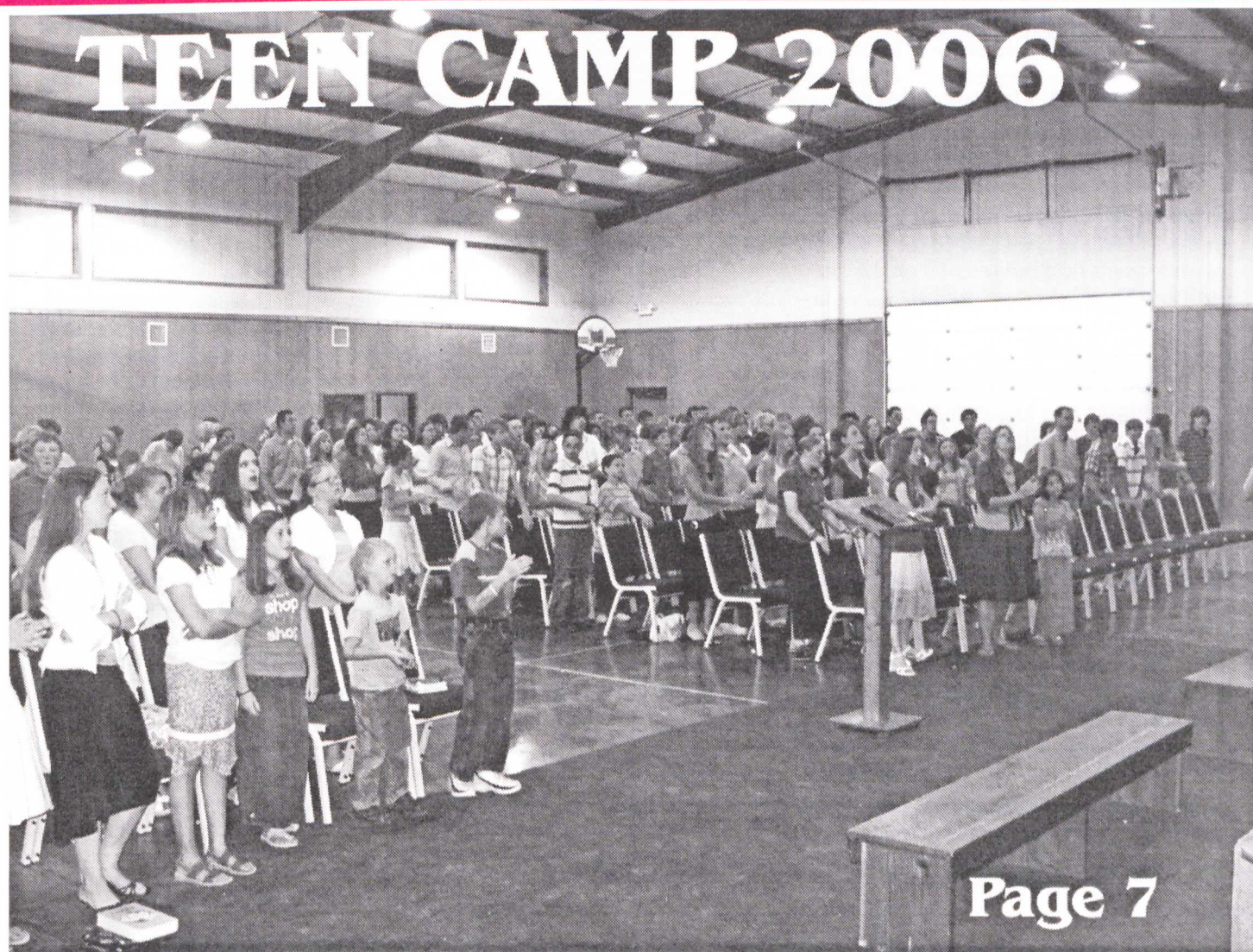


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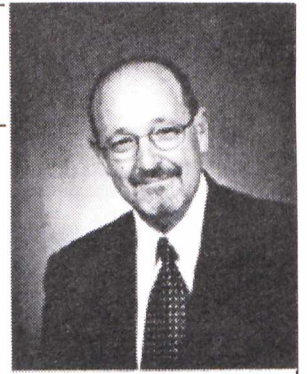
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# From the Editor



It was the first time I had been in a city bigger than Springfield, the first time I had eaten a Krispy Kreme donut., and it was the first time I had seen Free Will Baptist Bible College. For firsts, the later two ranked about equal.

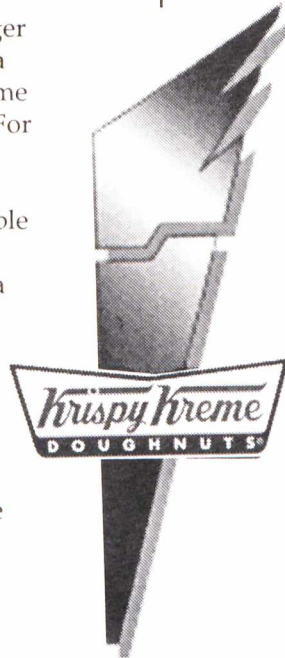
I had traveled with Luther Gibson to the Bible Conference in the spring of 1967. I had answered the call to preach at youth camp a couple of summers before and Bro. Luther had taken me under his wing. He was pastoring First Church in Mtn. Grove and was the mentor I needed, even though we didn't know the term back then. He knew I needed to go to the Bible College and did all he could to see that it happened.

When we arrived in Nashville early one afternoon, my cousin Chris Dale, Dane Spurgeon and I set off to explore. As we walked to the corner of West End and Murphy Road, there it was. Resplendent in green and white with a red neon sign in the front window that said something about hot and fresh. Right there on that corner we had our first encounter with a donut machine that produced something just short of manna.

It was not difficult for the people sitting at the counter eating those hot, fresh donuts and drinking coffee to tell that country had come to town. It wasn't until I heard a snicker from beside me that I realized that I actually had my nose pressed against the glass window.

