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FREE WILL BAPTISTS VOTE TO COMBINE SIX PUBLICATIONS

KANSAS CITY, MO—After waiting three years for a final report from the Publications Committee, delegates to the 68th annual Free Will Baptist national convention which met in Kansas City July 18-22 wasted no time adopting a sweeping recommendation that combines six national publications. The Wednesday morning business session was barely an hour old when the historic vote occurred.

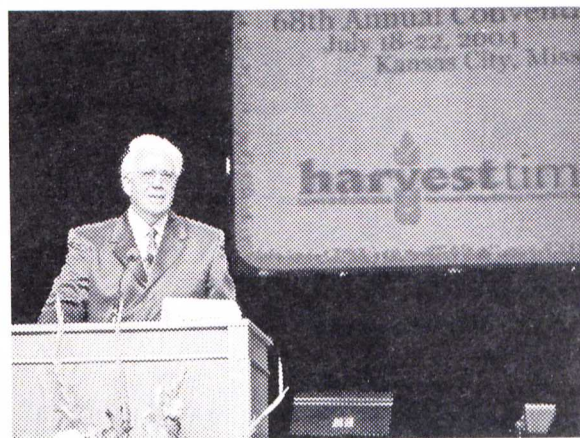
Publications Committee chairman Nathan Ruble (Missouri) explained the careful process the committee followed and the procedures that resulted in a recommendation to combine *AIM* (Home Missions Department), *Heartbeat* (Foreign Missions Department), *Master's Men Newsletter* (Master's Men Department), *Bible College Bulletin* (Free Will Baptist Bible College), *OutReach* (Randall House) and *Contact* (official publication of the National Association of Free Will Baptists).

The three-year process began with committee meetings, then expanded to numerous sessions with editors and agency directors, an extensive reader survey and subsequent analysis by a professional marketing group, followed by a separate analysis and meetings with an independent consulting firm—all of which laid the groundwork for the committee's recommendation to delegates in Kansas City. Chairman Ruble reminded delegates of the 2001 resolution instructing the Publications Committee to study the feasibility of printing a single publication. The resolution gave four reasons for mandating the study: (1) Avoid needless duplication of mailing lists; (2) Demonstrate good denominational stewardship; (3) Promote cooperation and unity among the departments; (4) Provide a complimentary monthly magazine.

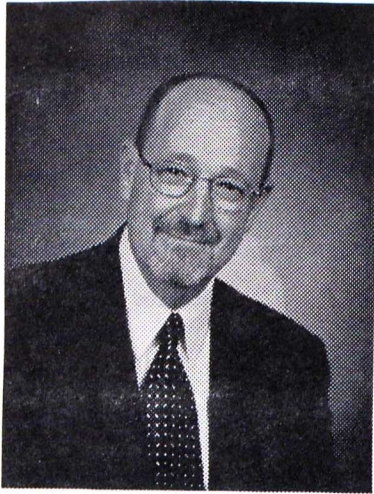
The study concluded that printing and mailing a 48-page, four-color complimentary magazine to approximately 60,000 readers is possible by combining current publishing budgets of the six agencies involved. However, cost projections require that the new publication kick off as a bi-monthly (six times per year) instead of a monthly.

The vote to launch the combined publication recommended that directors of the six agencies involved act as an oversight committee with Executive Secretary Keith Burden serving as chairman and editor-in-chief of the magazine. The committee will determine the 2005 start-up date, budgets, publication name, advertising policy and managing editor.

As matters stand now, *Contact* will cease publication after the December 2004 issue is printed. The other five publications may continue into 2005 until the new magazine's start-up issue.



Rev. Glenn Murray



From the Editor:

My what a difference a few days can make! To move from pastoring a church to the State Executive office, from living in a parsonage most of our married life to buying our first home, from one set of friends for our daughter to another, all this and much more just in a few days. I sit here and alternate between excitement at the challenges and possibilities of the office of Executive Secretary and asking myself, "What have I done, Lord. Could I have mistaken my voice for your's?" I am actually very excited, along with my family to be here in Lebanon and have the wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord and Missouri Free Will Baptists. This is the greatest state in the world in which to serve. We have the best preachers and best churches and best state organization around. Our people are the best givers and prayers and worshipers and goers and doers around!

If it sounds like I am sold on Missouri Free Will Baptists, it is because I am! I have been a part of this state for over fifty years in various capacities from a kid in the pew to a pastor in the pulpit and who I am is due in part to the influence of Missouri churches and people. That is why I am excited to be a part of this great ongoing work that is Missouri Free Will Baptists.

I am very grateful to the men who have established this office and made it work so smoothly through the years. From Bro. Harry Beatty and Bro. Clarence Burton to our outgoing Secretary, Bro. Nathan Ruble, we have been blessed of the Lord to have such leadership. My desire is to continue the tradition and move into the future with a boldness that speaks of the confidence we have in the Lord's leadership.

We are here to serve you. Pray for us as we pray for you and we will labor together to see the Lord's work done in our state.

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Sixty Four Years of Faithful Attendance



On Sunday March 21, 2004, Charlie Hoover and Clifford Hoover were Honored with a plaque for 64 years of faithful attendance at the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal Missouri.

