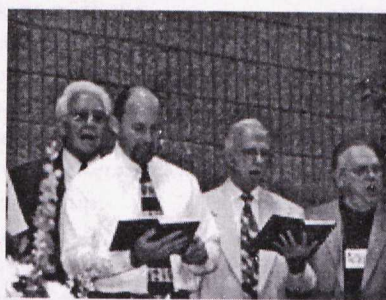


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Good Music!

State Meeting 2005



Good Preaching!



Good Fellowship!

Good
Reports!



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From the Editor

State Meeting 2005 has come and gone. What a great meeting we had. From the opening services of the MOWAC to the last amen on Wednesday evening, it was a great place to be and a great bunch of people to be with! We not only had great services, but the business sessions were smooth and harmonious as well.

Our people made some momentous decisions at the meeting. A study committee was established to look at our Missions program. Our desire is to raise as much money for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God as possible. While our Show-Me Plan is working well, we are looking toward the future. We have been asked many times if we could expand our Show-Me Plan to include home missions. This and other concerns about the future of missions giving in Missouri has prompted the body to take this action. Please pray for those who will be serving on this committee. We are seeking God's leadership.

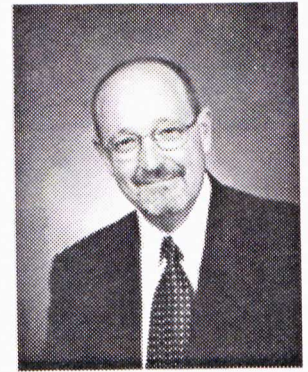
The body also commissioned a committee to explore the purchase of Stonecroft Conference Center in Branson. Our people are very familiar with this facility. We use it several weeks a year for our Ministers Retreat, MOWAC Retreat and Senior Adult Retreat. We learned at the Ministers Retreat this year that the property was for sale. After discussion at the State Meeting, we decided to explore making a bid for the property. There are several other groups interested and we are seeking God's will about this decision as well. Please pray as our committee examines the financial picture at Stonecroft to see if it is feasible for us to proceed.

We listened in our sessions as all our boards and committees gave glowing reports of their work in 2004.

■ The Bookstore reported an increase in sales of over \$37,000.00 over last year.

■ The Home Missions Board reported plans for a new work in Troy, Mo.

■ Camp Niangua reported 1,266 enrolled in our 2004 camping sessions with 63 conversions, 71 rededications and 7 special callings. They reported the purchase of an adjoining 22.5 acres of land and honored Bro Ken and Sister Judy Goff for their years of faithful service to the camp.



■ The Christian Education Board reported activity in nine different areas, the newest being the Palmer Leadership Institute and Team Church with Dr. Alton Loveless.

■ The Senior Adult Board reported an attendance of 270 for their two sessions of the Senior Adult Retreat.

■ The Youth Ministries Board told of 172 entries in our 2004 State CTS Competition and a great State Youth Retreat at Windemere with Curt Gwartney.

■ The Show Committee reported a new proposed budget for our Show-Me Missionaries of \$465,157.15. Carlisle Hanna was added back to the roster of Show-Me Missionaries this year.

The only resolution this year was one of thanks for Pastor Glenn Murray and his staff and folks at United Free Will Baptist Church for hosting the meeting. Our thanks go to the pastors and congregations of the First Free Will Baptist Church of West Plains and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Thayer for helping with the music.

Our meeting next year will be at the Clarion Hotel in Springfield on June 5-7. Please make your plans to attend. And by all means pray for the work of the Missouri State Associations and all our member churches. God is blessing the State Association but it is because He has first blessed our individual churches!

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.



Missouri Show-Me Missions News

The Turnboughs in Spain

Dear Friends,

With 38 days to go in this term of service in Spain, yesterday Susan and I began team-teaching an intensive leadership training module with our three main leaders. They are in the process of taking over leadership responsibilities in the local church here in Villalba. Well, they soaked it in like a parched pavement on a hot summer's day. Even one of them that tends to be more skeptical and critical was very complimentary, saying things like, "Wow! This is good stuff. We can really use this here!" I said, "I know! I know! Isn't it great?!" When you are in the heat of the battle with what seems like a lack of vital supplies, and someone arrives with "just what you needed," you appreciate it. People "in the trenches" of real, live ministry recognize and open their eyes, ears, and hearts when they hear something they know will be valuable for what they are doing.

Now all THAT was a wonderful feeling and sense of affirmation for us, because of recent decisions in our lives. As you probably already know, along with teammates Sam and June McVay, last year Susan and



I sensed the Lord was moving our ministry focus into the area of national leadership development. We have been, and still are church planters. However, one of the greatest needs we have experienced in church planting in Spain are strong and effective spiritual leaders to take over our works. We have done the best we can to train our own with what materials and time we have, but it has been a challenge and a struggle. Just like the Old Testament verse that states "without a vision the people perish", without effective leaders a local work flops. In our experience, effective leaders don't happen by accident, they need specific training.

As God just about always tends to do, when we stepped out on faith concerning this change in ministry focus, He opened the door for us to attend a fresh, exciting, and very intensive leadership course. Developed by missionaries for missionaries, it specifically focuses on the areas where I always believed our training was weak, NOT Biblical/Theological training, but rather very practical leadership skills. It was exciting, and we believe, a real God-send. It packages into one concentrated course the major elements and practical skills that any and all leaders need to perfect.