We each bought a dozen and ate them before we got back to Don and Carolyn Lombard's house just down Murphy Road. To our chagrin, Carolyn had fried chicken with all the fixin's ready because she knew that three boys like us would be hungry. There was even apple pie. Needless to say, we were stuffed as we went to our first service of the Bible conference that evening.

As memorable as my first encounter with Krispy Kreme was, it does fall short of my first experience with FWBBC. As we walked onto the campus, it felt



like no other place I had ever been. I was awed by all the old southern homes that made up a good part of the campus. I was impressed by being introduced to the president of the college as soon as we arrived. It almost seemed that he was waiting just for us! I was highly moved by the friendliness of all the students. Actually I was in awe of all those students. I mistakenly thought that all of them were there to train to be preachers and missionaries. I later discovered that there were a few musicians and teachers scattered here and there.

It really did feel like no other place on earth. Not because of the buildings and faculty and students, but because of something greater. There was a sense of higher purpose there, a tangible feeling that God was in this place and He was directing what was going on. I remember standing outside behind the auditorium at one point during my visit and telling God that I really wanted to come here if He would just make it possible. He did and I did.

I arrived on campus in the fall of 1968 and began my career as a student at FWBBC. I had been proud to tell people where I was going to college. It didn't take long to discover that it was not glorified youth camp but hard work. Really hard work. I wish I could say that I always worked as hard as I needed to. But somehow, in May of 1972 I walked across the stage in Memorial Auditorium and Dr. Johnson placed my diploma in my hands. How quickly it had arrived!

What did I gain? Well, a BA in Music and Bible, a fiancée (we were married two weeks after graduation) and the beginnings of a burning passion to know God.

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# Missions Director Search Begins

The Executive Committee and the new Missouri Missions Board were given the charge at our recent state meeting to find God's man to be our new, full-time State Missions Director. In a recent meeting, the two groups agreed to accept resumes until October 15 of this year. They will then begin their selection process.

The following are the qualifications for the position.

- The Director must be a visionary.
- He must be able to give a dynamic presentation of the Great Commission.
- He must have good organizational skills.
- He must believe deeply in missions.
- He must be willing to work with the Missouri Missions Board and the State Executive Director.
- He must be a FWB, well respected in Missouri churches and have strong ties to Missouri.
- He must be technologically able.
- He must have a working knowledge of the three areas of missions under the plan.

Following are perceived duties of this position:

- Promote missions in each association and church.
- Develop programs to raise money for our missions plan.

- Work with all our state missionaries to assist them in any way needed.
- Develop missions awareness trips for our pastors.
- Work with all existing boards to integrate the missions message in all our activities.
- Coordinate services for our missionaries with our churches and conferences.
- Work to develop a plan of evangelism and church planting in Missouri.
- Maintain a working relationship with our national missions departments.
- Serve as Missions Treasurer.

There are bound to be many other duties that will develop as this position is brought to reality. The Missouri Missions Board and the Missions Director will work to achieve the vision of full support for all three areas of missions concern, State Home, National Home and International.

If you are interested in this position, please send your resume to:

MOFWB PO Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536  
or email to [info@mofwb.org](mailto:info@mofwb.org)

Please help us pray about filling this position. We are confident that God is in this process. It is He who told us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. We are simply fulfilling His great command. We know God knows exactly who He has set aside for this demanding task.

Our goal is to have all resumes in hand by October 15 and begin the selection process immediately. We will have a decision to announce to the State Association no later than our meeting next June.

## The Baileys in Japan

### New Class Begins

At the request of several parents, we began another English and Bible class in April for children in Shiki, the Tokyo suburb where we are ministering. Six young moms, along with about 11 kids ages four and under are attending. This is being held in an unsaved woman's home, so it's an excellent opportunity to introduce Christ in an informal setting. Our Shiki Team member, Mrs. Yoko Nomura, is pictured in the second row, holding daughter, Hikari chan. Pray for her witness to these women, along with Judy and me as we try to teach the love of God to these students and moms. Please pray that their hearts will be open to hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Judy and Ken Bailey, Tokyo, Japan



*The Baileys will be home from September until the first of the year. If you would like to have them in your church, they may be contacted by Email: [kbailey@fwbgo.com](mailto:kbailey@fwbgo.com)*



# The Turnboughs Headed Back to Spain

Dear Friends in Missouri,

Jehovah Jireh. The Lord sees; the Lord provides. In our last email we asked you to pray that God would supply our financial needs so that we could return to Spain. God did just that. He provided. For that, we give Him thanks. Thank you for praying. We would be amiss if we didn't also say that God has always provided for our needs. In large and small ways God has always provided for us in general, but very specifically in terms of supplying the financial means with which we are able to go and/or return to Spain. While this life-long lesson may have helped us not to worry or fret as much about it as we have in the past, we never want to come to the point that we cease to be amazed and thankful for God's provisions. Truly, we are amazed, surprised, and thankful.

We thank the Lord for the Show-Me Plan and for all of you who continue to give to it so that we can go. Your faithfulness to the Lord and His work around the world is wonderful. Your gifts and prayers for our particular ministry in Spain is humbling. We also give thanks for the new supporters who have come on board this year. In addition to the support we already had, we needed to raise new or additional support this year. New support has come in from California, Alabama, North Carolina and Tennessee. We are thankful for the First FWB Church in Gastonia, North Carolina (Pastor Randy Sawyer) as well as the Covenant FWB Church in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee (Pastors Marcus and Adam Clagg). Monthly support commitments from these two churches completed the need for our additional monthly support this month. They also gave special gifts, along with a special gift from Cofer's Chapel in Nashville, that together helped supply our cash needs.

Based on your commitment to support us, our home office has given us official approval to return to Spain. We didn't waste any time. Judy Lytle purchased our return tickets for us yesterday! Our departure dates are right after Melissa's wedding. The Lord willing, Susan will depart August 1 from Nashville. Because of meetings in the home office, I (Jeff) will wait to leave until August 7, also from Nashville.