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Missouri National Youth Conference Winners

Bible Memorization

Grade 1	3 rd	Emily Applegate
Grade 2	2 nd	Mitch Wagner
Grade 5	1 st	Joel Williams
Grade 7	3 rd	Ashley Applegate
Grade 8	1 st	Christine Harkey
Grade 9	1 st	Stephanie Hurst
Grade 11	1 st	Teddie Collier

Bible Sword Drill

Grade 5	3 rd	Joel Williams
Grade 6	2 nd	Austin Jackson

Bible Bowl

3 rd	Thayer
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Vocal Duet

Category B	2 nd	Hazel Creek
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Vocal Trio

Category A	2 nd	3 Cuz
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Quartets

Category C	1 st	Fellowship Boys Quartet
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Vocal Ensembles (5-12)

Category C	3 rd	Hartville Choir
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Vocal Ensembles (13+)

Category B	2 nd	Fellowship Children's Ensemble
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Woodwind Solo

Category D	3 rd	Teddie Collier
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Brass Solo

Category C	3 rd	Matt McMillan
Category D	2 nd	Joni Dixon

Bowed String Solo

Category C	3 rd	Jacklyn Sickmeier
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Instrumental Ensemble (2-4)

Category C	2 nd	McMillian Brass Duet
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Instrumental Ensemble (5+)

Category B	1 st	Mtn. Grove Handbells
Category D	2 nd	Carthage Chimers

Keyboard Solo

Category B	3 rd	Joel Williams
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Keyboard Ensemble

Category B	2 nd	First Church Trio
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Famous Speech

Category C	3 rd	Tadd Wagner
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Individual Drama

Category B	2 nd	Kirsten Wagner
Category D	3 rd	Rea Maestas

Illustrated Story

Category A	1 st	Nathaniel Brinkhoff
Category C	2 nd	Amanda Brinkhoff

Group Drama

Category A	2 nd	Lil' Fellowship Dramateers
Category C	3 rd	It's All IN The Attitude

Live Puppetry

Category C	1 st	Hartville Puppets
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Recorded Puppetry

Category A	3 rd	Over and Over
Category B	2 nd	Fruit of the Spirit
Category C	1 st	Jr. High Puppet Team
Category D	2 nd	Sr. High Puppet Team

Short Story

Category C	2 nd	Amanda Brinkhoff
Category D	1 st	Jennifer Arnold

Poetry

Category B	3 rd	Johanna Brinkhoff
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Powerpoint Presentation

Category C	2 nd	Benjamin Conley
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Painting

Category A	1 st	Andrew Reynolds
Category B	1 st	Katy Fry

Graphics

Category A	3 rd	Mikayla Stevens
Category D	3 rd	Jessica Arnold

3-D Art

Category A	2 nd	Trey Dixson
Category B	1 st	Dustin Uding
Category D	1 st	Drew Kernan

Photography

Category A	2 nd	Logan Reynolds
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Computer Art

Category B	1 st	Kirsten Wagner
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Sign Language*

Calvary Fellowship

*Sign Language falls under the Exhibition Category and are not judged nor winners declared. They are for participation only to determine interest for possible future inclusion in the competition program.

In other action, convention delegates...

Elected . . . members to 33 positions on the following boards and commissions: General Officers (4), General Board (12), Executive Committee (3), International (Foreign) Missions Board (3), Free Will Baptist Bible College Trustees (3), Sunday School and Church Training Board (3), Master's Men Board (1), Commission for Theological Integrity (1), Historical Commission (1), Media Commission (1), Music Commission (1).

Registered . . . 5,476 people in three concurrent conventions, including 614 ordained ministers, 43 licensed ministers, 127 deacons, 16 local church delegates, 88 state delegates, 52 home missionaries, 27 foreign missionaries, plus 3,218 National Youth Conference and 956 for the WNAC convention.

Adopted . . . \$24.2 million denominational budget for the following agencies: International (Foreign) Missions—\$8.5 million; Home Missions—\$4.5 million; Free Will Baptist Bible College—\$6 million; Sunday School and Church Training—\$3.4 million; Executive Office—\$709,000; Retirement and Insurance—\$507,000; Master's Men—\$136,000; Free Will Baptist Foundation—\$319,000; Music Commission—\$3,500; Historical Commission—\$2,800; Commission for Theological Integrity—\$6,350; Media Commission—\$5,000.

Approved . . . the Budget Committee's recommendation that gifts received through The Together Way Plan be allocated to national ministries on the following basis: (1) Underwrite the Executive Office administrative budget above designated gifts, not to exceed 45% of cooperative gifts; (2) Disburse the balance of cooperative gifts according to these percentages: Free Will Baptist Bible College—23%; International (Foreign) Missions—23%; Home Missions—18%; Retirement and Insurance—14%; Master's Men—14%; Free Will Baptist Foundation—6%; Commission for Theological Integrity—0.5%; Historical Commission—0.5%; Music Commission—0.5%; Media Commission—0.5%.

Gave . . . a Wednesday evening missionary offering topping \$26,000. Undesignated funds will be divided between Home and International (Foreign) Missions.

Resolved . . . opposition to same-sex marriage, affirmation that marriage is between one man and one woman, support of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, support for the Federal Marriage Amendment.

Resolved . . . support for the war on terror, support for retaining recognition of God in public life, and to encourage voter education and registration.

Renamed . . . the Foreign Missions Department at the request of the board. The agency is now "Free Will Baptist International Missions."

Changed . . . the format for future national conventions. Effective 2005, convention business will begin Tuesday af-

ternoon. The convention will end with the Wednesday **Cheered** . . . Convention Manager Dean Jones who reported maxed-out youth worship services, 35 workshops, 770 entries in Bible competition and music and arts events. **Joined** . . . WNAC attendees Tuesday Morning at 11:00am as missionaries to Japan Don and Ruth McDonald explained how God is at work in the island nation.



Mikaela Thompson, Daniele Reese, Katy Fry

Created . . . a new board for the Free Will Baptist Foundation. In previous years, the Foundation operated under the direction of the Retirement and Insurance Board, plus the directors of national agencies. Effective August 2005, the Foundation will operate under its own nine-member board, plus the national directors.

