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From the Editor

I guess I am just a soft touch. I can talk a pretty mean line, but when it comes right down to it, I sometimes turn into jello. The latest illustration of my wavering fortitude happened at a gas station in Paducah, KY. We were traveling to Nashville for our nephew's wedding and had stopped for gas and snacks. As we were about to pull away I felt someone looking in the side window at me.



He was standing there chattering about something, pointing at his car in the next lane. I knew immediately that I was about to be taken. His story was like most, he was a disabled vet/Katrina victim/out-of-work/Christian. His car was broken down/out of gas/about to be repossessed. His arm was even bandaged. He didn't want cash, he just wanted me to fill his tank on my credit card. I guess he thought he would get more that way. Instead, as I handed him the \$20 that fell into my hand in place of the \$5 I had originally intended, he asked if there was a station farther up the road with cheaper gas. He opined that it would be a better use of my money if he drove a little farther to see.

As we both drove away, I was undecided about how to feel. I felt rather dufus for being taken again, but I could also hear echos of "a cup of cold water..." I have been taken many times in my life. But I have never lost a dime. It is not up to me to fret the use of the money I give, but it is up to me to make sure that my soul does not grow callus by not giving. Stinginess is not Christian.

You would think that it would be easier to give if we knew that the need was genuine. We see the pictures and hear the voices of those who are in need physically and spiritually everyday. We have been meeting the need spiritually and physically for a long time through our missions efforts both internationally and here at home. But there are many places these days that will not allow us to come and preach the gospel to all their creatures. They want our humanitarian aid, but they do not want our God. So what do we do? We go anyway and aid them as we can and know that as we do, they will see Jesus in us.

That is why I am excited about the Hanna Project. Last year they were able to touch over 12,000 lives with meningitis vaccinations in Cote d'Ivoire. They are returning this year to perform surgeries to aid many with clef lip and palate deformities. They have also set a goal to take 10,000 first aid kits and 10,000 hygiene kits. You may find information for the contents of these kits at www.hannaproject.com. The kits must be received by

October 15 for shipment to the Ivory Coast.

Named for Carlisle and Marie Hanna, pioneer missionaries and humanitarians in India, the project is centered around educational and health needs such as:

THE HANNA PROJECT

* Providing safe drinking water

- * Helping increase food production
- * Teaching English
- * Construction
- * Orphanages
- * Working with refugees
- * Community sports programs
- * Medical clinics
- * Micro-loans for small business
- * Animal husbandry
- * Disaster relief

How are these kinds of efforts fulfilling the great commission? What greater way to show the love of God than providing what others cannot provide for themselves. Isn't that what Jesus did for us?

If you are a medical professional and are interested in going on the upcoming project to the Ivory Coast, contact them. the next project date is February 1-14, 2007

General surgeons, physicians, ophthalmologists, dentists nurses (surgical & general) EMT's, first-aid responders are all needed for this project.

For more Information on The Hanna Project
Please visit: <http://www.hannaproject.com>
Or contact: Mike Cousineau, Admin. Dir.
mike@hannaproject.com
Tel: 405-793-2920 or 405-600-8040

This is one project where the cup of water is cold indeed!

Brazil Adventure

On June 2, 2006 a team of seven volunteer missionaries departed from Kansas City International Airport on a journey of a lifetime. Their destination was Araras, Sao Paulo, Brazil and the Lar Nova Vida children's home. Lar Nova Vida is operated as an independent outreach by retired Free Will Baptist missionary, Shirley Combs, with the assistance of her husband, retired Free Will Baptist missionary Jim Combs. The mission of these volunteer missionaries was simple; encourage the children, workers and volunteers at Lar Nova Vida, encourage the Combs, and encourage the Free Will Baptist churches in Araras. The volunteer missionaries were Pastor Alan Kinder, Sharon Kinder, Amy Smith, Mikayla Smith, Luis Guzman, Jackie Burns, and Pam Wilson. Six of the seven call Central Free Will Baptist Church home. Pam Wilson, the one missionary who attends church elsewhere, has a strong tie to Central. Pam's grandparents, Lee and Cledith Sherrell, founded Central in their living room in 1963.



