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From the Editor

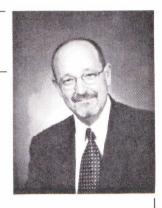
Coop Works!

That's a phrase I heard over and over in a meeting recently. The reason the phrase was uttered so much was that all of the people in the meeting were from Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri. Why are these three states so sold on the Coop plan of giving? It works. If you look at the amount of Coop that is sent to our national offices for distribution yearly, these three states give the lions share. In fact, through November of 2005, these three neighbors had given almost 70% of the coop funds contributed to the national. Are the Free Will Baptists in these states richer than in other states? No. Are they more faithful in their giving? Not necessarily. These states decided a long time ago that a cooperative method of support for state and national works was the best plan and since then have been consistently proving the point.

Missouri began its cooperative giving program back in 1942 when the State Association voted to begin the State Unified Fund. That first year saw the grand total of \$294.00 given. Nineteen fifty three was the year the name was changed to the Coop Plan and the total given had risen to \$6,935.00. It took until 1976 for the \$100,000 mark to be exceeded, but only five years was needed to exceed \$200,000. Three hundred thousand came in 1989, \$400,000 in

1994, \$500,000 was passed in 2000 and \$700,000 in 2003. This year, the people of the state of Missouri have given through their churches a grand total of (drum roll please,) \$759,308.67!

What does that mean? It means that all our state ministries have more funds to do the tasks the state association has asked them to accomplish. It means that there is more money to fund the Youth Camp so that when kids go there this summer, they can enjoy a great time in a great facility. It means that our Home Missionaries will have the funds they need to carry on their ministry of reaching people for Christ in the



places we have asked them to labor. It means that the Youth Ministries board will have what they need to host the SCM Competitive activities and provide our state youth with a great experience at the State Youth Retreat. It means that the Christian Education Board will be able to have the Missouri Bible Institute and the Palmer Leadership Institute and Lending Library and conduct Roll Call Sunday and give scholarships. The senior adults of our state will enjoy their retreat because the Senior Adult Board will have what they need top operate. It means that the Gem can continue

to be published monthly and the State Office can continue to operate.



It means that those pastors whose churches coop at the 10% level can enjoy a bi-annual contribution to their retirement account with the national. It means that all our ministerial students from Missouri can receive a partial scholarship each semester. It means that the Show-Me Committee can meet and that the Show-Me plan itself will realize several thousand dollars a year from the Coop Plan.

It means that our National Executive Office, Free Will Baptist Bible College, National Home Missions, International Missions, Masters Men and our Retirement and Foundation Departments are funded along with all our National Commissions.

What else does it mean? Well, it means that the churches of Missouri who are a part of the Coop Plan are doing their part to help fund our state and national work. It is the local church doing together what we could never do alone. It is the local church tithing the tithe. Yes, Coop works. Is your church a part or apart.

Show-Me Missions News



The Pinkertons

Dec. 30. Abidjan. Thank you for praying. We returned Thursday, 5:30 pm on schedule with all the baggage..no hassle, no problems!



Moslem mechanic and Christian Man met us in our wimpy Mazda double cab pickup. Took 2 hours to get across town in heavy traffic. Pastor & Mrs. Samuel , Dr & Mrs. Gabriel plus baby Hope and another believer were at the house within 30 min..they had been at the airport and just missed

us...brought a huge bouquet of fresh, cut flowers..what a lovely visit..then the next day Madame Samuel prepared our noon meal & enjoyed pounded enyams, rice and a chicken and pistache sauce...ginger drink and red leaf drink...Verlin Anderson had arrived also so he ate with us...we all enjoyed being together & eating!!

Last night was prayer meeting. Attendance was small, but the blessings were large. Tonight we'll be at church from 9-midnight singing, praying and hearing God's Word...as we see the new year arrive.

Sunday services begin at 8:30 am..we may be home by noon. The weather is quite hot and humid. Traffic is worse than usual, prices higher and it's wonderful to be back home! Thank you for helping make it possible.

Jerry & Carol Pinkerton

The Baileys

Hallelujah! We had 39 attend out Shiki Christmas Party today, December 21, 2005. These are the people we are witnessing to and we appreciate your prayers. We are in the process of renting facilities in the neighborhood.

Two weeks ago, we located a meeting place on the second floor of a 7-11 convenience store, across the street from the apt. building where three of these families live. We will be meeting with the realtor and owner on December 23rd to discuss a contract. So far the owner has been open to renting to foreigners, and is receptive to our plan to hold church services in the building.

Here is a photo of some of the women in Judy's Women's English Class held at the Iriso Church. The four women on Judy's right are not believers. Please pray for Mrs. Ishida, Mrs. Kumagai, Mrs. Ishizu and Mrs. Sakakida. Another class member, Mrs. Kusuyama (not pictured) is also not a believer. Please pray for their salvation!