Introduced . . . a new Sunday School curriculum called CLEAR, which stands for Connect, Learn, Explore, Apply, Respond. The new curriculum, available this fall, is redesigned,

repackaged, rewritten and comes with creative study aids, age-appropriate and real-life application. Delegates responded enthusiastically to the CLEAR materials.

Received . . . a new pamphlet from the Historical Commission, the first in a series. Drs. William F. Davidson and Robert Picirilli wrote the 3,000-word pamphlet titled, "Free Will Baptists and the Washing of the Saints' Feet." The brochure will be warehoused and sold by Randall House Publications.

Rejected . . . a motion to meet biennially (every other year), opting to continue meeting annually. Delegates also rejected a motion to charge a \$10 registration fee, although the idea will be revisited from time to time.

Praised . . . Music Coordinator Chris Truett and the Music Commission for returning to more traditional hymn singing in worship services. The commission came under criticism after the 2003 convention when delegates complained that music was too loud, too trendy and too long.

Voted . . . to meet in Fort Worth, Texas, for the July 27-30, 2014, national convention.

Agreed . . . that the International (Foreign) Missions Department could proceed with the Hanna Project, a non-governmental organization (NGO).

Thanked . . . the Missouri State Association for hosting the 2004 convention. This marked the seventh time the convention has met in Missouri.

Heard . . . five sermons in convention worship sessions from the following pastors: Glenn Murray (West Plains, MO), Kerry Gandy (Maumelle, AR), Randy Wright (Beaverton, AL), José Rodriguez (Miami, FL) and Glen Johnson (Chesterfield, VA).

Gathered . . . Tuesday morning in Kansas City Convention Center for the two-hour Preaching Conference to hear Michigan pastor Allen West and Oklahoma church planter David Archer.

Took . . . home 600 copies of Erwin Lutzer's book, *The Truth About Same-Sex Marriage*. The book was given free

to attendees at the Same-Sex Marriage Seminar. Three speakers shared microphone time—Tennessee pastor Roy Harris, Oklahoma attorney Ron Barber and National Association moderator Tim York. The trio answered audience questions as the seminar closed.

Listened . . . for 90 minutes as Missionary Clint Morgan led the seminar, "Islam 101: Fundamentals of the Islamic Faith." Attendees received a 33-page paper to help them understand the Islamic challenge to the church. Morgan and Missionary John Weaver fielded questions for half an hour.

Examined . . . an 11-page report from the Higher Education Task Force and asked the Executive Committee to bring back a recommendation in 2005 concerning the establishment of a Higher Education Research Commission similar to the other four national commissions.

Required . . . badges for admittance to convention events for the second year. The badge requirement prompted 3,642 individuals to preregister.

Commissioned . . . 13 home and international (foreign) missionaries during Wednesday evening's service. With more than 5,000 people watching, International (Foreign) Missions director James Forlines gave the charge while 75 current missionaries gathered on stage to lay hands on the new missionaries and pray.

Reached . . . out to the Kansas City community when 1,200 Free Will Baptists worked in service projects at food banks, rescue missions, homeless shelters, Child Evangelism Fellowship and a blood drive (collected 92 units of blood) in the NYC-sponsored *Reach That Guy* campaign. WNAC

attendees Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. as missionaries to Japan, Don and Ruth McDonald, explained how God is at work in the island nation.

Nodded . . . agreement that Executive Secretary Keith Burden had a good

idea when he announced plans for eight regional stewardship workshops.

'Amened' . . . Home Missions director Larry Powell who reported unprecedented growth in church planting and cross-cultural outreach. Home missionaries baptized 893 converts in 2003 and gave back more than \$1.6 million to the denomination.

Encouraged . . . Master's Men director Ken Akers to proceed with plans to create a Free Will Baptist emergency response team to assist churches when floods, tornadoes and fire damage churches.

Wondered . . . who would succeed William Evans who announced his retirement in August 2005 as director of the

Retirement and Insurance Department. The board will receive resumes until October 15 and name a successor in 2005.

Smiled . . . when Free Will Baptist Bible College president Matt Pinson said, "We're in a

growth mode." Enrollment increased 20% in two years, the pastoral training major increased 75% and the college launched an adult education program.

Invested . . . more than \$4 million in the Kansas City economy. This includes hotel rooms, food, shopping, gasoline, convention center rental and more.

Laughed . . . and cheered during the NYC Awards Ceremony. Some 2,000 people watched NYC competitors pick up trophies and awards. Dean Jones served as master of ceremonies.

Asked . . . how they could help in WNAC's "50/50" national project, an effort to underwrite support for the first-ever women's conference in Central Asia. Five hundred (or more) women are expected to attend the prayer conference at a cost of \$50 per person.

Responded . . . with prayers and determination to accept WNAC's challenge to "put the house of God first." Speaking at the WNAC Fellowship Luncheon, Missionary Lynette Morgan told 350 attendees it was time for Americans to give priority to world evangelism.

Welcomed . . . the good news that 26,902 people attend services every Sunday in Free Will Baptist churches in foreign countries. International Missions director James Forlines reported 690 organized churches in 10 countries with 2,153 conversions in 2003.

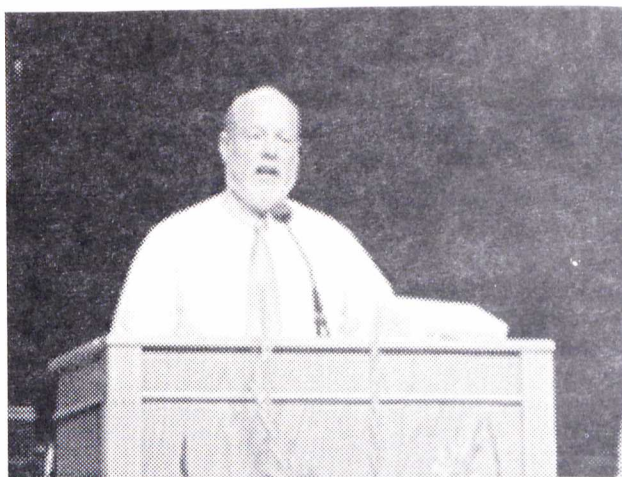
Crowded . . . into the exhibit hall to visit a record number of vendors ranging from national agencies to children's homes to "Walking with the Prophets," a Florida-based exhibitor.

