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From the Editor

Well, they're it again. Those public minded protectors of the weak and defenseless. It is comforting to know that there are those who are willing to protect us even when we do not know that we need protection. What is this danger that looms so ominously over our nation this time of year? Why, Christmas of course! Already the lawsuits are flying over whether it is proper for our public school children to sing religious carols of the season and whether it somehow violates the separation of church and state for nativity scenes to appear on public properties. This year, even the colors red and green and Santa Claus have been identified as to "Christian" for use. The ACLU is running up and down our land with the express intent of protecting those who want nothing to do with Christmas from those of us who are so insensitive and crude as to not realize that we are offending them. Not only do they want no public display of this offensive occasion, they don't want greeting each other with "Merry Christmas" either. We should be happy that they have left us with "Happy Holidays!" (which, by the way, we should all refuse to say. Let us answer every "Happy Holidays" with a hearty "Merry Christmas!")

What amazes me is the sensitivity of those Christmas ner-do-wells. They are so offended by the rest of us celebrating, maybe we should be offended by their being offended at us! It is a dark soul that cannot find something to celebrate at Christmas time. Even if they do not believe in the miracle of Christmas, they should at least have enough charity in their heart to see that Christmas is a time of doing good for those who are less fortunate than they are. A time when men's hearts are turned toward those who have needs unfulfilled. They probably did not mind giving to the Red Cross to help with the hurricane relief, but please, don't get religious on us now. If they don't want to celebrate Christmas, fine. Let them go on to work on Christmas day. And they should return any Christmas bonus they receive as well.

But as for me and my house, we will celebrate! Not only should we celebrate, but we should make sure that Jesus has his rightful place at our house. This line of thinking reminds me of Wally. He was a fifth grader but was still in the third grade. All the kids made fun of him because he was bigger



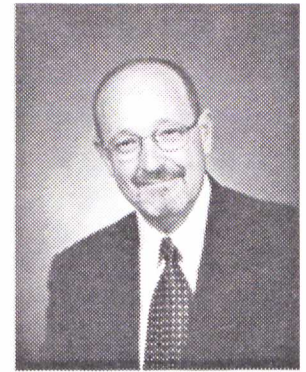
than they were and he was slow.

When it came time for the Christmas pageant at school (this was back in the dark ages when schools still had Christmas pageants) Wally wanted to be a shepherd so badly he could taste it. He even practiced at home with the bathrobe and all. But

when parts were assigned, he was disappointed to discover that he was to be the inn keeper. Big as he was and since the inn keeper is as close to a villain as there is in the story his teacher thought this was the only part for him. He dutifully practiced his lines and the teacher thought he might accidentally make it through without mishap. The evening of the pageant came and all was going well. Mary and Joseph stood at the door to the inn and Wally/Inn Keeper gruffly turned them away. Joseph asked for mercy since his wife was obviously going to have a baby, but Wally maintained his glower and delivered the final line of his two speech part.

All except for the final word. He was supposed to say "Begone," but he fell silent. The teacher loudly whispered the forgotten word from backstage, but Wally seemed not to hear. She whispered again and this time Wally said it, "Begone!" At that point, Mary and Joseph turned away and Wally was supposed to close the door. But he didn't. He stood looking at Mary and Joseph retreating and then to the teacher's horror he stepped back out on to the stage. At that point this pageant became like no other as Wally cried cheerfully, "Wait, come back, you can have my room!"

My room....that place deep in my heart that is my secret place. Our room....our homes and all that happens there should be inhabited by Jesus. Not just at Christmas, but certainly at Christmas. And those out there who do not like our celebration of Christmas, I say tough! He's our Savior and we will celebrate anyway we like!





The Turnboughs Stateside



Dear Friends,

I just talked to Yolanda, one of the leaders of the Villalba Church in Spain. She, along with our architect Carlos met with a city official today. Like has happened before, this was another new person in the new city administration that was not familiar with our case. Just doing her job, this person was going to put another roadblock to keep the church from obtaining the building permit. After Carlos explained the history of our church's attempt to build for 13 years, the fact that we won a court battle in the Supreme Court, and that we are working in good faith, she said that we should have the permission that she grants by next week! Yolanda said, "Thank the Lord for Carlos!" I've said the same thing on several other occasions.

There are two permissions that the church needs to begin construction: one is permission for the activity that the church wants to carry out in the future building, and the other is permission to begin construction. This is different than when we began the process 13 years ago, but is part of the normal

process for the construction of a public building in Spain today.

The news from this meeting is a praise item. Please pray that city officials really work in good faith and go ahead with both permissions for the Villalba Church. As soon as these permissions are granted, we will go to the bank. Before I left Spain, I had already taken the loan process as far as I could without the building permit. So, our local bank director is waiting for the building permit to continue the loan application process. Please pray about that too. After that, the next big item will be locating a construction company, which of course means getting bids and deciding on the best company. All these items need divine intervention.

