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State Honors Retiring Executive Secretary

Following the Wednesday evening service out-going Moderator Richard Robinson and Clerk Rick Dement took charge of the service and invited Executive Secretary Nathan Ruble and his wife Judith to join them at the podium. Bro. Richard read a statement of appreciation for the service the Rubles have given the Missouri State Association during the past twelve years. (Bro. Ruble will retire as Executive Secretary August 1, 2004.) Bro. Dement presented Sister Ruble a bouquet of roses and Bro. Robinson presented Bro. Ruble a plaque and a check from the Missouri churches and the State Association. Bro. Ruble expressed his appreciation for the gifts but also for the honor and trust the state had placed in him in allowing him to serve as Executive Secretary. In-coming Executive Secretary, Rev. Gary Fry, went to the podium and commended the Rubles on their service and prayed the benediction.



Thank you Missouri Free Will Baptists

I feel a great sense of gratitude for Missouri Free Will Baptists who entrusted me with an important task and supported me and my family with their prayers and encouragement. You have amazed me with your generosity in giving to the cause of Christ and have humbled and challenged me with your dedication in service. All of you, state leaders, pastors and congregations have influenced and encouraged me. At the close of the state meeting, you again honored Judith and me with your words of praise and a generous gift. In trying to think of a way to respond, I was reminded of something that my mentor in the ministry shared with me. He said, "of all the things you will be called to deal with, praise will be the hardest." I have found that to be true. So, Judith and I say from sincere hearts, thank you for your expression of appreciation and twelve wonderful years of serving you.





Missouri Women Active for Christ Convention Report

"The Light to Shine Out of Darkness" was the theme for the 2004 Missouri Women Active for Christ meeting in Springfield, Missouri. One hundred participants reg-

istered for the Monday morning session in which Bro. Scott McNay brought a devotion and Bro. Dale Cochran spoke in the eleven o'clock service.

During the business session, the following four recommendations were approved:

I. Four projects adopted for the year 2005:

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| 1. Missouri "Show-Me" Plan | \$3000.00 |
| 2. Missouri State Missionaries (Gene and Sandy Howell, Raymore, MO) | \$3,000.00 |
| 3. National Home Missionaries (Scott and Rebekah Cheatham, CO) | \$3,000.00 |
| 4. WNAC | \$3,000.00 |

II. The Morning Offering go to Dale Cochran and \$200.00 honorarium go to Scott McNay.

III. That all district and local Women Active for Christ be encouraged to promote Missouri State Home Missions in February.

IV. That all local Women Active for Christ be encouraged to participate in the WNAC August Emphasis Month.

Only one second year Women Active for Christ scholarship was awarded because of the lack of completed applications submitted. Megan Wilfong was awarded \$250.00 toward her second year tuition fee at FWBBC in Nashville, Tennessee. Megan represented our state well with a 4.0 GPA. Missouri WAC continues to urge young ladies to follow the guidelines and apply for the WAC scholarship. If a scholarship was not approved because the required letters of recommendation were not submitted, please re-submit the application for the next year.

Ralph Dingus, Director of Development, of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries of Greenville, Tennessee, informed Missouri WAC that Family Ministries is still collecting Campbell soup (and other Campbell products such as Pork & Beans) labels to purchase a van. The van can belong to the home in exchange for 1.4 million labels. They currently have 700,000. These labels can be collected and sent to: Free Will Baptist Family Ministries

90 Stanley Lane

Greenville, Tennessee 37743.

Those attending the meeting were reminded of the state WAC Retreat to be held August 20-21. The Retreat project is the WNAC Provision Closet. Empty check-book boxes were distributed to be filled with \$25 Wal-Mart Cards, Phone Cards, or cash. These boxes will fill our mini-closet to be displayed at the retreat and then sent on to the WNAC Provision Closet. The Provision Closet is maintained for the use of our departing and returning missionaries.

Missouri WAC President Shirley Jackson gave a report about the progress of the plans for hosting the WNAC Convention in Kansas City in July. Funds have been raised, volunteers have been recruited, and the finishing touches are taking shape. Missouri Women are to be commended for the work they have done to make all of this possible. Their efforts through WAC have enhanced God's Kingdom. Missouri Women Active for Christ have had another great year!

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.

2004 State Convention Report

The 91st session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists was hosted by the Greater Springfield District Association at the Clarion Hotel in Springfield, Missouri. The district churches provided ushers and registration personnel for the meeting. They are to be commended for helping make the convention a success.

392 people registered to hear Reverends Gene Crewse, Melvin Haas, Kenny Simpson, Steve Reeves, and Bill Evans develop the theme of the convention, "Founded, Faithful, Focused." Each of the worship services were anointed with great singing and powerful preaching.

Tuesday morning the Christian Education Board sponsored a seminar with Dr. Charles Shepson. Dr. Shepson spoke in two sessions on the subject of "The Eight Pitfalls of the Ministry." At the conclusion of the sessions he gave an invitation and a majority of those present responded to make commitments to the Lord concerning their ministry.

Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning were given over to conducting state business. Moderator Richard Robinson began the sessions with a timely Moderator's message. During the two sessions of business, the delegates heard and approved the reports and adopted the budgets of the Executive Department, the five standing boards, the Show-Me Committee, and the Lebanon Bible and Book Store. In other business, the delegates approved several changes in the Constitution and By-Laws, passed a resolution concerning same sex marriages, approved a \$5,000 gift to Free Will Baptist Bible College and an equal amount for Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, and voted to hold the 2005 convention at the United Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains.