Please join with us in giving thanks to God for His provisions. Please continue to pray for us as we prepare to return to Spain for another term of service.

For HIS glory,  
Jeff & Susan Turnbough

P.S. We thoroughly enjoyed the State Meeting in Springfield and the opportunity to be able to visit with many of you. Praise the Lord for the new unified approach to missions in the State. We are so thankful to have the privilege to be a part of a group of believers who work together so harmoniously for the greater good of the Gospel, minimizing the differences between us and emphasizing the important matters that unite us. Praise the Lord for Missouri Free Will Baptists! May your example stimulate other States to follow your lead.

## *Quick summary of our motives for praise and prayer:*

- 1. Praise the Lord for supplying our financial needs, so that we can return to Spain.*
- 2. Pray for our transition back to Spain.*
- 3. Pray for Melissa as she prepares for her wedding (July 30) and to take the State Nursing Exam.*
- 4. Pray for Brooke and Matthew: Brooke's health, for the baby (a boy!), and for their return to Spain.*



# Lebanon First Youth to Mexico

by Kristi Coffman



Kristi and Santiago

*At the end of May, the teens of First FWB Church of Lebanon embarked on a 7-day mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico. It was honestly everything I had hoped it could be as a youth pastor. I saw a lot of spiritual growth in the lives of our teens. I would highly recommend it to other Missouri youth groups. We stayed at our Free Will Baptist Seminary in Reynosa. The seminary's president, Dr. Thomas Marberry, was our host and guide for the trip and he provided a truly unforgettable experience for our teens. I thought GEM readers might better enjoy hearing about the trip from one of the teens whose life was changed (rather than from a crusty old youth guy). Enjoy!*

*-Jeff Myers, Youth Pastor, First FWB Church of Lebanon*

This summer my youth group from the First FWB Church of Lebanon went on a mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico. The group consisted of nine people from my church and two people from the First FWB Church in Mountain Grove. We all got to know each other really well in a short amount of time. That's what happens when you travel 2,200 miles in a church van. It was fun, but for our next mission trip we will consider a plane.

We took two days to get there and two days to get back. We stayed the night at Collin Creek FWB Church in Plano, TX. A big thanks to them for their kindness and generosity. It was great to sleep in their air-conditioned building. After what seemed like a million bathroom and food stops, we made it to the

Mexican border safely. We had no problem getting across the border, either (which we heard was extremely unusual since we were pulling a trailer). The

Lord truly blessed us with safe travel. Throughout the trip, Dr. Thomas Marberry and his wife, Wilma, helped us a lot.

Our first night on the journey, our youth pastor, Jeff Myers, gave us a pamphlet called FaceTime; a simple devotional thought with verses to read and prayer suggestions. After splitting up and doing the devotion and reading the verses, we would fall upon our faces and have prayer. Some of the verses we studied for FaceTime were Proverbs 14:31, Ephesians 2:8-10, and Luke 18:9-14.

When we arrived at the seminary, we had our first encounter with the people we would be spending the next 3 ½ days with. At first we were really segregated - half the room was our group, the other half was the Mexican people who lived at the seminary.

Saturday, May 27 was a blast! We went site-seeing and shopping. That night we went to a youth service with one of the families that live at the seminary. Marco, who is the dean of the seminary, also is the pastor of one of the FWB churches in Reynosa. His daughter, Sarai, introduced us to several of her friends and we got to know the outgoing and fun Sarai. They had a pretty good band and the whole service was in Spanish. It was neat to get to see them interact with each other in their own language.

Sunday, May 28 we got up early and went back across the border into Weslaco, TX. The First FWB Church of Weslaco is the church that the Marberrys attend. It was really cool because we got to hear a really good sermon in English by their pastor, Jeff Cates, then Sunday School in English, and then Bro. Cates gave the same sermon in Spanish. That night we were privileged to attend another FWB church in Reynosa. The pastor's name was Eric and his wife was Rosa. Our youth pastor, Jeff, preached while Dr. Marberry translated, so we got the best of both worlds.

Monday, May 29 was our workday. We did a lot of work around the seminary because it is in need of constant upkeep. The school year had just ended the day we arrived. So we all split up and cleaned bathrooms, mopped floors, mowed grass, and our biggest project was clearing out a pretty good sized lot that was filled with mesquite bushes.

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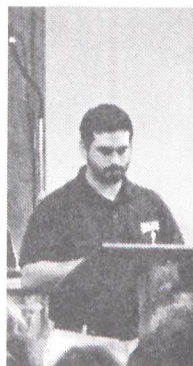
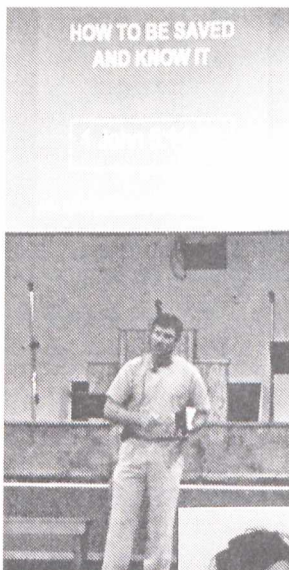
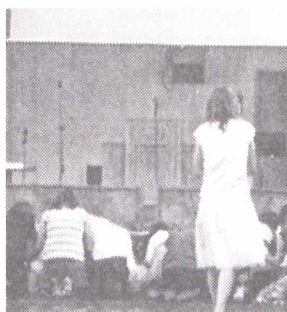


# TEEN CAMP 2006

My summer had a very simple plan. First, I wanted to spend as much time as possible with my family and friends. Second, I was looking forward to the many denominational activities that are a part of a pastor's summer (state meeting, youth camp, and national convention.) Finally, I wanted to find a few minutes during the busy summer to enjoy my personal relationship with God. Here is the problem. It would have been impossible to complete all of these goals by themselves but God had a wonderful plan and place already prepared. I did not have to drive out west or spend a lot of money. All I had to do was spend an exciting week at Camp Niangua.

