#### Morgan Wood

Belton .....	\$25.00
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#### Berea Ministries

Hartville .....	\$150.00
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### Excerpt from Pinkerton News

Jerry and I firmly believe that if we have been in harm's way, God's Angels have protected us—for we have never, to this point, felt we were in danger.

Ordination Services for 1st Church Pastor Silas is set for 12 June. Thanks again to all the WAC women who assisted with his training.

3rd church is looking at land..Roads are being cut in this new area- not all that far from where we presently meet. The Foreign Mission Board has given us permission to raise \$75,000 for a church building & parsonage. We're asking God to touch hearts...All can pray. And may He have freedom to touch those with billfolds/budgets that can help in this effort. Are you ready to pray/give?

### Excerpt from Bunch News

Our life during the last month has been a whirlwind of activities. I have been involved in services in Arkansas and Missouri, as well as mission conferences. It is exciting to share the ministry that God has given us as well as to see what God is doing in other places. One of the highlights was the Missouri Liberty Association missions conference rally held at the 1st FWB Church in Springfield, Mo. Pastor Alvin Hook did a wonderful job of organizing the conference and rally.

Another wonderful weekend was spent with the Calvary Chapel FWB Church in Buffalo, Missouri. Pastor Doug Earls, wife Betsy and daughter Anna, treated us to a wonderful relaxing time with them as well as three nice services in their Church. The Calvary Chapel Church has partnered with Panama in sponsoring several building/evangelism teams who have gone and built buildings as well as relationships in Panama. We appreciate them greatly.

We plan to return to Panama in July. As we return please pray with us about the following.

1. Our family. Brenda and I will return with all of our children remaining stateside. Please pray for Jonathan & Amanda Dawn (wife), Alicia and Amanda Leigh (daughter)
2. Spiritual consistency in our lives. (a daily walk and fellowship with God which is the basis for all ministry)
3. That all of us would be led by the Spirit away from the paths of temptation.
4. For the Panamanian brethren with whom we will minister.
5. Our co-workers in Panama (Bowerman & Nichols) & others to come. (to be named when officially approved)
6. Our fellow laborers in Brazil, Uruguay, and Cuba.
7. Wisdom in faithfully serving God.

We appreciate you and thank God for you. Thanks for praying.



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