The delegates heard of how God continues to bless Missouri Free Will Baptists in giving and in outreach ministries. The Executive Office reported an increase in Co-op with gifts totaling \$700, 394.96 for 2003. State Home Missions Director Dale Skiles reported increased designated giving to the Mission Board, and that the work in

Jefferson City has its building nearly completed, and that the Raymore mission has purchased property and will soon be building. Show-Me Plan Chairman Alvin Hook reported increased giving to the Show-Me Plan and that the Committee and the Christian Education Board will be sponsoring a Culture Link Seminar (see the seminar application in this issue of the Gem). Each of the Board's reports were positive.

Rev. Jim Williams, pastor of the Carthage Free Will Baptist Church, was elected to serve as Moderator. The other officers are: Rick Dement, Assistant Moderator; Kenny Simpson, Clerk; Kenny Panduku, Assistant Clerk. Rev. Richard Robinson, out-going moderator, is to be commended for his years of service as an officer in leading the state association.

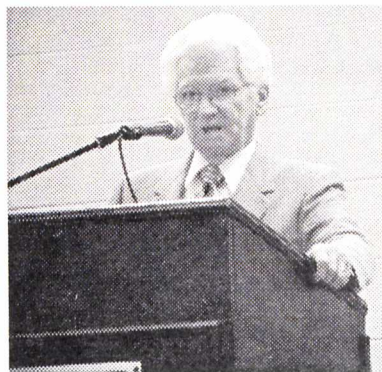
In the Wednesday evening service the Ozark and Fordland choirs united to bring the special music. Under the direction of Greg Smith, they did an outstanding job of leading the congregation to worship.



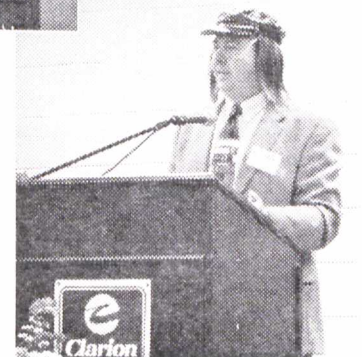
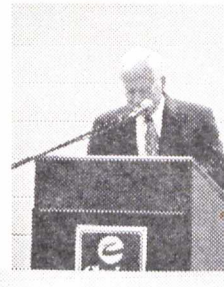
Executive Committee in Session



Out-going Moderator Richard Robinson and New Moderator Jim Williams



Dr. Shepson



Who is this man?
Jerry Norris?, Roger Hogan? or
Dr. Earls?

Missouri Alumni Association

of



Free Will Baptist
Bible College

It was a windy Saturday morning but that didn't keep the fishermen a way. 17 teams gathered for the First Annual Bass and Crappie Tournament with the proceeds benefiting the Alumni project of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Fishermen from all over the State of Missouri pulled into the Long Shoal Marina around 7a.m. ready to catch that big bass and fill their live well with crappie. After a brief meeting, the teams scattered and rushed off to their hopeful fishing holes. After six hours of casting lures, watching bobbers, and being rocked back and forth by the wind, the fishermen returned to the marina. Thanks to Dan Merkh, we had professional fish scales to weigh our fish. When it was all said and done Larry Crowe from Fordland caught the

largest largemouth bass weighing in at 3 lbs. and 4 oz. Jeremy Roderique from O'Fallon reeled in the largest crappie at 1 lb. A cash prize of \$50 was awarded to each of them.

Cash prizes were also given to the first through third finishers who had the heaviest stringer of both largemouth bass and crappie. Here were the winners:

Largemouth Bass Winners

First place with 2 bass at 6lbs.: Larry Crowe and Lloyd Fisher

Second place with 2 bass at 3.02 lbs.: Gary Brandt and David Carroll

Third place with 1 bass at 2.04 lbs.: Dan Talbott and Ron Shockley

Crappie Winners

First place with 9 crappie at 4.02 lbs.: Jim Barb and Cecil Burk

Second place with 5 crappie at 2.1 lbs.: Gary Mitchener and Greg Smith

Third place with 5 crappie at 2.05 lbs.: Ken Simpson and John Robb

Before we headed home, Joe Wilson drew several numbers of the fishermen and awarded each of them a great giveaway prize. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to Spring 2005 to do it again.

Raymore Update

Hello from Raymore!

Sorry it has been so long since we have sent news about our work.

The Lord has been blessing our services here. We had a Sunday School campaign in March. Our people worked so hard! We doubled our Sunday School attendance.

In April Bro Chuck Lotz came and held revival services for us. He did an excellent job and our people were blessed. Then, Easter Sunday, we had our first Sunrise Service. We had planned on having services out on our land, but the cold wet weather forced us inside. We had 21 in that service! We enjoyed breakfast that the ladies had prepared. After the morning worship we had a total of 45 people that had been in services with us that day!

They have done the excavation work on our land. Right now we are waiting on architect plans so that we can obtain our building permit. It is teaching us all patience, but hopefully we will be able to start building real soon.

Our son, Jon, has graduated high school and has moved back in with us. Please pray with us as he decides what his future holds.

We would like to thank everyone for your prayers for our work.

May God Bless each one of you.

In Christ,
Gene, Sandy & Jon Howell

Salem News

The Salem Free Will Baptist Church choir presented an Easter Musical entitled "Who Do You Say I Am?" in the morning and evening services on Easter Sunday. They also presented it at a special service for about fifty Amish on April 30th. The Salem congregation and the Amish had a great time of fellowship after the service.