I had the honor of spending seven days with 228 campers during the south week of Teen Camp. (Including sponsors and staff, there was a total of 301 in attendance from 32 churches.) From the first moment that we assembled at Camp Niangua, something special happened. We had a lot of fun. (Congratulations to "Red Hot Faith," our team challenge winner for the week.) More importantly, we all left camp with a better understanding of being a Christian who is "Walking the Talk." By the end of week, we had 9 campers who made first time professions of faith and 11 who made a recommitment in their walk with God.

To all in attendance, thank you for making this week a special part of my summer. To all who were not able to come, you need to reserve this week in your summer schedule next year so that you don't miss something special that God is preparing for your life.  
-Director Brian Hurst.

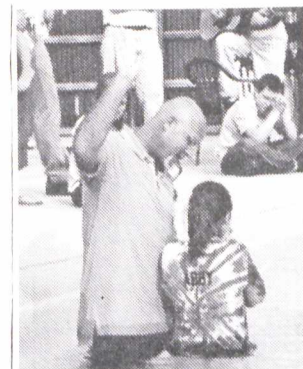
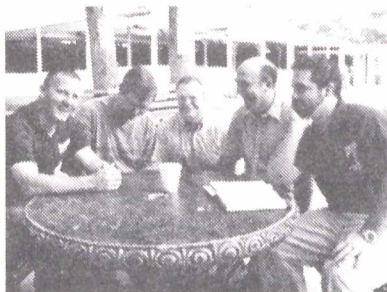


The second week of teen camp went extremely well. We were down in numbers compared to past years, but had an excellent camp none the less. Camp evangelist Scott Collins from the O'Fallon Church preached some great messages to the 230 campers and God's presence was evident by the attitude and responses of the Teenagers. Twenty seven special prayer requests were made through out the week and we saw six people rededicate their lives and another five made first time decisions. To top off the week we baptized Abby Brunner from Springfield, Illinois in the pool. Not only was this perhaps the first Baptism to take place at the camp (according to the older folks there), it was may have also been the first time boys and girls gathered around the pool together at the same time.

Thanks to Joe Wilson for bringing the inflatable games to camp on Thursday. It rained during the afternoon so we set the games up in the tabernacle and they were a big hit.

The offering on Wednesday night totaled \$920.22 and went towards the construction of the new dorms.

We are looking forward to next year already.  
-Director Randy Rains





# Fellowship Celebrates Sixty Years

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Fellowship Free Will Baptist in Park Hills celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with 321 people in attendance. The morning message was presented by Bro. Tom Malone, of Nashville, Tennessee, former pastor of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church from 1965 to 1969. Dinner was served in our Fellowship Hall and the afternoon music was presented by the The Wanda Mountain Boys, from Wanda, Illinois.

During the Sunday school hour, a DVD history of the Church was shown to the congregation and the Charter members were recognized. A special room was prepared with memorabilia and pictures of Fellowship's history and heritage from the past sixty years. Bro. Wayne Phillips is the Pastor of Fellowship. He will celebrate 28 years of ministry at Fellowship in June 2006. Bro. Michael Hutton is our youth minister.

Fellowship Free will Baptist Church began on March 16, 1946, when some 50 people gathered in the old Buckley Store at 603 Buckley Street, in Flat River, Missouri. The Bible was presented as their only belief of faith. The Free Will Baptist Covenant was read and accepted by the body of believers and so a new house of worship for the Lord Jesus Christ was begun.

A good, solid base of tithing, Bible believers has been established and through the years our offerings have exceeded our needs as God fulfilled His promise to "Open the windows of Heaven." On May 7, 1946, the Church voted to send \$25.00 to the Foreign Mission Board and \$25.00 to the Free Will Baptist Bible Church, beginning a tradition of supporting all phases of our denominational works.

On, July 13, 1947, the Church began a local area outreach, as it began to purchase time on a local radio station, KFMO. We are still sending God's message from this same radio station each Sunday morning.

On July 24, 1946, the Church voted to purchase property at 601 Buckley Street. The property was purchased and groundbreaking ceremonies were held on August 26, 1946, as Brother Willard Lackey threw out

the first shovel of dirt. The basement was completed and the first service was held on January 18, 1946. The sanctuary was completed and the first service as a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1949.

In 1955, a two-story education unit was added to the Church property. In 1973, the first floor of a new activities building was built and the second floor was completed in 1980. This building added classrooms and a large reception area where Church dinners and large gatherings could be held.

In 1993, God blessed the Church as he allowed us to reclaim the original property where the Church was started. The congregation voted to purchase the Cola-Cola property next door, giving us all the property on the right side of Buckley Street, from Taylor Ave to Laclede. The main building was made into classrooms, assembly areas, and a youth center. The warehouse was turned into a gymnasium. In 1995, the buildings were connected and the sanctuary enlarged and remodeled.

In 1947, the first parsonage was completed to provide housing for our Pastor and family. This parsonage served until a new brick parsonage at 337 Davis Court, Park Hills, was built in 1967.

From a rented store building to property covering a city block, this is proof of God's blessings upon this Church, and on the men and women who were not afraid to step out on faith and trust God to take care of the results. Through the years, the buildings have changed, the congregation has changed, but through it all the original purpose of the early group of believers has not changed. We still meet to worship and praise the Lord Jesus Christ; go out to bring others in and study to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. Our ultimate goal is to be faithful until Jesus comes for his Church.



Charter members: Juanita Burcham Monie, Glenda Horton Sherrill, Darrel Ragsdale, Bernice Ragsdale Dodd, Elwood "Knot" Ragsdale, and Leona Ragsdale Presnell. Not pictured Norma Burcham Williams.