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers! Judy and Ken Bailey



Christmas Party



English Class

The Turnboughs

This new year marks our half-way point in the schedule of our Stateside Assignment. For the first half, we have lived in Missouri, visiting as many supporting churches there as possible. The Missouri Show-Me Plan provides approximately 50% of our overall support. We praise the Lord for Missouri Free Will Baptists!

For the second half of our Stateside Assignment, we have moved to Nashville, TN, to visit supporting churches in this part of the country. Please make note of our address change at the end of this article We are also thankful for individuals and churches that support us in States other than Missouri, and we look forward to dedicating this time to visiting as many of them as we possible can. If you think your church would like to have us visit during this time, please contact us as soon as possible.

We must raise an additional \$1,500 in monthly support, and \$20,000 in cash gifts. At this point, our account is in the red, so we have a ways to go. Our goal is to be ready to return to Spain by June of 2006! We appreciate your prayers concerning this matter.

We praise the Lord that our daughter Melissa has completed her studies in nursing! Many of you have prayed for her and we thank you for that. There are exciting developments in her life, and we are trusting the Lord to work out all the details there.

May the Lord give us all grace to take advantage of the opportunities He gives us to serve Him in 2006.



LMC Graduating Class

The Leadership Matters Course (LMC) in Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil has come to an end. Here is a picture of the graduating class, Please pray for all the graduating leaders as they return to their ministries, that God will give them grace and insight to apply the principles and skills they have learned in this LMC, and that they will be used to build up and extend the Kingdom in their places of service.

We are thankful for the opportunity to serve and learn in this ministry. Thank you for your prayers for our ministry here and for your support of the Show-Me Plan! May God bless our efforts together to extend His Kingdom around the world.

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

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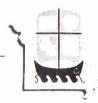
The Derby Boys

Micah and Becky Derby are the proud parents of twin boys. Born January 9th at 7:50pm (French time) the boys weighed a bit over five pounds each and are named William and Xavier. We praise the Lord for his blessing. Becky had experienced some difficulty earlier in her pregnancy, but God allowed all to be well. Please pray for the Derby's as they adjust to having their family doubled and as they prepare to return home on furlough this summer.



William and Xavier Derby

State Home Missions



It's Not Yours, It's His

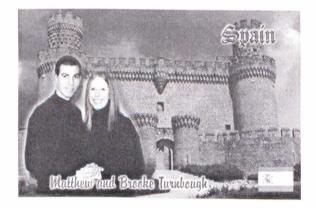
By Dale Cochran, Board Chairman

One of my biggest struggles on the Mission Field was trying to claim ownership of the project. We forget that we are co-laborers with God and in fact He is the owner. It was not my project, nor the Mission Board's project, it was God's. (By the way after 18 years it is still God's).

When we try to claim ownership all the burdens of the project begin to weigh our shoulders down and the joy of servitude becomes a burdensome challenge. Our mortal men shoulders were not designed to carry burdens that belong to Almighty God. As Missionaries we are tools for God's handy work. If the Holy Spirit is working in what we do we are charged to fully loaded and able to do God's business. When we are depending on our own ability we find that our flesh is weak and it won't be long until we are run down and drained. When we let God be in charge of His own work and become the legs, arms and mouth piece for His glory then it comes together.

I remember feeling like a failure, but only because of the claim I had on the Mission Project. One day I realized, how can I fail at something that is not mine to fail at. God has never failed! Not even once! He will not fail now! Give it back to the rightful owner and watch Him work through you.

Turnboughs Available in Missouri



Matthew and Brooke Turnbough were appointed as career missionaries to Spain by the Board of International Missions in July of 2005. They are presently traveling to share the needs of Spain and raise prayer and financial support.

They will continue working with the Villalba Church

coordinating and developing an outreach program to immigrants. They will assist in developing the music program, teach English, and lead discipleship classes

Their desire is that they will be used in Spain for the glory of God..Matthew and Brooke served a two-year term in Spain from Aug. 2003 to July 2005. Matthew assisted with the music, led discipleship classes, and coordinated the social outreach program for the Villalba Church. Brooke's main goal was to learn Spanish and complete two years of language and culture studies.

Matthew is the son of missionaries Jeff and Susan Turnbough and was raised on the field in Spain. Brooke was raised in Hunstville, Alabama. Both are dedicated to seeing the Spanish church strengthened and the Spanish people open their hearts to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Recently approved for the Show-Me Plan, Matthew and Brook will be available in our state for the next few months. If you would like to schedule a service, please cointact them at 615-428-3216 or e mail them at mturnbough@fwbgo.com

Mexican Association Meets

by Ruth Bivens

Altammira, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

The Mexican National Association of Free Will Baptists convened for their 45th annual convention at the new convention center on the grounds of the IBLAC Bible Institute December 16-18, 2005. Brother Inocente Pacheco, president of the convention, opened the first service Friday evening with 400 people in attendance. Choirs and groups from several different churches provided special music for the event.



