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No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life;
that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

~ 2 Timothy 2:4 ~

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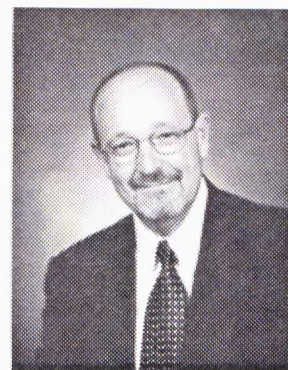
The Church Plan will continue until it is canceled by the church.

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From the Editor

It's National Time, Kentucky Here We Come!



What a busy time of year. We have just finished with the State meeting, and before you know it, it's time to head to Louisville, KY for our National Convention. Our theme this year is "Pleasing God" and our theme verse is 2 Timothy 2:4. The convention will begin with registration on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 in the Kentucky International Convention Center. On Sunday morning Sunday school will begin at 10:00am in the KICC with Jonathan Yandell from Tennessee as teacher. The morning worship service will follow with Mike Wade from Oklahoma as the speaker. At the same time the youth will be meeting in their own services. That evening we will hear Jeff Manning from North Carolina in the service.

Activities will begin Monday morning with the General Board Meeting at 8:00am and the National Youth Convention Competitive Activities at 8:30am. In the afternoon, the NYC Seminars and the Women National Active for Christ Seminar will begin at 1:00pm. This event will feature Sandy Atwood. All these events will take place in the convention center. At 3:00 that afternoon the Missions Rally will take place at the Hyatt Regency, while the convention Exhibit Area will be opening at the same time. In the evening, the Children/Tweener/Family Banquet will happen from 5:00 til 6:30pm at the Convention Center. Tickets for this event as well as all others requiring a ticket are available online at www.nafwb.org.

At 7:00pm the evening Worship service for both the convention at large and the Youth will take place in the Convention Center. Millard Sasser from California will be the adult speaker. Following the service there will be a Youth Worker Reception from 9:00 til 10:00pm.

Tuesday will see the day begin with a Music Commission Seminar from 7:00 til 8:30am, followed closely by the resumption of NYC Competitive Activities. Also starting at 8:30 will be the Pastors/Layman Conference at the Convention Center along with the

WNAC Convention. Anthony and Lea Edgmon from Spain will be the featured speakers for the WNAC at 10:30. The Women will also hear Teri Peacock at their luncheon beginning at 12:00. The Theological Trends Seminar will commence at 10:00 and run until noon.

Tuesday afternoon will have the continuation of the NYC Competitive Activities as well as the NYC Seminars that started at 10:00am. The Convention

business session will start at 1:30 and is scheduled to last until 4:00pm. The Evening services for both the convention and the youth will begin at 7:00 and feature James Kelly Caudill from Kentucky as the adult speaker. The service will be followed by the Hillsdale College Reception at 9:00pm and the Youth Banquet, beginning at the same time.

Wednesday will see the completion of the NYC Competition beginning at 8:00. The Convention Business Session will start at 9:00

followed by the NYC Training seminars and the Sunday School workshops at 10:00. The Exhibit area will open at 10:00am and remain open till 10:30pm. The Free Will Baptist Bible College Luncheon will happen at 12:00 noon and windup at 1:15.

The final service of the Convention will be Wednesday evening and feature Fred Hanson from Canada. The Service will be followed by the NYC Awards Ceremony beginning at 9:00 and lasting until.....?

There will be separate worship services for the Adults, the Student worship (grades 7-12), the Children/Tweener (grades 1-6) and the Preschool (ages 3-6.) Please remember that the convention ends with the activities on Wednesday evening.

For registration or housing information go on-line at www.nafwb.org or call our National offices at 887-767-7659. See you in Louisville!

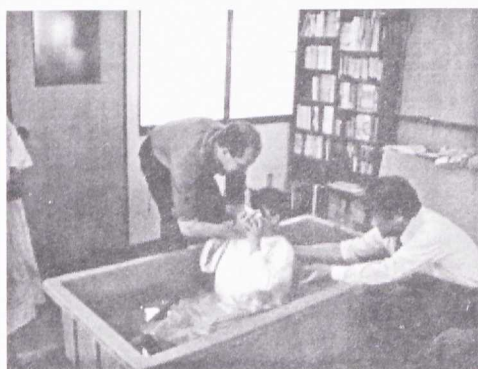
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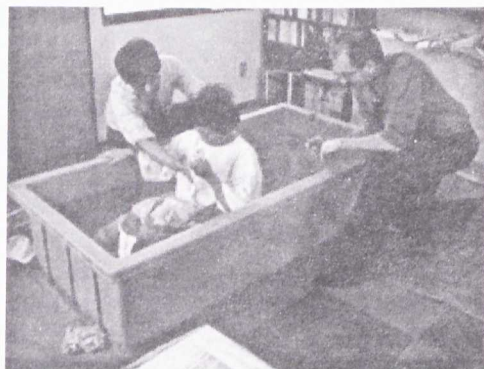
Missouri Show-Me Missions News

The Baileys in Japan



Mrs. Arai and Mrs. Yoko Nomura were baptized by Ken and Pastor Kojima at Iriso Church on Easter Sunday.