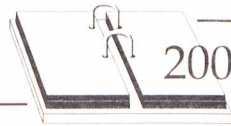
For HIS glory,
Jeff Turnbough
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The McDonalds in Japan

Greetings from the greater Tokyo area. Ruth and I send you greetings from our church plant and a look at our first services in our newly rented facility. We were forced to find a different meeting place because of water damage to the previous facility last month. These are pictures from our first worship time in this 3rd floor triangular-shaped building yesterday, Oct. 30, 2005. We thank the Missouri Show Me plan for the large part they play in keeping us on the field and the opportunity to minister in this needy area.



-Donnie



2006 State Calendar

National Student and Children's Workers Conference

February 3-5
Branson, MO

Ministers Retreat

(To be announced)

National WNAC Retreat

September 21-23
Lifeway Ridgecrest Conference Center
Ridgecrest, NC

National Prayer Summit

March 2-4
Camp Garner Creek Conference Center
Dickson, TN

Palmer leadership Institute

May 8
October 2
First Free Will Baptist Church, Lebanon

State Competitive Activities

May

Team Church Conference

April 1
First Free Will Baptist Church
Farmington, MO

Senior Adult Retreat

(To be announced)

Missouri State Association/ MOWAC Convention

June 5-7
Clarion Hotel,
Springfield, MO

Youth Camp

Teen

Group One	June 11-16
Group Two	June 18-23

Pre-Teen

Group One	July 23-28
Group Two	July 31- Aug 4

National Association of FWB

July 16-19,
Birmingham, Alabama,
Jefferson Birmingham
Convention Complex.

Missouri Women Active for Christ Retreat

(To be announced)

All Board's Retreat

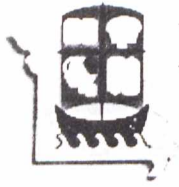
September 4
Camp Niangua

State Youth Retreat

November 17-18
Windermere Conference Center
Roach, MO

National Leadership Conference

December 4-5
Maxwell House Hotel
Nashville, TN



Missouri State Home Missions

Meet our Missionaries

The McNays in Kirksville



This is Scott McNay and wife Anna. Scott has completed 2 years of study at Hillsdale FWB College and one semester at Mid-America Nazarene in Olathe, KS. Anna completed her Master in Education at Truman State University and is now teaching 6th grade in Green City.

They moved to Kirksville, Missouri in January 2002 to work at reviving the, then First FWB Church, now Green Hills FWB Church. God has opened a path before them to reach out to those that need Him, and a solid church family. They have seen some very difficult times of need or opposition, but God has always provided a way.

We want to see the people of Green Hills FWB Church bring sound theology into perfect harmony with a burning passion for Christ. We are told in Scripture that our highest goal in life is love. Love God. Love others. But we can't begin to do either if we do not have the love of God. And the only way to have God's love is by Jesus' sacrifice to forgive sin. And we want to share that one and only sacrifice with everyone in Kirksville, so the Green Hills FWB Church can share it with the world.

An Encounter With Giants

Genesis 6:4 "There were giants in the earth in those days"

by Rev. Dale Cochran
(Chairman, Home Missions Board)

We have all encountered giants in our life time. The giants I am referring to are not like the giants of Genesis chapter 6. Neither are they like the giant that David faced from the Philistine army. I am speaking of the spiritual giants that have helped shape our spiritual lives. Men of God that have left an indelible mark of love on our hearts for life.

The third giants in my life were the motivators in my Free Will Baptist Mission experience. They have both gone on to be with the Lord, but there are very few days that I don't miss them or wish they could see what the Hannibal Free Will Baptist Church has become. I'm speaking of the spiritual giants Cliff & Francis Bowman. Brother Cliff nurtured me, loved me, gave to me and scolded me when I had it coming. I use to tell people I had never in my life seen bigger hands nor bigger hearts than that of Brother Cliff. He loved Mission work and the Missionaries that served. I don't have a clue how many mission projects for our state that Brother Cliff has been involved with, but I am sure that the touch of those big hands has made a great difference in our state. Sister Francis would call us every Sunday afternoon for the first couple of years just to offer her encouragement. Sometimes on Sunday afternoon when the phones rings for just a moment I am thinking Sister Francis is wondering how the service went today. It would be interesting to know how many lives were touched directly or indirectly by the big handed, big hearted Cliff Bowman, a real spiritual giant who was used up and spent down for the mission that was started because of a cross and the glorious Savior of that cross, Jesus Christ. I am grateful for the experience, Brother Bowman shared with me.

