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## *Thanksgiving 2004*

*"Be Thankful  
unto Him and  
Bless His  
Name...."*

*"...for the Lord is Good!"*





# From the Editor

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## Thanksgiving 2004

I recently read of a group of women who listed the things for which they were thankful. They said:

-For automatic dishwashers because they make it possible for us to get out of the kitchen before the family comes back in for their after-dinner snacks.

-For husbands who attack small repair jobs around the house because they usually make them big enough to call in the professionals who do it right.

-For children who put their things away and clean up after themselves. They are such a joy you hate to see them go home to their own parents.

-For teenagers because they give parents an opportunity to learn a second language.

-For smoke alarms because they let you know when the turkey is done!

It seems that when we begin to look at those things for which we are thankful, we are looking at the benefit we receive from them. I suppose that is normal, after all that is what makes us thankful.....what it does for us or how good they make us feel.

I am sure that the pilgrims who we emulate at this season were thankful just to be alive and anything that made that possible was subject to their thanksgiving praise.

Nothing wrong with that either. But sometimes I think that we need to concentrate more on the giver of the gifts than the gifts themselves or how they make us feel. It seems that we are much more thankful when a need is met than for the giver when the need is gone. It is easier to be thankful for the food when I first sit down to the table or when it has just satisfied my hunger than when I am not hungry at all. In fact, that same food, for which I was so thankful moments earlier doesn't even smell good when I am satisfied (or over-satisfied!)

David said in Psalm 100

*Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.  
Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his  
presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is  
God: it is he that hath made us, and not we our-*

*selves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.*

The Lord was reminding Israel that the day would come when their wandering and travel and fighting would be over. They would achieve the promised land and would settle down with their families and would grow satisfied and fat. God is saying "Don't forget who brought you out of Egypt, through the wilderness and into a land flowing with milk and honey!"

What a joyous, rejoicing, celebrating tone there is to Psalm 100. You can almost hear the Israelites as they entered into the courts of the Lord with their loud cymbals and trumpets crashing and blaring away! You can see their swirling robes and waving hands! One thing Israel did well and that was worship! And the Lord responded to their worship. This psalm is His request through David for their praise and worship.

It was His name they were lifting up...He was the object of the worship...not the gifts he had given them or the deliverance he had provided for their nation, He was the object.

Roland Allen tells about a missionary who had spent many years in India as a medical missionary. He told Allen about the region he served having a mysterious disease that resulted in progressive blindness. The people would be born with healthy vision but the malady would strike them and they would lose their sight as they matured.

But the missionary was enabled by the Lord to develop a process that would arrest the blindness. Many people came to him and he performed the operation on them. They would leave his small hospital realizing that they would have become blind, but now they were going to be able to see the rest of their lives!

He said that they would never say "Thank You," because that phrase was not in their dialect. Instead they spoke a word that meant "I will tell your name." Where ever they went, they would tell the name of the missionary who had cured their blindness. They had received a marvelous gift and they were going to proclaim the name of the one who had provided for them.

That is what David is telling us....when we recognize what God has and is and is going to do for us, we cannot help but do what Psalm 100 instructs us.

*Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name!*



## The GEM

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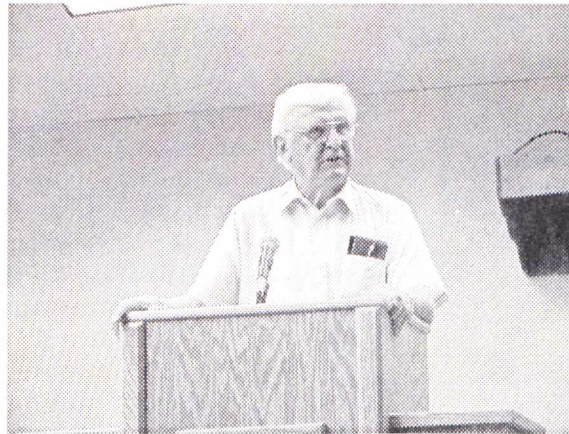
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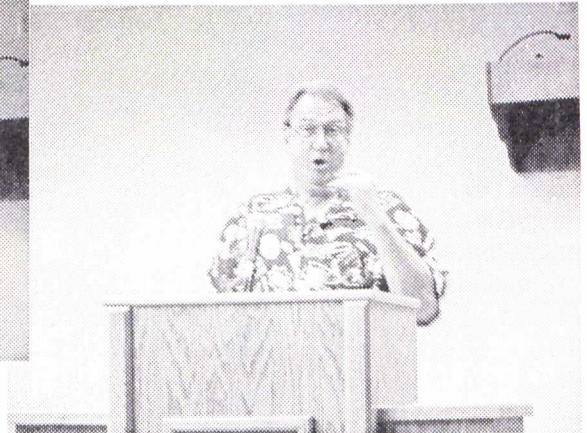
The Church Plan will continue until it is canceled by the church.