As we celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary our prayer is that the God we serve will count us as faithful servants and will commend us with, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Matthew 25

Written by Betty Reeves  
Submitted by Roger McMillian



# MOFWB Life

The **First Free Will Baptist Church**, 315 Thornburgh Avenue, West Plains, Missouri, will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary on Sunday, December 3, 2006. Planned activities include a special morning service of special singing, preaching, a memory photo presentation, lunch at the church, and afternoon special singing. Services begin at 10:00 a.m. All former pastors, former members, friends and family are invited to come and join in the day of celebration.

Anyone having pictures of past activities of the church are requested to send copies, as soon as possible, for the photo memory presentation, to: **Jo Beth Dotson**, 2457 County Road 1770, West Plains, MO 65775. **Rev Ronnie Blanks** is the pastor.

So how do you put on your make-up? Well the ladies at **GreenHills F.W.B. church** got a lesson they may never forget on May 20<sup>th</sup> at their annual Mother-Daughter Banquet. The world renowned cosmetologist, **Felyce Ruble' (aka Phyllis Detherage** of Huntsville, AL; Southpark F.W.B. church), presented "Glow for God: A Spiritual Facial".

Five steps to beauty included: cleansing, moisturizing, foundation, eyes and lips. However, these steps included heavenly products only found in God's word. When applied correctly, there is no need for shame in public; even when hair curlers are involved. There was great fun, food and fellowship for all! GreenHills F.W.B. church made a noise in there community and it was laughter! **Rev. Milan Ruble** is the pastor

God has truly been blessing the **Eastern Gate Free Will Baptist Church**. We have had three saved in the last few weeks and we



baptized **Jake Griffin** on Sunday May 21 and will be baptizing **Joe & Christina Ridinger** very soon

On Sunday March 19, we had a baby dedication of Jackson Jacobs. Jackson was born two months early but the Lord blessed his life and he is doing wonderful. His parents are **Ben & Betsy Jacobs**, youth group leaders in our church. Continue to pray for our church as God continues to bless. We desire to do His will, and His alone. People are excited about coming to each service, in anticipation what the Lord Jesus Christ is going to do! **Rev. Keith Garrison** is our pastor and he also serves as the Moderator of the Greater Springfield Association of Free Will Baptists.

Our Sympathies to **Rev. Bud Arnold** in the recent passing of his wife **Doris**. Bud and Doris have served the Lord faithfully in Missouri churches for many years with the Free Will Baptists and the Salvation Army. But currently assists and teaches at the **Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church** in Branson. Our prayers are with Bud as he adjusts to life without his faithful and constant companion.

**Attention Men!**

## Fourth Annual Men's Rally

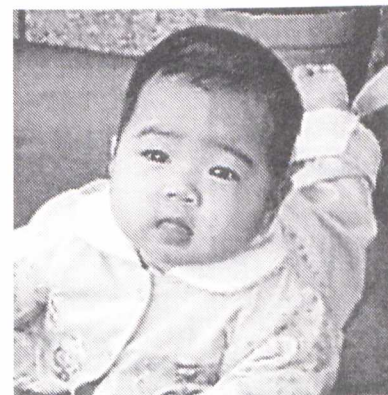
**Mt. Pisgah Church Cabool**

**August 26th**

**John Williams, Speaker**

**Dinner 5:15  
Service 6:30**

**More Information:  
Call Paul Wade  
417-254-0428**



Later this month, **Joe, Julie, Karlee and Kassidy Wilson** will be traveling to China to bring their daughter **Klaire** home! Their journey began on January 3, 2005 when they filled out the adoption papers for the first time. It has been a trying time of waiting and what looked like setbacks in the process, but God has blessed and by the time you read this article, they should be on their way to China to pick up a young lady born as **Xu Xiao Yan** on October 21, 2005. She will be returning with her family as **Klaire Julianna Wilson** to Lebanon where her daddy is pastor of **First Free Will Baptist Church**.



Leaving was the hardest thing we had to do. We connected with people on a level I didn't know was possible in three days time. It was such a learning experience. To know and realize on such a personal level that God's love is everywhere no matter where you are or what language you speak. However, in some places God's love isn't taught, and that's where all of us Christians come in. The great commission is in effect for all us right now. I would encourage everyone to go on at least one mission trip, because no matter how many stories you read, it doesn't compare with the realization of being there. For example, during our last night's devotion, Marco and Marta and their kids Sarai and Santiago sat in with us. By the end of the night we were all crying and they told us, "Mi casa es su casa" or "My house is your house" and that we would always have a place in their hearts. We continue to keep in touch with them and are, in a way, sponsoring their family. A few years ago, Sarai fell into a chemical pit and burnt one of her legs severely from the knee down. The cost for her physical therapy is expensive compared to what her family receives from the seminary. Our youth group plans to continue to help the family with some of their expenses. We ask that you join us in prayer for this family and for all the Mexican families, as well as for the Marberrys and the Seminary. It is awesome what God is doing through this work.

*-Kristi Coffman, is a  
Sophomore  
at Lebanon HS  
and member  
of First FWB Church  
of Lebanon*



Please don't forget our campaign to complete our collection of the Gem Magazine....if you have any of the copies listed in an earlier Gem, please send them to us at 202 West Commercial, Lebanon, 65536 or bring them to any of our meetings. Thanks for all your help!

## **The National Youth and Children's Workers Conference is coming to Missouri!**

**September 29-30  
Cross Pointe Retreat Center**



**Johnathan McKee, Speaker  
For Registration Information  
call 1-615-361-1221**

## **Missouri State Free Will Baptist Marriage Retreat**

**November 3-4  
Cross Pointe Retreat Center  
Lake of the Ozarks**

**Speaker- Joe Grizzle, Pastor,  
Crosspointe Church,  
Norman Ok.**



**Worship Leader-  
Cory Hawkins,  
Minister of Music,  
Donelson Fellowship,  
Nashville, TN**

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Come ready to relax and enjoy  
the Ozarks when we meet for the first time at  
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*September 15-16*

*Cost \$60.00*

## Registration form

Please list those staying in the same room on the same form. The rooms this year will hold 6. In order to accomodate the maximum number of ladies for our retreat, we request that there be six to a room, no babies or children, please.