Sunday Morning Service

Reverend Gary Fry, Missouri State Executive Director, spoke in each of the three worship services. Five-hundred attended the Saturday night service, six hundred were present on Sunday morning. Ruth Bivens, lay missionary to Mexico, translated the messages. She also spoke for the Mexican National WNAC convention on Saturday, bringing the same message she had used at the Missouri state

retreat.

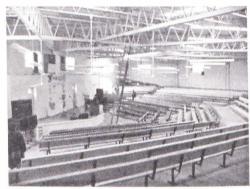
The Mexican Association is continuing to grow. They are currently in the process of starting three missions in new areas. Officers



Bud and Ruth Bivens at the Business Session



for the coming two years were elected, Brother Pacheco remaining as president, Brother Victor Escobar M. as treasurer, and Brother Ruben Munoz replacing Brother Fermin Sanchez as clerk. The date of the convention was changed back to the last weekend in July for 2006.



Convention Center interior

The churches continue to raise money for the construction of the new tabernacle/convention center. The metal roof will have to be replaced with a better quality of galvanized metal at a cost of over \$10,000.00. All of the work on the building has been done by local labor, most donated. There has been very little help from the US in funding this beautiful meeting place that will seat 1,200.



Convention Center and Seminary

Jaime Perez, president of the Bible Institute reported that 28 students completed the Spring semester of night classes. Plans are being made to reopen on a full time basis starting with the Fall semester in September of '06. This is a matter of much needed prayer. Bud and Ruth Bivens, former Missiouri State missionaries in Indian Creek District, will be traveling in the states raising funds for this project.

Around The State

Church Lets Kids Know They Matter

By DONNA HICKMAN Daily Journal Staff Writer

PARK HILLS — The congregation at First Free Will Baptist Church always had a bright spot in their hearts for children. Now there's a bright spot in their church, too.

Over the last year, they've renovated the area where children are taught about Jesus on Sundays from the time they are babies in cribs until they finish 6th grade. Before, the children's area had been divided into classrooms that were dark and dilapidated, according to Youth Pastor Joshua Kennon. "The old red carpeting was so bad it just kicked up your allergies," he explained.

The aging congregation knew it had to do something to bring families back to the church. A consultant they hired told them renovating the children's ministry area would be a good start.

"One of the first things he said was that my office had to go," said Pastor Chuck Lotz, whose office was located right beside the sanctuary on the main floor of the church. He's in the basement now and toddlers play in the space that was once his office. It's decorated like a barnyard. Calves and lambs are on the walls. There's a caterpillar on the roof of a barn that opens up to be a stage for puppets.

The preschool area across the hall is decorated in a Noah's Ark theme with another stage for puppets. There are drawings of animals around the room. An artist helped come up with designs for the area known as Discipleland. The church hired artist James Wooldridge of Crystal City to do the actual drawings.

"We wanted to put in something that would 'wow' the children as soon as they came in," Kennon said of the area re-designed for children.

Behind a curtain of bamboo that separates the area from the hallway, children see and hear a waterfall.

Eventually, there will be goldfish in the pond. There's

a bridge to walk beside it and a ramp alongside to allow handicapped children an easy way inside. "The kids are just awestruck when they see it," said Darla Parish, registrar for Discipleland. "Their parents are, too."

As they walk, a monkey peers down at them from the branch of a paper papier-mâché tree that's also home to a brightly colored snake. It's a scene inspired by the rain forest. Windows are decorated with straw. Butterflies dance on the walls. This is the spot where older children hear the lessons of the Bible.

"We hope the first lesson they understand is that they are important to us here," said Parish.

Separated by a movable wall, the rain forest gives way to a grasslands scene featuring giraffes on the wall, a tiger in another tree and a table where crafts are done. There are games for children to play.

The next area is devoted to ocean scenes. A school of fish on the wall may inspire the Sunday School children in grades K-2 who learn here. Drawings illustrate lessons from the Psalms, "God knows me! God hears me! God cares for me! God is Great!" "We want the children to look forward to being here," said Lotz. "Our goal was to make this the highlight of their week."

Soon, volunteers will erect a rock climbing wall about three feet high along an area decorated with pyramids. They're made from ceiling tiles removed when the space was renovated.

The building on Emerson Street was erected in 1955 and church leaders say it hadn't been renovated much since. But Lotz said children's ministry is different now than it was then.

"This is the video game generation," he said. "We have to give them something to see as well as hear." There are TV screens and video cassette players that show the curriculum the church is offering. Teachers were sent to Willow Creek Church near Chicago to be trained in Discipleland ministry.

"All of this (redecorating) is pointless if we're not getting our message across," said Kennon.

That message is displayed prominently at the entrance to Discipleland. With the letters of "Disciple," the mission is outlined as: Devoted to children; Instructing creatively; Safe environment; Christ-centered; Instilling excellence; Prayerfully

planned; Life-changing; Equipping Volunteers.