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# 2004 All Boards Retreat and Golf Tournament



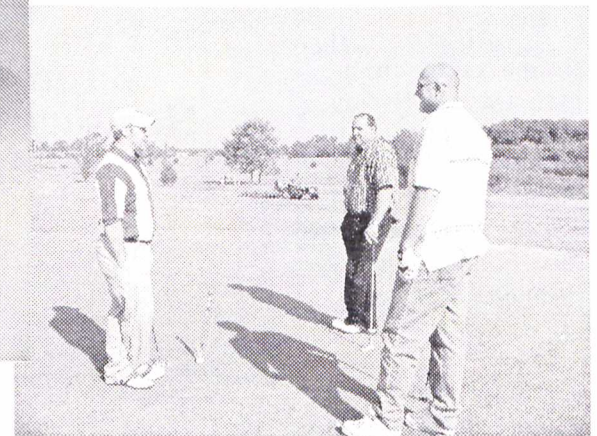
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Pastor, Oak Grove FWB Church



Songleader Jim Williams  
Pastor First FWB of Carthaage



Speaker Rick Dement  
Pastor First FWB of O'Fallon



"Do we putt or plow?"



"And we'll look this good when we're finished too!"

Our All- Boards retreat was held at Camp Niangua on September 13th. Brother R.E. Helsley and Bro. Rick Dement did a great job preaching as Bro. Jim Williams led our singing and Bro. Gene Howell played the keyboard.

This is a time when pastors and laymen are invited to meet with our Board Members and play golf, eat great food prepared by Bro. Ken Goff and the folks at the camp and enjoy a good time of preaching and fellowship!

Our Thanks to Bro. Dale Skiles for arranging the golf tournament, even though he had jury duty that day and did not get to play!



## FootWashing Pamphlet Available

ANTIOCH, TN—

The Free Will Baptist Historical Commission introduced the first in a series of historical pamphlets this summer at the national convention in Kansas City. The 4,000-word document titled "The Washing of the Saints' Feet" was written by William F. Davidson and Robert Picirilli.

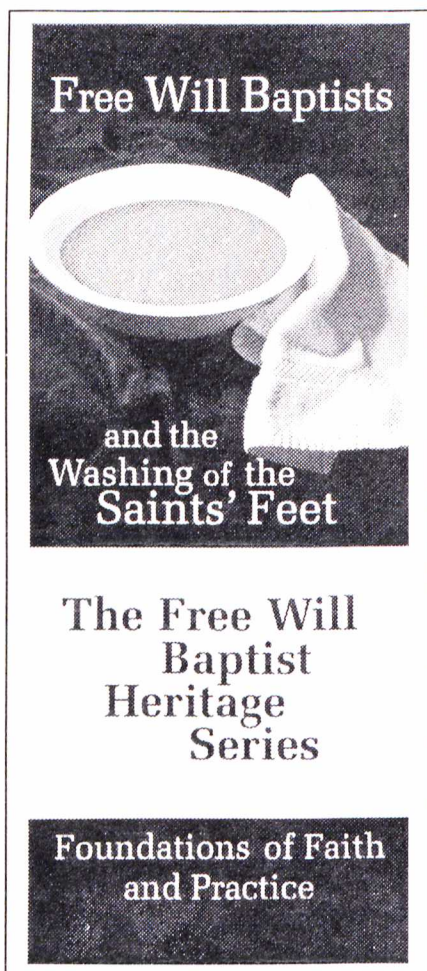
Historical Commission chairman Darrell Holley said the occasional pamphlet series is titled *The Free Will Baptist Heritage Series: Foundations of Faith and Practice*.

The feet washing pamphlet gives readers a deeper understanding of the historical practice, including the biblical basis, historical grounding, objections to feet washing and feet washing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Dr. Holley said, "Every Christian denomination has distinctive beliefs and practices that give it identity and define its heritage. For Free Will Baptists, this heritage includes washing the saints' feet."

Copies of the feet washing pamphlet may be purchased through Randall House Publications. The pamphlets sell for 25 cents each in packages of 100.

You may obtain this pamphlet at Lebanon Bible and Book Store by calling 417-532-9516 or by e-mail at [lebanonbible@yahoo.com](mailto:lebanonbible@yahoo.com).



## Sharon Graham With The Lord

Sharon S. (Barker) Graham was born September 3, 1943 and went to be with the Lord while at her home on August 30, 2004 at the age of 60 years. She was married to Ronald E. Graham on August 14, 1965. They had one son, Douglas T. Graham.

Sharon is survived by her husband Rev. Ronnie Graham, son and daughter-in-law Douglas and Yvonne and grandsons Ethan and Eli Graham. She is also survived by her parents Rev. James and Geneva Barker and one brother, Richard Barker and his wife Martha.

Sharon was a member of the Hurryville Free Will Baptist Church where she was pianist. She has been an employee of the Commerce Bank for 25 years. Her funeral services were at the Hurryville Church on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 with Rev. Wayne Phillips officiating.

Sister Sharon will be greatly missed, not only in her own home and church and town, but in our state as well. Our prayers are offered for her family and friends.