Since it was in English, I took on the monumental task of translating everything into Spanish (in two weeks!). Hey, I am "out here in the trenches with these people" and I feel their pain. When God gave us these materials, I was ready to do whatever it took to get them into their hands, even if it meant a few weeks of 5-6 hours of sleep a night! I couldn't wait to share some of the concepts with

our leaders. As I talked with them about the materials, they told me that they couldn't wait either. That's a great combination.

To use an expression I have heard in the past (but seldom use), when it came time to start yesterday, my adrenaline was racing and we were all "pumped." They were sitting in their seats ON TIME, ready to learn! I think it is safe to say that when we left that

place FOUR HOURS later, none of us were disappointed and all of us were blessed. (In case they don't show up on the pages of your email, there are tears rolling down my cheeks as I write these lines.) Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Please continue to pray for the leaders in the Villalba Church, as well as in Spain in general. Our hope and prayer is to be used of God to equip them to be strong and effective leaders, and for them to be used of God to move His Kingdom work forward in this part of His harvest-field.

Here for HIS glory,
Jeff & Susan Turnbough
jturnbough@fwbgo.com

Prayer Request from the Baileys

Please pray for these kids, who attend Sunday School each week at The Good News Chapel in Tokyo.

They all bring their dogs with them sometimes, which adds to the atmosphere, and we can always include how God created the animals for our companionship, too! They are from unsaved families, and they always ask for prayer for their parents, grandparents, and always for their schoolwork. Pray that they will let Christ come into their hearts very soon!

Judy Bailey,
Tokyo, Japan



(Left to right) Asako, Moeka, and Jun
(Other kids who attend: Erika, Kana, Taichi and Akane)

The Derbys in France

These past few months have been quite busy. Becky has continued to go to school and increase her French knowledge. Micah has had the opportunity to attend several conferences and meet others who are working in France. Becky also had the opportunity to meet with a group of women from the states and attend a prayer conference in central Asia in April. She had a wonderful and busy week and had the opportunity to meet and fellowship with believers there. One highlight of the week was meeting a central Asian woman who was a French teacher. It was exciting for Becky to use this new language in a place where she did not think she would be able to communicate at all! What a privilege to be able to attend.



Becky and Shirley Jackson at the Central Asian Conference

The last few months have been a whirlwind of trips to the city of Aix-en-Provence for Micah where we will be moving in just under a month. He had the responsibility of looking for apartments for the entire team, which was no small task. Renting an apartment in France is much different than in the States. We were very thankful for our friend and colleague in Nante, Steve Riggs and for all the help his many years on the field provided for us. This week we should be finalizing the paper work on the last apartments. It is truly an answer to prayer that each family found an apartment and they will be ready for us the first of July.

This months calendar is quite full with exams for Becky, graduation, packing for the move and of course all the details that go along with moving. Even with all the stress we are so looking forward to moving to the city of Aix (pronounced just like the letter X) continuing our education and seeing what God has in store for us there.

The Rangeview Report

The Cheathams in Colorado

Greetings again. Our month of May was a good one for the mission. We saw a new family come to our church and they have attended faithfully since. We wound up the month with a wonderful evening of fellowship last night. We hosted our first ever "Evening Gospel Sing-Along" complete with barbecue and a wonderful potluck dinner. We had rain for most of the afternoon and evening but that didn't dampen the spirits of those who came. About 40 folks in all attended as we gathered in the church after the meal for a sing-along featuring many great hymns and camp songs we learned as children. We had planned on actually building a campfire if the weather had cooperated but it was still fun anyway. Our song leader was a man who was led to God through the ministry of Roy Thomas in Colorado over 26 years ago. It was a wonderful homecoming for this family and those who remembered them from the earliest Free Will Baptist work in the mountain state.

Attendance has been stable and as we head into summer, we know several will be traveling so that means lower numbers but our people are still committed to serve in some pretty ambitious outreach projects this summer season. We have a youth group from Oklahoma coming in

just a few weeks to help us with some of that outreach and then two Missouri groups will visit us in July after the National Convention. I can't wait for the next few months. It's going to be quite exciting.

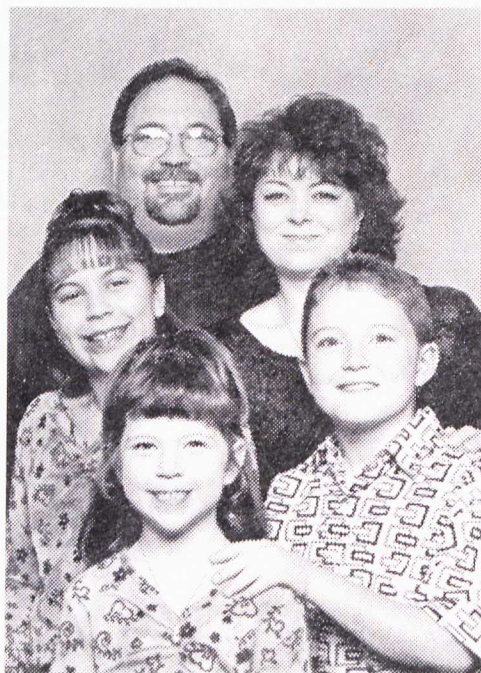
The kids are well. Felicia is finishing her school year on the National Honor Society and will be moving to a charter school in our area next year. Devin is as ambitious and energetic as ever. He has recently taken up the sport of archery and shoots his bow and arrows at a local

range in our area. He is also going to be running on a junior track team in our area this summer to stay in shape. (I need to join him!) Korissa finishes up first grade and wants to be anywhere her older brother is. She really looks up to him and it's fun to watch them together!