The renovations were completed three months ago and pictures are on the church's Web site at: www.firstfwb.org.
Kennon said the changes are already producing results.
Almost two dozen adult volunteers have signed up to work with children in the new settings. Families who visit are staying.

Security is a concern for Discipleland, as well, and so the church has purchased a computer and software that will allow parents to bring a card they can swipe that registers their child and then, that same parent will bring the same card to sign his child out. Kennon said in a time when divorce often makes for difficult parenting situations the added security will be a plus for church caregivers. They will know who has brought a child and who will take him or her home.

The next project for the church will be to bring the same kind of new life to the basement where the youth group meets. Kennon envisions a 1970s retro atmosphere, perhaps with a coffee shop.

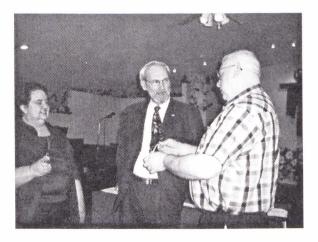
For now, church leaders hope those who come for worship at 9 or 11 a.m. Sundays will take note immediately at what they see on the main floor beside the sanctuary.

"When they walk in the door, we want them to see kids matter here," said Lotz, "because they do."

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Cutting Up At Oak Hill

Pastor Leroy Bryant made a challenge to his congregation in the late summer of 2005 that seemed to appeal to Bro. Bob and Sister Gloria Cooper. The Pastor, (out of the spirit of sacrifice), donated one of his ties to promote an attendance challenge. On January 1st, 2006 the



winner would get to cut up one of the pastor's ties (while he was wearing it,) then go out for lunch with the Pastor and a group from the church (yes he is still going to wear the tie)

Bro. Bob and Sister Gloria Cooper accepted the challenge and went to work. They had until the end of 2005 to achieve their goal. The Coopers had eleven new people attending on a regular bases by the end of the year. Three of those people became members of Oak Hill on Christmas day.

As the Coopers were making their way down to the front of the church to "do the honors" Bro. Bob stopped at a pew in the front and picked up something wrapped in a towel. You can imagine the response from the congregation while Sister Gloria was getting her pinking shears ready and Bro. Bob unwrapped a machete knife! Coming close enough to touch the pastors beard caused several snickers from the congregation and the need for the Pastor to wipe his forehead with a handkerchief after it was over.

The lunch that followed was fun and interesting since Pastor Bryant was still wearing the tie which became a witnessing tool.

Praise the Lord for the Coopers who stepped out and brought people into the Lord's house.

The Calvary Fellowship Church in Fenton is seeking a full-time Youth Minister. You may request a Ministry Description by calling Pastor Jerry Norris at 636-225-4684 or via email at JNorris@Calvaryfwb.org.

Report From Rangeview

WE ARE MOVING! This has been a prayer for many, many months and only recently took off faster than any of us had suspected. I know I've posted here several times

regarding our potential move but the Lord had kept us patient until the right situation presented itself.

A Christian church from India was looking for a smaller building to use for its ethnic ministry to the region (Denver is quite multi-cultural) and our building was one of the very few available. The situation worked out best for all parties as the Indian church gets a facility made for its ministry and we branch out

to a larger facility with better ministry options.

Some of you reading this might have a few questions, so let me post a few with some quick answers and you can feel free to respond to my personal email if you have others.

So why leave in the first place?

Good question. The facts were that we were not going to be able to go self-supporting in the building we were presently meeting in. It was adequate when my family and I moved out here to begin the work but in today's crowded church marketplace, the facts were that many were moving northward to churches with better parking, larger facilities, handicapped accessibility, and newer buildings.

While we had fixed up our building (and paid it off!) as best we could, the reality was that it was still in need of SEVERAL thousand dollars worth of repairs and was starting to nickel and dime us as a church. I take your financial support as the highest compliment to our work here and felt that your contributions would be wasted on further repairs rather than better ministry.

The new building we will be meeting in is a brand new 13-million dollar school in the fastest growing area of the North Denver region. This school relocated to tap that growth as well. It has

many Christians serving in it and our relationship with all involved with our move has been positive. This has been a smooth transition all things considered.

Other churches realized this location as being a prime spot and we were only one of several churches trying to secure the school. The Lord

made a way for us to move up the ladder quickly and we were able to secure lease rights shortly after I returned from last year's National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

The school is accessible to both major highways in the region and is easy to spot from any direction. It is a beautiful building with high ceilings, everything brand new, and plenty of parking for our ministry! GOD IS GOOD!



Pastor Cheatham baptises youngest daughter

How is your missions account?

Our account has been holding steady for a few months but as always, needs to stay stable in order for us to move forward. We were able to make this move without touching any of my support and several people have stepped forward with gifts to help make this move a reality.

They see for themselves the same vision I have. A vibrant FREE WILL BAPTIST Church in a bustling growing suburban region with the potential to reach thousands with the gospel! That is why we're here right?