Pamela Wilson, Sharon Kinder, Jackie Burns, Pastor Alan Kinder, Pastor Martin, Luis Guzman, Amy Smith, Mikayla Smith and pastor Martin's wife, Marilene.

June 3, 2006, 7:05 AM ~ Arrival in Sao Paulo. Speaking almost no Portuguese, the seven missionaries gather their luggage and proceed through immigration and customs. With the assistance of a very kind Brazilian man they managed to make it through with no difficulties and found Shirley Combs waiting for them. What a welcome sight, someone whom we could communicate with! A three-hour bus ride found us in Araras, unpacking for a nine-day stay in the Combs' guest house. Several volunteered to immediately go to Lar Nova Vida in order to meet the children, others volunteered to assist Kemper Combs (Jim and Shirley's son) in moving his language school. That night we attended a youth service at the 2nd Free Will Baptist Church in Araras and our two teenagers shared their testimonies with the Brazilian young people.

June 4, 2006 ~ Sunday morning, and we're off to our first service as a group. Pastor Alan is asked to teach the adult Sunday School, assisted by Luis Guzman. The ladies are taken away to teach the junior and teen Sunday School classes. Following this we attended a churrasco (school-hascu) at the Combs' residence. If you like meat, you'd love churrasco. It is a fellowship lunch to rival anything in the USA. Sunday night we're back at 2nd Church, with Pastor Alan preaching the message.

June 5, 2006 ~ Up early, and following devotions and prayer, the team arrives at Lar Nova Vida to begin tackling some projects. The first order of business is painting the living rooms in both of the individual homes at Lar Nova Vida. We also did a quick survey of other things needing work and

many trips to local hardware stores for supplies were made. By the end of the day most supplies had been accumulated and the painting project was well underway. In the evening the children of Lar Nova Vida were treated to a McDonald's dinner (some for the first time in their lives) while the adult workers were treated to dinner.

June 6, 2006 ~ Another early morning, following prayer and devotions we were back at Lar Nova Vida. More painting, and the beginning work on repairing broken doors and lock sets. Lunch at Lar Nova Vida is delicious. Beans and rice never tasted so good as they do here in Brazil! Tuesday evening the ladies of the mission team meet with the ladies of 2nd Church. Sharing testimonies and burdens, along with a healthy dose of prayer, laughter and tears made for a very memorable night.

June 7, 2006 ~ Once again, up early and off to Lar Nova Vida. With the painting completed the paint team shifted gears and became the gift preparation team. We had brought over 350 pounds of toys and clothes as gifts for the children. It all had to be sorted and prepared for giving away. One last project was completed, the building of sturdy step-stools for the littlest children to use when using the sinks for personal hygiene. That afternoon we prepared soup for the people of the Villa. It is one of the poorest sections of town, and where the majority of the children at Lar Nova Vida have come from. After serving the soup we returned to Lar Nova Vida and gave out presents to all of the children.

June 8, 2006 ~ Today was a relaxing day of shopping in downtown Araras. In the evening we attended the mid-week service where Pastor Alan was again asked to preach. We were also able to provide a special birthday celebration for one of the girls at Lar Nova Vida, who turned 18 today.

June 9, 2006 ~ Another relaxing day, as the mission team spent some time watching World Cup soccer in the Combs living room. For lunch today we went to a Brazilian churrascaria, and enjoyed more more Brazilian BBQ! They keep bringing out cooked meats until you tell them you've had enough. In the evening some of the mission team presented a skit at a youth service.

June 10, 2006 ~ Our last full day in Brazil is upon us. Where has the time gone? A little more shopping, and a little more Brazilian culture to experience. We attended a June Festival in a neighborhood school. We played volleyball and basketball with some of the Brazilian children, who were very interested in hearing us speak English. English is a required subject in middle and high school, but it is rare for a Brazilian student to actually get to hear English spoken.