Mrs. Arai formerly attended the church, and her daughter is now a regular member. Ken and I started a home Bible study in Mrs. Nomura's home three years ago, and we will be focusing our ministries in that area from April of this year. There is a weekly Bible study with Mrs. Nomura and Pastor Kojima's unsaved sister-in-law, plus a Sunday morning worship service. There are also two preschool English classes each week with a Bible lesson included. Several unsaved young mothers are bringing their children to the classes.



Due to increased monthly fees, The Good News Chapel decided to move to a different location in March. Our first service was held on

March 13th. We are less than half a mile from our previous location, so the present members and people who've been attending the English/Bible classes are still in the same neighborhood. We are on the main street going directly into the train station (on the opposite side of where we were), so there is a lot of pedestrian traffic from early until late in the evening. We've had more



people stop to inquire at this location in the first week than we had in the first three months at the previous place! So we're excited about the new neighborhood. Thanks for praying for The Good News Chapel.





An Easter service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Takaso, the oldest members of Iriso Church. Because of ill health, Mr. Takaso

cannot attend church. Their unsaved daughter, Mrs. Hirabayashi and grandson, Au, also attended the service. Pray for their salvation, and the rest of the Hirabayashi family.

(sent by J. Bailey)

Hartville Church Has Family Day

The Hartville Free Will Baptist Church celebrated its annual Family Day Sunday, March 20, with an attendance of 258. The morning worship service featured a concert by the Calvarymen southern gospel quartet. The Hartville church is the home church for lead singer Galen Dixon, pianist Teresa Dixon, and sound technician Gary Coy. The Calvarymen have sung for a number of years for the Family Day service.

A bountiful fellowship dinner was served following the morning service. Meat for the meal was prepared by several men of the church, under the direction of Calvarymen bass singer Larry Randolph, winner of several barbecue championships.

With March 20 also being Palm Sunday, Pastor Melvin Moon led in the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Foot Washing in the evening service to complete a wonderful day in the Lord.

Submitted by Jane Kinser

The Pinkertons in Abidjan

19 April.

The three FWB churches in Abidjan enjoyed a Couple's Retreat last year...another one was planned for last weekend by Pastors Samuel and Silas. There were 13 married couples, 3 singles (one without wife, one without hubby and one who said he was an "observer" but plans to be married before next year.) One engaged couple and 5 nursing babes who were well behaved.

Pastor Samuel brought the teaching Friday night on the importance of Family Devotions (His family has daily devotions at 5 AM...as they've done for years.) Saturday sessions were about how to solve marital conflicts...We had good, lively participation... (This generation of African Women are not like their mothers/grandmothers who would not dare voice a discouraging word in public about their marriages—even if they had one to share!)

Couples retreat was super...to begin at 3pm Friday...we went at 5...hardly anyone there. Supper scheduled for 6pm served at 7:30 didn't get home till 11:30. Glad it was close by so Jerry & I could come home to own bed/bath..

Saturday to begin at 8...all were there except the speaker who came-without excuse one & one-half hour later...throwing all off schedule, but it didn't matter...as is the expected normal! Food at noon was served at 1:30 but



it ran out so some didn't get to eat until more could be cooked-limited on cooking pans...it all worked out just fine—especially if you were at the first of the line. Jerry was given special treatment, but I had to elbow my way just like all the rest (think that means I'm totally one of them?) I'd taken loaves of banana bread for the morning break—one of the ladies had given me the banana "feet" (starts) years ago so we all enjoyed the produced results...Departing miss's had given me cracked walnuts so that made it even better...until one dear lady asked me what kind of beans were in it!

My attempt to explain was they are nuts from American...like peanuts here??ooohh.

Already planning another retreat for next year. Hugs a bunch.

Carol 4 Jerry 2

Dr. LaVerne Miley Enters the Gate

by Dr. Charles Thigpen

(Reprinted from the Tennessee Echo)

In the last issue of Echo, Dr. LaVerne Miley told of a near-death experience, while hospitalized for chronic bleeding around the brain. He wrote of being "in another world" and seeing a gate, but he was not invited to enter. After Dr. Miley's three surgeries, he made wonderful progress and seemed to be fully restored to health. But in the early hours of March 15th, he awakened his wife with the urgent request to be taken to the Emergency Room of Centennial Hospital in Nashville. Shortly after arriving, Dr. Miley passed through the "gate of death," about 1:30 a.m., March 15, 2005. Dr. Miley said in the article, "We who know the Lord believe that death is the doorway to heaven. Thank God that is true. We must pass through the experience of death to go to be with the Lord."

