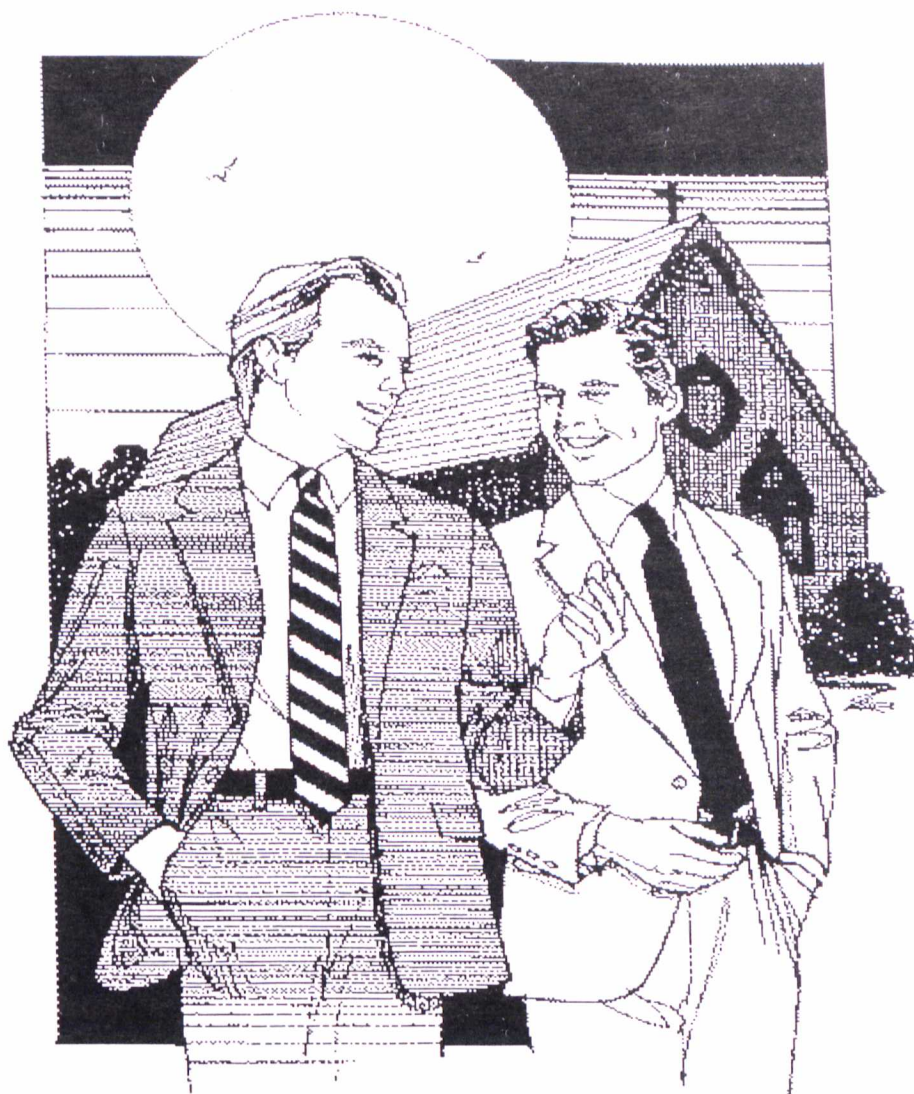


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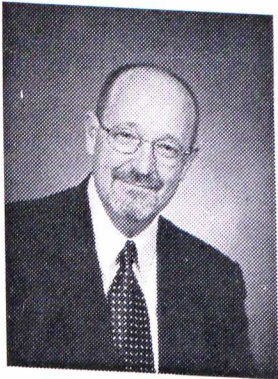
# GEM

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month!







## From the Editor:

September, October, which is it? Pastor appreciation month is what we are talking about and that's the question we hear every year. We have used September for years as our month of special emphasis, but several other groups have their day in October and confusion seems to be the result. So, we decided we would use October as well, for the sake of continuity. The month really does not matter as much as the reality.

God has called your pastor to a unique situation. Not only is he responsible for his own spiritual well being and that of his family, but he is also greatly concerned about your spiritual well being. When he goes to bed at night, your problems are on his mind as well as his own. (Yes, pastors have problems too.) When he prays, you and your family along with all the other families of the church and anyone else to which he may be ministering occupy the bulk of his prayer time.

His phone rings constantly, especially at meal time, ("I called now because I knew you would be there, pastor.") And he finds himself praying as he goes to bed, "Please Lord, no phone calls tonight!"

His conduct and demeanor is expected to be perfect as well as that of his family. He does not have the luxury of speaking his mind as people feel free to do with him when they are upset. He is to have a new sermon every service and know where every fragment of verse is found in the Bible. His advice is to be wise and his jokes funny.

Yes, a lot is expected of your pastor, but most of the men I know in the pastorate would not trade for any other life. That's because their's is not just a job, it is a calling! And those long hours and shared burdens are all

worth it if they are able to feel appreciated occasionally. Yes, I know that the Lord rewards his faithful servants, but it is great to feel like the congregation values the pastor and his family as well.