All of this has taken a tremendous amount of faith and financial support. We were blessed to have another church renting our old facility and I had been saving that money for months anticipating this move.

Our moving expenses have been paid for out of the rent the other church was paying and not by any of my Home Missions support. This again was another answer to prayer and we enter this situation in as good a financial shape as I think a missionary could be in. However, this doesn't mean that we're out of the woods with our monthly support. That still has to be there and stabilize in order to keep the pressure off of us to focus our full attention to reaching out to families here.

It's imperative I stay on the field and not have to travel much to raise funds. Several churches and groups have stepped forward to take part in the vision of Rangeview FWB Church and that has been a blessing to Becky and I as we move forward.

Please...PLEASE keep passing the word along and know that every dollar contributed to my account is invested wisely in reaching the lost for Christ here in Denver.

So what are your future plans?

We have taken the money from the sale of our old building and invested it. Again, we are NOT using that money to finance this move. The Lord has been gracious here. Our plans are to let our money accumulate interest and begin in earnest to look for a place to eventually move to permanently. Our building fund will grow with gifts, interest, and our continued savings as the church grows. Ideally, I would like to be looking at a place within the next 24 months or so with our church being large enough to be self-supporting and able to pay a mortgage payment with the sizeable down payment we will have after that time.

It's a doable vision but the first step is reaching our new region. We're actually not too far from our old building, less than 15 minutes, but the area we are now in has so many thousands of new homes cropping up in it, our mission field has expanded more than ten fold.

In short, the vision I had when I came here in the summer of 2001 is taking shape and YOU are a major reason why. If not for your prayerful and financial support,

lives could not be changed and baptisms like the one above would not be possible. Thank you so much for the love and confidence you've shown our family to "get the job done." We're getting there day-by-day and thank God for your help!

In closing, look at the picture above. That's my youngest daughter. What a priviledge it was to baptize her as the final baptism in our old building. She was one of three we baptized as we closed out an era in our former location. Please pray for us to see many more come to Christ and many, many more baptisms as a result!

This report and regular updates may be obtained by visiting Scott's blogsite at www.rangeviewfwbmission.blogspot.com



Coming to Missouri!

Saturday, April 1, 2006

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College News

FWBBC Trustees Authorize Relocation Study

NASHVILLE, TN—The Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees authorized the administration to conduct a feasibility study that could result in the college relocating within two years, according to President J. Matthew Pinson.

"We have an offer in progress on our West End Avenue campus," Pinson confirmed. "Now, with the Board of Trustees' approval, we will enter into a six-month feasibility study to investigate the possibility of relocating the campus. We have been praying for an opportunity to proceed with relocation plans that were placed on hold in 2002."

Mark Johnson, son of FWBBC's first president, Dr. L.C. Johnson, will lead the feasibility study. Mark served 36 years (23 years full-time) with the Air National Guard before retiring and starting a consulting firm. His military responsibilities included overseeing and negotiating construction contracts, and determining financial policy for a \$42 million annual budget. An FWBBC alumnus, Mr. Johnson taught 10 years at the college.

Trustees voted unanimously in December to launch a feasibility study and to sell the 123-acre Joelton property that was purchased in 1994. The vote came three years after they

placed earlier relocation plans to Joelton on hold. The decision to postpone relocation was made when costs of developing the Joelton property (16 miles from Nashville) surged from \$2 million to more than \$5 million, and a prospective buyer withdrew an offer to purchase the FWBBC campus.

President Pinson said, "If the offer to purchase the campus remains firm and other important elements of the feasibility study led by Mark Johnson come together, and if we can locate suitable property, we would move within two years. This means that we would need to sell our West End campus and the Joelton site, locate new property, build a campus, and complete the relocation process by the summer of 2008.

"As you can see, this feasibility study is vital to any decision we make about future relocation. We believe that with Mark Johnson's leadership skills and experience, we have the right man in place to find the answers we need."

FWBBC has continued renovating the college's West End property to increase its value in anticipation of a new feasibility study and relocation campaign.

Funds raised (approximately \$1.2 million) during the 1998-2001 Relocation Campaign were invested in site development, engineering fees, architectural drawings and campaign expenses. The value of the improved Joelton property increased as a result of site-development efforts and appreciation in the real estate market.

Retired FWBBC Chancellor, Dr. Tom Malone (president when the Joelton property was purchased), said, "I am in complete agreement with the Board of Trustees' decision to sell the Joelton property and look for another campus relocation site. My commitment has always been to the *idea* of relocation, rather than to a particular piece of property. The college can count on my support in the continuing relocation effort."

Dr. Malone will serve in a parttime capacity as Field Representative to raise funds for the relocation effort.

Russell Cooper Gets New Title

NASHVILLE, TN — When the 2006 calendar year begins, Russell Cooper will wear a new title that more accurately describes his expanding responsibilities at Free Will Baptist Bible College, according to David Williford, director of institutional advancement.