The church enjoyed a great service at the Baptist Camp Ground located at the Current River on May 16th. Pastor Garland Davidson, assisted by Charles Bacon, Sr., baptized three adults, two teens, and two children. Following the baptizing, the church enjoyed a picnic.

Recently the church had two couples unite with the church and has set aside Charles Bacon, Sr. on trial as a deacon. The church has been experiencing growth in attendance and has added two new Sunday School classes.

If you have family in the Salem area, the church will be glad to visit them with an invitation to attend services. You may contact Rev. Garland Davidson, 104 West Condray Street, Salem, MO. 65560.

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Buy a Share
of the Show-Me Plan
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Elmer and Gladys Turnbough Retire After 52 Years of Ministry

Elmer and Gladys Turnbough are retiring after fifty-two years of full-time Christian service. They have pastored churches in Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Delaware, and North Carolina.

They began their first pastorate in 1953 in St. Louis, MO. Elmer was working full-time as production and personnel manager of the Purex Corporation, while also serving as full-time pastor. He and Gladys led the church from 1953 to 1960, and under their ministry, the church became self-supporting. At that time, Elmer left the Purex Corp. and devoted himself to full-time ministry. He has attended Brooks Bible Seminary, Florida Bible College, Free Will Baptist Bible College, the Wesleyan College of Chaplains in Kansas, the Wesley Medical Center of Wichita, KS and the University of Missouri at Columbia.

They have served as church planters and home missionaries in many of their churches. They have served as State and National Home missionaries. Elmer has conducted more than 300 revivals in nearly twenty states and preached in five foreign countries. They are currently pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church in Waynesville, Missouri, where they have served these last six years. Although they are retiring from full-time pastoral duties, they will continue to minister in many other areas. Elmer will continue on as President of the Chaplain's ministry at the Phelps County Regional Medical Center.

Elmer and Gladys have influenced many lives over the past years. Several under their leadership have answered the call to the ministry and missions, both at home and abroad.

God has blessed Elmer and Gladys with a family who is following their footsteps in full-time Christian service.

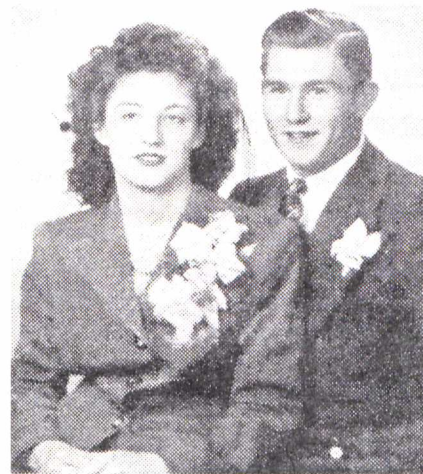
Their oldest son, Jim, pastors with his wife Julie in Durham, North Carolina. Their daughter, Jamie and her husband, Lange Patrick, are Ministers of Music in Goldsboro, NC. Their son, Jonathan and his wife Kimberlee have served as Music Ministers in Nashville, TN. Youngest daughter, Jessica and her husband Luke Borgnis live in Columbia, SC. Jessica, Jonathan, and Kimberlee have gone overseas as summer missionaries.

Judy Bailey, second born to Elmer and Gladys, serves as a foreign missionary with her husband, Ken, in Tokyo, Japan. Their daughter, Tracey and her husband Jeremy Delamarter have served as Music Ministers in Tacoma, WA and Portland, OR. Judy and Ken's son, Benjamin, serves as a missionary apprentice in Tokyo, Japan. He and Tracey have gone on mission trips to the Phillippines, and have been part of mission teams ministering to Japanese high-school students.

Elmer and Gladys' third child is Jeff, who serves with his wife Susan as missionaries in Madrid, Spain. Their son Matthew is also a missionary apprentice, along with wife Brooke, in Madrid. Daughter Melissa, will graduate from Free Will Baptist Bible College in May, and is continuing her education to become a nurse. Matthew and Melissa also served on high-school mission teams. Elmer and Gladys have five great-grandchildren: Justin and Jailyn Patrick, Conor and Lucas Delamarter, and Chloe Borgnis.

They have given many years to serving Christ and working to further His Kingdom. They had the privilege of leading their three children to Christ, along with their son-in-law, Ken. The fact that their children and grandchildren are all actively involved in the Lord's work is a testimony to their consistent Christian lives.

Elmer and Gladys express gratitude for the many prayers for their ministries throughout the years, and for those given for their children and grandchildren's ministries. Many have been blessed through their faithful witness.



Back Row: Jim Turnbough, Judy (Turnbough) Bailey,
Jeff Turnbough
Front Row: Gladys and Elmer Turnbough

Editor's Note:

Thank you Bro. Elmer and Sister Gladys for your many years of service for the Lord and Free Will Baptists. God bless you in your retirement.



Pinkerton Update

Thanks for your prayers..God is answering. it wasn't that many years ago when advance planning for most Africans included events for that same evening....NOW, advance planning is sometimes being done months in advance.