June 11, 2006 ~ Sunday School in the morning at 2nd Church, with Shirley Combs translating for us as Pastor Martin taught the lesson. Saying goodbye to the people at 2nd Church and to the children at Lar Nova Vida left many of the mission team in tears. How can we say goodbye to these people whom we have come to love? One child has called Sharon Kinder, "Mom." Another hasn't left Jackie Burn's side every time she was around. Bonds have been formed in these past few days that are now strained with the prospect of departing looming ahead. Returning to Jim and Shirley's we finish packing and load our luggage back onto the bus we arrived in. Three hours later we are in Sao Paulo...

June 12, 2006, 11:15 AM ~ Arrival in Kansas City! We've made it back home, but we will never be the same. Our lives have been touched in very significant ways, ways that we never guessed would have happened. God is alive and well in the Brazilian Free Will Baptist churches. We saw three children pray to receive Christ as their Savior while we were there. We saw confession of sins and repentance, we saw prayers raised up and answered in powerful ways. We saw that God knows how to speak Portuguese, and we wished that we did as well. We look forward to the day when we can once again greet our brothers and sisters in Christ, "Oi, bom dia!" (Hello, good day!), perhaps in 2007. We especially look forward to the day when we won't need interpreters, when we can worship God together without the barrier of differing languages. One day...

If you are interested in more information about Lar Nova Vida, including how to sponsor a needy child, please contact:

Rejoice Ministries International
P.O. Box 50
Owasso, OK 74055

Country Chaplain Behind the Church House

By J. Mark Vandivort

"Mark, come back behind the church with me." (There wasn't any pastor's office in our one-room country church.) Following a Sunday morning service my pastor approached me with a serious "I have to do this!" look.

I
n that private moment, my kindly farmer/pastor faced this 19-year-old parishioner. "I am very sad to hear of some of the things you have been saying at work." (Thankfully, he didn't repeat the words that he had heard—he didn't need to. God's Holy Spirit was jogging my memory well enough.) Now, over 50 years later, I can still see those huge tears rolling down my pastor's face as he spoke the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).

At my summer job, I worked with a crew of hard working men. Some of those men also talked "hard" and I began throwing around some of those words in my conversation quite like they did. Sadly, I had ignored the instruction in Colossians 3:8 to "...put off all...filthy language out of your mouth."

My pastor spoke kind words of wisdom. His love and prayerful concern touched my heart. "The advice of a wise man refreshes like water from a mountain spring. Those accepting it became aware of the pitfalls on ahead." (Proverbs 13:14, Living Bible).

Several years later, while a university senior, I surrendered to God's call upon my life to preach His word. Many of my ministry years were bi-vocational.

Most of the people I worked with were honest, hardworking and helpful. However, I sometimes heard words that were in stark contrast to Biblical values. Memorizing new verses of scripture from the Bible helped keep my mind in tune with God, and off those unhealthy things I was hearing at work. Offensive language and questionable values were replaced by peace, Holy guidance, and tranquility.

"Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11, NKJ).

Is there any area of your life that God needs to "clean" up? Just meet Him "behind the church"!

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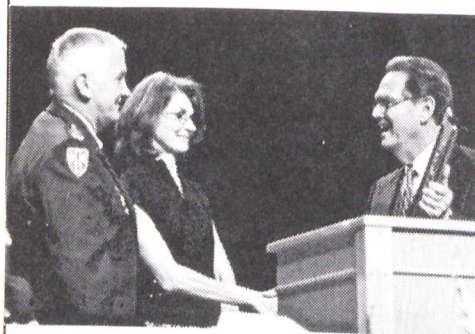
OPENING OUR EYES TO THE FUTURE: 2006 CONVENTION REVIEW

As the 5,913 attendees of the 70th Free Will Baptist National Convention filed reluctantly from the final service, waves of excitement swept across the vast convention hall. Attendees had good reason to be excited. From the opening welcome to the closing prayer, the 2006 convention was marked by decisions that will affect the denomination for years to come.