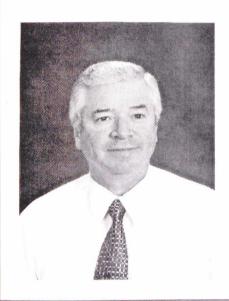
The 24-year-old Oklahoma native has been named assistant director of institutional advancement. His duties include training the various FWBBC ministry teams, scheduling services for the teams, handling public relations with local pastors, preparing news releases for the media, upgrading the college's website, and a growing list of related matters.

Cooper graduated from FWBBC in 2004 with a bachelor's degree

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National News

Harris Appointed Executive Administrator



Antioch, TN – Roy W. Harris is the newest staff member in the National Association's Executive Office. The executive committee authorized the executive secretary to fill this position during its December 2005 meeting. Harris will assume his duties as Executive Administrator May 1, 2006.

According to Executive Secretary Keith Burden, Mr. Harris' responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, serving as convention manager, Leadership Conference director, coordinating stewardship seminars and disaster relief efforts. In addition, he will help represent

the executive office at denominational meetings and manage a pastoral resources website.

Burden states, "Brother Roy is well known in our ranks and his experience as pastor, denominational leader and Director of Stewardship Development and Advancement at Free Will Baptist Bible College uniquely qualifies him for this position. The executive office is endeavoring to broaden its ministry to pastors and churches. The addition of Rev. Harris will help us accomplish that objective

in church music, with an emphasis in conducting. While he was a student, Russell worked three years with the institutional advancement office in a part-time role as ministry team leader. After graduation, he was employed full-time by the college as assistant to the director of institutional advancement, and is completing his second year in that capacity.

"We are very pleased with Russell's work at FWBBC," Mr. Williford said. "He sets a good example with his work ethic, his flexibility when schedules change, and his positive attitude toward the college and the Free Will Baptist denomination. Our students identify with him and know that he has their best interests at heart. He is the kind of young leader that we want to keep on staff long-term."

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Get a new lease on life at the

Annual Ozark Men's Rally

March 3rd, 2006

First Free Will Baptist Church of Ozark

Supper 5:30 Worship 7:00

for more information contact Pastor Gary Michener 417-581-5246

Financial Report

COOP Disbursments

October 2005 \$83,007.15
18.50% St HM\$15,356.33
17.00% Exec. Office \$14,111.22
3.00% Gen. Fund \$2,490.21
.50% ShowMe Bd \$415.04
8.50% Youth Camp \$7,055.61
2.50% Youth Min \$2,075.18
2.50% CE \$2,075.18
2.50% Senior Adult \$2,075.18
9.00% Mo Retmt \$7,470.64
3.00% ShowMe Plan \$2,490.21

National Ministries

10tal \$83.007.1	Total		\$83.007.16
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COOP Giving

Amity	\$64.81
Aulsbury Chapel	. \$203.82
Bailey	. \$206.00
Bailey Chapel	. \$170.00
Bailey Chapel	. \$122.00
Beacon	52,960.25
Belton	. \$308.39
Bethel- Bonne Terre	. \$985.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	
Bethel- Rgersville	
Bismarck	. \$282.35
Black Oak	. \$476.57
Bvrd	
Cabool 1st	. \$638.53
Calvary Chapel	51.230.10
Cape Girardeau 1st	. \$631.00
Carthage	
Central	. \$735.80
Christ Chapel	\$446.00
Clifton	
Copper Mines	\$479.13
Cornerstone	\$405.77
Crossroads- Wentzville	\$770.00
Cuba	\$396.00
Desoto 1st	
Farmington	3 455 02
Fellowship	31,433.93
Fordland	\$596.00
Fourth	\$244.00
Fredericktown 1st	¢204.00
Freeman Chapel	\$402.50
Gospel Light	\$403.50 \$100.00
Grace\$	3 100.00
Grace	
Grant Ave	01,389.20
Hannibal	\$800.64
Hannon	\$660.00
Hannon	\$870.00
Harmony	\$736.93
Hartville\$	1,023.00
Hartville\$	
Harvest	
Hopewell	
Houston 1st	\$424.42
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Houston 1st	\$298	66
Hurryville	\$681	54
Jackson	\$158	03
Joplin 1st	\$513	39
Kings Way	\$311	35
Koshkonong	. \$90.	.00
Lead Hill	\$275.	.84
Leadington	\$345.	.00
Lebanon 1st	1,715.	14
Lebanon Greenhills	0,533.	.05
Macedonia- Niangua	\$098. \$246	90
Marshfield	163	97
Merls Chapel	\$115	20
Mill Creek	\$483	01
Mine La Motte	\$92	83
Monett 1st	\$446	01
Mt. Pisgah	\$555.	.00
Mtn Grove 1st \$2	2,469.	45
Mtn. Grove 1st \$1	,528.	65
Myrtle Myrtle	\$398.	90
Neosho 1st	\$788.	.00
Nevada	\$285. \$200	00
Nevada	\$200	00
New Hope-Fredericktown	\$244	nn
New Life- Licking	\$345	00
Niangua	\$190	70
Number One	\$173	27
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove	\$402	05
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove	\$335	35
Oak Hill	\$417.	00
O'Fallon 1st\$11 Overland	,677.	30
Overland	. \$80.	00
Ozark 1st\$1	. \$85.	00
l'alabras De Vida Eterna	420	50
Parkview	\$445	54
Parkview	\$172	0.4
Pleasant Hill	\$126	62
Pleasant Hill- Urbana	\$132	00
Pleasant Home	\$168	05
Pleasant Ridge	\$27	50
r leasant Kidge- Thaver	\$53	OO
Potosi 1st Rejoice	\$114.	75
Republic	\$482.	38
Rock Chapel	\$332. \$204	70
Rolla 1st	7294. \$298	<i>33</i>
Salem	\$30	00
seymour	\$392	00
omyrna	\$60	00
opringfield 1st \$1	283	48
ot. Francois Assc	\$97	50
I hayer \$1	213	00
Trinity	\$808.	04
Union	. \$60.	00
Union Grove	\$578.	00
Union Light	\$143.	00
United	,523.	99
Verdella\$1	720	10
Viburnum §1	120.4	±8
Victory- KC \$1	3181	14
Victory- KC	5318	19
victory- Alton	5517.0)8
Waynesville 1st	763.	23