Appreciation can be shown in many ways, from a simple thank you to a grand gesture. The important thing is to genuinely appreciate your pastor and look for a unique way to show him. So this month as a church and as individuals, please show the man God has sent to shepherd you that you do love him and his family and that you want to be the channel of blessing from God to him. You will benefit as well as your pastor because he will work twice as hard after you say thank you!

Please take note of the article on the next page and the suggestions it contains. These are meant only as "brain starters" to get you thinking. You know your pastor and what he would appreciate. Use your creative abilities and come up with that perfect way to say thank you to God's man at your church....and don't forget Youth Pastors and other staff. Their labor is worthy of thanks as well!

*And we beseech you, brethren,  
to know them which labour among you,  
and are over you in the Lord,  
and admonish you;  
And to esteem them very  
highly in love for their work's sake.  
And be at peace among yourselves."  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*

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# How Do We Appreciate You? Let Us Count The Ways!

Why is it appropriate to set aside a special time each year to give recognition to our pastors and their families? How are their needs and circumstances different from those of carpenters, grocers and dentists?



directive. Unfortunately, all too often, these are exactly the conditions under which pastoral families serve.

The good news is that we can make a difference! Pastor Appreciation Month is an attempt to counter the negative erosion in the lives of our spiritual leaders with positive affirmation.

One distinction lies in the nature of the service these leaders provide. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments, the spiritual wellbeing of his flock. When a pastor becomes ineffective, the very souls of his parishioners are endangered. When eternity is in the balance, we should all be concerned.

Another problem lies in the expectations placed on pastors. Numerous surveys have found that a very high percentage of pastors feel pressure to be the ideal role model of a Christian family-which is impossible, of course. As a result four out of five pastors feel their families are negatively impacted by unrealistic expectations-whether self-imposed or congregation imposed-and that ministry is an outright hazard to the health of their families. Indeed, the "pedestal" is not all it's cracked up to be.

As pastors and their families try to please the God who called them to ministry while also trying to meet the expectations of their congregations, one result is dangerous stress. In fact, 75 percent of those surveyed reported experiencing a significant stress-related crisis at least once in their ministry.

Then, of course, there is the "fishbowl" aspect of ministry, whereby the entire lives of the pastoral family seem to be on public display. Every private family situation becomes a congregational or community issue. This anxiety can only be heightened when financial pressures also come to bear, which is common since pastors typically make substantially less each year than their own board members and deacons. Nearly 70 percent of pastoral spouses work outside the home, most often due to financial need.

No one would choose to live life under these circumstances unless they felt obligated to a higher, divine

As you plan your Pastor Appreciation activities, remember that it is not about glorifying a man. It is a biblically consistent opportunity to recognize and encourage those whom God has called to proclaim his message and lead his people. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13.)

It is a time when the entire congregation can celebrate what God is doing in their midst. Perhaps some of the following ideas may work in your congregation or may inspire you to create your own.

- \*Plan a special service to honor your pastor.
- \*Provide a testimony time during the service.
- \*Submit an open letter of appreciation to your local newspaper.
- \*Plan a special meal event in your pastor's honor.
- \*Invite local dignitaries to participate in the various events.
- \*Present your pastoral family with a significant gift.
- \*Make banners of appreciation and display them through the church property.
- \*Ask the Sunday School and other children's groups to make creative appreciation gifts.
- \*Plant a tree or shrub in his honor.
- \*Set up a "Leafless" tree for your congregation to fill with "green!"



# Bible College Adds Faculty And Staff

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—Free Will Baptist Bible College began its 2004-05 school year in August with several changes in the faculty and staff.

°Rachel Callaway has joined the English faculty. She is the daughter of missionaries Ron and Linda Callaway.



Rachel Callaway

°Donald and Ruth McDonald have returned to the college from missionary service in Japan to serve the year as Missionaries In Residence. They will live in the Laura Belle Barnard MIR building right on campus, where they will have ready access to students.



Robin Smith

°Robin Smith has returned to the staff, serving as cashier in the business office. She and her husband, John, ministered in Kansas before returning recently to Nashville.

°Russell Cooper has joined the staff as assistant to the Director of Institutional Advancement. Russell graduated in May and is replacing Charles Cook, who has taken a ministry position in South Carolina.

°Dr. James Stevens is the new chairman of the Music Department. (See related article.) He spent much time during the summer evaluating ministry teams on the road and preparing for an extended ministry with the college.



Dr. Stevens

°Wayne and Brenda Spruill have joined the college staff, moving to Nashville from Norfolk, Virginia. Brenda will assist in both the Registration and Records office and in the business office. Wayne will be involved in various aspects of the college's ministry, much of which is still being definend.

°Crystal Eastridge, a Registered Nurse, is the new resident director in Polston Hall (women's dormitory) and will serve as the campus nurse.

°In addition to Charles Cook, others who have left the college are Dr. Brad Thomas and Stacey McVay. Dr. Thomas and his family have moved back to Alabama. Family needs directed the move, but he is working with the Jefferson County Board of Education. Stacey will be librarian in a public school near her home in Joelton, Tennessee.

## Pinkerton Report

Abidjan 25 Aug 04

Greetings!  
A few words of thanks for helping in this part of God's Harvest.



Jerry just returned from the IC National Association...Just two days 1st day meetings went on for 15 hours..next day was short-only 10 hrs. They accomplished a lot...it was a good time. An ONG was formed for the hospital at Doropo..totally operated by Africans who make us proud.