Rooms are assigned as reservations are received.

Name_____	Name_____
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Total amount enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ Please send one check for all registered with your group. No cash please. Please make the check payable to: Missouri State WAC. As in years past, no refunds will be given, however, substitutions may be made. Please send this form, check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

**Judith Ruble, 610 Hunters Creek Drive, Lebanon, MO 65536**



# FWBBC to Relocate

NASHVILLE, TN – The Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees wrapped up their June 29-30 meeting by unanimously voting to sell the West End Avenue campus and relocate within the Greater Nashville area by the fall of 2008, according to President J. Matthew Pinson.

"This may be the most significant decision the college has made since its founding in 1942," Pinson said. "We believe the time is right to make the move now. The financial climate is weighted in our favor. We received an excellent selling price for the Joelton property, and have a substantial offer on the West End campus. Our six-month feasibility study indicates that the denominational constituency is ready to come alongside us as we take the necessary steps to equip future generations of Free Will Baptists."

The Board of Trustees considered reports from capital campaign consultants who conducted extensive phone and mail surveys, and personal interviews among college supporters. They reviewed several financial options from local lenders. They heard projections from architects and contractors regarding design costs and construction deadlines within the college's 24-month window to build a new campus and relocate.

Colonel Mark Johnson, who led the feasibility study, said, "Our next goal is to secure a new campus site from the 'short list' of properties we are considering, and to finalize the sale of our West End campus. We will

lease back the West End campus from the purchaser while we move forward with construction of a new campus."

College officials project that it will cost almost \$30 million to buy land, build a campus, and relocate. With proceeds from the anticipated sale of the West End campus and the sale of the Joelton property, plus cash reserves and tax savings, the college expects to have more than \$18 million to launch the project.

Board chairman Gary Fry said, "Now is the time for every Free Will Baptist to join us in this historic relocation effort. All the elements are in place for a successful campaign—the timing, the finances, the vision. The process to reach this decision has been carefully researched. We've never been more ready than we are right now. I'm excited about making this educational dream come true for our children and grandchildren."

President Pinson confirmed that Dr. Melvin Worthington, executive secretary emeritus of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, agreed to come on board to lead a future capital campaign after a new campus site has been purchased and the college has closed on the sale of its West End Avenue property.

*For a comprehensive question and answer session about the relocation project, log on to [www.fwbbs.edu](http://www.fwbbs.edu) and click on the "Relocation Feasibility Q&A." In this section President Pinson answers most of the commonly asked questions about this ambitious move.*

*Questions like, "Why move after all these years?" "What will happen if we do not move?", "Where are you considering taking the college?", and "How much will it cost?"*



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# Let's Go Fishin'

Grab your fishing poles and tackle and start planning right now to fish in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Big Bass and Crappie Tournament.

The date set for this year is October 14, 2006, from 7a.m. to 3p.m. For the convenience of anglers, we are having this tournament on two different lakes in Missouri.

The rules and regulations will be the same for each tournament. Anglers can enter to fish on Lake Wappapello with Terry Lewis being the official or Lake Pomme De Terre with Ken Simpson being the official.

The cost is \$60 per boat per division. Awards will be given in each tournament for the biggest bass and crappie.

There will also be a 50 % payback to Anglers with the remaining profit going to the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN.

New participants can receive an entry form in next month's Gem. The participants from the past two tournaments will be receiving an entry form by mail.

Specific boat docks on each lake will be forthcoming! So now is the time to find your partner and plan to fish with us!

This event is being sponsored by the Missouri FWBBC Alumni Association. If you have any questions regarding this event, feel free to call Greg Smith at 417-581-5246.



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Yes, Free Will Baptist Bible College is holy ground to me. It is the place where I first discovered a real desire to know the Word of God intimately. It is where I really learned to tarry with God in prayer. It is where I make lifelong, nay, eternity long friendships with people who are serving God all over the world.

I can still walk across the campus or sit in the garden and hear the echos of those days of preparation. I can sit in the auditorium and still hear Dr. Johnson expound from Proverbs. Yes indeed, holy ground.

So how could I possibly support moving the campus to a new location? Easily. Just as I felt God in the very fabric of the college when I first came there, He is also in the woof and warp of this move. His hand is evident as the pieces fall into place in such a way that it is plain to all who look. It will certainly be sad to see parts of the old campus fall to the wrecking ball, but what excitement there is in watching the new campus rise from other soil.

God must be and will be with us every step of the way in this great endeavor. We do it to *equip men and women, through Bible-based education, to serve Christ and His Church more effectively.* We do it because God does not sit still and neither must we.

Free Will Baptists have a tremendous opportunity. God has blessed us in more ways that we can imagine. Let's use those blessings to be a blessing to our denomination and the Lord by following Him. The future usefulness of Free Will Baptists to the Lord may well depend on what we do now.



# Financial Report

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## COOP Disbursements

June 2006.....	\$62,821.67
18.50% St HM ..	\$11,622.02
17.00% Exec. Office.....	\$10,679.68
3.00% Gen. Fund.....	\$1,884.65
50% ShowMe Bd. ....	\$314.11
8.50% Youth Camp .....	\$5,339.84
2.50% Youth Min. ....	\$1,570.54
2.50% CE .....	\$1,570.54
2.50% Senior Adult .....	\$1,570.54
9.00% Mo Retmt .....	\$5,653.95
3.00% ShowMe Plan .....	\$1,884.65
33.00% .....	\$20,731.15
National Ministries	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$62,821.67</b>