A GROWING IMPACT

The 2006 convention started early for some. On Saturday, July 15, nearly 400 Free Will Baptists from across the nation gathered at churches and homes for Impact Birmingham, a one-day evangelistic campaign. Volunteers came armed with Bibles, hammers, and chainsaws.

With determination, they turned the focus of the convention outward. Before the day ended, 390 volunteers provided more than 1,000 hours of service, visited 508 homes, distributed more than 800 flyers, shared the gospel 33 times, and rejoiced as six people made professions of faith.



308,000. The denomination supports 96 missionaries in 20 international locations and 68 missionaries in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

Convention delegates approved ministry budgets exceeding \$24 million.

NEW FACES

Executive Secretary Keith Burden introduced Roy Harris as executive administrator of his office. Harris

brings to the position the broad experience of a senior staff member. A veteran pastor with a background in administration, he will plan and manage the National Convention, represent the executive office at state meetings, coordinate stewardship and leadership training, organize disaster relief, and oversee the creation and maintenance of fwbpastor.com, a website dedicated to providing resources for pastors.

Ray Lewis, recently appointed director of the Board of Retirement,



gave his first report to convention delegates, and the news was good. Lewis reported a record \$2.7 million in new contributions in 2005.

"My goal is to enroll every Free Will Baptist pastor in the retirement program," Lewis said. Since he assumed the role a year

ago, the agency has enrolled 72 new participants and developed an identity package, including a new logo and promotional materials. Lewis directs a program with more than 1,400 participants and \$35 million in funds. His appointment marks only the second change in leadership in 36 years.

Bill Evans, director of the FWB Foundation, told delegates he will retire after the 2007 convention. The Foundation board has already begun the search for his successor. Evans became the agency's first director when it separated from the Board of Retirement in 2005. Before that time, he served with the Board of Retirement for 26 years. The Foundation manages more than \$35 million in funds and announced \$5.9 million in new contributions in 2005.

Delegates said goodbye to Dean Jones with a rising vote of thanks. Jones served as convention manager for the past six years. Keith Burden expressed appreciation for the leadership he brought to the convention, "I have



Denominational statistics also reflect a growing impact with an increase of nearly 5,000 members in 2005, taking membership to

come to respect Dean's skills and abilities as a meeting planner. He is, without question, one of the best Religious Meeting Planners in the industry. Free Will Baptists have been fortunate to have him on our team."

After Home Missions honored Chaplain (Colonel) Kerry Steedley for his years of service, he smiled and said, "For the past 28 years, I've had the best job in the U. S. Army as a Free Will Baptist Chaplain."

NEW DIRECTIONS

Executive Department: In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, convention delegates adopted a disaster relief plan to coordinate the distribution of funds in the case of a similar catastrophe. The move came after Katrina prompted \$206,000 in donations.

The plan requests that each state appoint a representative to communicate disaster-related information in the event of an emergency. The Executive Office will act as a channel for collecting and distributing donations to affected areas through their state associations. The move will extend the ability of the National Association to provide effective relief on a much larger scale.

ONE Magazine: The fledgling magazine continues to meet with widespread denominational acceptance. Since the first day of publication, an average of nine new subscribers have been added to the mailing list daily. The magazine now goes into more than 60,000 homes. Many new subscribers are Free Will Baptists who have never received any denominational publications.

Randall House: After a tough year in 2004, Randall House created a \$165,000 turnaround in the last six quarters with the combined sales of curriculum and books. With more than \$3 million in curriculum sales in 2005, CLEAR has shown remarkable growth, earning industry recognition along the way.



CLEAR Horizon magazine won the 2006 award of excellence from the Evangelical Press Association, with competitors like Focus on the Family Magazine and Christianity Today.

General Director Ron Hunter announced the creation of a digital publishing division headed by Creative

Director Keith Fletcher. Hunter states, "The new division will effectively replace the shrinking CTS market and place materials in the hands of users more effectively."