Becky and I are fine as well. I'll be traveling to California in a few weeks to preach at one of the churches that supports us. I'll also be attending the Master's Men rally at California Christian College in Fresno and am looking forward to seeing David Crowe and Cliff Donoho preach. I'm also going to get the chance to visit with Brother Jim McAllister who pastors our church in Fresno. He's one of my spiritual heroes and the man who trained the man I call my pastor, Revered Roger Hogan of Farmington, Missouri. I

consider it a great honor to be in that lineage of pastors in Farmington and always look forward to their wise counsel when I visit them.

Pray for our summer months! Thank you to each one who continues to support us. We need and are so grateful for your financial and prayerful support!



Churches Seeking Pastor

Trinity Church
Cabool, MO
Contact:
Don Wells:
417-962-4010
Loyd Morris
417-962-3574

Byrd Church
Myrtle, MO
Contact:
Joe Garrison
417-938-4628

First Church
Houston, MO
Contact:
Bruce Moore
417-967-4164

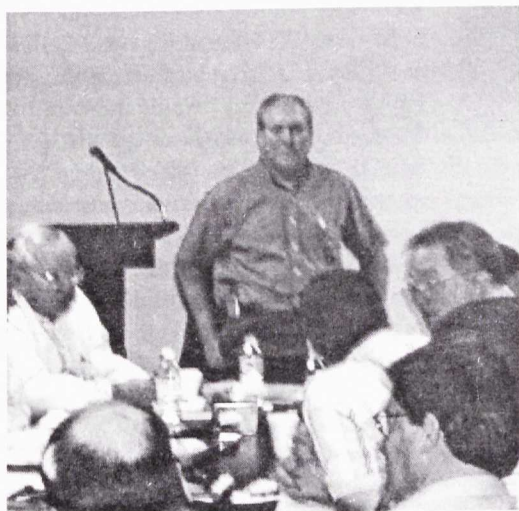
Faith Church
Lemay, MO.
Contact:
Madge Hasty
314-638-3481

New Prospect
Long Lane, MO
Contact:
Joan Roberts
417-345-8982

Faith Church
Fairgrove, MO
Contact:
Jerry Whittaker
417-759-7556
Kenneth Larimere
417-736-3232

Palmer Leadership Institute

The Palmer Leadership Institute began its first session on May 2nd, 2005, with forty ministers in attendance. The institute was born from a vision to help support and mentor pastors. The photos show the group during the first session which focused on "Renewing the Spiritual Leader." The second session "Developing a Healthy Church" will be held on October 3rd, 2005 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon. The leadership team of Nathan Ruble, Doug Earls, and Gary Fry all believe that God will do miraculous things in the lives of the pastors and in His churches through participation in the institute. A total of six modules (2 per year) will be held. Ministers can still join the group, however, the group will close attendance after the second session. The cost is \$50 per session. If you have questions please call the Executive Office at 417-532-6537.



Dr. Doug Earls

Please remember that to attend modules 3-6 you must attend the next module. Since the material builds from one session to the next, it will be necessary to close the enrollment after the October session. Make your plans now to attend!



Rev. Nathan Ruble

"The Youth Look"

by Ann Poletti Robertson

Nineteen years ago, I began writing a column for the GEM "The Youth Look." Recently someone asked me why I hadn't written anything in a while and I teased that my youth look had become something of a "middle aged squint." In actuality, things had become a little crazy around here. As a result, I want to take a look at a very special youth.

My 12-year-old, Katie Poletti, was family dubbed "the healthiest child we knew." Things were pretty typical for a child her age — She was an all-A student in her first year of junior high, playing clarinet in the school band, loving the Lord and her church group of friends, enjoying basketball and soccer, and exhibiting the driest sense of humor I had ever seen in anyone her age. Unfortunately, things would soon change — and we had no idea how quickly.

I certainly battle my own set of health issues but Katie's caught me as off-guard as if I knew nothing about illness. In October 2004, she innocently turned her ankle. Two days later, she was getting sick. It began with a low-grade fever, headache, and fatigue but, by the next day, was developing into something larger. The hospital saw nothing on the X-rays and thought she might have the flu which was complicating the painful recovery from such a "bad sprain." After a weekend of watching her become worse and my husband and I wearing out the numbers to two different hospitals' helplines, we went in to wake her up on Monday morning. She had quit eating on Friday and just wanted to sleep. Katie was extremely irritable yet had no recollection of being grumpy. By Sunday night, she had begun crawling if she needed something, saying her leg "wouldn't do what her brain told it to." I guess Marty and I prayed that she would feel good as new as Monday dawned. Just the opposite....