Waynesville 1st \$442.91

West Plains 1st	\$660.50
West Plains 1st	\$622.00
Willow Springs	\$383.79
Willow Springs 1st	\$114.44
Willow Springs- MG	\$412.15
Wolf Creek	\$572.38
Total \$8.	3,007.16

Show-Me Giving

8
Baldwin, Jack \$50.00
Barker, James \$15.00
Beacon \$282.00
Belton \$255.00
Berry, Roberta \$15.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs \$196.71
Bethel- Festus \$45.00
Bethel- Festus \$45.00
Bismarck \$50.00
Black Oak \$60.00
Brown, Angela \$15.00
Burns, Jack \$60.00
Cabool 1st \$240.00
Calvary Chapel \$105.00
Central \$80.00
Chrisman, Mona \$30.00
Copper Mines \$235.00
Copper Mines \$120.00
Cornerstone \$365.61
Cuba \$102.00
Desoto 1st \$717.50
Eastern Gate \$15.00
Farmington \$845.00
Farmington 1st-
Messengers Class \$90.00
Fellowship \$566.00
Fordland
Fourth
Fredericktown 1st \$90.00
Freeman Chapel \$720.00
Gospel Light \$1,000.00
Grace \$775.50
Grace \$378.00
Graham, Ronald \$60.00
Grant Ave \$220.00
Greenfield \$200.00
Hannibal \$45.00
Hannon \$1,010.00
Hannon \$930.00
Happy Hill \$60.00
Happy Hill \$60.00
Harmony \$160.27
Hartville \$240.00
Hartville\$240.00
Harvest\$50.00
Houston 1st \$213.00
Houston 1st \$181.00
Hurryville\$530.00
Hurryville \$516.00
Jackson \$20.00
Joplin 1st \$75.00
Joplin 1st Youth \$10.00
Leadington \$180.00
Lebanon 1st \$150.00
Lebanon 1st
Macedonia- Purdy \$7,000.00
Maggart, Roxanne \$50.00
Maggart, Roxannne \$50.00
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Mill Creek	\$140.00
Mill Crook CWF	513.00
Mill Crook Young Adult	\$15.00
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Miccian Accac	. 52,913.00
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Monett 1st	\$30.00
Monett 1st	\$15.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt Zion Thaver	530.00
Mtn Grove 1st	\$405.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$420.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Neosho 1st	\$345.00
New Home- Hartville	\$210.00
New Home- Hartville	\$150.00
New Hope	\$94.00
New Life- Licking	\$94.00 060.00
Number One	\$00.00 ¢20.00
Oak Grove- Houston	\$30.00 \$200 E0
O'Fallon 1st	\$200.50
One Accord	\$364.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna	\$30.00
Parkview	\$267.49
Parkview	5317.50
Pinkerton, Jerry	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill- Urbana	\$50.00
Placeant Home	\$300.00
Porter Chanel	\$680.75
Purdy Ist	. \$1,000.00
Rejoice	\$25.00
Richwoods 1st	567.50
Rock Chapel	\$210.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Springfield 1st	\$530.00
Thayer	\$395.00
Trinity	\$402.81
Union Light	\$150.00
United	\$300.00
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$832.07
Viburnum	\$75.00
Viburnum	\$845.00
Victory- KC	\$10.00
Victory- KC Victoty- Alton	\$45.00
Victoty- Alton	\$10.00
Walker, Hollis Waynesville 1st	\$10.00 \$475.06
Waynesville 1st	\$473.90 ¢622.50
Waynesville 1st	## ### ###############################
Willow Springs	\$60.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$20.00
Willow Springs- MG	\$60.00
Co-op	. \$2,490.21
Total	\$37,591.94