Dr. Miley is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Lorene Norris Miley; two sons, Lynn and Larry; one daughter, Lynette Morgan; eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Lena Miley; a daughter, Lydia; and sister, Mildred Miley Miller.

Services were held at Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville with Brother Eugene Waddell and Dr. Robert Picirilli officiating. Many shared tributes to the life of Dr. Miley: Brother Eddie Payne, a fellow missionary in Ivory Coast; Dr. Robert Woodard, a Bible College faculty colleague; and a son, Lynn Miley. Free Will Baptist International Missions presented an engraved Bible to Mrs. Miley in memory of Dr. Miley.

Dr. Miley's life is one of great interest and outstanding achievement for the cause of Christ. He was born and reared in northeast Missouri to God-

fearing parents. He was converted to Christ at 10 years of age. He graduated from high school at the age of 14 and graduated from NE Missouri State Teachers College at Kirksville, MO, at the age of 17. At this time he felt a definite calling from the Lord to full-time Christian service. In response to this, he enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College. It was at this college that he met the YO1mg lady, Lorene Norris, who was to become his wife. Further training included a Master's of Divinity degree from Northern Baptist Seminary, and M.D. degree from the University of Tennessee, and a Master's in Public Health from Columbia University School of Public Health.

Dr. and Mrs. Miley served as missionaries to Ivory Coast from 1960-1979.

During this time Dr. and Mrs. Miley were instrumental in opening a hospital in Ivory Coast. Dr. Miley served from 1950-55 as an administrator and faculty member of Free Will Baptist Bible College, and again as a professor at FWBBC from 1979 to 1995. He served as Medical Consultant to the Foreign Missions Department from 1995 to 2004. Dr. and Mrs. Miley worked with the Navajo Native Americans in the western United States. He also counseled with Men of Valor Prison Ministry in Nashville.

The Mileys have been active members of Cofer's Chapel FWB Church for many years. Everyone who knew Dr. Miley could, no doubt, give a great testimony of his outstanding Christian character. Brother Eddie Payne

said, "How would you describe this great man of God? In reading Galatians 5, I found a true reflection of Dr. Miley's life. It is the fruit of the Holy Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. I know no one who more completely shows forth this fruit than Dr. Miley. He possessed all of the qualities that makes a great Christian missionary."

Brother Tim Campbell, Executive Secretary of Arkansas Free Will Baptists, said, "In 1986, Dr. Miley spoke at First FWB Church at Walnut Ridge, AR. In that service, I made a full and complete surrender of my life to Christ. I am in the ministry today because of this good man." Pastor Ronnie Mitchell of Limestone FWB Church in Limestone, TN said that



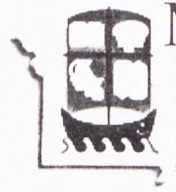
Dr. Miley participated in the church's Walk-a-Thon in September of 2004 (he actually walked most of the ten-mile course!). The next day (Sunday), he preached at the church on "Holiness." He said in the message, "Our human nature is no excuse for not pursuing holiness-being like Christ." On this occasion, the Limestone Church raised \$47,000 for International Missions!

Dr. Robert Woodard said that it was through Dr. Miley that God produced in him a complete yieldedness to Christ in July of 1965. He described Dr. Miley in this way: "He found favor with God and man. He had a single-minded purpose. I have never heard one negative comment about him. He was truly a man after God's own heart." Dr. Miley's son Lynn spoke of his father's deep convictions about all of the Christian life. "He was an outstanding steward of the Lord. To him, everything belonged to God-and we are accountable to Him." Dr. Picirilli spoke of the deep respect he had for Dr. Miley. He called him "a faithful witness, a quiet person, firm and unyielding in his convictions, a man of prayer (and fasting), a willing servant always at God's disposal. He was a true hero to many because of the gracious work of God within him."

Brother Eugene Waddell said of Dr. Miley, "I am not worthy to unloose the shoes of this good man." Dr. Milton Fields said, "Dr. Miley was one of the most pleasant and one of the most competent persons that I have ever known. He was determined to do everything the right way. In every way he was an outstanding man of God, a great Christian leader." All of us who knew Dr. Miley could say with Mrs. Sara Steele, staff member at FWBBC, "Next to Jesus Christ, Dr. Miley was the holiest man on earth!"

Church seeking Youth Pastor:
Victory Church
Alton, MO
Contact: Jason Roberts
417-257-7322

For Sale: 1994 Ford 16 Passenger
Church Bus.
New Transmission, Wheelchair lift
air conditioned, \$5,000.00
417-588-0150



Missouri State Home Missions

I read a very interesting quote from Socrates last week. He said, "By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher."



That rings so true.

We have a couple at our church that I am very excited about. Daniel and Erin announced last month that they are going to be getting married in July. I am encouraged to see their lives lived with purity and respect for one another, and above all love.