Like the proposed African Couples Retreat..We began by praying. A location was found (finally) and the search for a speaker began..Thought we had one, but he had to cancel at the last minute; called another-but he was occupied..couldn't get ahold of the 3rd choice..Pastors Samuel & Silas who were organizing the Retreat saw hope walk to the door...Pastor Samuel went to cancel our housing arrangements..While there, he was told of another person who often held marriage seminars...so he went to call Pastor Silas..when

that very speaker arrived. Result...the Lord answered at the last minute. This is most likely the best qualified person we could have invited...Retreat 4-5 of June. Please pray with us that needs will be answered from God's Word. The majority of troubles are the same around the world: finding enough time for God's Work, Family and Work...discipline of children, finances, in laws....etc

Leaders from the 3 Abidjan Churches are meeting now. Jerry is there. I sent a cake to show my support..They meet every 3 months to pray/plan events.

Praise the Lord..Money is being sent to FM from SS Classes, individuals and churches for the 3rd Church Construction Fund. (church/parsonage).. thank you so much for allowing God to touch your heart AND billfold. Thank you..His Blessings upon you.

Things remain IFFY about the political situation..Gratefully, it has NOT hindered the sharing of Jesus Christ. Expecting a great day tomorrow, Lord willing, Jerry will be preaching at 2nd Church. I'll be with the Wiggle Worms at 3rd Church.

Appreciate you very much. Jerry & Carol Pinkerton

Culture Link Conference

The Show-Me Committee in conjunction with the Christian Education Board is sponsoring a Culture Link Conference at Springfield First Free Will Baptist Church on September 9 through the 11. ***The purpose of this seminar is to prepare pastors and lay leaders for short-term mission trips.*** This group will teach you how to put together mission teams to minister on foreign lands in such a way as to be a help to the missionary and the churches. You will be instructed on the dos and don'ts so the mission work will be helped and not hindered by your group going on the various fields of labor. You will be taught what to do to make the trip a life changing experience for those who are going on the mission trip. Short-term mission trips can be revolutionary in an individual's life. It will broaden your vision, deepen your burden, and stir your heart to be a better soul winner. This seminar is a must if you or your church is planning on visiting one of our fields in the future. This seminar is so heartily accepted by our Foreign Mission Department that they are considering making it a prerequisite before going on any mission trips.

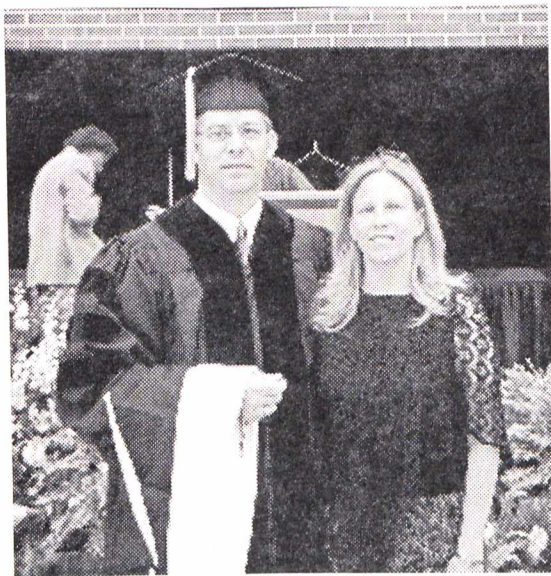
The Springfield First Free Will Baptist Church at 2635 West Nichols Street in Springfield, MO 65802 will host the Seminar. It begins on Thursday evening September 9 and continues until late Saturday afternoon September 11. The cost is \$80 per person. You will be responsible for your own meals and lodging during the seminar. There are only 60 spots available during meeting. Openings will be filled in order that the applications are received. There are a limited number of scholarships available for those who can not afford the cost of the conference. Please see Gary Fry, Jerry Norris or Alvin Hook if you are interested in one of the scholarships.

Please return applications with a non-refundable application fee to Alvin Hook, 2623 W. Nichols Street, Springfield, MO 65802 Phone - 417-865-6617 or 417-689-4144, emails - Alvinhook@cs.com. There is no charge for those who have previously attended Culture Link but you must register to attend again. Make all checks to Missouri State Association.

Name Address

City State Zip Code Phone Number

Cell Phone E-Mail Address



Jeff and Susan Turnbough

Turnbough Update

Dear Friends,

It is great to be writing you from home again! We have experienced lots of different kinds of emotions as we watched our daughter Melissa graduate from college, as we celebrated over 50 years of my parent's ministry and retirement, and as I too graduated from college again (for the final time?).

While it is great to be home, there are many things happening and more things for us to do. There are many challenges we face in the days ahead.

One of the first people I called after we returned was our architect. Two days later he came to Villalba and Sam and I met with him. He has been establishing a relationship with the city architects, so he can have a better feel for precisely how we need to approach the renovation and presentation of the blueprints, as well as the construction of the building. The good news is that he is very positive that we can move ahead with the construction with confidence. The city architect told him that we need to return to and maintain as much as possible the original design that we presented over 10 years ago. So, we have agreed to do that. We hope to meet before the end of this month once again to give final approval to the plans before he presents them.

We continue to ask you to pray for spiritual leaders and their families here:

- José Manuel & Carmen in Alcalá de Henares, along with their two children.
- Jhon Fredy & Francia in Villalba, along with their two children.
- Juan Carlos & María del Carmen in Colmenar Viejo, with their daughter.

Along with them, please pray for other spiritual leaders and other believers in the works. Our work is ultimately about them and their success.

This weekend I'll meet with the Villalba Church Council to plan the church's upcoming Spiritual Retreat (June 12-13), as well as other important activities in the church. The church has received two new members, both Romanians, and will soon be voting to receive three more.