## Florida Free Will Baptists Establish Hurricane Fund

After a series of hurricanes hammered the state in September, Florida executive secretary Randy Bryant said a hurricane relief fund has been established to assist Free Will Baptist churches and families that experienced substantial loss. Contributions may be sent to:

*Relief Fund* - Florida State Office  
2156 54th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32966

A September 16, 2004, e-message from Randy Bryant indicated that several Pensacola area churches reported damage from Hurricane Ivan.

Early reports said trees had fallen on First FWB Church in Pensacola and the roof was down to the sheeting. Beulah FWB Church in Pensacola reported extensive water and tree damage to the church and fellowship hall. Soul's Harbor FWB Church in Pensacola reported three tree limbs through the parsonage roof and limbs through the fellowship hall roof. Shiloh FWB Church in Bratt, Fla. reported the fellowship hall flooded, the vestibule ceiling collapsed and the parsonage roof damaged.

Reverend Bryant said he expected more damage reports from pastors and churches as telephone service was restored in the Florida Panhandle.

For additional information, e-mail Randy Bryant at [drbryant@cs.com](mailto:drbryant@cs.com).

**Co-op and Show-me are God's way  
for everyone to do their part!**

# Attend Bible College Classes at Home

Nashville, Tennessee——

Free Will Baptist Bible College's Lifetime Learning classes are videotaped in the actual classes on campus and are available to anyone who would like study at home, either for college credit or non-credit

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Systematic Theology II——3 hours

The cost is \$296 per credit hour, with a \$25 registration fee.

## New classes recently added to the curriculum are:

Isaiah——3 hrs.  
Christ in the Old Testament——2 hrs  
Biblical Ethics——2 hrs

## Courses Also Available for Non-Credit:

All of the above courses are available for non-credit as well as the following:

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Courses can be taken for non-credit at \$150 flat fee, which includes all materials.

The college is offering scholarships to ordained Free Will Baptist ministers that will help them underwrite the cost of Lifetime Learning courses. If you would like more information regarding the Lifetime Learning program please contact Rusty Campbell.

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## CAMP NIANGUA



## News Bits

Greetings from Camp Niangua. We are a little late in getting our 2004 Camp figures out but the news is very exciting. We had a total registration for teen and pre-teen camps of 1266, which was an increase from the 2003 Camp. Out of that number there were 63 saved; 71 rededications and 7 special callings. The camp offerings

for the four weeks totaled \$2792.26. It almost seems as if our God has a special ray of sunshine that He shines on the camp grounds when children arrive at youth camp each year.

The Camp Board is taking resumes for Camp Superintendent up to December 31. This is in anticipation of Ken Goff's retirement from this position in February of 2006. The new superintendent will be hired by May 2005 in order to learn all job requirements.

All Resumes are to be sent to

Chairman: Ron Blanks,  
902 Howell Ave.,  
West Plains, Mo.  
65775.

*Note Correction: The address in October's Gem was incorrect.*



# The Cates Family Newsletter

Hello from the Cates Family,

God is blessing and we thank you for your support and prayers as we work for the Lord in Mexico.

We praise God that many of our construction projects are nearing completion. We had a great group from several different Oklahoma churches who helped put on a new roof at the Rosa de Sharoll Free Will Baptist church in Monterrey, Mexico. They worked hard and got the new roof on even though they fought with some rain and the weather. We thank each one who gave and we really appreciate each one who came and worked so hard to finish this project.

Jeff was asked to preach at the Bethel FWB Church in Reynosa, Mexico for their twentieth anniversary service. We had several members of our church in Weslaco who went with us and we really enjoyed getting to worship with the brothers and sisters in Christ. The church was packed and we are happy to report the Bethel Church which had been without a pastor for several months has asked Brother Marco Mendoza to be its pastor. The mission that Marco was working with is now being lead by Brother Luis Tijerina.

We ask you to pray for both of these men and their ministries as they work to serve the Lord and win souls for Christ. Brother Marco is in need of a good little truck or car. His vehicle is in bad shape and he needs something that will hold up on the roads in Mexico and that also gets good gas mileage. Please help us pray for this much needed request.

We are glad to report the new mission church that is pastored by Brother Jaime Rodriguez now has new doors and windows. They are still working and trying to finish this



building so please help us pray for this new church and that many souls will be won as they try to reach those around them for the Lord. Land has been purchased for a new mission church in Oaxaca. The mission that is being lead by Brother Manuel Palma will be constructing a new church building on this property.

Please help us pray for the mission work as it continues to grow. We praise the Lord, growth means more souls are being reached daily. Thanks for all you do to help us touch and win souls all over Mexico. You are making a difference in the eternity of many souls in Mexico. Thank you for caring and sharing in the work of the Lord in Mexico.

Walking with Him in Mexico,  
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## JUST A FEW BUBBLES OF JOY TO SHARE.