Things are going great at the church lately. We have several teens now attending. Most of them play in the praise band. Mike and Alex play electric guitar and Nathan plays the drums. This leads me to ask if you would pray so that we can find someone with the leadership abilities to work with them.

We have also completed our next section of dry walling last month. Thanks to my uncle Jim we finished off the dining hall two weeks ago, and are excited to start looking at colors and carpet. If you would like to get involved with either give me a call at 660.665.5283.

We had a great response from our last article about air conditioning. Gene Howell, state home missionary to Raymore gave us a three year old model that has been hardly used. That means we only need one more unit and we have received \$500 in the mail so far to be used for the project. We estimate that it will take \$2100 for labor and materials (1 A/C unit) to complete the project. Thanks for all your help so far, and pray that we will be able to wrap this up before the heat of summer.

Don't forget that you can check up on other things that are going on at www.greenhillchurch.blogspot.com. Save the link and check in often for updates. Thanks for your prayers and support!

Scott & Becky Anna McNay

(My apologies for identifying Scotts wife as Becky in a previous issue of the Gem.....Editor)

Eastern Gate Recognizes Deacons



Jess Young and wife Sybil, Pastor Keith Garrison, Donna & Doug Norris

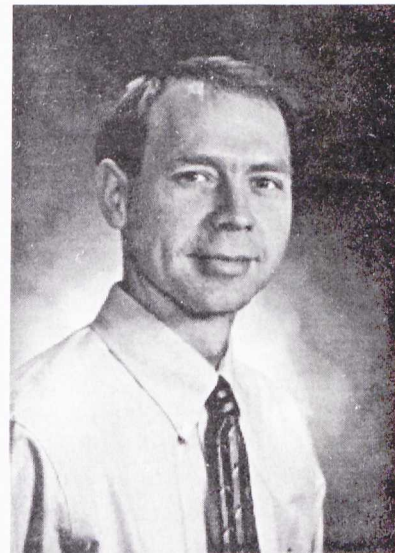
The Eastern Gate Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, took a day on Sunday April 10, 2005 to recognize the two deacons in the church. Bros. Doug Norris and Jess Young were recognized for their commitment and dedication in deacon ministry. The day began with the church filled with friends and relatives from Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

The choir set the tone of the service by singing hymns pertaining to the service of the Lord. Abby & Emily Norris, granddaughters of Brother Norris and his wife Donna, sang for the Lord as did Greg Conner and Jeff Conner, the grandsons of Brother Jess & Sybil Young. In the service, Pastor Keith Garrison had a time of personal testimonies where a number of people stood and thanked the Lord for the lives of these two good servants of the Lord. Brother Keith and his wife Penny also stood and thanked the two men and their wives for being faithful servants to the cause of Christ. The deacons were then presented with plaques of appreciation and gratitude for their faithful and continued service. Both men have been in the deacon ministry for over 25 years. Brother Norris was ordained in 1979 and Brother Young in 1968.

A sumptuous luncheon followed in the fellowship hall. Our church thanks the Lord for these two fine servants of the Lord. They love the church, see to the spiritual needs of those within the body of Christ and they encourage and support their pastor. Truly, they are great encouragers to all who meet them. The Lord has been good to Eastern Gate church as we have seen new families making it their church home.

Joplin First Welcomes New Pastor

First Free Will Baptist Church, 2301 Connecticut, Joplin, is pleased to welcome their new pastor, the Rev. Jerald Bass, his wife Cassie, and their five children. Bro. Jerald previously pastored for nine years at First Free Will Baptist Church, Weleetka, OK. He earned his BA in Theology in 1989 from



Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, OK, and completed his Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, TX, this month (May). He also serves in the United States Army Reserve and will complete his chaplaincy training this summer. If you are in Joplin or have family or friends who are there, please contact the church at 417-613-1014 or contact Bro. Jerald at 417-626-8717. Everyone is welcome to attend First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin.

Quilts!

The Northeast District Auxiliary recently presented Sister Ruth Bivens with several quilts they created for her son's orphanage work in Mexico.



The Ladies are: Ruth Bivens, Faye Stiles, Karen Sponsler, Renee Riley, Gladys Riley, Maizie Sevits, Donna Sponsler and Betty Jones

Missouri Women Active for Christ Retreat

Speakers:
Carol Pinkerton
Ruth Bivens
Lillian Carstens

Stonecroft Conference Center
Branson, Missouri

August 19-20, 2005

Don't forget
this years
Retreat Project

Registration Form

List those staying in the same room (each room has 2 double or queen size beds) Please copy this form for additional names. The cost is \$55.00 per person. This includes room and all meals

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone () _____ Church _____

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List those not staying at Stonecroft. Please check desired meals The total cost for registration and both meals is \$32.00 per person. You may choose meals individually.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone () _____ Church _____
_____ Registration \$17.00 _____ Friday Dinner \$10.00
_____ Saturday Breakfast \$5.00

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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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In order to accomodate the maximum number of ladies, there must be four to each room. Due to limited space and the nature of the retreat, we request no babies, please. Rooms are assigned as reservations are recieved. Reservations will not be accepted before June 20th, 2005

Total amount enclosed \$_____. Please send **one check** for all registering with your group. Make check payable to **Missouri State WAC** (no cash please) As in years past, no refunds will be given, however, substitutions may be made. *Please send form, check and self-addressed stamped envelope to:*

Judith Ruble, 610 Hunters Creek Dr, Lebanon, MO 65536

Death - 2 - Life

Proverbs 8:35 "For whoso findeth me findeth life."