As we approached her, the body heat reached us before we got to her bed. Her temperature was 106 degrees and we had a hard time getting her to respond. Her right leg was swollen to the point of looking unreal and there were deep red streaks reaching her knee from her ankle.

When we got her to the local ER, she was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit for aggressive treatment. Forty-eight hours later, there were more questions than answers so our wonderful team of Christian doctors decided to be honest with us and tell us that they really saw only one medical hope for her — to move her to Children's Hospital in Columbia and see if anything could be done for her there. With a prayer from our doctors, Katie was loaded into an ambulance and rushed to Columbia where she would face her first surgery of about ten shortly after we were unloaded.



Katie

Marty and I packed for a few days not knowing our stay would be over six weeks. When the first surgery took much longer than anticipated and the results weren't "what was expected" we should have been prepared for what was ahead... naively, we weren't at all. Katie spent most of the next six weeks in ICU. The right leg had developed osteomyelitis, a severe bone infection which had gone into the marrow, in turn spreading into the bloodstream and her body was poisoned. Every day was a stream of bad news as her organs quit functioning normally. Her lungs were infected with pneumonia from top to bottom, one of them with blood clots and the other collapsing. The breathing apparatuses to assist her were so invasive that she was kept in "a state" to be able to bear them. Her pancreas, liver, gallbladder, and GI tract malfunctioned. She was given 14 units of blood during her stay.

She had three different lines put into her body to feed her and help her with all the medications required to keep her alive. Her heart developed problems and the first surgery did not do what we were hoping it would; thus, the second surgery was required and found a mass of clots causing her heart to adhere to the wall. Drastic measures had to be taken to repair this. She had four surgeries on her leg and ankle with no promise we were getting anywhere.

When October turned to November and November turned to December, I decided it was time to come home. I honestly didn't know but what I was bringing her home to die but Marty and I made the choice to take on her full-time care at home with the assistance of a home-health team and frequent visits to our local team of doctors as well as the Columbia staff. We didn't know exactly what all that care entailed. While we had been extremely active in her care during the hospitalization, we brought home a critically ill child with tubes and needles and medicines that required an hourly list be kept so we did everything we were supposed to do on time.

Vergel Manes Announces Evangelistic Ministry

Reverend Vergel A. Maness, veteran National Home Missionary of 25 years has entered Evangelism full time.

Br. Maness was ordained in Salem, Missouri September 5, 1964. His preaching ministry began November 20, 1962 preaching in many Nursing Homes and filling pulpits in the St. Louis, Missouri area. He pastored Salem FWB, Faith FWB in Lemay, Mo., First FWB Waynesville, Mo., Bloss Memorial, Arlington, Va., became a National Home Missionary in 1975, began and established the New Castle, Delaware FWB, Thompson Memorial FWB in Vineland, New Jersey, and served in Philadelphia, Pa. two years before becoming the pastor of Glen Allen FWB in 1999. He has a good reputation as a soul winner. Br. Maness began doing ventriloquism in 1972 and has presented his muppets to a multitude of individuals in Youth Camps, Vacation Bible Schools, Revivals, Special Services and in his own pastorates. He has been ask by hospital staff to perform in hospitals to cheer those with special needs.



In revivals and special services this year, Br. Maness has been received well. Many responded to the altar during these services. He has some scheduled meetings already but would like to expand his ministry to at least two or three Revivals a month. Br. Maness lives in Richmond, Va. and can be contacted at (804) 515-5988 or by e-mail at vam41@Juno.com.

I may have overwhelmed you with details yet I ask you to understand that this is only a sketch of what occurred. And with all stories shared by Christians, I tell it to get to the "good stuff." Do we have the same child we had in October? No, not really. Our days still involve a lot of medications, doctor's visits, lab tests, and painful physical therapy sessions. She's never been able to return to school which means that I have not been able to either. She is on a walker and does not have movement in her right ankle but her last x-rays showed a miraculous growth of bone in two holes in her shinbone — very minute and fragmented but present nonetheless. She tested positive for homozygous Factor V Leiden, a rare form of a genetic blood clotting disease and will be on lifelong treatments for such. There are other complications and limitations but WE HAVE HER!!!!

I can't say Katie doesn't have her days when she's a bit teary about never being able to compete in basketball and soccer again or to march with her school band or to "just feel normal" but I can say that she makes us proud the way she handles her new abilities and disabilities. She strongly believes what we all believe : God had a plan for her and that plan has not been fully carried out yet. My family has grown a lot through all this. The physical, emotional, and financial burdens this has placed on us have taught us more spiritual reliability. Our church family came through in overwhelming ways. Our friends

and family went out of their ways as well to be there. Sister churches across the state, into other states, and even worldwide (Derbys, Cousineaus, and Pinkertons) joined the Katie support team through prayer and encouragement. Rejoice Church in Columbia supported us as if we were members of their own congregation. The list goes on and on. . . Unsaved people at the hospital began to take notice of the support and had a hard time drawing the lines between our biological family and our Christian family. (Isn't that the way it should be?)

So what do the years have in store for us? Ah, wouldn't we all like to know that. . . Every day is different in our household — some days good, some days bad. Prayer has become more than a means of communication and worship and has become an absolute lifeline on some days. We look into the blue eyes of a miracle every day. We catch ourselves gazing longer at the simple smiles that cross her face. And we vow that, even if God chooses to take her now, we have nothing for which to be bitter; He gave us more than was promised by the doctors a few months ago. Am I surprised? No, that's the very nature of God — to give us more than we ever hoped, dreamed, or predicted.