Lovely Lord's Day..Great Wiggle Worm SS Class...then, the drops began falling/no pouring, from the sky..Services began; our eyes observed, but the ears only heard raindrops falling on the tin...a mircophone/amplifier could not out drown the rain!..We continued going through the motions...slowly, the rain ceased. The songs & prayers continued. Pastor Samuel shared God's Word, speaking from his heart.. It was a blessed service...thank you so very much for helping us to be here.. Next week begins a week of witnessing door to door & passing out more literature in the neighborhood. Pray with us that God's Word will fall on prepared ground. May you feel His Presence as you worship Him.

Jerry & Carol Pinkerton



# The Mile High Update

## A Serious Situation

### Psalm 25:2 (KJV)

*"O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me."*

A couple of months ago in my last newsletter, I entitled my lead article "The Victories Continue." I am consistently encouraged by what I've seen in our people and the blessings the Lord has made possible in the few years we've been on the field here in Denver. The mortgage has been burned, our sanctuary made inviting to new families looking for a church home, and most importantly, our people welcoming newcomers with open arms and loving kindness.

This month, However, I have some sobering news to bring to your attention/ Our missions account, which I have spoken to you about several times, is now **too far in deficit for Home Missions to be able to subsidize it any longer.** I know that many of you contribute financially each and every month, and for those who do, I can't tell you how grateful I am for your continued support and commitment to see this work done right. Many though, for whatever reason, have not supported us in a long time. Perhaps it was the long commitment and new pressures that day to day life brings with bills and such. I've been there; I know. I wasn't able to go on a full itinerate when I began, but we were hopeful with my taking over the work begun by Rev. Chuck Lotz two years prior, that we would be able to sustain the support that was raised when he went on itinerate in 1999. We were both from the same area, both from the same denominational district, etc. It looked like a good fit all the way around even though it wasn't planned that way. The reality was that the church families here needed leadership and fast. They had already been without a pastor for nearly 3 months before my family and I arrived in Denver in July of 2001. Fringe families that had only recently started attending began dropping like flies because of the lack of a pastor and the dearth of Free Will Baptist pastors in this state. We only have 6 churches in the whole state of Colorado and mine is the only one in an approximately two and a half hour drive between Colorado Springs and Fort Collins where our nearest churches are.

When I began supervising the work, we had approximately 5 families that stayed with us. We essentially had to start over even though the church had been under missions support for nearly two years prior to my arrival.

So where does that leave us? Well, as of this writing, I am over \$15,000 in deficit in my account. Our church is going to budget a larger amount than we were planning to go into my salary account, but as a businessman also, I can see the numbers don't add up to where I'd like them to be as of yet. The church is already helping us tremendously with our health insurance which is quite sizeable for a single family, non group policy. In addition we have to have funds outside of our operating expenses for things like advertising, outreach and materials needed for effective ministry in our region. I'm not sure there's enough yet for all that would be needed, but we're going to trust in the Lord that this will be done.



Scott, Becky, Felicia, Devin and Korissa  
Cheatham

My commitment to you as our supporter is that I am committed to the vision God has given me for this work. We are quite strapped with time now as it is, but it looks as if, barring a resurgence of giving to my account, that I may have to seek outside employment to help support our family here. We are drawing a minimum salary compared to the cost index for living in Denver. My wife is working full-time to do all she can to help, but we cannot afford to live here on less than what we have right now. I hate to sound so dire when so much good is happening here in our work, but this is all very real. I take comfort that we are being put through this because I truly believe Satan's at work to try

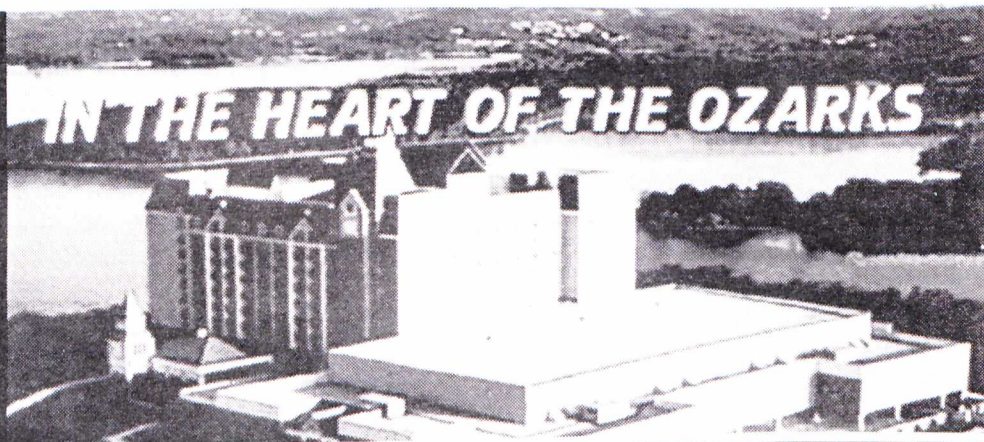
to derail our efforts and get our minds focused on ourselves and our situation and take our eyes off the work that is being accomplished at Mile High. He doesn't waste his time on things that aren't impacting the kingdom of God. If you haven't supported the work here in a while, would you please prayerfully consider supporting us again? If that's not possible, please pass the word along that we are in need of help. Perhaps a one time offering at your church could help us bring down our deficit and ease some of the pressure. If nothing else, please pray for my wife and children. I'm not so concerned about myself, but I certainly don't want this to become a strain on her, and in turn, affect the kids heading back to school. God Bless You and thank you for your support of us!

scottc@minister.com



# PURSUE HIS HEART

## IN THE HEART OF THE OZARKS



Women Nationally Active for Christ invites you to Pursue His Heart at the 2005 National Retreat, March 3-5, in Branson, MO.