Pastor Jerome, President of IC FWB gave a good report..here are a few of the highlights:

There are 3,000+ FWB Members in the Ivory Coast. There are 11 ordained pastors; 11 non ordained who are filling the role as pastor; and 10 in training to hopefully become pastors. There are 53 worship centers (This number includes buildings to shade trees) of this number there are 32 organized churches. This past year behind rebel lines 95 people made profession of faith.. Praise God!

This country is full of "churches" There is one not far from our house where a prophet comes at the end of each month to heal people. He says he is God. Pastor Samuel had visitors last week: Two young girls holding a rod said they came to announce Jesus. He said "I'm a believer, I know Jesus..." No, they said Jesus is outside the fence-come and see. He went & saw a female clothed in a huge white garment...told her she was a false prophet & asked her to leave. See why we're glad to be here announcing the Truth?  
Thank you!

Were told again to be patient in waiting on word about land for the church...we've been told that for the last 3 months..maybe at the end of the month???? The Church Building Construction Fund is slowly growing..we all thank you for yourhelps.

Please share this with your church...with our appreciation.

Jerry & Carol



## Rededication at Unity FWB Church

May 9<sup>th</sup> was Mother's Day this year, but for the folks at Unity Free Will Baptist Church it was also the day that a water line broke and flooded their church! Water damage was extensive both upstairs and in the basement area requiring new carpet and pews on the upper level and wall repair, paint, drop ceiling, insulation and duct work in the basement.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> was the day that all their labor and patience paid off. That was the day they held their Rededication Service. Bro Nathan Ruble preached the sermon and led the Rededication of the building. Special music was provided by "Deliverance" and "Promised Land." Pastor Dan Talbott presented the keys to the church to the Trustees and led in the Rededication prayer.

Pastor Talbott said, "We want to thank all who helped in the restoration of our church. We thank God who gave us the patience to endure the trial of rebuilding and the wisdom to complete the task before us. Thanks for the prayers and concern of all the brethren across the land. We now have a new building inside and pray for the task of filling it!"

## Bible College Sets 18-Year Record Enrollment !

ASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—Free Will Baptist Bible College enrolled 358 students in August, the highest number of enrollees at the college since 1985, according to the Office of Registration and Records. The college enrolled 248 dormitory students and 110 off-campus students.

One staff member observed, "'Our freshmen were either not yet born or were infants when the college last had this many in its student body.'" The student body represents 23 states and five foreign countries (Albania, Bahamas, Canada, Russia, and Spain). There are 174 men and 184 women currently enrolled.

President Matthew Pinson says, "'We are elated to have set an 18-year enrollment record this year. FWWBCC is an exciting place to be these days. What's greater than the quantity of students, however, is their quality. We thank God for spiritually-minded, service-oriented students who are eager to embark on another year of adventure in Christ-centered learning.'"

Please pray for the faculty, staff, and students as they begin the new year.

## Kids to Camp From St. Croix

Dear Friends,

Hello from St. Croix! It was good seeing some of you at the National this year. We really miss not seeing you at the Missouri State Meeting, but we cannot be home at that time of the year. Missouri always held a special place in our hearts and always will.



I'm writing to ask a favor. (One missionaries are not fond of.) I feel like I can share a burden. We have to get about fifteen of our teens to Missouri summer camp this coming June. What I'm asking is that some of you pray about your Sunday School class, youth group or church helping us by paying one or more of their camp fees. We are working very hard on this end to raise air fare (around \$600 each,) van rental money and money to let them visit the Arch, maybe a ball game and the zoo. Also we are planning on feeding them while we are in the states.

Our teens have never experienced church camp in their life. We want them to know and feel what we did as we grew up and got to know other teens and be in the setting or getting closer to God through a week of camp. Camp was special in my life. Things I learned at camp can never be taken away from me.

If the Lord lays it on your heart to help out on their camp fee, please let me know by calling 340-778-8065 or sending us a note at: Pastor Ken Dodson, PO Box 6265, Christiansted, V.I. 00823.

I grant you we would add a little flavor to the camp and be very grateful for your help. They are working hard in this end to raise around \$12,000.00. In fifteen months we have raised \$6,000.00

Your Missionaries to the Virgin Islands  
Ken and Paula Dodson

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# A Voice is Silenced In The Wilderness

By Ken Simpson

God has always had a man to fulfill His purposes. When the wickedness was great upon the earth, He called Noah, a preacher of righteousness, to build the ark. When God's people were in exile in Exodus, He called Moses to lead them out of Egypt through the wilderness to the Promised Land. Just before Christ's public ministry began, God called a man of whom Isaiah said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness; make straight the way of the Lord." John the Baptist was a preacher who pointed people away from himself onto "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)

There was another man who came from the Irish Wilderness of southern Missouri who God called to point people to Jesus Christ. I know him as Uncle Walter, my dad's younger brother. He was born in Greer Missouri on March 22, 1939. He was one of nine children raised in a God-fearing home. On September 1, 1962 he married Frances Laura Johnson of Alton, Missouri. Together they raised five children to love and serve the Lord. You might remember them as the Voices of the Wilderness. Their big brown bus transported them throughout the Ozarks on the weekends, traveling from church to church, singing and making a beautiful melody together. This close family grew up to marry and have children of their own. Uncle Walter was blessed with 11 grandchildren.