These three spiritual giants of my life have helped shape the person that I am today. Dana Booth, Clarence Burton & Cliff Bowman are truly giants to me. They have influenced my life here on this earth and I am a better person for knowing them. They have honored their profession, glorified God, love His people and left their marks on our life. **THEY ARE INDEED GIANTS!**

(This is part three in a three part series)

Report from the Bivens

Greetings from the sunny border town of Pharr, Texas where today the morning is delightful.

I have not been able to get an update out for some time. I might blame it on the difficulty of setting up and using a new internet server or it could be due to the density of the gray matter of the old operator. At any rate, this morning I am making a brave attempt to get something out.

I feel in desperate need of your prayer as we try to get this little old house livable, and at the same time get moved into the house at the Bible Institute in Altamira. Part of the problem is that we have been on the road at least half of the time. Another great concern is termite damage that we continue to find throughout the house. Bud bought poison and treated the ground all around the house, but there is no way of telling how much damage has been done during the eight years that we were coming and going for an overnight every six months. Then there are boxes-boxes designated for Altamira, and boxes for use here, and boxes and boxes of books. In unloading the truck at the duplex in Donna everything became thoroughly stirred up together. I tend to go over there looking for something and cry.

We have had some wonderful rays of sunshine in all of this. We attended the OK State FWB annual meeting in Bethany and received bundles of wonderful hugs from our dear friends there. Then a group came down from REJOICE church in Owasso OK who worked here and in Altamira and greatly encouraged us. Another group from Woodcrest in Catoosa OK had to cancel out because of Hurricane Wilma. Their group leader was stranded in Cancun with his family for three weeks.

We made a run up to John and Paulina's house and took a load of their things that had been stored in the front bedroom here. They are working excitedly on getting ready for the grand opening of house number one on Nov. 19th. They are looking for furniture and making plans for the ceremony. Today we will take another load of boxes for the kitchen in Altamira, and be back Tuesday. Then I will have a week here before we head out toward Thayer MO for meetings before Thanksgiving.

When we come to mind, just look around your orderly office or room, and say a prayer that we can somehow bring some order to ours. God bless you.
- Ruth



A New Dorm for Camp Niangua?!

As we all know the last 10 years has been a time of growth and blessing for our youth camp. However, I think we would all agree that there are still many improvements to be made. One that seems to be on everyone's mind is new dormitories with restrooms and showers in the building. That is why our camp board has voted to build a new dormitory. This will be the first of four which we hope to build and will be on the boys side of the camp due to the poor condition of many of the boys cabins. This dormitory will hold approx. 112 campers, will have restrooms in each room and will have central heat and air. The cost of this dorm will be approx. \$250,000 more or less depending on building material costs. (The recent hurricanes have a big influence on the cost of building materials.) Bro. Bruce Moore, our new camp director, will oversee this project which should begin after camp closes in August and will be completed as soon as possible. What we need now is your help. \$250,000 is a lot of money, and more than we have. As in the past, we are counting on those who support our camp to help raise the money for this dorm. We believe this dorm will be a great blessing to our camp. Please pray about this need and send your support to the state office, or the youth camp designated Youth Camp Dorm Fund. Thank you and God bless you!

Jimmy Kiser, Board member

*Bruce Moore, new Camp Director
at Camp Niangua is available for
Pulpit Supply. He may be reached at
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Cell phone: 417-967-6249*

Calvary Fellowship Celebrates 50 Years

On October 9th, 2005, Calvary celebrated their 50th Anniversary in grand 'old' fashion style. Bibs and prairie dresses were the style of the day with old and new coming to celebrate our Homecoming. Calvary Fellowship was organized in 1955 under the name of Meramec Heights FWB under the leadership of Rev. Johnny Land. In 1971, under the leadership of Rev. Al Helms, the church relocated to their present site in Fenton and the name was changed to Calvary Fellowship FWB. On July 16, 1978 the Liberty Mission Church, which Rev. Jerry Norris pastored, merged with Calvary and called Bro. Norris to be pastor of the combined congregations. The church was a home renovated into an auditorium and educational space.

On November 11, 1979 a building program was begun and in the summer of 1981 the church moved into its new auditorium. But it was November of 1982 before the basement was finished and it could be occupied. In June of 1993 the church voted to build a Family Life Center, which took 5 years to complete. The Family Life Center was dedicated on September 14, 1998.

In celebration of our history our Homecoming was celebrated in 'Gaither Homecoming' style. Led by Ron Scott, with 30 singers on the platform accompanied by our Calvary Band, the morning was spent in a wonderful array of solos, duets, trios, quartets, choir and congregational singing. We have 27 current members attending Calvary that have been there for at least 25 years and those present were recognized.

Out of the original 7 trustees, 5 were present on this day. Prior to Bro. Jerry Norris bringing a message on Heaven there was a video presentation of members who have gone on to be with the Lord. After the message past members were recognized who had joined us for the day.