Missouri State College Conference

July 7-9, 2005

The Missouri State Youth Board has set the date for the first annual conference for college age youth. The conference has been set for July 7-9, 2005 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington, Missouri and is designed specifically for college age youth and young adults between ages 18-26.

The theme for the conference is "Death-2-Life" from the text Psalm 8:35 "Whoso findeth me findeth life". Registration forms along with a flyer for the conference can be found in this month's Gem. Cost for this year's conference is \$10. Attendees have an option of staying in one of the motels listed on the registration form (at your own expense) or may request to stay in the home of a local host family. **Those requiring host homes must register prior to June 27, 2005.** The conference schedule is listed below.

Thursday, July 7:

3:00 pm Registration
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Evening Service

Friday, July 8:

9:00 am Breakfast
10:00 am Morning Session
11:30 am Lunch
 Free Time
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Evening Service

Saturday, July 9:

9:00 am Breakfast
10:00 am Morning Session
11:30 pm Lunch
 Free Time
7:00 pm Evening Service

Guest speaker for the conference is Kenny Myers. Kenny is the Campus Pastor at Hillsdale Bible College in Moore, Oklahoma. The music will be provided by Decrease, a group of young men from western Illinois. If you have any questions call Randy Rains at 573-785-8933.

Registration and Release Form

Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Church Name: _____

In case of an emergency notify:

1. _____ Phone: _____
2. _____ Phone: _____

Registrants Signature: _____

_____ I would like to stay in a Host Home

In the case of an emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the above mentioned individuals. However if individuals cannot be reached and/or if I, the below signed registrant is 18 years of age or older, I hereby give conference personnel permission to act on my behalf in seeking and administering medical treatment in the event that such treatment is deemed necessary or advisable for the registrants health, safety and welfare. I release conference personnel and its host from liability in acting on my behalf in this regard and rendering such treatment. I assume risk and financial responsibility for any injury resulting from the registrant's participation in conference activities.

Motel Arrangements

Each student is responsible for making their own room reservations and payment at the motel of their choice. Select from the following motels and be sure to mention you are with the "Missouri State College Conference".

Tradition Inn 573-756-8031
\$61.95 Double Occ.
1625 W Columbia St (Hwy 67 & Hwy W)
Farmington, Mo 63640

Super 8 573-756-0344
\$48.00 Double Occ.
930 Valley Creek Drive
Farmington, Mo 63640

Days Inn 573-756-8951
\$48.00 Double Occ.
1400 W Liberty (just off Hwy 67)
Farmington, Mo 63640

Host Homes

Host Homes will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Please be sure you check the line on the registration form asking to stay in a Host Home.

**Return registration form along with
a \$10 registration fee to:**
Missouri State Youth Board
College Conference
305 West Columbia
Farmington, Mo. 63640

*Missouri
State College
Conference
July 7-9
Farmington, MO*

FWBBC Graduates Fifty Three



NASHVILLE, TN-Free Will Baptist Bible College graduated 53 students in commencement exercises on campus, Friday, May 6. Graduates came from 16 states and four foreign countries.

Students completed seven programs ranging from two-year associate's programs to four-year bachelor's programs. Nearly 35 percent of the class graduated with honors, according to Dr. Milton Fields, academic dean.

Reverend Keith Burden, executive secretary for the National Association of Free Will Baptists, brought the commencement address on the subject, "What Is Life Really All About?"

The college honored Dr. Robert Woodard who retired after 27 years on the Bible and theology faculty, and recognized Director of Plant Operations Sandy Goodfellow for 25 years of service. Music professor Dr. Linda Shipley was named Academic Advisor of the Year.

Ohio executive secretary Edwin Hayes preached the baccalaureate sermon Thursday evening on the importance of commitment, which was followed by a reception for graduates hosted at the campus home of President Pinson.

Thursday activities began with an 8:00 a.m. senior breakfast for graduates and their guests. The college family then gathered for a 90-minute Awards Chapel featuring special recognition for academic excellence, Christian service, leadership, society and athletic awards, and the passing of the gavel from 2004-05 student body president Thomas Cook to 2005-06 student body president Gerald Turner.

During a post-commencement meeting with the faculty and staff, President J. Matthew Pinson announced that the Board of Trustees authorized the administration to begin reconsidering options to relocate the college.