Home Missions: The department commissioned missionaries to seven new locations in 2005. Three churches achieved self-supporting status, and cross-cultural ministries continue to flourish. Director Larry Powell told delegates that the agency is expanding to the North and West, specifically the states of New York and Colorado. "Across the country," he said, "We are building bridges to families with the Gospel of Christ."



International Missions: In order to avert a funding shortfall, International Missions Director James Forlines told delegates that it is time to return to undesignated giving, the standard when the denomination first began sending missionaries. "As we raise people to share the gospel, it's absolutely essential that we raise funds. We simply cannot allow a giving system to limit our ministry as Free Will

Baptists."

International Missions has experienced significant growth, with 535 new mission works in 10 years, nearly 200% increase in international church attendance (29,000), and 1,441 conversions in 2005.

The department is striving to create church planting movements on various fields, especially areas where traditional missionaries have been denied access.

Master's Men: After watching numbers decline for some time, Master's Men rebounded dramatically in 2005, adding 10 new chapters. Master's Men disaster response efforts sent more than 50 workers to the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast in the weeks following Katrina. The agency also partnered with Home Missions for Operation Saturation in Green Bay, WI, and hosted the third Marriage Enrichment Conference with Women Nationally Active for Christ.

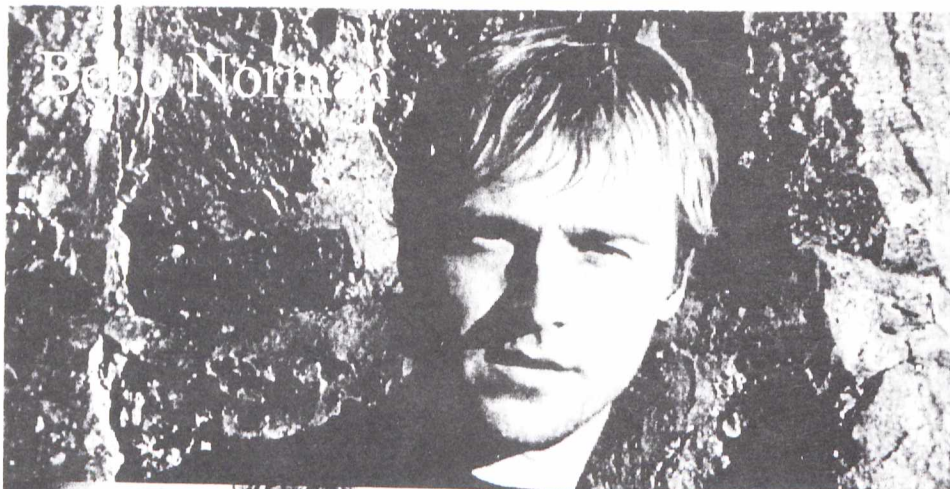
Delegates adopted the following resolution from the Commission for Theological Integrity which reaffirms marriage as the union of one man and one woman:

*Whereas Free Will Baptists have historically respected the authority of Scripture in matters of marriage,
And whereas the scriptural view of marriage is under*

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Windermere 2006

Missouri State Youth Conference



Guest Speaker:

Music Guests: (8:00 PM Friday Night)

Allen Pointer

Bebo Norman

Aaron Shust

Brandon Heath



November 17-18, 2006

Windermere Baptist Conference Center
Roach, Missouri

Contact person: Randy Rains 573-756-8933
crrains@yahoo.com

Cost: If post marked by:

Oct 31—\$45

Nov 10—\$50

At the Door—\$55

2006 Missouri State Youth Conference

Group Registration Form

(Must be post marked by Oct 31 for \$45; by Nov 10 for \$50; or \$55 at the door)

Church: _____

Address _____

Group Leader: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Leader's Phone: _____

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Cost of Conference _____ x \$ _____ = \$ _____
(# attending) (Cost) (Total Amount)

Mail completed group registration form, check for registration fees and conference medical release to the
Missouri State FWB Youth Board, 305 W Columbia, Farmington, MO 63640
Or register on line at www.mofwb.org

2006 MEDICAL RELEASE FORM
Windermere Baptist Conference Center

Name of Group: _____ Dates of Stay: _____

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Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Parent/Guardian:

Name: _____
Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____
Other person to notify in event of emergency: _____
Their relationship to you: _____
This persons phone number Daytime: (____) _____ Evening: (____) _____
My Church: _____ City: _____ State: _____

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Please supply ALL of the following information. Please attach a copy of your insurance card.