In addition to receiving visitors from the USA, some members of our field council are meeting to work on our field strategy (June 15-17). Please pray for our friends and teammates Sam & June McVay as they prepare for Stateside Assignment, leaving Spain later this month.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Here for HIS glory,

Jeff & Susan Turnbough

MISSOURI'S 2003 TOP-GIVING CHURCHES TO FOREIGN MISSIONS

Church	Pastor	Amount
1. Macedonia (Purdy)	Lee Neill	\$42,497.00
2. Hannon (Liberal)		27,016.00
3. Verdella (Liberal)	Randy Sprenkle	17,082.00
4. Calvary Fellowship (Fenton)	Jerry Norris	13,141.00
5. Gospel Light (Bonne Terre)	Larry Allison	12,000.00
6. First (Springfield)	Alvin Hook	10,146.00
7. First (Farmington)	Roger Hogan	9,505.00
8. First (Mountain Grove)	Gary Fry	8,621.00
9. Freeman Chapel (St. Joseph)	Vernon Maggart	8,420.00
10. Fellowship (Park Hills)	Wayne Phillips	7,914.00
11. Thayer (Thayer)	Melvin Haas	7,742.00
12. First (Purdy)	Russ Neill	7,261.00
13. First (Waynesville)	Elmer Turnbough	7,108.00
14. First (DeSoto)	Bob Thebeau	7,005.00
15. Grace (Arnold)	Glenn Rehkop	6,710.00
16. Trinity (Bridgeton)	Kenny Panduku	6,655.00
17. Hurryville (Park Hills)	Ronald Graham	6,376.00
18. United (West Plains)	Glenn Murray	5,135.00
19. Victory (Kansas City)		5,092.00
20. Copper Mines (Fredericktown)	Darin Alvis	4,909.00

FWBBC Looking for Basketball Coach

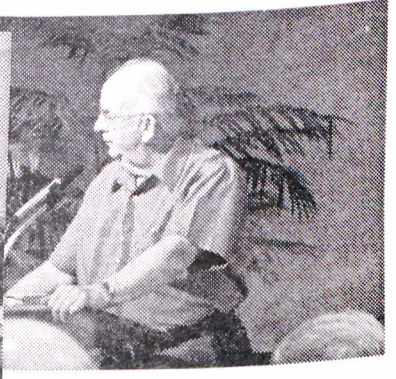
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—Free Will Baptist Bible College is looking for a part-time head coach for men's basketball.

Minimum qualifications include an Associate's Degree (a Bachelor's Degree is preferred) and at least two years of head coaching experience. Primary responsibilities will include recruiting and training players, and organizing, implementing, coordinating, and supervising all aspects of the men's basketball program at the college. Some administrative duties will also be required.

Applicants should submit a letter of application, a resume, and three letters of reference to: Mike Phillips, Athletic Director, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.

For more information: Phone—615-844-5276;
Email—mphillips@fwbbc.edu.

2003 Senior Adult Retreat



Churches Seeking A Pastor

First FWB Church - Waynesville
Contact: Richard Baptiste 573-336-0776
or Elmer Turnbough 573-774-6412 or 573-528-2699

Hannon FWB Church - Liberal
Contact: Brent Thompson 417-843-4985

South Fremont FWB Church - Springfield
Contact: Richard Pointer 417-865-8117

Missouri Board of Christian Education 2004 Roll Call Sunday Report

Dear Missouri Free Will Baptists,

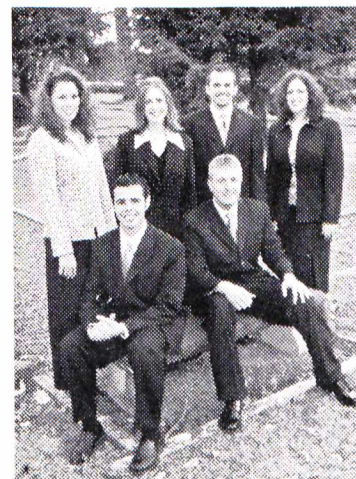
We would like to thank the 156 churches that responded to our 2004 appeal for Roll Call information. This was six more than last year, and our total attendance was up to 15,180, almost 4% more than last year. Much of this increase was from churches reporting this year that did not report last year.

2004 Roll Call

Category Winners

Category	Church	Pastor	Growth
1-49	Cuba Mt. Zion	Mikeal Moore	233%
50-74	Trinity	Kenny Panduku	115%
75-99	New Testament	Mike Rhodes	17%
100-149	Mt. Pisgah	David Carroll	33%
150-199	First, Park Hills	Chuck Lotz	79%
200-249	First, Springfield	Alvin Hook	38%
250-299	Fellowship	Wayne Phillips	8%
300-349	-	---	
350-399	Calvary Chapel	Doug Earls	23%
400-449	Farmington, First	Roger Hogan	44%

New Mercy and Rejoice Ministry Teams to Visit Missouri



New Mercy Ministry Team

New Mercy Ministry Team

July 7- First FWB Church Ozark, Ozark MO, PM
July 11- West Tulsa FWB Church, Tulsa OK, PM
July 13- Cuba FWB Church, Cuba, MO, 7:00 PM
July 18- Lebanon FWB Church, Lebanon, MO, 11:00 AM
July 18-29- National Association, Kansas City MO

Rejoice Ministry Team:

July 18- Beacon FWB Church, Raytown MO, AM
July 18-22- National Association of FWB, Kansas City, MO

Missouri Churches reported a total of 35 saved on Roll Call Sunday, down from 57 last year.