He worked for the United States Forest Service for 29 years before retiring. He was a United States Army veteran, a member of the American Fox Trotters Association and he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister on July 3, 1965 and served as pastor to several churches in the Cave Springs Association.



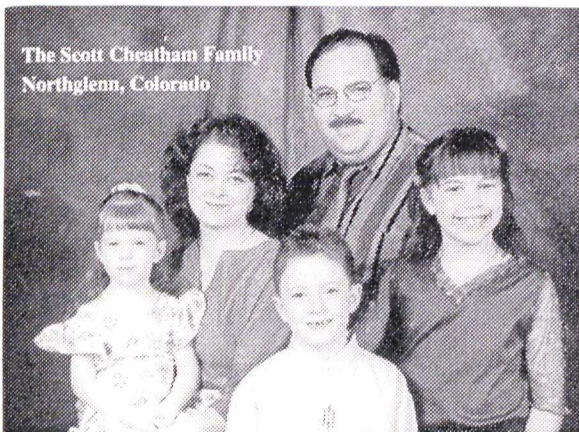
I enjoyed hearing Uncle Walter preach. Most of those experiences were when I was a little boy. I remember vividly seeing him behind his pulpit with his Bible in one hand, a handkerchief in another and tears rolling down his cheeks. He was a modern day weeping prophet who genuinely cared for people. He was a shepherd not only to his flock but also to his family. His wife's sister told me at the graveside service, "He was the Billy Graham for the Johnson family." He was a humble servant who proved his ministry by his faithfulness. He lived what he preached.

On Sunday, August 15 nearly 200 people gathered in the Wilderness to say good bye to a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, minister and friend. I sat and watched as each made their way to the casket weeping and grieving over their loss. It reminded me of how Jesus wept concerning Lazarus and at those grieving his death. The Apostle John noted what the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" I joined them weeping as I thought "Oh, how they loved him."

Yes, there's one less voice singing, preaching, and crying in the Wilderness—Uncle Walter pointed people to his Savior and His Savior promoted him to the Promised Land.

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## Cheatham Account In Need of Support!



Northglenn, Colorado has a Free Will Baptist witness in the Mile-High FWB Church because Scott and Rebecca Cheatham have been faithful to serve the Lord. And it is because you have been faithful to pray and give that they are able to labor there. Now their account is in the red almost \$7,000.00. They are in need and we need to respond. Please continue to pray for them and their three children and also please ask God what he would have you do for this families account as they Free Will Baptists and the Lord to the people of Northglenn. Send your gift to the State Office today!



## Pastor Paul Bliss In Heaven

Rev. William Charles Paul Bliss, son of the late Archie McKinley and Myrtle Elizabeth (Sutton) Bliss, was born May 7, 1922 in Long Lane, Missouri and departed this life on August 20, 2004 at St. John's Regional Care Center in Springfield, Missouri. He was at the time of his passing 82 years, 3 months and 13 days of age.

Paul moved to Arizona in his early years. After his father passed away when Paul was 5 they returned to the Long Lane area. After his schooling he began farming, working for several farmers in the area. He was united in marriage to Helen McDaniel on June 13, 1942 in Lebanon, Missouri and to this union 8 children were born, all of whom survive him. They spent their first year in Niangua before returning to Long Lane, where they resided for several years. They then moved to Lebanon where they lived for 7 years before once again returning to Long Lane in 1958.

In 1951 Paul began operating a dairy farm and running a canned milk route. Helen continued operating the dairy farm while Paul worked at the Appleby Boat factory in Lebanon. In 1951 Paul also began his ministry, serving first at New Home Freewill Baptist Church in Laclede County. This was the first of many churches in Dallas, Laclede and Camden counties. He continued serving his Lord until failing health caused his retirement. He loved to read his Bible and enjoyed watching God's creatures, especially hummingbirds. Paul always went to bed early and woke early.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; his devoted wife, Helen; a son-in-law, Noel Hamilton; and a brother, Loren Bliss. He is survived by 4 sons, Charlie Bliss, Henry Bliss, Leonard Bliss and Carl Bliss; 4 daughters, Wanda Bliss, Sandra Peters, Shirley Hays and Jean Taylor; 1 son-in-law, Cecil Bliss and a half-brother, Bob Legan; 23 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren plus other family and friends who will all sadly miss him.

**Editors Note:**  
Thank God for such faithful servants as Walter Simpson and Paul Bliss. While we will miss them here, they are where they have worked so long to be.....in heaven with their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!  
Our prayers for their families as they adjust to their absence, knowing that the Lord views the death of his saints as a "precious" thing and if our preparation is sure, we will see them again soon.

## Special Day at Black Oak FWB Church

It was a very special day at Black Oak Free Will Baptist Church on April 25th as they celebrated two special occasions.

Billy Young was ordained as a Deacon, joining Senior Deacons Loyd Clift and Jerry Rader.

Bro J.W. O'Neal gave the charge for the ordination and Bro Jack Day led in prayer for the laying on of hands.



Billy and Lesley Young

The Executive Board of the association, Bro. Dan Talbott, Bro. Bill Jones, Bro. Craig Parry, Bro. James Crawford and Bro. J.W. O' Neal all took part in the service.