Bob Woodard, FWBBC Teacher, Retires

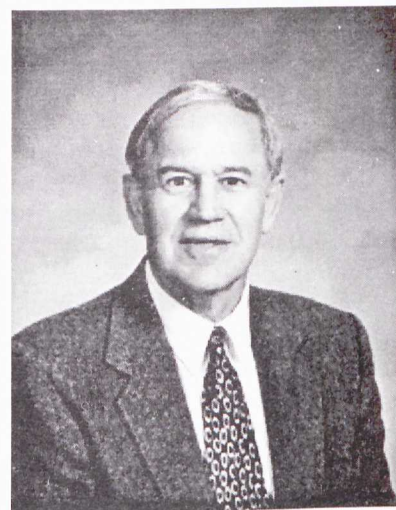
NASHVILLE, TN-

Dr. Robert E. Woodard (66), Bible and theology instructor at Free Will Baptist Bible College for 27 years, announced his retirement effective May 6, according to President Matt Pinson.

Dr. Woodard said, "After 27 years of teaching, the time has come for me to retire from my ministry here at the college." Woodard's immediate plans remain uncertain. He has been encouraged to do some writing and may do that in the future.

During his tenure at FWBBC, Woodard taught a variety of courses from Bible doctrine to church growth strategies to theology. He also served 11 years as director of pastoral studies and taught three years in the Free Will Baptist Bible College Graduate School.

Reflecting on Woodard's service to the college, President Matt Pinson said, "When I was a student here, I found Dr. Woodard to be not only deep theologically but also warm-hearted, loving and encouraging. After returning to the college as president, I found that he embodies those same traits as a professional colleague. It will be hard to say goodbye to him as a full-time member of the faculty at FWBBC."



FWBBC Announces Dennis Owen Missionary-in-Residence

NASHVILLE, TN—

Veteran missionaries Dennis and Trena Owen will serve as Free Will Baptist International Missions' (FWBIM) missionaries-in-residence at Free Will Baptist Bible College for 2005-2006, according to FWBBC missions program coordinator, Ron Callaway. "Dennis and Trena Owen bring 25 years of experience as Free Will Baptist missionaries to the post," Callaway said. "They served 10 years in Spain and the past 15 years in Montevideo, Uruguay. They have two children, Miranda Craddock (Fort Myers, FL), and Jonathan, now serving with U.S. forces in the Middle East."

Dennis received a master of divinity degree from Grace Theological Seminary and is completing a doctor of missions degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Dennis and Trena will succeed Don and Ruth McDonald as missionaries-in-residence. The McDonalds were scheduled to return to Japan this summer.



"Don did an excellent job in classroom preparation," Ron Callaway said. "He brought practical skills, experienced observations and missiological knowledge to his students. We will miss their presence with us."

The college's missionary-in-residence generally serves a one-year term before returning to the field. During that year, the missionary lives on campus in the Laura Belle Barnard House, and teaches and promotes missions among the students.

The goal of the missionary-in-residence (MIR) program is to help students develop a vision for and accept the challenge of global evangelism. The MIR program is operated in cooperation with the Free Will Baptist International Missions Department.

Ozark Annual Men's Rally

"And a Good Time Was Had By All!"

First Free Will Baptist Church of Ozark held their annual Men's Rally and Cookout on March 4th. Men from all over the state attended the event and enjoyed the great meal and the good service to follow. Over 250 men gathered in the sanctuary and enjoyed the music of several local instrumentalists and the vocal offering of the Men's Quartet from the First Church. Rev. Gary Fry preached on "God's Plan for A Man" from Psalm 128. Pastor Gary Michner and Youth and Music leader Greg Smith invite you to make your plans now to attend this annual event next year!



Accomplished chefs!



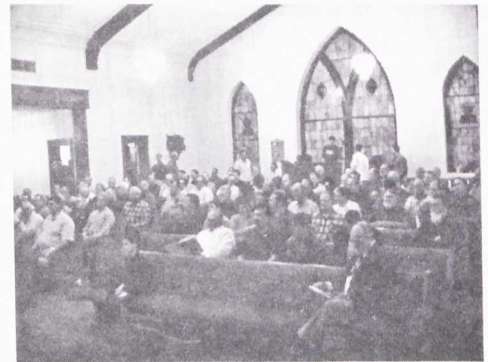
Good Fellowship



Wonderful help!