Breathed . . . a sigh of relief when Randall House Publications announced plans to reprint *The Free Will Baptist Hymn Book: Rejoice*. With inventory stock low and hymnals frayed from use, the decision to reprint met with across-the-board affirmation.

Adjourned . . . by 10:30 a.m. to meet in Louisville, Kentucky, for the July 17-21, 2005, session.



Wednesday Evening Service

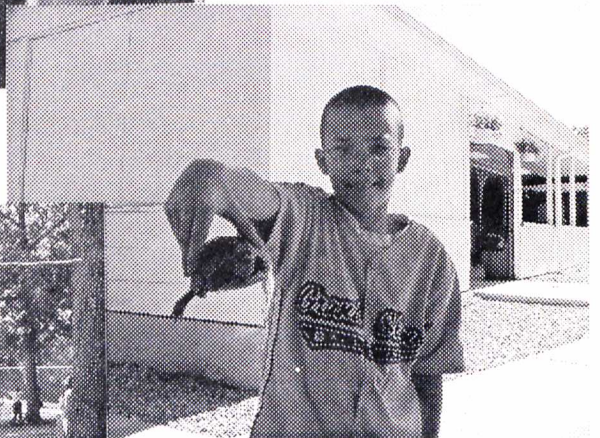


Bob Farwell teaches Sunday School

Pre-Teen Camp 2004



"Bored" Member



Turnbough Update

Dear Friends,

We just received word that our mission account is over \$8,000 in the red. We have purposefully chosen not to use email updates to talk about money matters. However, this is a prayer concern that affects our ability to minister here in Spain, and for that reason we ask you to please remember this matter in prayer.

We have asked you to pray for three families from Cuba, who are associated with the FWB work there, that immigrated to Spain. One of them, Juan Carlos, is an ordained FWB pastor that graduated from the Cedars of Lebanon Bible Institute and comes to us with written recommendations from the Cuban National Association of FWBs as well as from other people we know personally. They believe God allowed them to move to Spain for Juan Carlos to help start FWB churches, and that has been their goal since they arrived. After getting to know them, both our churches and our missionaries have enthusiastically agreed to support this effort, and began to set aside offerings and monies to do so. Juan Carlos did not want to begin officially until he got a job that allowed him to be free on Saturdays and Sundays, so that he could dedicate adequate time to the new work. Within the last few weeks, God has answered that prayer for them, and he has new job that does just that. Two weeks ago they officially inaugurated the first service in what they are calling the First FWB Church of Colmenar Viejo, meeting in their home. They ate lunch with us yesterday and they requested that I/we help them rent a building. So, I am attempting to do that. I request your prayers for JUAN CARLOS, his wife and daughter, and the other two families here with them (one family is the wife's parents and the other is her brother and his family), and their effort to

begin a new church in the city of Colmenar Viejo. Colmenar is about a 30-minute drive from Villalba, the city where we live and work.



We are thankful that our daughter, Melissa was able to come home for a couple weeks to visit. We also thank the Lord that her prayer was answered and she was accepted into Union University's Accelerated Nurse's Program in Jackson, TN. Please pray for her as she continues her education, that she will continue to grow spiritually and that the Lord will supply all her needs, financial as well as other needs.

My nephew, Ben Bailey, from Japan, arrives here today for a visit. It is the first time anyone in my (Jeff's) family, other than my parents has visited us here in Spain. On Wednesday Doug and Joyce Little arrive for their first visit to Spain. On Saturday a group of 10 people arrive from North Little Rock, Arkansas to spend 10 days with us to observe and learn about our work here. Please pray for safety of travel and a good time for all these people.

Please continue to pray for the Nehemiah Project. I ask you to please pray for believers in the Villalba Church. It seems as though several of them are going through difficult times in their personal spiritual journeys and could really use the prayers of God's people. Please continue to pray for spiritual leaders here —that God will protect and strengthen them, and that He will raise up more spiritual leaders within the congregation.

USED THEOLOGICAL BOOKS

Bought And Sold

(Commentaries, sermons, devotional, biography, etc.)

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Pooles On The Move!

Dear Friends,

A number of factors are involved in the fact that most of you have not heard from us. # 1 - We have been having a terrible time getting the computer to cooperate with the phone. # 2 - We have been on the run since we arrived in the U.S. # 3 - We have been getting our house ready to roll (we have a RV) so we will take our home with us.

We are excited about getting involved with services in our churches. Our desire is to share with as many of our churches as possible. The month of August we will be visiting churches in South Carolina; then go on to Tennessee for most of September (the last part of the month we will be back in SC for a missionary conference). Those of you who would like to have us share with you what God is doing in our area of Brazil during a service please get in touch with us (Phone 404 936-3656 or through the FWB International Mission Office ((New name for Foreign Mission))

Prayer requests: 1. Please pray that our presentations will be a blessing to our churches.

2. Pray for the monies needed to be able to get back to the field by December 30, 2004. The financial needs are \$20,000 in our account and some \$3,200 more in faith promises.

3. Pray for the Tennessee Walk A Thon. We plan to walk. You could help us raise our cash needed by sponsoring us. How much would you be willing to give per mile? Please let us know and may God bless you for it.