Also the Lord blessed the church with a "note burning" for the remodeling and addition to the church.



Bro. Jack and trustees Jerry Floyd, Gayle Bateman, John Henderson, Ray Lampert and Charlie Eatherton all took part in this great blessing!

Praise God for a wonderful day and two great blessings!

## Hopewell Homecoming



Deacon Wm. Bishop  
Kay and Tony Butcher

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, Hopewell FWB Church of Tunas celebrated it's 27<sup>th</sup> annual Homecoming. The church honored their Pastor Tony Butcher and his wife Kay with a plaque for 40 years of pastoral service, thirteen of those years being at Hopewell. Sister Kay was presented with roses. This will be the last Homecoming in the present building at Hopewell. A new building is scheduled for completion in 2005.

Small Free Will Baptist Church in Belton, Mo., is seeking a Christian volunteer to begin a Youth Ministry. Has God spoken to your heart about working with Youth? If so contact Pastor James Mize at 816-322-5925 or leave a message at 816-331-1932..



# Big Changes at Camp Niangua

Some of the biggest changes at Camp Niangua have come in recent years with the building of the new tabernacle where the old ball field once was. A big heart-felt thanks goes out from the Camp Board to all the churches who gave of their time, money, and prayers to support this great place for young people to hear and learn about Jesus Christ. The Camp Board especially felt encouraged that we are on the right track when at this past State Associational Meeting, the body voted to give \$80,000.00 to the camp work as we continue to upgrade and improve the facilities.

The Camp over the next several months is facing two major changes and we seek the prayers of our brothers and sisters in these things.

First, the board is in the planning stages of building a new boys dorm that will have the capacity to hold 96 people. The dorm will feature separate rooms that have their own bath facilities and will have its own heating and cooling system. There are a lot of questions to be answered, and several different plans to be considered before the building actually starts. But, the prospects for having such a facility for the boys and- one later on for the girls that can be used year around is very exciting.

The second major decision is hiring a new Camp Director. Bro. Ken Goff and his wife Judy have told the Camp Board that February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 will be their last day of service as they anticipate retirement. Bro Ken served

on the camp board for several years before taking on the Superintendent job. The vast knowledge that Bro. Ken has gained in those many years will be nearly impossible to pass on to one person in a short period of time. The Camp Board believes that it must hire Bro. Ken's replacement by May of 2005 so that the new man may have a full season of camp experience to learn all the details of starting up-operation during Camp- plus

shutting down the Camp for the winter season. The New Director also will have to learn all the financial issues of the Camp along with bookings and promotion of the camp for other denominations.

Therefore, the Camp Board is now receiving resumes from those who would like to apply for the Camp Director Position. Resumes may be sent to Ron Blanks, Chairman of the Camp Board at 712 Howell Avenue, West Plains, Mo. 65775. These resumes can be sent in anytime up to Dec. 31, 2004.

The Camp Board will begin its evaluation process in January 2005 for this position. Please help the Board pray for God's guidance in this and other important decisions. Pray also for Bro. Ken & Judy Goff, who have given themselves sacrificially over many years of service for God's work as they retire from this position but go on to serve God elsewhere.

-Bob Thebeau, Camp Board

## 2004 MOWAC Retreat News

Three hundred women gathered at Stonecroft in Branson on August 20th and 21st for the annual Missouri Women Active for Christ Retreat.

Sister JoAnn King, WNAC vice-president, spoke from her heart about faith. Her words both uplifted and challenged those present. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to share with Missouri women and was impressed by the outpouring of genuine affection demonstrated there.



The Retreat Project for the Missionary Provision Closet again confirmed the concern and generosity of Missouri Women. Over \$2,500 in Wal-Mart gift cards, telephone cards, and cash was collected in the Friday evening service. The miniature provision closet which decorated the stage was full and running over as representatives from local and district WAC's placed their donations in it.

The warm, relaxed feeling of the retreat even extended to the Stonecroft Staff. They did a wonderful job of making the retreat a time of drawing away from the world and drawing closer to the Lord. Isn't that the point?

-Judith Ruble



## Springfield First Church to Host Gothard Seminar

The First Free Will Baptist Church at 2635 W Nichols, Springfield, MO, will be hosting the Institute in Basic Life Principles seminar, October 18-23. They will also be hosting the Anger Resolution seminar on October 22-23. Both seminars are a video presentation instructed by Bill Gothard.

Once you have attended the Basic Seminar you may attend any future Basic Seminar at no cost for the rest of your life. Therefore, if your schedule does not allow you to attend every session, you can always attend that session when another seminar is in your area.

Advanced registration is required. The Basic Seminar uses real-life stories and practical diagrams to show how every problem in life can be placed to seven non-optional principles found in the Bible. Every person, regardless of culture, background, religion, race, education, or social status, must either follow these principles or experience the consequences of violating them. By explaining principles rather than rules, individuals are equipped to make wise choices and avoid failure.

Parents and teens have learned to understand each other. Husbands and wives have strengthened their relationship. Pastors gain insight into problems they are facing in the church. Everyone can benefit from this seminar on basic life principles.