Great food



Part of the crowd of 250



Ozark Quartet (John Jones at the piano)



Great area musicians



Speaker Gary Fry



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Alton	\$200.00	Kings Way	\$329.62
Amity	\$131.88	Koshkonong	\$139.00
Bailey	\$220.00	Lead Hill	\$153.42
Beacon	\$2,960.25	Lebanon 1st	\$1,505.87
Belton	\$335.68	Macedonia- Niangua	\$163.84
Berean	\$85.00	Merls Chapel	\$120.00
Bethel- Rogersville	\$303.57	Mine La Motte	\$77.55
Bethel-El Dorado Springs	\$255.67	Monett 1st	\$727.70
Black Oak	\$567.00	Mt. Pisgah	\$530.00
Cabool 1st	\$334.57	Nevada	\$250.00
Calvary Chapel	\$1,209.88	New Hope- Frdtn.	\$471.50

New Life- Licking	\$325.89	Houston 1st	\$362.00	Gospel Light	\$160.00	Trula Cronk Home for Children	
Niangua	\$208.75	Hurryville	\$535.00	Bethel- Festus	\$15.00	Belton	\$25.00
Number One	\$214.35	Jack Baldwin	\$25.00	Harvest- Grandview	\$100.00	Unity	\$20.00
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove	\$320.68	Jackson	\$35.00	Southeast MO Assoc.	\$150.00	Hannon	\$100.00
Oak Hill	\$468.00	Jones Chapel	\$195.00	Ozark 1st	\$10.00	New Hope- Frdtn.	\$50.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$1,611.00	Joplin 1st	\$75.00	Total	\$2,025.80	Union Light	\$20.00
Ozark 1st	\$1,774.65	Larry Wormington	\$500.00			Total	\$215.00
Palabras DeVida Eterna	\$75.00	Lebanon 1st	\$150.00	International Missions		Christian Education Board	
Park Hills 1st	\$646.23	Mine La Motte	\$75.00	Belton	\$30.00	Bookstore	<u>\$140.00</u>
Parkview	\$533.56	MO WAC	\$599.30	Central	\$50.00	Total	\$140.00
Pleasant Hill	\$175.80	Monett 1st	\$45.00	Central Western Assn.	\$250.00	Free Will Baptist Bible Collge	
Pleasant Home	\$173.98	Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00	Farmington 1st	\$30.00	Beacon	\$127.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$128.00	Mt. Zion- Thayer	\$30.00	Fordland	\$14.00	O'Fallon 1st	\$59.16
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$96.00	New Beginning	\$157.32	Fourth	\$50.00	Farmington 1st	\$150.00
Potosi 1st	\$163.56	New Home- Hartville	\$210.00	Hannon	\$4,350.00	Total	\$336.16
Republic	\$200.00	New Hope	\$150.00	Houston 1st	\$60.00	Hillsdale	
Richwoods 1st	\$774.00	New Life- Licking	\$55.00	Matthews, A.	\$15.00	Joplin 1st	\$50.00
Rock Chapel	\$340.00	Number One	\$60.00	Noel, D.	\$15.00	Beacon	\$125.00
Rolla 1st	\$310.00	O' Fallon 1st	\$119.75	Pleasant Home	\$35.42	O'Fallon 1st	\$59.16
Royal Oak	\$56.00	Old Bethel	\$360.00	Rock Chapel	\$14.00	Southern Hills- KS	\$100.00
Salem	\$30.00	Palabras de Vida Eterna	\$15.00	Rolla 1st	\$283.00	Farmington 1st	\$25.00
Seymour	\$493.00	Park Hills	\$193.86	Southern Hills	\$20.00	Farmington 1st	\$150.00
Smyrna	\$148.00	Parkview	\$245.15	Trinity	\$22.34	Farmington 1st	\$30.00
Southern Hills- KS	\$755.83	Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00	Waynesville 1st	\$85.00	Monett 1st	\$100.00
Springfield 1st	\$1,444.32	Pleasant Grove	\$270.00	West Plains 1st	\$15.00	Total	\$639.16
Stockton	\$396.99	Pleasant Hill	\$45.00	Willow Springs- M.G.	\$87.08		
Trinity	\$920.96	Pleasant Home	\$300.00	Total	\$5,425.84		
Union Light	\$196.00	Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$50.00	National Home Missions		Missouri Retirement	
United	\$1,717.90	Porter Chapel	\$603.27	Beacon	\$300.00	Bookstore	<u>\$200.00</u>
Unity	\$400.00	Richwoods 1st	\$52.50	Belton	\$50.00	Total	\$200.00
Victory- Alton	\$659.80	Rock Chapel	\$210.00	Carthage	\$5.00	Youth With A Mission	
Waynesville 1st	\$391.00	Rock Springs	\$104.20	Central	\$50.00	Belton	<u>\$25.00</u>
West Plains 1st	\$706.00	Rolla 1st	\$30.00	Farmington 1st	\$3,237.00	Total	\$25.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$77.00	Royal Oak	\$120.00	Fordland	\$28.00	Senior Adult Board	
Willow Springs- M.G.	\$328.09	Southeast MO Assn.	\$90.00	Fourth	\$50.00	Bookstore	<u>\$140.00</u>
Wolf Creek	\$400.96	Southern Hills	\$105.00	Fredericktown 1st	\$20.00	Total	\$140.00
Total	\$52,780.17	Springfield 1st	\$545.00	Gospel Light	\$160.00	Youth Camp	
		Stockton	\$107.50	Grace	\$138.00	Cornerstone	\$25.00
		Trinity	\$450.00	Houston 1st	\$30.00	Bookstore	\$540.00
Show-Me Plan		Union Light	\$150.00	Jackson	\$40.00	Niangua	\$20.00
Barker, J.	\$15.00	United	\$339.02	Jerry Rader	\$20.00	Rock Chapel	\$764.31
Beacon	\$1,124.00	Unity	\$75.00	Monett 1st	\$5.00	Rolla 1st	\$20.00
Belton	\$165.00	Victory- Alton	\$45.00	Moore Cabinets	\$27.00	Willow Springs- MG	\$10.00
Berean	\$30.00	Walker, H.	\$10.00	Mountain Grove 1st	\$650.00	Mt. Pisgah	\$15.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00	Walnut Grove	\$15.00	Mt. Pisgah	\$30.00	New Home-Hartville	\$10.00
Bethel- El Dorado	\$255.68	Waynesville 1st	\$369.60	New Home- Hartville	\$10.00	Jones Chapel	\$100.00
Bethel- Festus	\$45.00	West Plains 1st	\$355.00	Oak Hill	\$32.00	Trinity	\$9.00
Black Oak	\$60.00	Willow Springs- M.G.	\$15.00	O'Fallon 1st	\$77.75	Berean	\$15.00
Burns, J.	\$60.00	Total	\$19,356.86	Park Hills 1st	\$134.62	Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Cabool 1st	\$105.00			Richwood's 1st	\$95.00	West Plains 1st	\$25.00
Calvary Chapel	\$105.00	State Home Missions		Rock Chapel	\$82.25	Total	\$1,563.31
Central	\$65.00	Fellowship- Park Hills	\$125.00	Trinity	\$66.05	Youth Ministries Board	
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00	Fordland	\$10.00	Union Light	\$96.00	Bookstore	<u>\$140.00</u>
Co-op	\$1,583.42	Bookstore	\$540.00	United	\$150.00	Total	\$140.00
Copper Mines	\$225.00	Niangua	\$69.00	Unity	\$90.00		
Cornerstone	\$351.00	Rolla 1st	\$283.00	Waynesville 1st	\$95.00		
Faith & Hope- W. S.	\$45.00	Belton	\$20.00	West Plains 1st	\$35.00		
Farmington 1st	\$1,370.00	Mt. Pisgah	\$30.00	Willow Springs M.G.	\$87.08		
Fellowship	\$900.00	O'Fallon 1st	\$77.75	Wolf Creek	\$10.00		
Fordland	\$250.00	Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$20.00	Total	\$5,900.75		
Fourth	\$45.00	Trinity	\$46.05				
Fredericktown 1st	\$90.00	Republic	\$50.00				
Freeman Chapel	\$720.00	United	\$25.00				
Gospel Light	\$1,000.00	Unity	\$70.00				
Grace	\$966.00	Waynesville 1st	\$50.00				
Hannibal	\$15.00	Berean	\$15.00				
Hannon	\$858.00	Farmington 1st	\$5.00				
Harmony	\$40.29	Palabras DeVida Eterna	\$100.00				
Harvest- Grandview	\$25.00	Grace	\$55.00				
				Berea Ministries			
				for Victor Torrez			
				United Youth Group	\$200.00		
				Total	\$200.00		