That makes me excited to get up in the morning and see what He has in store for the day!!!

Death - 2 - Life

Proverbs 8:35 "For whose 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

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Rev. Harry Asher Home With the Lord

Rev. Harry Asher, age 78, entered into the gates of heaven on Friday, February 4, 2005. He was husband of Dorothy M. Asher (Kellerman); father of Harry Ronald Asher and Rhonda L. Hibdon; father-in-law of Cathy Asher and Brian Hibdon; grandfather of Heather, Greg, Shannon, Leanna, Carl and Elizabeth; great-grandfather of Kyle, Matthew, Cassandra, Michael and Nicholas; brother of Delores McComber; brother-in-law of Chuck, Bill and Bob Kellerman and Bill McComber; uncle, cousin, friend and pastor to many.



Harry announced his call to preach under the ministry of Rev. Harvey Hill at the Southside FWB Church in St. Louis. Harry was one of 18 called to preach under Rev. Hill's ministry at Southside. He was ordained in 1955 and served as the pastor of Overland Free Will Baptist Church for 45 years. Harry served on many boards and committees in the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, including the Executive Board of the St. Francois Quarterly Meeting and the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting. He held many revivals in Missouri, Arkansas and Illinois.

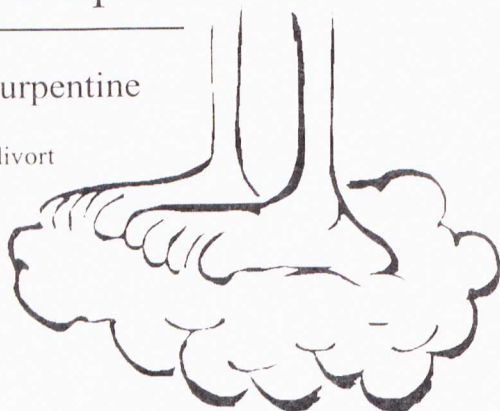
He and his wife Dorothy would have been married 58 years on June 7th, 2005. Bro. Harry will certainly be missed by all his family and friends and the many people who have been influenced by his ministry through the years.

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

Country Chaplain

Sugar and Turpentine

By J. Mark Vandivort



The hill-country farm where I grew up had an abundance of rocks. Going barefoot in the summer was fun but I frequently stubbed a toe – bleeding and painful. Sometimes I stubbed my big toe, sometimes my little toe or one of my middle toes. Mother could fix them all. She tore a strip of cloth from which she fashioned a bandage. Before wrapping my “stubbed toe” she would pack the bleeding toe in sugar, then anchor the bandage with strips of cloth tied around my ankle.

Before I again exposed my calloused, bare feet to the rocky soil, Mother would soak my bandaged “stubbed toe” in turpentine. The sting was worse than the pain of stubbing my toe! In due time the toe always healed. (When turpentine was unavailable, kerosene seemed to work just as well.)

Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan who treated a wounded man (Luke 10:30-37). Mountain bandits had robbed and beaten this man, leaving him to die beside the trail. Two religious leaders passed by. Perhaps their “appointments” were pressing. Or they may have been afraid to get involved.

The Samaritan man had been born into a “racial group” that was hatefully despised by the “main stream” culture (John 4:9). In spite of this, he stopped and dressed the man’s wounds. After loading him onto his donkey, he

took him to the nearest inn. Before going on his way the Samaritan left sufficient money for the wounded man’s care.

My mother must have been a “good Samaritan”. With a compassionate heart she ministered to “broken hearts” and dressed wounds far more severe than my “stubbed toe”.

About 700 years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would model a ministry of salvation, healing, and compassion.

The Bible describes an event that occurred early in Jesus’ ministry. “So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

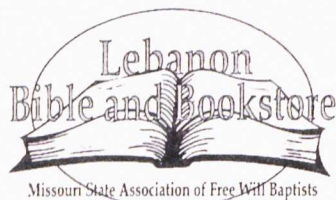
“‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me. Because he has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.’”

“Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, ‘Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing’” (Luke 4:16-21, NKJV).

Os Guinness wrote, “The church ... has a glorious record of creativity in art, music, and literature; in founding schools and colleges; in running hospitals and orphanages; in caring for the poor and oppressed; and in pursuing reforms and advancing human rights.” (Prophetic Untimeliness, p. 49).

Jesus desires to help heal others through your hands and proclaim the Good News of the Gospel through your lips.

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For Sale: 1994 Ford 16 Passenger Church Bus.

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Parkway Church in Sedalia

On Sunday, May 1st, 2005, the congregation of Parkway Free Will Baptist Church in Sedalia were both happy and sad. That day they rejoiced with their pastor Rev. Gary Bigelow as he realized his dream of the church becoming debt free! This would enable them to move forward in the work of the Lord without the stress of a financial burden. At the same time they wept with their pastor, his wife Shannon and their five children Johnathan, Michael, Daniel, Ryan and Michelle as Bro. Gary resigned as pastor of their church. He has served the church for eighteen years with unfailing, self-denying dedication. He and his family are moving to Fresno, Ca. Bro Gary paid special tribute to Delores Cantwell who has served faithfully along side him those 18 years as church secretary.