### Basic Seminar Schedule:

Mon- Thurs	7 - 10 PM
Friday	9:30 AM - 8 PM
Saturday	9:30 AM - 6 PM

### Anger Resolution Seminar Schedule:

Friday	7-10 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 6:30 PM

For information call Karen Collier  
417-759-7072 or visit [www.iblp.org](http://www.iblp.org)

## Hillsdale Announces Homecoming

Dear Hillsdale Alumni & Friends,

Hillsdale celebrates its 45th birthday in 2004. In honor of this event, we are hosting a Gaither style *Hillsdale Homecoming* concert featuring the Minister's Quartet, Glory Land Singers, and over 60 former New Life singers, music faculty and other quartets, trios and soloists who have attended Hillsdale through the years. Imagine a stage full of Hillsdale alumni vocalists singing a lot of songs around the theme, *When We All Get To Heaven*. It will be an evening of old songs that we all know, and love, with four part harmony, as well as newer songs of our eternal hope!

Imagine the new *Barber Conference Center Auditorium* filled to capacity with friends and alumni from across the denomination celebrating the hope we have in Christ, and remembering those who have played an important part in the school's history. Picture hundreds of alumni and friends of Hillsdale coming together in celebration of our beloved school's anniversary. Former presidents, along with former music faculty and alumni have been invited, and many are planning to attend. What a great homecoming it will be!

We plan to use the event as a jump start toward a well organized alumni association, and as a fund raising effort to remodel the *John West Administration Building*. This is one of the original buildings, and currently houses student services on the lower level, and classrooms on the second floor. The second floor of the building will be dedicated to the Christian Ministry division of the college, and will become the center of our theology, pastoral, and mission degree programs.

We need your help in order to make this event happen. First, plan to attend the concert on *Sunday, October 10th at 5:00 PM*. A reception will follow the concert in order to give you time to visit with old friends. This is the Sunday evening before the state meeting begins on Monday. Secondly, contact your alumni friends and encourage them to attend also.

For more information call Hillsdale at (405) 912-9000 or David Archer at (918) 808-4361

Sincerely,

*The Homecoming Committee*

David Archer

Bob Thompson

Kenny & Gina Myers





- \*Provide paid time off and travel funds for a trip.
- \*Name something (significant) after your pastor.
- \*Improve your pastors working environment (study or office).
- \*Film a video scrapbook tribute.
- \*Plan dinners throughout the month at various homes or restaurants.
- \*Give tickets to events especially enjoyed by your pastoral family.
- \*Plan a surprise visit of the pastors extended family.
- \*Plan a daily prayer chain for your pastor specifically.
- \*Present your pastor with a packet of personal service coupons from the congregation....(cut his grass, car repairs, babysitting, etc.)

Always be looking for new ways to honor and recognize your pastoral staff and their families throughout the entire year. And don't forget to continually support them through your prayers!

*Adapted from the 2004 Focus on the Family Clergy Appreciation Month Planning Guide*

## Churches Seeking A Pastor

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

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

Jones Chapel FWB Church- Stella  
Contact: Billy White 417-628-3821  
Dean Gentry 417-632-4671

Byrd FWB Church- Myrtle  
Contact: Joe Garrison 417-938-4628

Thayer FWB Church  
Contact: Doyle Hickenbotham  
417-264-7487

## Bible College Music Head Makes Immediate Impact

Dr. James Stevens, the new chairman of the FWBBC Music Department has completed requirements for his DMA in Composition at the University of Kentucky by composing a 20-minute fantasy for orchestra. He will graduate this month (August).

He also received the ASCAP Standard Award for Composition in June 2004. His new piano book, "Moments Divine," was released by GlorySound (Shawnee Press) in July. Other works Dr. Stevens published earlier this summer are "That Will Be Glory" and "Christmas Comes Again," both released by GlorySound in June.

Dr. Stevens has also recorded a piano CD of familiar hymns played in a devotional mood. The CD is entitled "Have Faith In God" and was recorded in the college's chapel.

To get better acquainted with him, you may wish to visit his website at [www.jamesmstevens.com](http://www.jamesmstevens.com)

## Financial Report August 2004

### Cooperative Disbursements

August 2004.....	\$49,705.87
18.50%State Home Miss .....	\$9,195.59
17.00%Executive Office .....	\$8,450.00
3.00%General Fund .....	\$1,491.18
.50%Show-Me Plan .....	\$248.53
8.50%Youth Camp Board ..	\$4,225.00
2.50%Youth Ministries Bd ..	\$1,232.65
2.50%Christian Ed Bd .....	\$1,242.65
2.50%Senior Adult Min .....	\$1,242.65
9.00%MOretirement Prog ..	\$4,473.53
33%.....	\$16,402.91
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.....	\$1,491.18
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$49,705.87</b>

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

### CO-OP

Aulsbury .....	\$961.81
Bailey Chapel .....	\$498.16
Belton .....	\$182.70
Berean .....	\$205.48
Bethel- El Dorado Springs .....	\$661.00
Bethel- Festus .....	\$445.82