Medical Insurance Company: _____ Group #: _____ Policy #: _____
Insured Policy Holder's Name (Adult): _____

Insured Policy Holder's Birthdate (Adult): _____

Company Address: _____ Company Phone: (____) _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Physical Limitations (Asthma, diabetes, allergies, etc.), and/or special instructions (Allergic to certain medications, rare blood type, wears contact lens, etc.): _____

List all medication you take on a regular basis and/or any you bring with you to Windermere (Prescription medications MUST have pharmacy label and name of doctor): _____

Date of last Tetanus Shot: (Month) _____ (Date) _____ (Year) _____

Camper has permission to engage in all camp activities except (list all prohibited activities): _____

In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission for the physician selected by the Windermere Staff to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia, x-ray or surgery for my child named above.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____ **Relationship:** _____

Windermere Baptist Conference Center provides a limited medical incident reimbursement. First Aid or the Guest Relations Front Desk must be notified of all medical incidents that occur on the premises. Medical protection is provided to cover medical expenses for the volunteer workers and guests while at Windermere Baptist Conference Center or at conference-sponsored activities away from the Conference Center. If you are a camper then you are provided medical coverage on an excess basis. In addition, an accidental death benefit may be provided for any covered individuals. Windermere guests who do activities or use modes of transportation (not limited to land or water) not sponsored or owned by Windermere hereby release Windermere from all liability for claims, known and unknown, arising from injuries, mental and physical, caused and sustained by guest. Further, such guest will reimburse Windermere, on demand by Windermere, for the cost of any repairs to the Windermere premises or property damaged by guest through misuse, accident or neglect.

National SCM Winners

Of the 847 entries at the National Youth Competition this year, 370+ came away winners. Of that number, 40 were from Missouri! Our congratulations to the competitors and their coaches and parents who worked very hard to achieve their level of excellence required to score a I rating at the State competition and then to place at the national level of competition. You will find listed below our winners from Missouri.

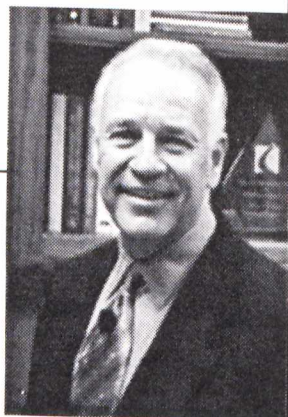
Our congratulations to Calvary Fellowship Youth Group for winning the Youth Group of the Year honor at this years National Youth Conference....and to their new Youth Pastor David Dodson for winning the Youth Worker of the Year honor as well!