Top Saved on Roll Call Sunday 2004

Church	Pastor	Number Saved
Park Hills First	Chuck Lotz	13
United, West Plains	Glen Murray	6
Hannibal'	Dale Cochran	4
Heritage, Poplar Bluff	Don Richmann	3
First, Waynesville	Elmer Turnbough	3
Fourth, St. Louis	Gary Parker	3

Six other churches reported 2 saved on Roll Call Sunday

Top Ten Attendance Roll Call Sunday 2003

1. United, West Plains	Glen Murray	698
2. First, Farmington	Roger Hogan	645
3. Calvary Chapel, Buffalo	Doug Earls	478
4. Calvary Fellowship, Fenton	Jerry Norris	417
5. First, Mountain Grove	Gary Fry	317
6. First Park Hills	Chuck Lotz	307
7. First Desoto	Bob Thebeau	306
8. Fellowship. Park Hills	Wayne Phillips	281
9. Thayer, Thayer	Melvin Haas	265
10. First, Springfield	Alvin Hook	248.

45 GRADUATE FROM BIBLE COLLEGE

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—Free Will Baptist Bible College graduated 45 students in Commencement Exercises on campus May 13, 2004. Graduates came from 16 states and two foreign countries.

Students completed six programs, ranging from 2-year associates programs to 4- and 5-year bachelor's programs. Over 40 percent of the class graduated with honors, according to Dr. Milton Fields, Dean.

Dr. Eddie Moody, an alumnus of the college and pastor of Tippet's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina, brought the final challenge.

The college is pleased to commend to you and to the work of the Lord the members of the 2004 graduating class:

We extend our congratulations to the two Missouri students who graduated this year.

Associate of Christian Ministries

Stacie Jean Compton West Plains, Missouri

Bachelor of Science

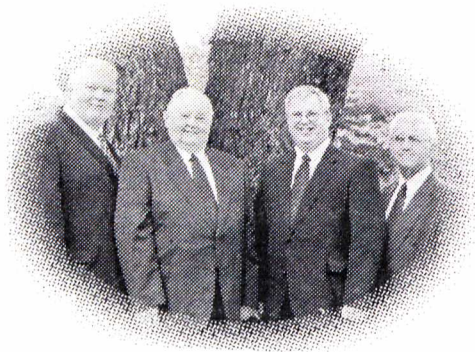
William H. Skaggs***

Bible, Pastoral Training

Bonne Terre, Missouri

***-summa cum laude (with highest honor—3.75 g.p.a.)

Triumphant Singers Available for Services



The Triumphant Singers are scheduling services. The members of this all male quartet are members of Free Will Baptist Churches. If you would like to book them for a service in your church, call 1-501-679-5914 or contact: W.H. Bostic, 397 Hwy 25 N., Greenbrier, Arkansas 72058.

COUNTRY CHAPLAIN

What Time Is It?

By J. Mark Vandivort

Due to a tragic accident my friend's life was cut short when his children were young. Many years later I listened to his daughter sing in church. She demonstrated a rich and beautiful talent. Even more, she seemed to be putting her heart and soul into the words of praise for her Savior, Jesus Christ. (Her experiences also include being a wife, mother, and significant leader in her community.) I thought of the unique friendship I had enjoyed with her dad. "He would love to be hearing her sing", I thought.

Her Dad's plans may have included seeing his grandchildren graduate from college. No doubt he had thoroughly thought out a "wise plan" for rearing his daughter. Being there for her through high school—guiding her through college. Surely he had considered with pride the possibility of "walking her down the aisle" someday.

Eternity. All was not snuffed out in a moment! Perhaps the influence of his prayers remains with us. Part of the Apostle John's vision of heaven included "golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints" (Revelation 5:8, NKJV). The Bible teaches that **love "never fades out ... or comes to an end"** (I Corinthians 13:8, Amplified Bible). Such love is a "fruit of the Spirit" that is freely available to every Christian who permits God's Holy Spirit to control his or her life. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians, 5:22-23, NKJV).

Today. What will happen if "today" is all you have? Will you be remembered for your love, prayers, and provision?

Have you spoken words that will be forever cherished? In the bottom of a "treasure box" will there be saved samples of your handwriting?

Time. Have you spent some "time" today with someone who is precious to you?

Is God concerned about such matters? I believe He is. You have under your control a **priceless jewel** that you can protect from Satan's greedy and deadly grasp of your time! Live your "time" today with purpose, honoring your Creator/God (Ephesians 5:15-17).