Pastor Jerry Norris

The Roskowske family entertained the Pre-K - 4th grade children with many activities including puppetry, songs, clowns, egg toss, and a story. The special clowns for the day were Dottie and Dinky, Jr. They were fun, silly and very entertaining for the children. They heard a story about Daniel and how God delivered him from the mouths of the lions because of his obedience and faithfulness to God. The kids had a great time to say the least.

Special mugs with the church's picture on it were given to all adults present that day and silicon bracelets inscribed with 'Live Christ' were given to our youth. Our gym was decked out in checkered tablecloths, antiques on the tables, quilts hanging around the gym and more food than you can imagine.

It was a wonderful day filled with superb fellowship, great singing, a splendid message and the best food west of the Mississippi.

-Submitted by Bonnie Ochs



Mtn. Grove Missions in Action

The Missions Group at First Free Will in Mtn Grove took seriously the "Jerusalem" part of Acts 1:8 recently and choose to help eighty four year old

Wahneeta Parsons. Sis. Parsons has been a member of the church since 1936 and is unable to be as actively involved as she once was. Seeing that her house needed painting, the group washed away the mold and mud dauber nests and made the necessary repairs before painting the house white and the porch railings and vent screens black. They even took off the storm windows, painted the window frames and washed all the windows.



Ray Bradley



Bill Gates

Ray Bradley and Bill Gates headed up the project and were helped by Willie McIntosh and others. Sister Parsons said, "It's the best job I have ever had done on a house!"

Masked Bandit

by Phyllis Detherage



But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, and needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man. John 2:24-25

What are you trying to hide? We all have something. Maybe it's those few extra pounds we're trying to disguise under just the right cloths. (You know, black is slimming and don't wear horizontal stripes whatever you do!) How about uneven skin tone with a pound of make-up? It could be that we're trying to hide unkind thoughts with false generosity or bitterness behind a smile. Whatever it may be, most of us are trying to hide something.

We can actually fool one another a great deal of the time or at least we think we can. Maybe that is what gets us into trouble. We begin to believe the deception is complete and undetectable. We become

comfortable with our disguise. No need to face those imperfections, just cover them up; yet deep inside we know the truth. No matter how hard we try to ignore it, the truth is still always present. It will rob us of our peace and haunt our quiet thoughts. Why? Because God knows what is in us. He looks right through the mask.

That's right. God is not fooled by the disguise. We can smile all we want too, but God sees the heart. We can say "Amen" and "Hallelujah" till the trumpet sounds but God is not impressed if our thoughts are full of bitterness. Who are we fooling with all the elaborate measures and deceptions?

We may fool some people some of the time. We most likely fool ourselves most of the time. We never fool God any of the time. Maybe we should just forget the disguise, and face the truth of what lies in our hearts; and ask God to help us expend all of that wasted effort in a new and genuine direction. Will it be easy? No. Will it take work and commitment? Yes. Will it be worth it? What do you think masked bandit?



Country Chaplain

Too Little, Too Late

By J. Mark Vandivort



The disappointment and sadness in my grandson's eyes burrowed deep into my heart. He didn't say a word. He didn't need to. The message I read in his eyes, and the expression on his face, communicated everything. My efforts to repair the glide-ride on his swing set were "too little too late"

The glide-ride had been a favorite of my grandson and his little sister. (She is one year younger.) In my mind's eye I saw their smiles and heard their laughter as they had mutually propelled the glide-ride back and forth in abandoned delight. At some point a bolt broke. "Grandpa can fix it", they both said.

I went by the hardware store and selected a bolt that would enable the glide-ride to be back in the service of my grandchildren and their little playmates. I thought that I would stop by my daughter and son-in-law's house sometime when I had a "spare moment".

Winter closed in and the glide-ride hung at an awkward angle throughout the months of cold wind, snow and ice. Spring came and went. Then came summer. One day I stopped by with my bucket of tools and the bolt that I had purchased at the hardware store. After about 10 minutes I proudly observed the successful repair of one of my grandchildren's favorite outdoor toys. Quick as a flash, granddaughter seated herself and grandson also straddled his plastic seat. However, this time there was no gleeful gliding through the air with joyful faces while their hair tossed about in the breeze. During the "year" that had passed, my grandson had "grown" — he was now too large for

the glide-ride.

That picture of his disappointment remains on full display in my memory.

I once read a book that spoke of the "tyranny of the urgent". Urgent things seem to demand my attention. Things like repairing glide-rides (that was urgently important to my grandchildren) seem to get pushed to the sidelines — "out of sight, out of mind".

Someone mentioned a man's name in prayer meeting. He was critically ill. I felt an inner urge to go to his house and see if he would be interested in hearing that Jesus Christ had died for his sins — he could believe and be saved! A week went by. Then I heard that that he had died. Now, 40 years later, I still remember.