Did You Hear Someone?

by Phyllis Detherage

Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications. Psalm 28:6

When I speak, people listen. Well some people anyway. My son listens cause he knows he better or else! My husband listens occasionally; but sometimes there's just a blank, glazed look in his eyes. (Thus the endearment, "deer" or is that "dear"?) God however, always listens to me with rapt attention. He hears every word. Even those words only uttered by the heart! E.F. Hutton drools over that kind of attention!

My voice is not anything spectacular. I don't command attention simply through my eloquence. My diction leaves much to be desired and when you get right down to it, my voice can be a little squeaky and irritating. So why does God listen? He certainly doesn't listen because of anything special about me. He listens because of something special about Him. You see, my son listens because he has too; my husband listens because he ought too; God listens because He wants too. He listens with an unfailing, completely unconditional love for me. He listens with longing and an unending interest in the details of my life; even when they're boring, repetitive or just plain silly. Pretty awesome when you consider what the Bible says about God's voice.

Psalm 29 has some pretty interesting things to say about the voice of God. His voice is: powerful, full of majesty (vs. 4), breaks the cedars (vs. 5), divides the flames of fires (vs. 7), shakes the wilderness (vs. 8), and strips the forest bare (vs. 9). Can you imagine someone with that kind of commanding presence, listening to me? The voice that spoke and created the world is silent while I whine about my puny problems. Maybe I should whine less and see what God can create in me!



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