Missionary speakers, worship, drama and time alone with God will give you a renewed vision of God's heart for the world.

All sessions of this Thursday evening through Saturday morning event will be held at the beautiful Chateau on the Lake. Branson's only AAA four-diamond hotel, the Chateau offers comfort, convenience and excellent service.

Each room boasts real beds and a breathtaking view of either the hills or the lake. Relax near the indoor waterfall. Chat with a friend at one of the many sitting areas. Explore the library.

If you're inclined to shop, Branson's nearby outletmalls, antique shops and craft venues offer a wide variety in products and prices.

Meals are not included in the retreat package, but the hotel will offer a special event rate on certain meals. Fast food and other restaurants are a short driving distance away.

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**Per person rate with four in a room: \$82.00**  
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## Farmington First Church Announces Evangelism Conference

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington is hosting their Evangelism Conference 2005 on November 14-17.



This year's conference features the preaching of Melvin and Milton Worthington. The Worthington twins were born in June 17, 1937 in Greenville, North Carolina. They were both ordained to the gospel ministry on August 16, 1957. Both men have credentials that exceed most men educationally allowing them to become leaders beyond normal. Their ministries have spanned over 47 years. Both have pastored during this period of time with Melvin leaving the pastorate to become the Executive Secretary of the National Association in 1979, a role he served until his retirement in 2002. His 23 years of service is longer than any of the eight men who served before him. Milton retired in September 2002 from the Central Free Will Baptist Church of Royal Oak, Michigan, where he served for 26 years.

Both men are known as expositors of God's Word. They have, in their retirement, returned to the farm on which

they were born and reared just outside Ayden, North Carolina.

Pastor Roger Hogan says *"Melvin and Milton Worthington have been extremely active in the denomination for nearly 50 years and are as active in their retirement as they conduct preaching conferences across the nation. I want to invite you to attend these services and be blessed by our guest speakers!"*

The Conference will feature both speakers each service including morning services beginning at 10:00am as well as the evening services at 7:00 pm. Nursery will be provided along with services for the children and youth each evening.

The conference will also feature a Ham-N-Bean supper at 6:00pm on Wednesday with the proceeds going toward the Benjamin Randall Offering.

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## Marberry Report

Dear Friends of El Seminario Biblico La Cruz,

God continues to bless the ministry of our seminary in Mexico. The combined efforts of Free Will Baptists in Mexico and in the United States make this ministry of Christian education possible.

August was a very busy month of the seminary campus. The annual meeting of the Association of Will Baptist Churches in Mexico ended at noon on August 1. The meeting was held in Monterrey, and it was a very good meeting. It was an honor to welcome several guests from the United States including Rev. Larry Powell and Rev. Keith Burden.

Mr. Danny Allsup arrived on August 2 with an outstanding group from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mountain Grove, Missouri. They helped with the construction of the new building at the Way of the Cross Free

Will Baptist Church in Reynosa.

An outstanding group of men, women, and young people arrived on August 7 from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenwood, Arkansas. They worked at the seminary and they helped us make preparation for the fall semester.

The fall semester began on August 11. Classes are now well underway. Students and faculty are working hard. Please remember them in your prayers..

Two groups spent the Labor Day weekend with us. Mr. Tim DeCresie arrived on September 2 with four men from the Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, North Carolina. They helped install sheetrock for a new ceiling at the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Randy Puckett brought a group of men, women, and young people from the Eagle Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Sugar Land, Texas. They

worked at the Words of Eternal Life Free Will Baptist Church in Reynosa. They painted, put up siding, and completed several other tasks. Thanks to this group and to all the other groups that help us in many different ways.

Please pray for the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Reynosa that has been without a pastor for several months. Rev. Marco Mendoza has recently accepted the pastorate. He has brought a new sense of hope and optimism to this congregation.

Your prayers and financial support make it possible for us to minister in Mexico. We cannot do it without your help. Please support the MARBERRY ACCOUNT at the Home Missions Department.