Through the prophet Ezekiel, God said to His people: "When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul" (Ezekiel 33:8-9, NKJV).

Does God hold us accountable for the assignment He has given us?

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FWBBC Students Respond to Katrina

NASHVILLE, TN—Thirty-five Free Will Baptist Bible College students and faculty traveled to South Mississippi October 19-23 to assist in disaster relief in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, according to Christian Service Director John Murray who organized and led the relief effort.

"The students worked hard, paid their own way, and gave of themselves to help those in need," Mr. Murray said. "They gave up their Fall Break and Mom's home cooking to cut trees, repair roofs, stack logs, remove debris and whatever else was asked of them. I saw today's generation at work where it made a difference."

The can-do group loaded a chartered bus at FWBBC's Nashville campus Wednesday, October 19, immediately after mid-term exams, and rode 400 miles to South Mississippi Free Will Baptist Youth Camp near Waynesboro where they were housed, arriving near midnight.

"The students awoke to a world of fallen trees," Murray said. "After a short night and a hearty breakfast, they unloaded chain saws, axes, and rakes, and began cleaning up the shattered pieces left behind by Katrina."

Friday morning the work crew went to nearby Gulfport and worked all day at Gulfport Free Will Baptist

Church which had been damaged by hurricane winds. They removed insulation and drywall stacked outside from fallen ceilings, and cleared debris from around the church.

Ten students walked through the neighborhood, saws and axes in hand, ready to assist neighbors with toppled trees, broken limbs, and home repairs.

The group spent Saturday chopping and sawing trees, and removing debris at the camp. That evening they celebrated with a campfire from 7:00 p.m. to midnight where they sang songs, shared testimonies and prayed.



When several students became ill and required medical attention, Mr. Murray took prescriptions into Waynesboro to be filled. A pharmacist, aware of the students' relief work, filled the prescriptions at no charge, telling Murray, "This is my tithe this Sunday."

The students divided into five ministry teams Sunday morning and preached and sang in area Free Will Baptist churches before returning to Nashville in time to start classes Monday.

The student effort made an impact, according to Grady Pittman, a Mississippi camp leader. "I am impressed with the quality of students at Free Will Baptist Bible College. They came here and worked their hearts out. They worked without complaining. They are the 'real stuff.'"

Mr. Pittman's seventh-grade granddaughter ate Sunday lunch with the FWBBC students, then went home and told her dad to start putting aside money, because she was going to Free Will Baptist Bible College when she graduated from high school.

Available Churches

Overland Church
Overland, MO
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314-426-0540
Rev. Coffman
314-429-4374

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

Mine La Motte Church
Fredericktown, MO
Contact:
Robert Warner
573-783-5358

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

Cuba Church
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Hillsdale Student Mission Groups

"To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel that I may share in its blessings." In 1 Corinthians 9:22, 23, Paul describes the very essence of Christian ministry and missions: to relate to a hurting world in order to bring them their only relief, Jesus Christ.

This summer twenty-one Hillsdale students, alumni and faculty members had the opportunity and the blessing to become "all things to all men" when they spread out over six different countries and ministered to hundreds of people.



China/Vietnam - Tasha Foster, Mariah Sandiford, Chelsea Dildine, Lee Gibson, Emily and Kyle Hoover spent over a month with the English Language Institute teaching English to Asian secondary students. Lee Gibson, first time English teacher had this to say, "I fell in love with my kids. They were crazy, so we got along great!"

France - Women's basketball coach Autumn Drake, and some of the 2004-2005 Lady Saints Basketball Team - Leslie Owen, Lacey Trosper, Sheila Howard, Julie Stanford, Elisha Burdett, Erin McFarland, and Sacia Franklin - visited Free Will Baptist foreign missionary, Dennis Teague, and assisted in basketball camps. The Lady Saints partnered with the Lady

Evangelists from neighboring Mid-America Bible College and competed against French men and women's basketball teams. When asked what the best part of the trip was, Lacey Trosper replied, "There was so much that I loved, I can't give just one thing"!

Cuba - Keri Morgan traveled to Latin America this summer as an intern with the Free Will Baptist E-Team. Their ten days were spent worshipping with the Cuban brothers and sisters, participating in Bible camps, and sharing personal testimonies. "I received way more out of the trip than I put into it," says Keri.

Mexico - Daniel Weaver went south of the border with a nondenominational group to minister through children's Bible school and sports. "I am so glad I went. I had an amazing experience."



Romania - The small southeastern village of Harsova hosted Jennifer Martin, Kristi Smith, Adam Blehm, Casey Jones, and Amanda Thompson for ten days in May. With Ruth Ministries, the group visited abandoned and hospitalized children, helped feed and teach Bible stories to street children, witnessed to Muslim and Orthodox community members (seeing at least ten Christian converts) and enjoyed the fellowship of the Romanian believers. The group unanimously agreed that it was the best short-term trip they had ever experienced.