We have been in the States one month, already touched 10 states and are now in South Carolina. We are thankful for the South Carolina's Plan of support for its missionaries, for the Tennessee Walk-A-Thon that has given our account a boost when it was needed and for each church and individual who have prayed and given so that we could stay and work in Brazil.

Cape First and Jackson Churches Visit Minnesota Mission

The First FWB Church of Cape Girardeau and Jackson FWB Church sponsored seven of their youth to go on a mission trip to White Earth Indian Reservation, July 7 through 13. This mission work, Harvest FWB Church, is the only FWB ministry in the entire state of Minnesota.

Going on the trip as adult sponsors were the pastors and their wives, John and Gail Rhodes, and Vernon and Ada Long; as well as Carol Deckard from the Jackson church.

The young people going from Cape church were Ashley Hilderbrand and Angela Haynes. Youth from Jackson church were Marie Deckard, Cory and Brittany Thomas, Peddie Houston, and Kiarra Payne.

The young people raised funds of \$30.00 per day per person to go on the seven-day trip with no expenses from the churches. They traveled about 2500 miles. They ate picnic lunches on the way up there and spent one night at Twin Valley FWB Church in Madison, Wisconsin on the way to White Earth Indian Reservation and one on the way back.

The young people helped in Vacation Bible School, and the pastors went out witnessing. There were two adults saved on Sunday.

The young people learned first hand of the sacrifices missionaries often make to reach out to their mission field. Upon their arrival they discovered that missionaries George and Kathy Lemelin and their family are living in a mobile home which has no running water and no air conditioning. In spite of this limitation, the Lemelins opened their home—along with their tents, camper, and (thanks to a major rainstorm) vans—to house these youth. The Ron Warren family invited the girls over to



their home so that they could enjoy the luxury of showers. The Carlson family then provided cabins for the next three nights for the mission team. Although our teens "roughed it" for a few days, they came away with an appreciation, love and respect for the hospitable people of Ogema, Minnesota.

The missionary family had two major needs. One was to gravel their driveway. The other was the need of underpinning for their mobile home. Temperatures there often get down to 40 below. After figuring their exact expenses for their return trip home, the teens donated the remaining money they had raised, \$770.00. When the material for underpinning was figured up it came to exactly \$770.00. What a miracle!

The youth and their sponsors got to go about 45 miles farther, to the headwaters of the Mississippi River and walked across the Mississippi River.

Since they are not National Home Missionaries, the Lemelins currently only receive gifts from churches and individuals like us. They are very faithful servants of the Lord. Any help you can give them would be greatly appreciated.

E-mail them at Lemelin1@juno.com, or write them at P.O.Box 206, Ogema, MN 56569. Financial support may be mailed to Indian Mission, Fellowship FWB Church, 1501 Old Fairground Road, Dunn, NC 28334, or designated through our Missouri State office.

Timothy Eaton Chosen Hillsdale President



July, 2004,

We wanted you to know that Timothy W. Eaton has been named as the eighth President of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. He has served Hillsdale as Vice President for the past 15 years and was named to lead the Institution after the announcement that Carl E. Cheshier would be retiring after seven years of service.

Eaton was raised in a Christian home where he attended First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin, Missouri. His parents, Walter and Lillie Eaton, were active in the inception of the church as a mission; in fact, his family has been involved in the Free Will Baptist movement for at least six generations beginning in the Blue Grass region of Kentucky. He was converted in a Tommy Brashear revival meeting at the age of eight. After dedicating Timothy W. Eaton himself to complete obedience to God in the fall of 1971, he was licensed to preach in the summer of 1972 and ordained in December of 1973 by the Indian Creek Association of Free Will Baptists in Southwest Missouri. Timothy married Marthajane Evinger of Carthage, Missouri in 1973. They have three daughters: Tara, Leah, and Hope.

Timothy received his Bachelor of Theology from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in May of 1975. He went on to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas where he received his Master of Divinity in July of 1979. He has a Masters in Education from the University of Oklahoma

and is currently a Ph.D. Candidate at OU. His doctoral degree program is adult Learning and Higher Education Administration.

When asked for a personal comment about the new challenge, Tim said, "I am convinced that the providence of God has been protecting and guiding me throughout my life. I believe that I owe a debt of grace and mercy to Jesus Christ who gave himself as a sacrifice to redeem anyone who will seek forgiveness through him. As part of my commitment to Christ I hope to ensure that every Hillsdale student has the same opportunity that I received: that is, to have a good education in a Christian environment."

His favorite scripture verse is Isaiah 41:10: "*Fear thou not; for I am with you; be not dismayed; for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yea, I will help you; yea, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.*"

In other news...

We've certainly enjoyed hosting "Truth and Peace" this month. The youth and leaders have been a blessing!

During the middle of this month, most everyone will be at the FWB Nationals in Kansas City, Missouri.

Classes begin Wednesday, August 18, dorms will open on the 15th, and orientation and (pgistration is scheduled for the 16th and 17th.

Plans are well underway for the 45th Birthday (Gaither Style) Celebration set for October 10, 2004.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY...

Thank you for your faithful support! We could not do any of this without you!

In Christ,
Bob Thompson
Executive Vice President of
Institutional Advancement
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Jerry and Carol Pinkerton

Hi!

Best way I know to say thank you is to share the happenings:..

Jerry returned yesterday from the far north country...helped take 10 Bible Institute Students to Bouna for 8 weeks of teaching by Clint Morgan & African pastors. (Jerry will go up in Sept when Clint must leave) Then on to Doropo to make sure the huge truck of medical supplies arrived. It did. So glad to get it there. This large gift arrived in the port at ABJ just as the war got started-over 2 yrs ago! So had to be stored until it was semi safe to take it through rebel territory to the hospital..thankfully it arrived and is appreciated so very much .

National Youth Camp begins this Friday..Pastor Samuel is the main speaker.