## COOP Giving

Amity .....	\$84.70
Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$237.66
Bailey .....	\$250.00
Bailey Chapel .....	\$80.00
Beacon .....	\$3,375.00
Belton .....	\$383.56
Berean .....	\$135.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs .....	\$288.95
Bethel- Marshfield .....	\$1,279.21
Bismarck .....	\$279.82
Black Oak .....	\$677.92
Byrd .....	\$242.00
Calvary Chapel .....	\$628.39
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$1,500.00
Cape Girardeau 1st .....	\$1,156.77
Carthage .....	\$345.00
Central .....	\$747.51
Christ Chapel .....	\$443.68
Clifton .....	\$34.64
Copper Mines .....	\$665.25
Cornerstone .....	\$531.78
Crossroads- Wentzville .....	\$733.00
Cuba .....	\$441.00
De Soto 1st .....	\$1,700.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$4,898.71
Fellowship- Park Hills .....	\$1,200.00
Fordland .....	\$579.00
Fourth .....	\$168.95
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$423.00
Freeman Chapel .....	\$387.60
Grace .....	\$1,376.83
Grant Ave. ....	\$887.98
Hannibal .....	\$1,000.00
Hannon .....	\$950.00
Harmony .....	\$609.00
Hartville .....	\$1,049.00
Hopewell .....	\$402.00
Houston 1st .....	\$507.71
Hurryville .....	\$564.79
Jackson .....	\$168.18
Joplin 1st .....	\$528.77
Kings Way .....	\$404.36
Koshkonong .....	\$285.86
Lead Hill .....	\$255.17
Leadington .....	\$387.87
Lebanon 1st .....	\$1,277.97
Lebanon Greenhills .....	\$655.09
Macedonia- Niangua .....	\$229.39
Marshfield .....	\$198.19
Merls Chapel .....	\$195.17
Mill Creek .....	\$708.39
Mine LaMotte .....	\$92.65
Monett 1st .....	\$491.92
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$1,961.85
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$534.00
Myrtle .....	\$339.31
Neosho 1st .....	\$486.40
Nevada .....	\$226.00
New Life-Licking .....	\$360.00
Niangua .....	\$192.88
Number One .....	\$202.26
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove .....	\$612.83
Oak Hill .....	\$504.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$2,365.82
Olivet .....	\$463.00
Overland .....	\$85.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$1,719.95
Palabras De Vida Eterna .....	\$195.04
Parkview .....	\$524.67
Pleasant Hill .....	\$85.53
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$49.50
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$112.00
Potosi 1st .....	\$121.08
Rejoice .....	\$517.00
Republic .....	\$403.93
Rock Chapel .....	\$313.20
Rolla 1st .....	\$243.00
Salem .....	\$30.00
Seymour .....	\$521.00
Smyrna .....	\$60.00
South Freemont .....	\$920.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$1,002.18
Stonebridge .....	\$150.00
Thayer .....	\$1,229.00
Trinity .....	\$863.18
Twin Oak .....	\$2,072.00
Union Grove .....	\$599.00
Union Light .....	\$168.00
United .....	\$1,310.43
Unity .....	\$375.00
Verdella .....	\$600.92
Viburnum .....	\$421.00
Victory- Alton .....	\$584.35
Victory- KC .....	\$453.35
Waynesville 1st .....	\$662.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$575.46
Willow Springs .....	\$369.16
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$113.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$62,821.67</b>

## Show-Me Giving

Berry , Roberta .....	\$15.00
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$20.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$30.00
Lebanon Greenhills .....	\$50.00
Rejoice .....	\$50.00
Willow Springs .....	\$60.00
Myrtle .....	\$75.00
Cuba .....	\$134.40
Rock Chapel .....	\$210.00
Hartville .....	\$240.00
Thayer .....	\$290.00

Note: Our books were closed a week early in June. If your church's contributions arrived in our office the last week of the month, they will appear in the next issue.

United .....	\$300.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$443.42
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$845.00
Mill Creek CWF .....	\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult .....	\$15.00
Pleasant Hill .....	\$45.00
Richwoods 1st .....	\$52.50
Calvary Chapel .....	\$105.00
Mill Creek .....	\$140.00
Leadington .....	\$180.00
Houston 1st .....	\$208.00
Freeman Chapel .....	\$720.00
MO WAC .....	\$1,201.38
Monett 1st .....	\$30.00
Oak Grove- Houston .....	\$30.00
Victory- Alton .....	\$45.00
Number One .....	\$60.00
Jones Chapel .....	\$195.00
Fordland .....	\$250.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$255.00
Cornerstone .....	\$389.90
Farmington 1st .....	\$660.00
Brown, James .....	\$15.00
Union Grove .....	\$15.00
Berean .....	\$30.00
South Freemont .....	\$30.00
Faith & Hope- Willow S .....	\$45.00
Mine LaMotte .....	\$75.00
Viburnum .....	\$75.00
Belton .....	\$315.00
One Accord .....	\$504.00
De Soto 1st .....	\$732.50
Verdella .....	\$745.92
Chrisman, Mona .....	\$30.00
Hopewell .....	\$30.00
Pinkerton, Jerry .....	\$45.00
Jackson .....	\$50.00
Olivet .....	\$55.00
Fourth .....	\$72.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$75.00
Unity .....	\$75.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$86.50
Maggart, Roxanne .....	\$100.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$120.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$126.32
Greenfield .....	\$200.00
Parkview .....	\$261.00
Victory- KC .....	\$315.00
Hannon .....	\$950.00
Walnut Grove .....	\$15.00
Mt. Zion- Thayer .....	\$30.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$50.00
Harmony .....	\$52.51
Ozark 1st .....	\$60.00
New Life- Licking .....	\$88.00
Union Light .....	\$225.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$545.00
Porter Chapel .....	\$685.56
Beacon .....	\$779.00
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$4,017.00
Monett 1st .....	\$15.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna .....	\$45.00

Bismarck .....	\$50.00
Burns, Jack .....	\$60.00
Graham, Ronald .....	\$90.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$150.00
Copper Mines .....	\$225.00
Trinity .....	\$425.00
Grace .....	\$444.00
Fellowship- Park Hills .....	\$575.00
Macedonia - Monett .....	\$1,000.00
Barker, James .....	\$15.00
Eastern Gate .....	\$15.00
Black Oak .....	\$60.00
Hannibal .....	\$60.00
Central .....	\$65.00
Hurryville .....	\$530.00
Lebanon 1st .....	\$150.00
CO-OP .....	\$1,884.65
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$24,938.56</b>