FWBBC President Selected for Leadership Development Council

NASHVILLE, TN—Reverend J. Matthew Pinson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, was one of 15 executives (presidents, CEOs, COOs) from national Christian organizations invited to participate in the twice-annual Leadership Development Council sponsored by the Crowell Trust, a Colorado-based firm.

The three-day Fall 2005 session met October 12-14 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, bringing together executives from such diverse organizations as AWANA, Greater Europe Mission, John Stott Ministries and others. The majority of the participants traveled from all parts of the United States.

The Leadership Development Council (LDC) was formed over six years ago to assist key executives in becoming more effective in their ministry, by God's grace. The purpose of LDC is to provide a mentoring opportunity—where leaders build into the lives of other leaders by providing guidance, encouragement and accountability from their own successful careers and academic backgrounds.

The program founders—Paul E. Nelson and John T. Bass (Crowell Trust), Bill Anderson (Christian Booksellers Association), and Floyd Wilkerson (OC International)—are known leaders in the Christian community. They were mentored early during their professional careers and want to share the gifts and experiences that God has given them. They serve without compensation, and do so in response to the expressed desire of many people to be mentored by executives who have “walked in their footsteps” and understand the path of leadership.

Each member of the mentoring team is committed to the attainment of quality management and leadership in the Lord's ministries. Christian organizations, because they are small, often require an executive to have the skills which would be carried by several executives in larger organizations. The mentoring team knows by personal experience how difficult it is for Christian leaders to have time to



President Pinson

develop a well-rounded acumen in management skills. They believe that mentoring is a proven biblical method of helping an individual acquire these abilities.

The LDC mentoring team desires to expand the program through other cell groups across the nation to benefit more executives and leaders. The LDC team believes they can be more effective by keeping the group size to a maximum of 25 participants. Participation is by invitation only. A waiting list of future participants is reviewed regularly.

Pastor Appreciation at Eastern Gate

Eastern Gate honored their Pastor and his wife, Rev. Keith and Penny Garrison with a dinner following their morning worship on September 25th. Donna Norris wrote about the day, “We do appreciate our Pastor and his wife. Let me count the ways....Love, Friendship, Work, Caring, Willingness, Helpfulness, Concern, Leadership, Preaching God's Word, Their prayers....

“I could go on and on,” she said, “but words cannot do much to let them know how much we need and appreciate them. One day a year is not enough to show our appreciation. We need to let them know every day how much God has blessed Eastern Gate through their ministry.”



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FREE WILL BAPTIST

Moment



Mary Friendly grew up on a farm. When her parents passed away, she inherited the farm.

When Mary was growing up, the farm was out in the country. The city now has grown until the farm is now within the city limits. Several developers would like to build homes on the farmland.

Mary: We have received modest payments from the farm over the years. I have allowed a neighboring farmer to graze his cows on the farm until recently. Since I inherited the farm from my parents several years ago, the value of the farm has greatly increased.

Bill: We checked with our tax advisor and the farm could be sold, but there would be a very large tax to pay. Since it is a good time to sell the land, we would like to sell. And then it would be good to let the sale proceeds grow for about 10 years until we plan to retire. In fact, we are hopeful that we can sell tax-free and then allow the proceeds to grow tax-free.

Mary: I was excited to learn from our tax advisor that there is a plan that does provide for our retirement. She explained that we could give the land into a special trust. With this trust the farm could be sold tax-free and the cash invested for growth. The proceeds can then grow tax-free inside the trust until we retire. At that time, the payouts will be taxable, but we could have as much as \$900,000 in the trust.

Bill: We will enjoy a very nice retirement. We already have an IRA and are planning to use that for retirement. Now with the extra income from this retirement trust, we will be able to travel and really enjoy our golden years.

For more information,
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OCTOBER 2005 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cooperative Disbursements

October 2005.....	\$49,778.35
18.50% St HM	\$9,208.99
17.00% Exec. Office.....	\$8,462.32
3.00% Gen. Fund.....	\$1,493.35
.50% ShowMe Bd.	\$248.89
8.50% Youth Camp	\$4,231.16
2.50% Youth Min.	\$1,244.46
2.50% CE	\$1,244.46
2.50% Senior Adult	\$1,244.46
9.00% Mo Retmt.	\$4,480.05
3.00% ShowMe Plan ...	\$1,493.35
33.00%	\$16,426.86
National Ministries	
Total	\$49,778.35

Hurricane Relief

Mill Creek	\$2,888.00
New Home- Hartville	\$200.00
Crossroads- Lebanon	\$500.00
Lebanon Greenhills	\$545.00
Rock Chapel	\$420.00
Faith & Hope Aurora	\$163.62
Cave Springs Assoc.	\$5,937.08
Total	\$10,653.70