Jerry returns north next week for the Ivory Coast National Association It had to be cancelled last year since Believers from the rebel area weren't able to attend.



Please pray for these meetings.

This is a true story. Last Friday evening at Prayer Meeting Madame Samuel told us she'd rec'd a phone call saying her grandmother had died.

The next day she planned a trip across town to visit the family. Seems G'ma had not been feeling well. They said she had died...it had been expected she was an old woman-life expectancy is

only 45- and she is near 80! They covered her face..Funeral preparations were taking shape..Then, they had a prayer before taking the body to the morgue...as the final word was voiced in the prayer they were shocked to hear the AMEN from under the cover..Grandma was alive! So when Madame Samuel went the next day imagine her shock when she found G'ma sitting up in a chair smiling.

We continue to wait on news about church land. Will be getting 20 more plastic chairs to help with the crowded seating...

Thanks for helping us be here..
Jerry & Carol

NEW PASTOR AT GARFIELD FWB CHURCH

Rev. Walter Simpson has accepted the position of pastor at the Garfield Free Will Baptist Church.

Since 1997, Bro. Walter and his wife - Frances - have traveled across MO. and surrounding states, spreading the gospel in word and song.

They would like to thank each one for the wonderful hospitality you have shown them during those visits to your church. Frances continues to write, sing and



record songs. If you would like to purchase her latest project, you may contact them at (573) 251-3540 or E-Mail francesongs@semo.net

Berea Ministries Update

Dear friends,

Just a few days-ago our ministry staff returned to the United States from Monterey, Nuevo Leon.. There, in what has become Mexico's third largest city, Free Will Baptists from across that country joined together for their National Association meeting.

This convention, however, was not just another series of dry services and stale information sessions. Instead, it was blessed with anointed preaching, uplifting music and sweet fellowship. As an American "outsider" looking in, I made the following observations during the meeting:

1. Our churches have a heart for souls. They are implementing a nationwide evangelism strategy based on small groups. The program is designed to equip every Mexican Free Will Baptist to reach folks within his own community. Their goal is 50,000 souls!

2. Our pastors have a passion for preaching. They are obviously preparing themselves for their pulpit ministries. The preaching I heard was well organized, thought out, and impassioned by the Holy Spirit. You will not find better pastors on either side of the Rio Grande.

3. Our people have a mind to work. Our ministry staff takes seriously the responsibilities we have been given. Our home and field offices are not "handsoff" but are actively involved in the ministry. From raising funds to raising buildings, everything we do is focused on reaching Mexico for Christ.

4. Our donors have made a wise investment. As I observed our churches, our pastors and our people during that meeting I immediately thought of you. Your investments have not been wasted. They have been carefully and thoughtfully used. Please know that we are genuinely thankful for your \$300.00 contribution to the Mexican Pastors Account. We are blessed by your faithfulness and generosity.

"We appreciate so much our friends who have been so faithful to support the Cates Family Account. However, there is an urgent need as Jeff's expenses have risen dramatically during the past year. Living expenses in America have increased which results in a greater demand on his account. We are encouraging friends of the Cates family to include them in their monthly budget. Consistent monthly gifts of any size are needed and are very much appreciated. Please pray about this matter and determine what the Lord could do through you."

Excerpt from the Berea Ministries Monthly Newsletter

Financial Report July 2004

Cooperative Disbursements

July 2004 \$71,355.39

18.50% State Home Miss .. \$13,200.75
17.00% Executive Office 12,130.42
3.00% General Fund 2,140.66
.50% Show-Me Plan 356.78
8.50% Youth Camp Board ... 6,065.21
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd .. 1,783.88
2.50% Christian Ed. Bd 1,783.88
2.50% Senior Adult Min 1,783.88
9.00% MO Retirement Prog 6,421.99

33% 23,547.28

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% Show-Me Plan 2,140.66
Total \$71,355.39

The Co-op allocation for National Ministries is undesignated this year, with FWBCC and Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. California Christian College will continue to receive 1%.

Co-op

Amity \$104.27
Amity \$101.65
Aulsbury Chapel \$238.01
Bailey \$195.00
Bailey Chapel \$147.00
Beacon \$2,750.00
Belton \$338.82
Berean \$86.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs \$284.57
Black Oak \$478.35
Buffalo 1st \$200.00
Byrd \$78.00
Cabool 1st \$263.05
Calvary Chapel \$1,566.22
Carthage \$280.00
Central \$1,006.50
Christ Chapel \$316.00
Clifton \$42.67
Columbia \$548.65
Copper Mines \$546.97
Cornerstone \$492.40
Cross Roads- Lebanon \$957.88
Crossroads-Wentzville \$655.00
Cuba \$504.00
DeSoto 1st \$1,500.00
DeSoto 1st \$1,500.00
Faith & Hope- Willow Springs \$89.55
Faith & Hope-Aurora \$24.15
Farmington 1st \$3,625.80
Fellowship \$1,200.00
Fordland \$495.80
Fourth \$330.03
Fredericktown 1st \$200.00
Freeman Chapel \$796.30
Gamblin, H. \$600.00
Gospel Light \$100.00
Grace \$1,439.96
Greenfield \$328.00
Greenhills- Lebanon \$469.91