Financial Report May 2004

Cooperative Disbursements	
May 2004	\$51,184.48
18.50% State Home Missions	\$9,469.13
17.00% Executive Office	8,701.36
3.00% General Fund	1,535.53
5.00% Show-Me Plan	255.92
8.50% Youth Camp Board	4,350.68
2.50% Youth Ministries Board	1,279.61
2.50% Christian Education Bd	1,279.61
2.50% Senior Adult Ministries	1,279.61
9.00% MO Retirement Prog	4,606.60
33%	16,890.90
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	1,535.53
Total	\$51,184.48
Co-op	
Aulsbury Chapel	\$203.51
Bailey	\$296.00
Bailey Chapel	\$176.00
Belton	\$271.28
Berean	\$94.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$340.16
Bethel- Northview	\$400.00
Black Oak	\$447.30
Buffalo 1st	\$200.00
Cabool 1st	\$280.75
Cabool 1st	\$263.93
Calvary Chapel	\$1,187.48
Calvary Fellowship	\$675.00
Cape Girardeau	\$744.41
Central	\$903.80
Christ Chapel	\$388.70
Clifton	\$38.57
Columbia	\$562.53
Copper Mines	\$434.89
Cornerstone	\$469.50
Crossroads-Wentzville	\$736.00
Cuba	\$507.00
DeSoto 1st	\$1,700.00
Faith & Hope-Willow Springs	\$88.00
Faith Chapel	\$263.35
Farmington 1st	\$2,708.71
Fellowship	\$1,200.00
Fordland	\$582.19
Fourth	\$291.16
Fredericktown 1st	\$257.00
Freeman Chapel	\$442.40
Grace	\$100.00
Gospel Light	\$1,595.83
Hannibal	\$736.00
Hannon	\$845.00
Harmony	\$546.84
Hartville	\$1,093.00
Harvest	\$214.30
Harvest-Raymore	\$290.70
Hopewell	\$324.00
Houston 1st	\$303.41
Hurryville	\$576.30
Jackson	\$208.89
Joplin 1st	\$713.64
Mill Creek	\$308.92
Kings Way	\$109.00
Koshkonong	\$230.41
Lead Hill	\$411.33
Leadington	\$1,245.50
Lebanon 1st	\$164.84
Macedonia-Niangua	\$139.00
Merls Chapel	\$468.12
Mill Creek	\$98.49
Mine LaMotte	\$813.37
Monett 1st	\$390.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$1,588.95
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$285.00
Neosho 1st	\$174.34
New Home-Lebanon	\$307.55
New Hope	\$406.13
New Life- Licking	\$1,536.00
O' Fallon 1st	\$363.43
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove	\$511.00
Oak Hill	\$1,120.00
Olivet	\$85.00
Overland	\$1,639.74
Ozark 1st	\$80.00
Palabras de Vida Eterna	\$2,199.79
Park Hills 1st	\$449.11
Parkview	\$168.53
Pleasant Hill	\$97.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$137.62
Potosi 1st	\$100.00
Republic	\$358.10
Rock Chapel	\$255.00
Rolla 1st	\$35.00
Royal Oak	\$30.00
Salem	\$437.00
Seymour	\$65.00
Smyrna	\$1,147.39
Springfield 1st	

Stockton	\$212.92
Thayer	\$1,389.00
Trinity	\$933.93
Union Light	\$190.00
United	\$1,694.48
Unity	\$400.00
Verdella	\$829.35
Verdella	\$796.03
Victory- Alton	\$640.94
Waynesville 1st	\$340.96
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove	\$427.32
Wolf Creek	\$672.36
Total	\$51,184.48

Show-Me Plan

Baldwin, J.	\$25.00
Baldwin, J.	\$25.00
Barker, J.	\$15.00
Belton	\$366.00
Berean	\$60.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel- El Dorado	\$340.16
Bethel- Festus	\$45.00
Black Oak	\$60.00
Brown, J.	\$15.00
Buffalo 1st	\$120.00
Burns, J.	\$85.00
Buxton, G.	\$30.00
Cabool 1st	\$105.00
Cabool 1st	\$105.00
Calvary Chapel	\$105.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$2,639.00
Cartee, J.	\$15.00
Central	\$150.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Cooper, J.	\$25.00
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines- Teens & Jr.	\$30.00
Copper Mines- Young Adult	\$15.00
Cornerstone	\$337.05
Cuba	\$121.50
Darnell, W.	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$552.50
DeSoto Auditorium Class	\$30.00
Faith	\$27.00
Faith & Hope- Willow Springs	\$120.00
Farmington 1st	\$485.00
Fellowship	\$903.21
Fordland	\$250.00
Fourth	\$60.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$90.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Garrett, R.	\$15.00
Gospel Light	\$1,000.00
Grace	\$477.00
Graham, S.	\$15.00
Greater KC Golf Tournament	\$289.50
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannibal WAC	\$45.00
Hannon	\$1,025.00
Happy Hill	\$60.00
Hartville	\$240.00
Harvest	\$100.00
Harvest- Raymore	\$25.00
Houston 1st	\$406.00
Hurryville	\$530.00
Hurryville- Sr. Adult Class	\$18.00
Jackson	\$35.00
Jones Chapel	\$150.00
Joplin 1st	\$75.00
Leadington	\$180.00
Leadington	\$180.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$9,000.00
Maggart, D.	\$45.00
Malloy, A.	\$20.00
Mid Rivers Assn.	\$1,642.45
Mill Creek	\$140.00
Mill Creek CWF	\$15.00
Mill Creek- Young Adult Class	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$75.00
MO Cooperative Plan	\$1,535.53
MO WAC	\$570.34
Monett 1st	\$30.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$563.00

Mouser, J.	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion- Thayer	\$30.00
Neosho 1st	\$330.00
New Beginning	\$177.97
New Home- Hartville	\$210.00
New Home- Lebanon	\$60.00
New Hope	\$150.00
New Life- Licking	\$77.00
New Testament	\$30.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Number One	\$60.00
O' Fallon 1st	\$103.00
Oak Grove- Houston	\$30.00
Oak Hill	\$20.00
Olivet	\$60.00
Ozark 1st	\$15.00
Palbras de Vida Eterna	\$15.00
Park Hills	\$660.48
Parker, G.	\$15.00
Parkview	\$269.25
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill	\$45.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$100.00
Reinbold, W.	\$100.00
Richwoods	\$52.50
Rock Chapel	\$210.00
Rock Springs	\$96.60
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble, N.	\$45.00
Springfield 1st	\$545.00
Stockton	\$70.95
Thayer	\$355.00
Trinity	\$450.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United	\$342.89
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$974.65
Verdella	\$891.03
Victory- Alton	\$45.00
Walker, H.	\$10.00
Waynesville 1st	\$383.75
White, R.	\$30.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove	\$95.00
Total	\$35,023.31