Coop Plan

Alton	\$200.00
Aulsbury Chapel	\$251.51
Bailey	\$148.00
Bailey Chapel	\$154.00
Belton	\$314.27
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$303.87
Bethel- Marshfield	\$515.78
Bismarck	\$319.91
Bismark	\$627.79
Black Oak	\$442.49
Byrd	\$157.25
Calvary Chapel	\$1,228.60
Cape Girardeau 1st	\$956.00
Cape Girardeau 1st	\$795.00
Carthage	\$385.00
Central	\$696.09

Christ Chapel	\$418.00
Clifton	\$51.30
Columbia	\$581.04
Copper Mines	\$543.42
Cornerstone	\$517.27
Crossroads- Wentzville	\$748.00
DeSoto 1st	\$1,500.00
Faith & Hope- Aurora	\$148.65
Farmington 1st	\$3,056.90
Fellowship- Park Hills	\$1,500.00
Fordland	\$544.00
Fourth	\$129.63
Fredericktown 1st	\$313.00
Freeman Chapel	\$427.30
Gospel Light	\$100.00
Hannibal	\$606.00
Hannon	\$689.00
Harmony	\$422.23
Harvest- Grandview	\$243.34
Hazel Creek	\$338.20
Helen Gamblin	\$165.85
Hopewell	\$381.00
Houston 1st	\$324.20
Houston 1st	\$329.81
Hurryville	\$497.55
Jackson	\$191.98
Joplin 1st	\$639.81
Jordan (Rivercrest)	\$100.00
Kings Way	\$238.88
Koshkonong	\$71.00
Lead Hill	\$202.84
Leadington	\$463.75
Lebanon 1st	\$1,424.14
Lebanon Greenhills	\$543.69
Macedonia- Niangua	\$165.53
Marsfield	\$160.67
Merls Chapel	\$147.38
Mill Creek	\$418.89
Mine La Motte	\$119.97
Monett 1st	\$504.81
Mt. Pisgah	\$511.00
Nevada	\$320.00
New Hope- Fredericktown	\$294.00
New Life- Licking	\$383.77
Niangua	\$191.48
Number One	\$167.72
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove	\$290.25
Oak Hill	\$420.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$1,422.00
Overland	\$75.00
Ozark 1st	\$1,810.00

Park Hills 1st.....	\$837.28
Parkview	\$431.83
Pleasant Hill	\$134.55
Pleasant Ridge- Thayer	\$43.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$96.00
Potosi 1st	\$168.39
Republic	\$228.85
Republic	\$335.38
Richwoods 1st.....	\$806.00
Rock Chapel.....	\$278.45
Rolla 1st	\$389.00
Royal Oak	\$72.80
Seymour	\$478.00
Smyrna	\$65.00
Southern Hills- KS	\$790.50
Springfield 1st.....	\$1,774.98
Stockton	\$161.40
Thayer	\$722.00
Trinity	\$826.16
Union Grove	\$560.00
Union Light	\$161.00
United	\$2,617.56
Unity	\$500.00
Verdella	\$753.74
Victory- Alton	\$605.90
Victory- KC.....	\$1,590.41
Waynesville 1st	\$398.13
Wolf Creek	\$602.23
Total	\$49,778.35

Show-Me Plan

Angela Brown	\$15.00
Belton	\$240.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$303.88
Bethel- Festus	\$45.00
Bismarck	\$50.00
Bismarck	\$50.00
Black Oak	\$60.00
Calvary Chapel	\$105.00
Central	\$65.00
Copper Mines	\$195.00
Copper Mines	\$30.00
Cornerstone	\$391.10
DeSoto 1st	\$717.50
Eastern Gate	\$15.00
Farmington 1st	\$760.00
Farmington 1st- M.Class	\$90.00
Fellowship- Park Hills	\$722.95
Fordland	\$250.00
Fourth	\$60.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$90.00
Freeman Chapel	\$720.00
Gospel Light	\$1,000.00
Hannon	\$749.00
Happy Hill	\$60.00
Harmony	\$41.68
Harvest- Grandview	\$50.00
Hazel Creek	\$225.47
Hollis Walker	\$10.00
Houston 1st	\$230.36
Houston 1st	\$221.00
Hurryville	\$532.00
Jack Baldwin	\$35.00
Jack Burns	\$60.00
Jackson	\$20.00
Jerry Pinkerton	\$45.00
Joplin 1st	\$75.00
Jordan (Rivercrest)	\$30.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00