A highlight of the day was for Bro Gary to be able to baptize his seven year old daughter Michelle. Her four older



Lunch



Dale Skiles, Gary Fry, Pastor Gary Bigelow

brothers were all saved and baptized during Bro. Gary's pastorate at the church. Little Michelle was saved and wanted to be baptized at "her" church before they moved. Rev Dale Skiles, State Home Missions Director preached in the morning service and then he and Rev. Gary Fry, State Executive Director assisted as Bro. Gary burned the mortgage note.

Don Thatcher, music director and Linda Miley sang a touching tribute to Bro Gary and Sister Shannon, "Thank You For Giving To The Lord." As they sang, the entire congregation was so moved that they walked forward in tears to say "thank you" and "goodbye for now."

The service was followed by a fellowship dinner prepared by the ladies of the church. Please remember to pray for Parkway Church as they seek a new pastor.

Mt. Pisgah Announces Third Annual Men's Rally

The men at the Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church are excited to announce their 3rd annual Men's Rally to be held on Saturday, August 27th, 2005. A meal will be served at 5:00pm with the evening service to follow at 6:30pm. Rev. Glenn Murray will be the speaker. There will be plenty of special singing and fellowship. All men are invited and encouraged to attend. The church is located 5 miles northeast of Cabool off U Highway. For more information call Paul Wade at 417-962-4359 or Pastor David Carroll at 417-962-4333 or the church office at 417-962-3021.



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May 2005 Financial Report

Cooperative Disbursements

May 2005 **\$54,634.59**

18.50% St HM \$10,107.42
17.00% Exec. Office \$9,287.88
3.00% Gen. Fund \$1,639.04
.50% Show-Me Bd. \$273.17
8.50% Youth Camp \$4,643.94
2.50% Youth Min. \$1,365.86
2.50% CE \$1,365.86
2.50% Senior Adult \$1,365.86
9.00% Mo Retirement. \$4,917.11
3.00% Show-Me Plan \$1,639.04

33.00% \$18,029.41

National Ministries

Total \$54,634.59

The Coop allocation for the National Ministries is undesignated this year with FWBBC and Hillsdale receiving an equal amount.

Coop

Amity \$138.22
Aulsbury Chapel \$457.68
Bailey \$241.00
Bailey Chapel \$199.00
Belton \$365.82
Berean \$85.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs. \$356.21
Bethel- Rogersville \$273.50
Black Oak \$1,004.20
Cabool 1st \$265.75
Calvary Chapel \$1,650.67
Cape Girardeau 1st \$1,354.38
Central \$875.26
Christ Chapel \$348.00
Clifton \$36.58
Copper Mines \$404.23
Cornerstone \$522.89
Crossroads- Wentzville \$702.00
Cuba \$408.00
De Soto 1st \$1,750.00
Farmington 1st \$3,680.10
Fellowship- Park Hills \$1,200.00
Fordland \$722.67
Fourth \$426.25
Fredericktown 1st \$271.00
Freeman Chapel \$356.30
Gospel Light \$100.00
Grant Ave. \$1,166.30
Hannibal \$700.00
Hannon \$701.00
Harmony \$554.67
Hartville \$1,218.00
Harvest- Grandview \$282.50
Heritage \$100.00
Hopewell \$271.00
Houston 1st \$390.82
Hurryville \$560.94
Jackson \$251.64
Joplin 1st \$615.61
Jordan Jeff City \$146.00
Kings Way \$346.06

Koshkonong \$133.00
Lead Hill \$290.65
Leadington \$662.90
Lebanon 1st \$1,478.54
Lebanon Greenhills \$667.78
Macedonia- Niangua \$283.35
Marshfield \$452.00
Merls Chapel \$170.00
Mill Creek \$650.11
Mine La Motte \$112.15
Mountain Grove 1st \$1,723.34
Mt. Pisgah \$513.00
Myrtle \$298.45
Neosho 1st \$142.50
Nevada \$260.00
New Hope \$285.26
New Life- Licking \$350.91
Niangua \$194.70
Number One \$176.18
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove \$376.00
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove \$337.12
Oak Hill \$329.00
Oak 1st \$1,761.30
O'Fallon 1st \$1,686.00
Olivet \$920.00
Overland \$100.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna \$98.20
Parkview \$442.78
Pleasant Hill \$189.90
Pleasant Ridge \$43.50
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana \$105.00
Potosi 1st \$130.18
Rejoice (Columbia) \$471.78
Republic \$100.00
Rock Chapel \$334.29
Rolla 1st \$284.00
Royal Oak \$59.00
Salem \$30.00
Seymour \$477.00
Smyrna \$120.00
Springfield 1st \$1,194.24
Stockton \$187.51
Thayer \$735.00
Thayer \$1,211.00
Trinity \$807.00
Union Grove \$623.00
Union Light \$145.00
United \$1,826.56
Unity \$360.00
Viburnum \$433.00
Victory- KC \$2,335.30
Victoty- Alton \$709.78
Waynesville 1st \$411.62
Willow Springs- MG \$366.06
Wolf Creek \$550.40
Total \$54,634.59