Your servants in Mexico,  
Thomas and Wilma Marberry



## Churches Looking for a Pastor

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Contact: Billy White  
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Hannon Church- Liberal  
Contact: Brent Thompson  
417-843-4985

South Fremont Church  
Springfield  
Contact: Richard Pointer  
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First Church- Thayer  
Contact:  
Doyle Hickinbotham  
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Faith Church  
Lemay, MO.  
Contact: Madge Hasty  
314-638-3481

## Hispanic Church Honors the Bivens

The Hispanic Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Palabras de Vida Eterna, surprised Bud and Ruth Bivens with a Pastor Appreciation Day on Sept 12. Most of the congregation of 51 brought gifts for the Bivens and honored them with a surprise dinner following the service. Scott and Leah McCully, associate pastor, also was honored.

However, the biggest surprise of all was that the Bivens son, John, from the Getsemani Children's Home in Morales, Cuahuila, Mexico was in attendance and preached a beautiful sermon. The Hispanic work in Monett was started in January of 2003 with the help of the churches in the Indian Creek Association and the Missouri State Mission Board under Brother Dale Skiles. Pray that God will continue to bless this church.

## Financial Report September 2004

*Note: We apologize if your church was not credited with the proper amount in the GEM last month. The figures are correct on our books, there was an error in translating them for publication in the paper. If your amounts are not correct at any time in the future, please notify us. Thank You.*

### Cooperative Disbursements August 2004.....\$61,397.65

18.50%State Home Mis.....\$11,358.57  
17.00%Executive Office .....\$10,437.55  
3.00%General Fund .....\$1,841.94  
50%Show-Me Plan .....\$306.99  
8.50%Youth Camp Board ..\$5,218.80  
2.50%Youth Ministries Bd ..\$1,534.95  
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2.50%Senior Adult Min .....\$1,534.95  
9.00%MORetirement Prog \$5,525.79

33%.....\$20,261.23

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National Home Missions Board  
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Hillsdale FWB College  
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Theological Commission  
Historical Commission  
Board of Retirement & Insurance

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Amity .....\$113.47  
Aulsbury Chapel .....\$273.04  
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Bailey Chapel .....\$229.00  
Belton .....\$425.67  
Berean .....\$67.00  
Bethel- El Dorado Spgs ...\$401.80  
Bethel- Marshfield .....\$342.89  
Black Oak .....\$574.86  
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Christ Chapel .....\$430.00  
Clifton .....\$60.30  
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Freeman Chapel .....\$502.80  
Gospel Light .....\$100.00  
Grace .....\$1,725.99  
Grant Ave. ....\$1,121.46  
Green Hill- Kirksville .....\$143.88  
Green Hill- Lebanon .....\$663.90  
Green Hills- Lebanon .....\$594.41  
Hannibal .....\$960.00  
Hannon .....\$1,178.00  
Harmony .....\$484.29

Hartville .....\$1,459.00  
Harvest- Grandview .....\$410.00  
Hopewell .....\$329.00  
Houston 1st .....\$347.63  
Hurryville .....\$684.08  
Jackson .....\$287.20  
Joplin 1st .....\$748.32  
Jordan- Jeff. City .....\$130.00  
Kings Way .....\$356.10  
Koshkonong .....\$167.00  
Lead Hill .....\$281.78  
Leadington .....\$504.14  
Lebanon 1st .....\$1,489.33  
Macedonia- Niangua .....\$117.25  
Merls Chapel .....\$175.00  
Mill Creek .....\$596.93  
Mine La Motte .....\$71.82  
Monett 1st .....\$784.96  
Mt. Pisgah .....\$594.00  
Mtn. Grove 1st .....\$1,699.25  
Myrtle .....\$250.89  
Neosho 1st .....\$142.50  
New Home-Lebanon .....\$237.03  
New Hope-Fredericktown \$378.12  
New Life- Licking .....\$443.30  
Niangua .....\$243.34  
Niangua .....\$197.83  
North Five .....\$13.91  
NUmber One .....\$226.76  
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove ...\$451.45  
Oak Hill .....\$657.00  
O'Fallon .....\$1,876.00  
Olivet .....\$550.00  
Overland .....\$85.00  
Ozark 1st .....\$1,921.11  
Palabras De Vida Eterna ..\$100.00  
Park Hills 1st .....\$2,038.91

Parkview .....\$505.32  
Pleasant Hill .....\$167.00  
Pleasant Home .....\$379.70  
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana ..\$114.00  
Potosi 1st .....\$210.24  
Rock Chapel .....\$554.25  
Rolla 1st .....\$390.00  
Salem .....\$30.00  
Seymore .....\$494.00  
Smyrna .....\$102.00  
Springfield 1st .....\$1,908.98  
Stockton .....\$231.90  
Thayer .....\$1,214.00  
Union .....\$379.00  
Union .....\$60.00  
Union Grove .....\$764.00  
United .....\$2,219.99  
Unity .....\$562.50  
Viburnum .....\$804.00  
Victory- Alton .....\$716.97  
Waynesville 1st .....\$484.79  
West Plains 1st .....\$815.00  
Willow Springs- MG .....\$408.10  
Wolf Creek .....\$631.07  
Total .....\$61,397.65