Lebanon Greenhills	\$45.00
Louis Willhite	\$180.00
Mill Creek	\$140.00
Mill Creek CWF	\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$75.00
MO WAC	\$1,022.86
Mona Chrisman	\$30.00
Monett 1st	\$45.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion- Thayer	\$30.00
New Home- Hartville	\$210.00
New Hope- Fredtn	\$150.00
New Life- Licking	\$150.00
Number One	\$60.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$198.87
One Accord	\$339.00
Park Hills 1st.....	\$271.19
Parkview	\$251.30
Pleasant Grove- Anderson	\$270.00
Pleasant Hill	\$45.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$50.00
Porter Chapel	\$394.39
Richwoods 1st	\$52.50
Roberta Berry	\$15.00
Rock Chapel	\$195.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Roxanne Maggart	\$50.00
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Royal Oak	\$120.00
Southeast MO Assoc.	\$90.00
Southern Hills	\$95.00
Springfield 1st.....	\$545.00
Stockton	\$69.50
Thayer	\$355.00
Trinity	\$454.16
Union Grove	\$15.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United	\$300.00
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$898.74
Victory- Alton	\$45.00
Victory- KC	\$965.00
Walnut Grove	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st	\$383.02
Co-op	\$1,493.35
Total	\$19,033.82

State Home Missions

Bethel- Festus	\$15.00
Bismarck	\$50.00
Bismarck	\$50.00
Copper Mines	\$75.00
DeSoto 1st	\$100.00
Fellowship- Park Hills	\$125.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Greater Spgf.Assoc.	\$1,525.69
Harvest- Grandview	\$150.00
Jordan (Rivercrest)	\$40.00
Bookstore	\$540.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$30.00
Niangua	\$50.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$171.88
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$20.00
Republic	\$25.00
Republic	\$25.00
Rolla 1st	\$323.00

Southeast MO Assoc.	\$150.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Trinity	\$41.31
United	\$25.00
Unity	\$70.00
Waynesville 1st	\$50.00
Total	\$3,881.88

International Missions

Columbia	\$400.00
Copper Mines	\$100.00
DeSoto 1st	\$20.00
Dorothy Noel	\$15.00
Farmington 1st	\$235.00
Greater Spgf. Assoc.	\$1,525.69
Hannon	\$802.00
Houston 1st	\$80.00
Houston 1st	\$80.00
Matthews, Alta	\$30.00
Rock Chapel	\$16.00
Rolla 1st	\$323.00
Springfield 1st.....	\$88.27
Thayer	\$5.00
Verdella	\$226.12
Waynesville 1st	\$95.00
Total	\$4,041.08

National Home Missions

Carthage	\$5.00
Central	\$100.00
Copper Mines	\$55.00
DeSoto 1st	\$220.00
Farmington 1st	\$883.66
Fordland	\$20.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$30.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Greater Spgf. Assoc.	\$1,525.69
Houston 1st	\$80.00
Houston 1st	\$70.00
Jackson	\$85.00
Jerry Rader	\$20.00
Monett 1st	\$5.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$30.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$171.88
Park Hills 1st.....	\$143.73
Richwoods 1st	\$30.00
Rock Chapel	\$71.29
Thayer	\$75.00
Trinity	\$61.31
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
Unity	\$90.00
Verdella	\$10.00
Victory- KC	\$55.00
Waynesville 1st	\$65.00
West Plains 1st	\$35.00
Total	\$4,393.56

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Desoto 1st	\$65.00
Houston 1st	\$20.00
Belton	\$35.00
Unity	\$20.00
Hannon	\$100.00
Union Light	\$20.00
New Hope- Fredericktown ..	\$50.00
Total	\$310.00

Christian Education Board

Bookstore	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

Free Will Baptist Bible Collge

Desoto 1st	\$40.00
Verdella	\$150.75
Thayer	\$50.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$86.25
Total	\$327.00

Hillsdale

Farmington 1st	\$150.00
Monett 1st	\$100.00
Joplin 1st	\$50.00
Thayer	\$50.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$86.25
Southern Hills- KS	\$95.00
Total	\$531.25

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

Urban Impact

Verdella	\$376.87
Total	\$376.87

Youth Camp

Cornerstone	\$25.00
Desoto 1st	\$55.00
Hazel Creek	\$75.16
Book Store	\$540.00
Verdella	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$15.00
Rolla 1st	\$20.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Trinity	\$9.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
West Plains 1st	\$25.00
Total	\$834.16

Youth Camp Development

Houston 1st	\$200.00
Total	\$200.00

Youth Ministries Board

Bookstore	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

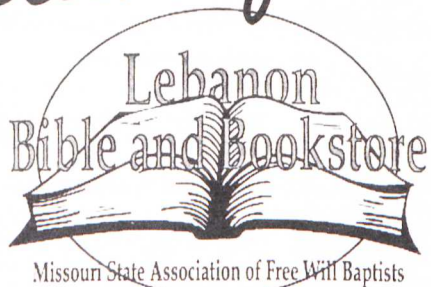
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