Show-Me Plan

Baldwin, J \$20.00
Baldwin, Jack \$50.00
Barker, J. \$15.00
Belton \$165.00
Berean \$30.00
Berry, R. \$15.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs \$356.21
Bethel- Festus \$45.00
Black Oak \$60.00

Brown, J.	\$15.00
Burns, J.	\$60.00
Cabool 1st	\$105.00
Calvary Chapel	\$105.00
Central	\$65.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Co-op	\$1,639.04
Copper Mines	\$195.00
Cornerstone	\$368.00
Cuba	\$63.60
DeSoto 1st	\$732.50
Faith & Hope- Willow	\$45.00
Farmington 1st	\$535.00
Fellowship	\$750.00
Fordland	\$250.00
Fourth	\$75.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$90.00
Freeman Chapel	\$720.00
Gospel Light	\$1,000.00
Grant Avenue	\$325.00
Greenfield	\$200.00
Hannibal WNAC	\$15.00
Hannon	\$761.00
Happy Hill	\$60.00
Happy Hill	\$60.00
Harmony	\$45.30
Hartville	\$240.00
Harvest- Grandview	\$25.00
Houston 1st	\$398.12
Hurryville	\$551.00
Jackson	\$35.00
Joplin 1st	\$75.00
Jordan Jeff. City	\$30.00
Leadington	\$195.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Lebanon Greenhills	\$75.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$16,000.00
Maggart, D.	\$50.00
Maggart, D.	\$50.00
Mill Creek	\$140.00
Mill Creek CWF	\$15.00
Mill Creek- Young Adult	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$75.00
MO WAC	\$1,333.75
Mountain Grove 1st	\$525.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion- Thayer	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Neosho 1st	\$165.00
New Home- Hartville	\$210.00
New Hope	\$150.00
New Life- Licking	\$63.25
New Life- Monett	\$600.00
New Testament	\$10.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Number One	\$60.00
O' Fallon 1st	\$342.25
Oak Grove- Houston	\$30.00
Olivet	\$75.00
Palabras de Vida Eterna	\$15.00
Parkview	\$303.85
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill	\$45.00
Pleasant Home	\$300.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$50.00
Porter Chapel	\$577.00
Richwoods 1st	\$52.50
Rock Chapel	\$210.00
Rock Springs	\$64.20
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00

Springfield 1st	\$500.00
St. Louis District Assn.	\$68.00
Stockton	\$70.20
Trinity	\$387.45
Union Grove	\$255.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United	\$371.01
Unity	\$75.00
Viburnum	\$75.00
Victory- Alton	\$45.00
Victory- KC	\$255.00
Walker, H.	\$10.00
Walnut Grove	\$15.00
Walnut Grove	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st	\$415.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove	\$15.00
Total.....	\$35,478.23

International Missions

Belton	\$60.00
Central	\$50.00
Cuba	\$10.60
DeSoto 1st	\$65.00
Farmington 1st	\$10.00
Fordland	\$500.00
Grant Avenue	\$315.06
Hartville	\$35.00
Houston 1st	\$60.00
Matthews, A.	\$15.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$785.00
Myrtle	\$150.00
New Testament	\$55.00
Pleasant Home	\$42.23
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$10.00
Rolla 1st	\$283.00
Viburnum	\$150.25
Waynesville 1st	\$80.00
Willow Springs- MG	\$51.50
Total	\$2,727.64

State Home Missions

Bethel- Festus	\$15.00
Copper Mines	\$75.00
De Soto 1st	\$100.00
Fellowship- Park Hills	\$100.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grant Avenue	\$58.31
Harvest- Grandview	\$200.00
Jordan Jeff City	\$40.00
Bookstore	\$540.00
Macedonia- Monett	\$200.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$30.00
Mt. Zion Cuba	\$1,000.00
Myrtle	\$85.00
Neosho 1st	\$25.00
New Testament	\$40.00
Niangua	\$43.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$205.25
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna	\$100.00
Pleasant Home	\$148.99
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$20.00
Republic	\$25.00
Rolla 1st	\$283.00
Trinity	\$40.35
United	\$25.00

Unity	\$70.00
Victory- Mascoutah, IL	\$100.00
Waynesville 1st	\$50.00
Total.....	\$3,798.90

National Home Missions

Belton	\$25.00
Central	\$50.00
Cuba	\$31.80
De Soto 1st	\$255.00
Farmington 1st	\$930.50
Fordland	\$10.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$20.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grant Ave.	\$68.32
Hartville	\$50.00
Houston 1st	\$50.00
Jackson	\$45.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$6,000.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$30.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$30.00
Neosho 1st	\$50.00
New Home- Hartville	\$10.00
New Life- Monett	\$150.00
New Testament	\$65.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$205.25
Rader, Jerry	\$20.00
Richwoods 1st	\$37.00
Rock Chapel	\$70.23
Trinity	\$40.35
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
Unity	\$90.00
Victory- KC	\$50.00
Waynesville 1st	\$83.00
West Plains 1st	\$35.00
Willow Springs- MG	\$51.50
Wolk Creek	\$10.00
Total	\$9,018.95