### Show-Me

Barker, J.....\$15.00  
Belton.....\$165.00  
Berean.....\$30.00  
Berry, R.....\$15.00  
Bethel- El Dorado Springs\$401.81  
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.....	\$115.00
Co-op.....	\$1,841.93
Copper Mines.....	\$225.00
Cornerstone.....	\$304.66
Cornerstone.....	\$250.00
Cross Roads- Lebanon.....	\$473.00
Cuba.....	\$133.20
David Bowers.....	\$200.00
DeSoto 1st.....	\$687.50
Faith.....	\$20.00
Faith & Hope- W S.....	\$120.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$805.00
Fellowship.....	\$1,046.25
Fourth.....	\$45.00
Fredericktown 1st.....	\$90.00
Freeman Chapel.....	\$720.00
FWB Foreign Missions.....	\$45.00
Gospel Light .....	\$1,000.00
Grace .....	\$345.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$335.00
Green Hills- Lebanon .....	\$60.00
Green Hills- Lebanon .....	\$30.00
Greenfield .....	\$200.00
Hannibal WNAC .....	\$30.00
Hannon .....	\$1,238.00
Happy Hill .....	\$60.00
Hartville .....	\$240.00
Harvest- Grandview .....	\$75.00
Houston 1st .....	\$321.53
Hurryville .....	\$545.00
Jackson .....	\$35.00
Jones Chapel.....	\$210.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$75.00
Jordan- Jefferson City .....	\$20.00
Leadington .....	\$195.00
Lebanon 1st .....	\$150.00
Macedonia- Monett .....	\$1,000.00
Maggart, D. ....	\$45.00
Merls Chapel .....	\$313.06
Mill Creek .....	\$140.00
Mill Creek C.W.F. ....	\$15.00
Mill Creek- Young Adult .....	\$15.00
Mine La Motte .....	\$75.00
Mona Chrisman .....	\$30.00
Monett 1st .....	\$45.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$385.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$75.00
Mt. Zion- Thayer .....	\$30.00
Myrtle .....	\$75.00
Neosho 1st.....	\$180.00
New Beginning .....	\$151.22
New Home- Hartville .....	\$210.00
New Home- Lebanon .....	\$90.00
New Hope- Fredericktown.....	\$150.00
New Life- Licking .....	\$98.00
New Testament .....	\$30.00
Number One .....	\$60.00
O' Fallon 1st .....	\$118.00
Oak Grove- Houston .....	\$30.00
Oak Hill .....	\$20.00
Olivet .....	\$45.00
Palbras de Vida Eterna .....	\$15.00
Park Hills .....	\$611.70
Parkview .....	\$320.60
Pleasant Hill.....	\$45.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$400.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$50.00
Porter Chapel .....	\$921.55
Purdy.....	\$690.00
Richwoods .....	\$102.50
Rock Chapel .....	\$210.00
Rock Springs .....	\$91.72
Rolla 1st .....	\$30.00
Royal Oak .....	\$120.00

Springfield 1st .....	\$515.00
Stockton .....	\$77.20
Thayer .....	\$324.00
Trinity .....	\$1,467.27
Union .....	\$300.00
United .....	\$300.00
Unity .....	\$75.00
Viburnum .....	\$150.00
Victory- Alton .....	\$45.00
Walker, H. ....	\$10.00
Walnut Grove .....	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$404.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$75.00
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$150.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$24,238.70</b>

#### State Home Missions

Bethel- Festus.....	\$15.00
Desoto 1st.....	\$100.00
Fellowship FWB Church .....	\$125.00
Fordland .....	\$10.00
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
Grace .....	\$25.00
Grace .....	\$30.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$56.07
Lebanon Bible And Book .....	\$540.00
Macedonia- Monett .....	\$100.00
Myrtle .....	\$72.00
Neosho 1st.....	\$25.00
New Testament .....	\$100.00
Niangua .....	\$69.95
Niangua .....	\$49.50
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$67.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna .....	\$100.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$20.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$266.50
Thayer .....	\$50.00
Trinity .....	\$50.17
Union .....	\$45.00
United .....	\$25.00
Unity .....	\$12.50
Unity .....	\$12.50
Unity .....	\$12.50
Unity .....	\$12.50
Unity .....	\$12.50
Waynesville 1st .....	\$50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,223.69</b>

#### Foreign Missions

Belton .....	\$65.00
Central .....	\$50.00
Cuba .....	\$22.20
DeSoto 1st .....	\$35.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$10.00
Fordland .....	\$8.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$4.49
Hartville .....	\$35.00
Houston 1st .....	\$37.50
Matthews, A. ....	\$15.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$47.00
New Testament .....	\$70.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$86.41
Rock Chapel .....	\$15.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$266.50
Thayer .....	\$10.00
Trinity .....	\$37.23
Waynesville 1st .....	\$115.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$929.33</b>