Bethel- Marshfield .....	\$2,777.51
Black Oak .....	\$223.60
Cabool .....	\$316.00
Calvary Chapel .....	\$1,596.05
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$821.00
Cape Girardeau .....	\$152.94
Central .....	\$434.79
Christ Chapel .....	\$41.92
Clifton .....	\$20.40
Columbia .....	\$281.00
Copper Mines .....	\$224.00
Cornerstone FWB .....	\$514.84
Crossroad- Wentzville .....	\$100.00
Faith & Hope- Aurora .....	\$1,603.47
Faith & Hope Willow Springs ..	\$450.23
Farmington .....	\$839.90
Fellowship .....	\$1,350.41
Fordland .....	\$1,553.16
Fourth .....	\$156.70
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$273.60
Freeman Chapel .....	\$302.00
Gospel Light .....	\$593.48
Grace .....	\$600.00
Green Hills- Kirksville .....	\$372.68
Hannibal .....	\$100.74
Hannon .....	\$417.78
Harmony .....	\$92.62
Harvest- Grandview .....	\$336.00
Hazel Creek .....	\$306.96
Hopewell .....	\$93.00
Houston 1st .....	\$675.00
Hurryville .....	\$302.18
Jackson FWB .....	\$431.55
Joplin 1st .....	\$1,659.01
Jordan- Jeff. City .....	\$687.89
Kings Way .....	\$125.00
Koshkonong .....	\$51.00
Leadington .....	\$285.00
Lebanon 1st .....	\$384.35
Lebanon Bible and Book Store ..	\$385.00
Macedonia- Monett .....	\$402.20
Macedonia- Niangua .....	\$405.20
Merls Chapel .....	\$1,200.00
Mill Creek .....	\$498.93



Mine La Motte	\$938.11
Monett 1st	\$900.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$74.35
Mt. Pisgah	\$30.00
Mt. Zion	\$76.90
Neosho 1st	\$859.41
New Hope FWB	\$309.66
New Life Licking	\$365.70
Niangua	\$178.00
North Five	\$260.00
Number One	\$100.00
Oak Grove- Mountain Grove	\$122.90
Oak Hill	\$259.91
O'Fallon	\$382.00
Olivet	\$109.00
Overland	\$860.00
Ozark 1st	\$225.00
Ozark 1st	\$512.29
Palabras De Vida Eterna	\$195.36
Parkview	\$2,034.51
Pleasant Hill	\$815.48
Pleasant Ridge-Urbana	\$700.00
Photos 1st	\$220.00
Republic	\$1,371.38
Rock Chapel	\$504.92
Rolla	\$240.94
Rolla 1st	\$1,846.68
Rosalem	\$47.16
Raymore	\$100.00
Rymna	\$407.28
Springfield 1st	\$100.00
Stockton	\$1,758.36
Thayer	\$315.00
Trinity	\$575.50
United	\$95.00
Unity	\$1,238.40
Union Grove	\$1,462.37
Victory- Alton	\$339.52
Waynesville 1st	\$710.61
Willow Springs 1st	\$402.92
Wolf Creek	\$267.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,705.87</b>

#### How We Plan

Barker, J.	\$15.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$60.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel El Dorado	\$259.92
Bethel Festus	\$45.00
Black Oak	\$60.00
Brown, J. (Angela)	\$15.00
Burns, J.	\$85.00
Calool 1st	\$105.00
Calvary Chapel	\$105.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$2,912.00
Central	\$180.00
Christman, M.	\$30.00
Cooperative Plan	\$1,491.18
Copper Mines	\$225.00
Copper Mines	\$30.00
Cornerstone	\$784.20
Cornell, W.	\$15.00
Cuth	\$20.00
Cuth & Hope Willow Springs	\$120.00
Farmington 1st	\$705.00
Fellowship	\$1,000.50
Fourth	\$60.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$90.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Gospel Light	\$1,000.00
Grace	\$427.00
Grant Avenue	\$285.00
Greenfield	\$200.00
Grinnal WNAC	\$15.00
Hannon	\$1,021.00
Happy Hill	\$60.00
Harmony	\$151.04
Invest Grandview	\$65.00
Jazel Creek	\$268.61
Juston 1st	\$317.27
Kerryville	\$560.00
K Baldwin	\$25.00

J. Baldwin	\$25.00
Jackson	\$35.00
Jones Chapel	\$180.00
Joplin 1st	\$225.00
Leadington	\$220.00
Leadington	\$196.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Maggart, D.	\$45.00
Malloy, A.	\$20.00
Macedonia Monett	\$11,000.00
Mill Creek	\$140.00
Mill Creek	\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult Class	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$75.00
MO WAC	\$716.44
Monett 1st	\$45.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$415.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion Thayer	\$30.00
Neosho 1st	\$315.00
New Beginning	\$187.57
New Home Hartville	\$210.00
New Hope	\$150.00
New Life Licking	\$51.25
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Number One	\$60.00
O' Fallon 1st	\$103.00
Oak Grove Hoston	\$30.00
Oak Hills	\$20.00
Olivet	\$45.00
Palbras de Vida Eterna	\$15.00
Parkview	\$298.16
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill	\$45.00
Pleasant Ridge Urbana	\$50.00
Porter Chapel	\$423.55
Rock Chapel	\$225.00
Rock Springs	\$140.27
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Salem	\$130.00
Springfield 1st	\$545.00
Stockton	\$83.00
Thayer	\$255.00
Trinity	\$478.34
United	\$342.89
Unity	\$75.00
Victory Alton	\$45.00
Victory KC	\$45.00
Walker, H.	\$10.00
Walnut Grove	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st	\$398.25
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,301.44</b>