International Missions

Belton \$700.00
Copper Mines \$100.00
Cuba \$17.00
Desoto 1st \$30.00
Farmington \$20.00
Grant Ave \$15.00
Hartville \$70.00
Harvest\$300.00
Houston 1st \$160.00
Iones Chapel \$578.96

Macedonia- Purdy	\$5,000,00
Mt. Pisgah	
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$130.00
New Testament	
Pleasant Home	\$43.14
Rock Chapel	\$13.00
Rolla 1st	\$324.00
Springfield 1st	\$779.21
Thayer	\$10.00
Trinity	. \$4,392.15
Unity	\$100.00
Verdella	. \$2,221.12
Waynesville 1st	\$150.00
West Plains 1st	\$406.00
Willow Springs	
Total	

State Home Missions

Bethel- Festus	\$30.00
Bismarck	\$50.00
Desoto 1st	
Fellowship	\$100.00
Fordland	
Gospel Light	
Grace	\$263.00
Grant Ave	
Harvest	\$250.00
Bookstore	
Macedonia- Purdy	
Mt. Pisgah	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$170.00
Neosho 1st	\$50.00
New Testament	\$40.00
Niangua	
O'Fallon 1st	\$161.50
Ozark 1st	
Pleasant Hill- Urbana	\$20.00
Republic	\$25.00
Thayer	
Trinity	
United	\$25.00
Unity	\$70.00
Waynesville 1st	
Waynesville 1st	
Total	

National Home Missions

Beacon	\$30.00
Belton	\$30.00
Carthage	\$74.30
Central	\$190.00
Copper Mines	
Cuba	\$51.00
Desoto 1st	
Farmington	
Fordland	\$520.00
Fourth	
Fredericktown 1st	
Gospel Light	
Grace	\$800.00
Grant Ave	
Hannon	
Houston 1st	
Jackson	\$45.00
Joplin 1st Youth	
Monett 1st	\$5.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$30.00
Mtn Grove 1st	\$50.00
Myrtle	
Neosho 1st	
New Testament	
Oak Hill	

O'Fallon 1st \$196.50
Rader, Jerry \$20.00
Richwoods 1st \$59.00
Rock Chapel \$78.90
Rolla 1st \$344.00
Thayer \$115.00
Trinity \$40.40
Union\$45.00
Union Light \$96.00
United \$150.00
Unity \$90.00
Verdella \$20.00
Victory- KC \$25.00
Waynesville 1st \$80.00
Waynesville 1st \$80.00
West Plains 1st \$60.00
Willow Springs \$42.39
Willow Springs- MG \$10.00
Total \$6,201.52

Designated Giving

Berea Ministries

Waynesville 1st	. \$10.00
Hartville	\$150.00
Hartville	\$150.00
Total	\$310.00

Trula Cronk Home for Children ..

Desoto 1st	\$95.00
Grace	\$28.00
Grace	\$24.00
Hartville	\$50.00
Myrtle	\$27.00
Willow Springs- MG	\$20.00
Belton	\$25.00
Hannon	\$100.00
Unity	\$20.00
	\$100.00
Hannon	\$107.00
Grace	\$34.00
New Hope- Fredericktown	\$50.00
Union Light	. \$20.00
Hartville	

Myrtle 9	525.00
Waynesville 1st \$3	343.76
Willow Springs	520.00
Total \$1,1	138.76

C. E. Board

Book	Store	\$140.00
Total		\$140.00

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\$40.00
5165.00
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Hillsdale

Monett 1st \$100.00
Mountain Grove 1st \$170.00
Beacon \$133.00
Joplin 1st \$50.00
Farmington 1st \$150.00
Thayer \$50.00
O'Fallon 1st \$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st \$170.00
Total \$833.00

John McClure

Farmington 1st	\$5.00
Total	

Missouri Retirement

Bookstore	\$200.00
Total	\$200.00

Youth With A Mission

Belton	\$25.00
Total	\$25.00

Senior Adult Board

Bookstore	\$140.00
Гotal	\$140.00

Urban Impact

Verdella	\$368.53
Total	\$368.53

Youth Camp

Desoto 1st	\$55.00
Hartville	\$10.00
300k Store\$	540.00
Mtn Grove 1st	\$10.00
	\$25.00
Niangua	\$20.00
Verdella	\$10.00
Willow Springs- MG	\$10.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Rolla 1st	\$20.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$15.00
Union	\$30.00
West Plains 1st	\$25.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Mtn Grove 1st	\$10.00
Trinity	\$9.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Total	\$869.00

Youth Camp Development

Myrtle	. \$45.00
Houston 1st	
Myrtle	\$36.00
Total	

Youth Ministries Board

Bookstore	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

Hurricane Relief

Total	\$605.74
orth East Association	\$605.74

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