| Category | Age | Place | Entry | State |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| Bible Memorization | Grade 3 | 3rd Place | Emily Applegate | MO |
| | Grade 4 | 1st Place | Zachary Keith | MO |
| | Grade 5 | 2nd Place | David Easley | MO |
| | Grade 7 | 1st Place | Garrett Pratt | MO |
| | Grade 8 | 1st Place | Ashley Applegate | MO |
| | Grade 10 | 2nd Place | Christine Harkey | MO |
| Bible Sword Drill | Grade 6 | 3rd Place | Mikaela Carter | MO |
| Bible Bowl | | 1st Place | O'Fallon | MO |
| Vocal Solo | A | 3rd Place | Alexis Williams | MO |
| Vocal Duets | C | 3rd Place | Sarah & Katy | MO |
| Vocal Quartets | B | 3rd Place | Hartville Quartet | MO |
| Small Vocal Ensembles | C | 1st Place | Hazel Creek Ensemble | MO |
| Brass Solo | C | 1st Place | Michael Todd | MO |
| | D | 2nd Place | Josh Soles | MO |
| String Bowed | C | 2nd Place | Garret Pratt | MO |
| Percussion | C | 1st Place | Mikaela Thompson | MO |
| | D | 1st Place | Jeni Dixon | MO |
| Large Instrumental Ensemble | A | 1st Place | Ding-a-lings | MO |
| | C | 1st Place | Sanctuary Kids | MO |
| Keyboard | B | 2nd Place | Zachary Hurst | MO |
| Keyboard Ensembles | B | 1st Place | Zachary & Danielle | MO |
| Famous Speech | A | 1st Place | Hannah Baker | MO |
| Individual Drama | C | 3rd Place | Kirsten Wagner | MO |
| Illustrated Storytelling | B | 2nd Place | Nathaniel Brinkhoff | MO |
| | C | 3rd Place | Amanda Brinkhoff | MO |
| Puppetry-Recorded | B | 1st Place | Trinity Jungle Band | MO |
| Short Story | C | 1st Place | Katy Fry | MO |
| | | 2nd Place | Amanda Brinkhoff | MO |
| | D | 2nd Place | Jennifer Arnold | MO |
| Essay | C | 1st Place | Amanda Brinkhoff | MO |
| | D | 1st Place | Randy Britt | MO |
| Web Page Design | D | 3rd Place | Kim & Leah | MO |
| Painting | D | 3rd Place | Brittany Sickmeier | MO |
| Graphics | D | 2nd Place | Jessica Arnold | MO |
| 3-D Dimensional Art | B | 3rd Place | Mitch Wagner | MO |
| | D | 1st Place | Andrew Osterkamp | MO |
| Photography | B | 3rd Place | Chelsey Baker | MO |
| Fabricated Art | A | 3rd Place | Jonathan Brinkhoff | MO |
| Computer Art | C | 1st Place | Katy Fry | MO |
| Exhibition Category-Sign Language | D | 3rd Place | Brandi Roskowske | MO |

State Couples 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

Register on-line at
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A registration fee of \$25.00 may be
mailed before October 15 with the re-
maining \$75 to be paid at check-in, or
you may mail the entire \$100 now to:

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Lebanon, MO 65536

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assualy by the current secular culture,

And whereas both Scripture and nature as designed by God affirm the union of one man and one woman in a one-flesh relationship,

Be it therefore resolved that the National Association of Free Will Baptists, in its seventieth annual session, reaffirm that:

The biblically sanctioned one-flesh union is the sole and beautiful context of the divine plan for the marital relationship of man and woman as image-bearers of God, as well as the foundation of the family as the basic, divinely ordained unit of human society.

Violations of this one-flesh union, whether heterosexual, homosexual, premarital, or extramarital, contravene the divine plan for family and the conception and rearing of children, bringing spiritual despair and guilt and death to individuals and cultures.

NEW CAMPUS

Calling it the "most significant decision since its founding in 1942," Free Will Baptist Bible College President J. Matthew Pinson told convention delegates that the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to sell the current nine-acre campus in Nashville, TN, secure a new site, and build a new campus by 2008.

The Board's vote came on the heels of an offer to purchase the campus for \$16.75 million, the sale of 123 acres in Joelton, TN (\$820,000), and the positive results of a six-month feasibility study headed by Colonel Mark Johnson, son of former president, L.C. Johnson.

Early estimates place the cost of construction around \$30 million. The college expects to begin relocation with approximately \$24 million: \$18 million generated by the sales mentioned above and \$6 million in long-term loans. The final \$6 million will be generated by a capital campaign.

In a moving presentation, a weeping President Pinson told delegates, "We have found a way to grow – relocation! It is time for this cause that is dearer to our hearts than gold" to flourish and grow beyond our fondest expectations. For us, it is 1942 again. Please lock arms with us in prayer and financial commitment."