#### Foreign Missions

Grant Ave.	\$21.40
Farmington 1st	\$20.00
Hannon	\$900.00
Rock Chapel	\$13.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Rolla 1st	\$258.50
Belton	\$55.00
Matthews, A.	\$15.00
Merls Chapel	\$20.00
Cape Girardeau	\$133.5
Calvary Fellowship	\$504.00
Greenfield	\$1,000.00
Central	\$80.00
Houston 1st	\$45.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$10.00
Waynesville 1st	\$180.00
Victory KC	\$5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,270.41</b>

#### State Home Missions

Berean	\$48.09
Bethel Festus	\$540.00
Fellowship	\$71.50
Gospel Light	\$64.40
Grace	\$10.00

Grant Ave.	\$105.00
Lebanon Bible Book Store	\$75.00
Macedonia Monett	\$258.50
Neosho 1st	\$20.00
Niangua	\$25.00
O'Fallon	\$100.00
Ozark 1st	\$50.00
Ozark 1st	\$100.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna	\$46.91
Pleasant Ridge Urbana	\$100.00
Republic	\$30.00
Rolla 1st	\$25.00
Thayer	\$30.00
Trinity	\$10.00
United	\$25.00
Unity	\$80.00
Waynesville 1st	\$80.00
	\$50.00
	\$15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,959.40</b>

#### National Home Missions

Belton	\$77.29
Calvary Fellowship	\$767.82
Carthage	\$71.50
Central	\$574.00
Farmington	\$10.00
Fourth	\$102.90
Fredericktown 1st	\$5.00
Gospel Light	\$215.00
Grace	\$35.00
Grant Ave.	\$50.00
Hannon	\$50.00
Houston 1st	\$15.00
Jackson FWB	\$150.00
Jerry Rader	\$10,000.00
Macedonia Monet	\$100.00
Monett 1st	\$66.91
Mtn Grove 1st	\$4,654.37
Mt Pisgah	\$20.00
Neosho 1st	\$35.00
New Home Hartville	\$50.00
Oak Hill	\$40.00
O'Fallon	\$25.00
Rock Chapel	\$20.00
Thayer	\$42.00
Trinity	\$75.00
United	\$160.00
Unity	\$5.00
Victory KC	\$50.00
West Plains 1st	\$55.00
Wolf Creek	\$25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,546.79</b>

#### Youth Camp

Lebanon Bible Bookstore	\$540.00
Rolla	\$20.00
Hannon Genral fund	\$50.00
New Home Hartville	\$10.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Cornerstone FWB Church	\$25.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$20.00
Trinity	\$9.00
West Plains 1st	\$25.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$15.00
Berean	\$30.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$824.00</b>

#### Youth Camp Development Board

Rock Chapel	\$20.00
Houston 1st	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>

#### Vergel Manes

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

#### Senior Adult Board

Lebanon Bible Bookstore	\$140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

#### Scholarship

Bookstore	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

#### Robbie Rutledge

Unity	\$12.50
MO WAC	\$247.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$260.12</b>

#### MO Retirement

Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	\$200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

#### George Lemelin

Jackson	\$183.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$183.00</b>

#### Hillsdale FWB College

Farmington 1st	\$150.00
Hannon	\$100.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Monett 1st	\$100.00
Oak Hill	\$10.00
Joplin 1st	\$225.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$635.00</b>

#### Free Will Baptist Bible College

Farmington 1st	\$150.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$253.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$453.53</b>

#### Executive Fund

Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	\$200.00
Waynesville 1st	\$22.50
Kenneth Simpson	\$20.00
Jones Chapel	\$96.00
Wilderness	\$32.00
August Interest	\$22.56
Springfield 1st	\$68.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$461.06</b>

#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

Hannon	\$100.00
Unity	\$20.00
Oak Hill	\$10.00
Belton	\$40.00
New Hope FWB Church	\$30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

#### Christian Education Board

Lebanon Bible And Bookstore	\$140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

#### Brian Brinkoff

Unity	\$12.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12.50</b>

#### Victor Torrez

United	\$400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>

#### Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible Bookstore	\$140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>



# Help! Help! Help!

Have you noticed how anti-American the world seems to be these days? Let me share something with you...

Missouri WAC President Shirley Jackson has been invited to accompany a group of workers to Central Asia in the spring of 2005. This group will help arrange and manage the first annual convention of Free Will Baptist women in Central Asia. (If you remember, this convention is the focus of the WNAC \$50/50 project adopted in July.) The convention will require a great deal of work and will entail numerous details to be worked out, hence the need for qualified people to help.

After much prayer, the Lord has assured Shirley that she should go. However, like every missionary project, money must be raised for travel expenses. Shirley hesitates to ask for help in raising money for this trip, but I feel compelled to ask on her behalf. I know it is an honor to be asked to help with this important job, and I also know how well Shirley will represent the Savior as well as Missouri women in this country which is so in need of a gospel witness. I personally am unable to travel to this very dangerous part of the world, but I would like to send my sisters there a personal message of God's love for them. Wouldn't sending our sister here to our sisters there be one way of helping change opinions of our country?

Helping raise \$1,500. for travel expenses would be a great district WAC project or a local project, or your entire church might want to get involved. Shirley would be happy to speak at your church at any time she is free. She may be contacted at:

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