Berea Ministries

Hartville	\$150.00
Total	\$150.00

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Myrtle.....	\$26.00
Desoto 1st	\$55.00
Hartville	\$50.00
Belton	\$25.00
Hannon	\$100.00
Unity	\$20.00
Union Light	\$20.00
Houston 1st	\$20.00
New Hope	\$50.00
New Life-Monett	\$671.90
Total	\$1,037.90

Free Will Baptist Bible Collge

Desoto 1st	\$40.00
Lebanon Greenhills	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$165.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$59.16
Total	\$274.16

Christian Education Board

Bookstore	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

Hillsdale

Farmington 1st	\$25.00
Joplin 1st	\$50.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$170.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$59.16
Total	\$304.16

Indian Bible College

Desoto 1st	\$10.00
Total	\$10.00

Missouri Retirement

Bookstore	\$200.00
Total	\$200.00

Youth With A Mission

Belton	\$25.00
Total	\$25.00

Senior Adult Board

Bookstore	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

Victor Torrez

United Youth Group	\$200.00
Total	\$200.00

Youth Camp

Niangua.....	\$20.00
Willow Springs- M G.....	\$10.00
Cornerstone.....	\$25.00
Desoto 1st.....	\$65.00
Hartville.....	\$10.00
Bookstore.....	\$540.00
Lebanon Greenhills.....	\$25.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	\$15.00
New Home-Hartville.....	\$10.00
Rock Chapel.....	\$20.00
Ozark 1st.....	\$10.00
Rolla 1st.....	\$20.00
West Plains 1st.....	\$25.00
Crossroads- Lebanon.....	\$100.00
Houston 1st.....	\$50.00
Trinity.....	\$9.00
Mountain Valley.....	\$100.00
New Life-Monett.....	\$671.90
Total.....	\$1,735.90

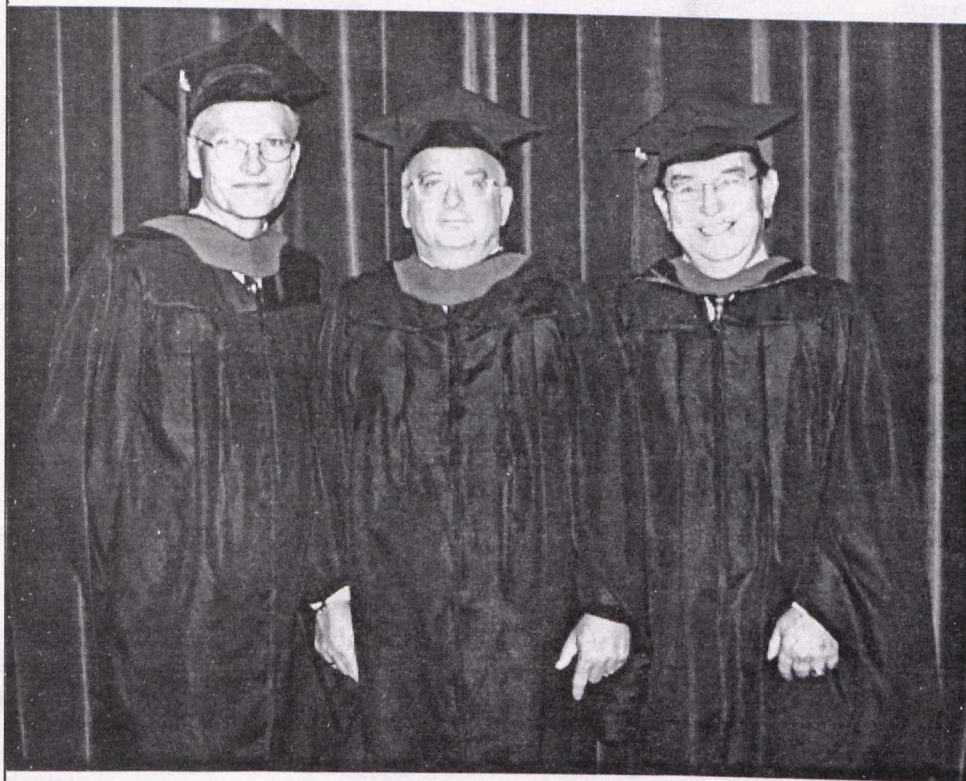
Youth Camp Development

Myrtle.....	\$53.00
Houston 1st	\$300.00
Total	\$353.00

Youth Ministries Board

Bookstore	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

Missouri Pastor Recieves Historic Degree



First Master of Ministry graduate, Missouri pastor (Grant Avenue FWB Church, Springfield) Cody Freeman, Missouri native, Pres. Timothy W. Eaton, and Shelby Greeson pastor of the Oklahoma City First FWB Church who also received his Master of Ministry Degree.

Friday May 13th, 2005 was a historic day for Hillsdale. Cody Freeman Shelby Greeson and Cody Williams (not pictured) were the first students to graduate from Hillsdale with a Master of Arts Degree in Ministry. This was an exciting time for Hillsdale as we continue to grow in our mission of *Service to Christ, the Church, and the Community*. Along with our Master graduates we also had twenty-one students graduate with their Baccalaureate Degrees, and eight with their Associate in Arts Degrees.

If you would like more information on our Masters program please contact Dr. Stephen Ashby at (405) 912-9475 or graduate@hc.edu.



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