Hannibal \$737.00
Hannon \$902.50
Harmony \$625.76
Hartville \$1,323.00
Hartville \$1,116.00
Harvest- Raymore \$347.40
Hopewell \$237.00
Houston 1st \$222.06
Hurryville \$565.65
Jackson \$171.00
Kings Way \$416.67
Koshkonong \$202.00
Lead Hill \$209.74
Leadington \$417.84
Lebanon 1st \$1,213.79
Liberty- Nevada \$200.00
Liberty-Nevada \$200.00
Macedonia- Niangua \$128.99
Marshfield \$473.00
Merls Chapel \$118.00
Mill Creek \$461.65
Mine LaMotte \$85.37
Monett 1st \$679.17
Mt. Pisgah \$613.00
Mt. Zion- Gower \$42.50
Mtn. Grove 1st \$1,394.85
Myrtle \$185.90
Neosho 1st \$142.50
New Harmony \$6,550.00
New Hope \$289.27
New Life- Licking \$376.00
Niangua \$203.60
Number One \$245.49
O' Fallon 1st \$1,925.00
Oak Grove-mtn. Grove \$203.10
Oak Hill \$430.00
Olivet \$670.00
Overland \$80.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna \$110.00
Park Hills 1st \$1,198.60
Park Hills 1st \$723.63
Parkview \$387.25
Pleasant Hill \$179.11
Pleasant Ridge \$96.00
Potosi 1st \$155.40
Republic \$100.00
Richwoods 1st \$965.00
Rock Chapel \$398.83
Rolla 1st \$230.00
Salem \$30.00
Seymour \$426.00
Smyrna \$95.00
Southern Hill \$716.80
Springfield 1st \$1,720.54
Stockton \$173.30
Thayer \$1,163.00
Trinity \$736.33
Twin Oak \$1,708.47
Union \$60.00
Union Grove \$590.00
Union Light \$250.00
United \$1,499.37
Unity \$510.00
Verdella \$1,578.60
Viburnum \$2,308.35
Victory-Alton \$657.82
Waynesville 1st \$577.04
West Plains 1st \$701.00
Wilderness \$1,195.00
Wolf Creek \$829.64
Total \$71,355.39

Show-Me Plan

Baldwin, J. \$20.00
Baldwin, J. \$25.00
Barker, J. \$15.00
Beacon \$700.00
Belton \$165.00
Berean \$30.00
Berry, R. \$15.00
Bethel- El Dorado \$284.56

Bethel- Festus	\$45.00
Black Oak	\$60.00
Brown, J.	\$15.00
Buffalo 1st	\$120.00
Burns, J.	\$85.00
Cabool 1st	\$105.00
Calvary Chapel	\$105.00
Central	\$215.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines- Teens & Jr.	\$30.00
Copper Mines- Young Adult	\$15.00
Cornerstone	\$295.00
Cross Roads- Lebanon	\$210.00
Cuba	\$127.20
DeSoto 1st	\$552.50
DeSoto 1st	\$552.50
DeSoto Auditorium Class	\$30.00
DeSoto Auditorium Class	\$30.00
Faith	\$20.00
Faith & Hope- Willow Springs ..	\$120.00
Farmington 1st	\$535.00
Fellowship	\$796.59
Fordland	\$250.00
Fourth	\$30.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$90.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
G. M.	\$210.00
Garrett, R.	\$15.00
Gospel Light	\$1,000.00
Grace	\$409.25
Graham, S.	\$30.00
Green Hills- Lebanon	\$30.00
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannon	\$1,062.50
Happy Hill	\$60.00
Hartville	\$240.00
Hartville	\$240.00
Harvest- Raymore	\$65.00
Houston 1st	\$351.00
Hurryville	\$530.00
Hurryville- Sr. Adult Class	\$15.00
Jackson	\$35.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$12,000.00
Maggart, D.	\$45.00
Malloy, A.	\$20.00
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 Cooperative Plan	\$2,140.66
MO WAC	\$932.30
Monett 1st	\$40.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$435.00
Mouser, J.	\$60.00
Mouser, J.	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion- Thayer	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Neosho 1st	\$165.00
New Home- Hartville	\$210.00
New Hope	\$150.00
New Life- Licking	\$120.00
New Life- Licking	\$87.25
New Life- Monett	\$600.00
New Testament	\$30.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Number One	\$60.00
O' Fallon 1st	\$151.00
Oak Grove- Houston	\$30.00
Oak Hill	\$20.00
Olivet	\$30.00
Palbras de Vida Eterna	\$15.00
Park Hills	\$359.58
Park Hills	\$217.08
Parker, G.	\$15.00
Parkview	\$284.10
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Grove	\$270.00
Pleasant Hill	\$45.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$50.00
Purdy 1st	\$1,380.00
Richwoods	\$52.50
Rock Chapel	\$210.00

Rock Springs	\$69.00
Rogers, B.	\$15.00
Rogers, B.	\$15.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$130.00
Ruble, N.	\$45.00
Southeast MO Assn.	\$90.00
Southern Hills	\$320.00
Springfield 1st	\$515.00
Stockton	\$111.35
Thayer	\$350.00
Trinity	\$482.72
Union Light	\$150.00
United	\$328.18
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$1,887.46
Viburnum	\$450.00
Victory- Alton	\$45.00
Walker, H.	\$10.00
Walnut Grove	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st	\$522.55
West Plains 1st	\$290.00
White, R.	\$30.00
White, R.	\$30.00
Wilderness	\$167.70
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Total	\$38,144.53

Foreign Missions

Belton	\$50.00
Central	\$80.00
Chapman, A.	\$20.00
Chapman, A.	\$20.00
Cuba	\$21.20
Farmington 1st	\$10.00
Fourth	\$75.00
Greater Springfield Association	\$125.00
Hartville	\$35.00
Hartville	\$35.00
Houston 1st	\$45.00
Lewis, D.	\$20.00
Matthews, A.	\$15.00
Minor, K.	\$10.00
Minor, K.	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$20.00
New Hope	\$200.00
New Testament	\$70.00
Rock Chapel	\$12.00
Rolla 1st	\$256.50
Thayer	\$10.00
Verdella	\$327.73
Waynesville 1st	\$175.00
Total	\$1,642.43