## State Home Missions

Bismarck .....	\$50.00
De Soto 1st .....	\$110.00
Fellowship- Park Hills .....	\$100.00
Fordland .....	\$20.00
Grace .....	\$89.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$44.40
Bible Book Store .....	\$540.00
Macedonia - Monett .....	\$100.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$30.00
Myrtle .....	\$85.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$25.00
New Testament .....	\$40.00
Niangua .....	\$41.50
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$86.50
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$20.00
Republic .....	\$25.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
United .....	\$25.00
Unity .....	\$70.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$50.00
Willow Springs .....	\$25.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,636.90</b>

## International Missions

Belton .....	\$50.00
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$3,861.77
Copper Mines .....	\$100.00
Cuba .....	\$22.40
De Soto 1st .....	\$55.00
Grace .....	\$721.51
Hannon .....	\$350.00
Hartville .....	\$35.00
Houston 1st .....	\$45.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$115.00
New Testament .....	\$55.00
Rejoice .....	\$801.71
South Freemont .....	\$15.00



Springfield 1st .....	\$128.12
State Meeting Offering ....	\$1,033.00
Thayer .....	\$10.00
Trinity .....	\$350.10
Verdella .....	\$366.29
Victory- KC .....	\$20.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$70.00
Willow Springs .....	\$25.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$8,230.40</b>

### National Home Missions

Beacon .....	\$30.00
Belton .....	\$30.00
Calvary Fellowship .....	\$5,465.00
Carthage .....	\$10.00
Central .....	\$100.00
Copper Mines .....	\$55.00
Cuba .....	\$67.20
De Soto 1st .....	\$245.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$515.00
Fellowship- Park Hills .....	\$400.26
Fordland .....	\$65.00
Fourth .....	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$30.00
Grace .....	\$100.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$54.40
Houston 1st .....	\$65.00
Jackson .....	\$55.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$206.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$30.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$30.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$50.00
New Testament .....	\$75.00
Oak Hill .....	\$100.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$90.50
Ozark 1st .....	\$100.00
Rader, Jerry .....	\$20.00
Richwoods 1st .....	\$80.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$57.75
Rolla 1st .....	\$682.13
South Freemont .....	\$35.00
Thayer .....	\$115.00
Trinity .....	\$20.00
Union Light .....	\$96.00
United .....	\$150.00
Unity .....	\$90.00
Verdella .....	\$103.36
Victory- KC .....	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$75.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$170.00
Willow Springs .....	\$10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$9,737.60</b>

### Designated Giving

#### Berea Ministries

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

#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

Hartville .....	\$50.00
Myrtle .....	\$32.00
Willow Springs .....	\$20.00
Belton .....	\$25.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$55.00
Hannon .....	\$100.00
Unity .....	\$20.00
Union Light .....	\$20.00
Grace .....	\$35.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$357.00</b>

#### C. E. Board

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

#### Free Will Baptist Bible Collge

Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$165.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$611.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$40.00
Hopewell .....	\$10.00
Fellowship-Park Hills .....	\$10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$886.00</b>

#### Hillsdale

Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$170.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$100.00
Monett 1st .....	\$100.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$55.66
Beacon .....	\$150.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$625.66</b>

#### Missouri Retirement

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

#### Senior Adult Board

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

#### Urban Impact

Verdella .....	\$310.46
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$310.46</b>

#### Victor Torrez

United Youth Group .....	\$400.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>

#### Youth Camp

Hartville .....	\$10.00
Book Store .....	\$540.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$10.00
Niangua .....	\$25.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$13.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$20.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
Willow Springs .....	\$75.00
Cornerstone .....	\$25.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$55.00
Verdella .....	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$15.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Trinity .....	\$9.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$25.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$892.00</b>

#### Youth Camp Development

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

#### Youth Ministries Board

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

## Available Churches

#### Faith Church

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314-638-3481

#### Burbon Church

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Ernest Messex  
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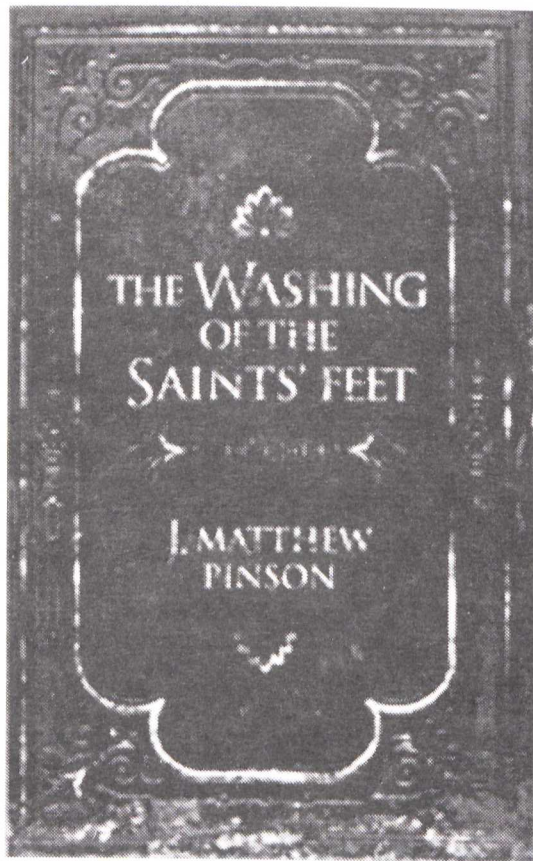
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#### YWAM

Belton .....	\$25.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

**Total Giving June 2006.....\$121,679.11**





The Washing of the Saints' Feet by J. Matthew Pinson explores the historic tradition of feet washing and its influence on the 21st century church.

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