Foreign Missions

Belton	\$40.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$218.00
Central	\$80.00
Chapman, A.	\$20.00
Cuba	\$24.30
Degonia, J.	\$10.00
Farmington 1st	\$10.00
Fordland	\$500.00
Hartville	\$35.00
Houston 1st	\$45.00
Lewis, D.	\$50.00
Matthews, A.	\$15.00
Minor, K.	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$10.00
New Testament	\$70.00
Rock Chapel	\$10.00
Rolla 1st	\$258.50
Salem	\$50.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Trinity	\$26.88
Verdella	\$195.93
Verdella	\$159.20
Waynesville 1st	\$120.00
Total	\$1,967.81

Nat'l Home Missions

Belton	\$15.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$4,190.89
Central	\$50.00
Cuba	\$72.90
DeSoto 1st	\$190.00
Farmington 1st	\$731.16
Fordland	\$34.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$20.00

Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grace	\$58.00
Hannon	\$592.00
Houston 1st	\$40.00
Jackson	\$38.33
King, B.	\$15.00
Monett	\$5.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$105.00
Neosho 1st	\$100.00
New Home- Hartville	\$10.00
New Testament	\$150.00
Oak Hill	\$56.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$68.00
Park Hills 1st	\$1,948.69
Richwoods	\$48.00
Rock Chapel	\$106.25
Ruble, N.	\$10.00
Thayer	\$250.00
Trinity	\$66.70
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
Unity	\$50.00
Verdella	\$10.00
Verdella	\$40.00
West Plains 1st	\$30.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Total	\$9,656.92

State Home Missions

Bethel- Festus	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$90.00
Fellowship	\$100.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grace	\$55.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$540.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$300.00
Mid Rivers Assn.	\$1,842.45
Neosho 1st	\$50.00
New Testament	\$100.00
Niangua	\$50.75
O' Fallon 1st	\$68.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Palabras de Vida Eterna	\$100.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$40.00
Republic	\$25.00
Rolla 1st	\$258.50
Thayer	\$105.00
Trinity	\$46.70
United	\$25.00
Unity	\$75.00
Waynesville 1st	\$50.00
White, R.	\$10.00
Total	\$4,126.40

Youth Camp

DeSoto 1st	55.00
Stephens, T.	10.00
Hartville	10.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Rolla 1st	20.00
Verdella	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	540.00
Cornerstone	25.00
Mtn. Grove	10.00
Hannon	50.00
Hannon(for Laundry Room)	180.76
New Home- Hartville	10.00
Thayer	50.00
St. Louis Assn.	79.00
Verdella	10.00
Buffalo 1st	100.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
West Plains 1st	25.00
Park Hills 1st	16.18
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove	10.00
Trinity	9.00
Total	\$1,244.94

Camp Development Fund

Rock Chapel	40.00
Houston 1st	200.00
Total	\$240.00

C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$140.00
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Senior Adult Ministries

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$140.00
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Youth Ministries Board

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

DeSoto 1st	40.00
Farmington 1st	150.00
Oak Hill	10.00
Ruble, N.	15.00
Verdella	165.93
Thayer	50.00
Verdella	159.20
Total	\$590.13

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Farmington 1st	180.00
Monett 1st	100.00
Oak Hill	10.00
Hannon	100.00
Thayer	50.00
Joplin 1st	85.00
Total	\$525.00

Trula Cronk Home for Children

DeSoto 1st	55.00
M. Nossner	25.00
Hartville	15.00
Belton	35.00
Hannon	100.00
Unity	20.00
New Hope	30.00
Total	\$280.00

Vergel Maness

Grace	100.00
Gospel Light	80.00
Total	\$180.00

Women Nationally Active for Christ

Ruble, J.	\$10.00
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Brian Brinkhoff

Unity	12.50
New Testament	20.00
Total	\$32.50

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

Unity	12.50
MO WAC- Special Projects	220.06
Total	\$232.56

Berea Ministries

Hartville	\$150.00
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George Lemelin

Jackson	\$6.67
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Richard Standley

Chapman, A.	\$10.00
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Scott Lundeen

Verdella	44.83
Verdella	398.01
Total	\$442.84

Tim Lewis

Mid Rivers Assn.	\$1,842.45
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Victor Torrez

United Youth Group	\$400.00
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ALL BOARDS MEETING PREACHER/LAYMAN'S RETREAT

September 13, 2004
Camp Niangua

Monday, September 13

10:00 a.m (tee time).....Golf Tourament

Golf Tournament - Heritage 66 Golf Course Phillipsburg, MO

5:30 p.m.....Evening Meal

6:30 p.m - 7:15 p.m.....Rev. R.E. Helsley

7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.....Rev. Rick Dement

8:00 p.m.....Boards Meet



Guidelines For Golf Tournament

2 Man Scramble

3 Trophies will be awarded for the tournament

A trophy each to first place finishers

A trophy each to second place finishers

A trophy for the ball closest to the hole off the tee on # 2, par 3

Each participant will pay his own green fee.
Dale Skiles will be in charge of the Golf Tournament



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