Nat'l Home Missions

Beacon	\$466.00
Belton	\$20.00
Carthage	\$5.00
Central	\$50.00
Cuba	\$63.60
DeSoto 1st	\$225.00
DeSoto 1st	\$350.00
Farmington 1st	\$858.66
Fordland	\$10.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$20.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grace	\$88.00
Hannon	\$631.74
Houston 1st	\$40.00
Jackson	\$35.00
King, B.	\$10.00
King, B.	\$20.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$1,000.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$25.00
Myrtle	\$77.00
Neosho 1st	\$50.00
New Home- Hartville	\$10.00
New Life- Monett	\$200.00
New Testament	\$150.00
O' Fallon	\$72.00
Oak Hill	\$55.00
Park Hills 1st	\$204.86
Park Hills 1st	\$137.36

Rader, J.	\$20.00
Richwoods 1st	\$37.00
Rock Chapel	\$75.86
Ruble, N.	\$10.00
Taylor, J.	\$10.00
Thayer	\$140.00
Thebeau, B.	\$5.00
Thebeau, B.	\$5.00
Trinity	\$56.82
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
Unity	\$50.00
Verdella	\$20.00
Voyles, J.	\$5.00
West Plains 1st	\$25.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Total	\$5,889.90

State Home Missions

Bethel- Festus	\$15.00
Copper Mines	\$75.00
DeSoto 1st	\$90.00
DeSoto 1st	\$90.00
Fellowship	\$100.00
Fordland	\$10.00
FWB Foundation	\$10,000.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grace	\$40.00
Harmony	\$780.05
Lebanon Bible & Book	\$540.00
Macedonia-Purdy	\$200.00
Myrtle	\$117.00
Neosho 1st	\$25.00
New Testament	\$100.00
Niangua	\$118.25
O' Fallon 1st	\$72.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna	\$100.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
Republic	\$25.00
Rolla 1st	\$256.50
Semo Association	\$150.00
Thayer	\$125.00
Trinity	\$36.82
Union	\$45.00
United	\$25.00
Unity	\$75.00
Waynesville 1st	\$50.00
White, R.	\$10.00
White, R.	\$10.00
Total	\$13,460.62

Youth Camp

Buffalo 1st	100.00
Hartville	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	540.00
Hannon	50.00
Hannon(for Laundry room)	280.19
Thayer	50.00
New Home- Hartville	10.00
Rolla 1st	20.00
Cornerstone	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Park Hills 1st	27.88
Trinity	9.00
West Plains 1st	25.00
Verdella	20.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	10.00
Niangua	20.00
Hartville	10.00
Park Hills 1st	25.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Stephens, T.	10.00
Union	30.00
Total	\$1,397.07

Camp Development Fund

Rock Chapel	20.00
Houston 1st	100.00
Myrtle	30.00
Total	\$150.00

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 & BookStore	\$140.00
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Free Will Baptist Bible College

Thayer	50.00
Farmington 1st	150.00
Oak Hill	10.00
DeSoto 1st	40.00
Beacon	125.00
Verdella	317.73
DeSoto 1st	40.00
Ruble, N.	15.00
Total	\$747.73

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Monett 1st	100.00
Hannon	100.00
Thayer	50.00
Farmington 1st	175.00
Oak Hill	10.00
Southern Hills	50.00
Beacon	125.00
Total	\$610.00

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Hannon	100.00
Cross Roads- Lebanon	261.20
Unity	20.00
Belton	25.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Nosser, M.	25.00
Myrtle	28.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Nosser, M.	25.00
Stephens, T.	10.00
New Hope	30.00
Total	\$634.20

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	116.00
Total	\$128.50

George Lemelin

Jackson	\$5.00
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Berea Ministries

Hartville	150.00
Hartville	150.00
Total	\$300.00

Richard Standley

Chapman, A.	10.00
Chapman, A.	10.00
Total	\$20.00

Morgan Wood

Belton	\$25.00
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Master's Men

Beacon	\$128.76
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Scott Lundeen

Verdella	\$794.30
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Dr. Taylor To Speak at Bible College

---NASHVILLE, TN

Free Will Baptist Bible College president Matthew Pinson says Dr. Bill Taylor will preach a series of messages on campus to open the 2004-05 school year. Dr. Taylor has been a chapel speaker on campus who has been greatly used to minister to both students and college personnel

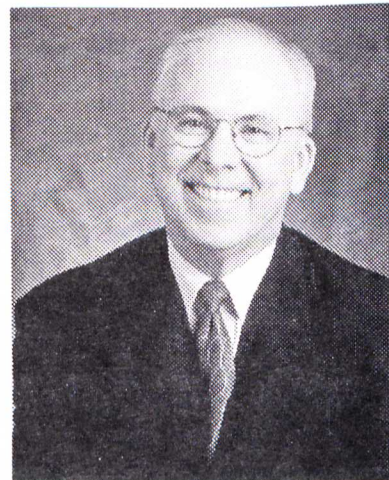
Dr. Taylor is director of Network Partnerships of LifeWay Church Resources, a division of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. Previously, he was director of the Sunday school group.

Prior to his employment at LifeWay in November 1994, he was executive pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church in Phoenix, Arizona. Earlier, he served as minister of education and administration at Prestonwood Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas; University Baptist Church, Coral Gables, Florida; Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, Georgia, and First Baptist Church, Lafayette, Louisiana

He received a bachelor of science degree from Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas; a master's of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; and a doctorate of humanities degree from Dallas Baptist University. He was adjunct professor at the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary where he taught "The Teaching Ministry of the Church."

Taylor was the 1993-94 president of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association. He has held a variety of positions in the denomination as special worker, Sunday school director, trustee, and conference leader.

President Pinson asks for the prayers of God's people as the college begins its new year.



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