#### National Home Missions

Belton.....	\$25.00
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Carthage .....	\$66.60
Central .....	\$74.00
Cuba .....	\$83.50
DeSoto .....	\$5.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$826.00
Fordland .....	\$25.00
Fourth .....	\$10.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$65.00
Gospel Light .....	\$150.00
Grace .....	\$67.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$934.28
Hannon .....	\$340.00
Houston 1st .....	\$20.00
Jackson .....	\$150.00
Jerry Rader .....	\$66.07
Monett 1st .....	\$50.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$150.00
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	\$76.00
Myrtle .....	\$15.00
Neosho 1st.....	\$50.00
New Home Hartville .....	\$70.17
New Testament .....	\$41.00
Oak Hill .....	\$42.50
O'Fallon .....	\$10.00
Park Hills 1st.....	\$28.00
Richwoods .....	\$50.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$160.00
Thayer .....	\$192.00
Trinity .....	\$75.00
Union .....	\$50.00
United .....	\$378.90
Unity .....	\$20.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$30.00
Wolf Creek .....	\$5.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,401.02</b>

#### Youth Camp

Mt. Pisgah .....	\$15.00
Hartville .....	\$10.00
Niangua .....	\$85.00
Lebanon Bookstore .....	\$540.00
Buffalo 1st.....	\$100.00
Rolla 1st.....	\$20.00
Hannon .....	\$50.00
New HomeHartville .....	\$10.00
Desoto 1st.....	\$55.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
Trinity .....	\$9.00
Willow Springs .....	\$10.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$25.00
Cornerstone .....	\$25.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
David Bowers .....	\$50.00
Park Hills 1st.....	\$49.81
Union .....	\$30.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$10.00
Niangua .....	\$20.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,173.81</b>

#### Youth Camp Development

Myrtle .....	\$132.00
Belton .....	\$136.50
Houston 1st .....	\$100.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$368.50</b>

#### Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Book .....	\$140.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

#### Virgil Maness

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

#### Senior Adult Board

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

#### Scholarship

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

#### Robbie Rutledge

MO WAC .....	\$7.04
Unity.....	\$12.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$19.54</b>

#### Morgan Wood

Belton .....	\$30.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

#### Missouri Retirement

Lebanon Bookstore .....	\$200.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

#### George Lemelin

Cape Girardeau .....	\$118.25
Jackson .....	\$110.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$228.25</b>

#### Indian Bible College

Desoto 1st.....	\$10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>

#### Hillsdale Free will Bible College

Joplin 1st .....	\$75.00
Monett 1st .....	\$100.00
Hannon .....	\$100.00
Oak Hill .....	\$10.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$25.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$150.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$510.00</b>

#### Free Will Baptist Bible College

Oak Hill .....	\$10.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$150.00
Desoto 1st.....	\$40.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
Green Hills Lebanon .....	\$15.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$265.00</b>

#### Executive Fund

Lebanon .....	\$10.00
Bookstore .....	\$200.00
September Interest .....	\$22.73
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$232.73</b>

#### Christian Education Board

Book Store.....	\$140.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

Myrtle .....	\$31.00
Hannon .....	\$100.00
Desoto 1st.....	\$55.00
New Hope Fredericktown .....	\$30.00
Belton .....	\$35.00
Unity .....	\$20.00
David Bowers .....	\$50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$321.00</b>

#### Brian Brinkoff

New Testament .....	\$20.00
Unity .....	\$12.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$32.50</b>

#### Berea Ministries

Hartville.....	\$150.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>



# The Country Chaplain

## "The Boy From Boston"

By J. Mark Vandivort

A new boy came to our one-room country school from a big city—he didn't talk like we did. Kids at our school didn't know much about big cities, and Harvey didn't seem to know much about milking cows and horse manure. Also, he seemed unfamiliar with some of the games we played—some of which we made up ourselves.

For reasons which I don't understand, our teacher didn't seem to like Harvey. One day Teacher loudly demanded that the city boy come to the front of the room and lean across the teacher's desk. Then Teacher made a big production of pulling his heavy leather belt from the loops of his pants. Suddenly Harvey leaped out of the teacher's reach and ran out of the schoolhouse with Teacher in close pursuit!

Immediately we heard loud "slap, slap, slap," sounds. Some of us cautiously crowded up to the window in the "cloak room" (where we stored our lunch buckets and hung our coats). What we saw was beyond belief! Teacher was hitting his own leg with his belt as he watched the "boy from Boston" disappear around a curve that led to his grandparent's farm. When our teacher entered the room we were all sitting in our seats, quiet as little country mice. Harvey was back in school the next morning and the incident was never mentioned.

**Sometimes people are slow in accepting others** if they represent a different race, socio-economic class, or culture. The Apostle Paul addressed this issue in one of his letters to the first century Christian churches. "So you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have been made like him. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female. For you are all Christians—you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26-28, New Living Translation).

Rather than "run around a corner and slap your leg with your belt," look for some commendable quality in other people. Seek to encourage and cultivate good relationships. May God use you to draw out the best in people. Jesus gave us the *Golden Rule*, "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31, NIV).

*(Names and places have been changed to protect privacy.)(Noble Free Press, PO 289, Noble, OK 73068, 9/2/04)*



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