Executive Secretary Emeritus Melvin Worthington agreed to direct the capital campaign. "The time is right to relocate. The team is in place. This is a massive project, but I believe Free Will Baptists can do it."

Join us next year in Little Rock, July 15-18.

3rd Annual Big Bass & Crappie Tournament

October 14th, 2006

7:00 am to 3:00 pm

It's time for our annual Bass & Crappie fishing Tournament. This event has been sponsored by the Missouri FWBBC Alumni for the last two years. This year promises to be an exciting time of fishing & fun!

Locations: For the convenience of the anglers we are having this tournament on two different lakes in Missouri. The rules and regulations will be the same for each tournament.

Lake Wappapello with Terry Lewis being the official.

Pomme De Terre Lake with Ken Simpson being the official.

Pomme De Terre Lake

Crappie— 9 inches with a creel of 15

Bass— 13 inches with a creel of 6

Wappapello Lake

(Redman Creek Boat Dock)

Crappie— 9 inches with a creel of 30

Bass— 12 inches with a creel of 6

Awards: Awards will be given in each tournament for Biggest Bass and Crappie. 50% Payback to Anglers with remaining profit going to Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN.

Specific boat docks on each Lake will be forthcoming.

Registration Form

Bass ____ Crappie ____ Both ____

Boater _____

Affiliation (church) _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Signature _____

Boater's Partner _____

Affiliation (or church) _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

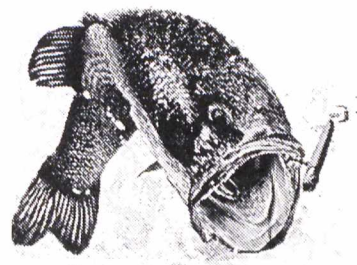
Phone _____

Signature _____

If fishing Lake Wappapello detach and mail to:
Terry Lewis
215 Dodson Lane
DeSoto, MO 63020
(636) 586-2008

If fishing Lake Pomme De Terre detach and mail to:
Greg Smith
901 April Dr.
Ozark, MO 65721
(417) 581-5246

Make checks payable to:
MO Alumni Association Divisions
(\$60 per boat, per division)



Financial Report

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COOP Disbursements

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| August 2006..... | \$57,544.37 |
| 19.00% St HM | \$10,933.44 |
| 17.00% Exec. Office..... | \$9,782.54 |
| 3.00% Gen. Fund..... | \$1,726.33 |
| 8.50% Youth Camp | \$4,891.27 |
| 2.50% Youth Min. | \$1,438.61 |
| 2.50% CE | \$1,438.61 |
| 2.50% Senior Adult | \$1,438.61 |
| 9.00% Mo Retmt. | \$5,178.99 |
| 3.00% ShowMe Plan | \$1,726.33 |
| 33.00% | \$18,989.64 |
| National Ministries | |
| Total | \$57,544.37 |

COOP Giving

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|---------------------------------|------------|
| Alton | \$200.00 |
| Amity | \$76.25 |
| Aulsbury Chapel | \$244.82 |
| Bailey | \$207.00 |
| Bailey Chapel | \$107.00 |
| Belton | \$297.34 |
| Berean | \$265.00 |
| Bethel- Bonne Terre | \$894.27 |
| Bethel- El Dorado Springs | \$329.03 |
| Bethel- Marshfield | \$715.38 |
| Bismarck | \$166.24 |
| Black Oak | \$514.88 |
| Byrd | \$299.34 |
| Cabool | \$260.44 |
| Calvary Chapel | \$918.54 |
| Carthage | \$400.00 |
| Central | \$932.39 |
| Christ Chapel | \$469.00 |
| Clifton | \$48.14 |
| Copper Mines | \$439.76 |
| Cornerstone | \$641.84 |
| Crossroads- Wentzville | \$794.00 |
| Cuba | \$347.00 |
| DeSoto 1st | \$1,600.00 |
| Fellowship- Park Hills | \$1,500.00 |
| Fordland | \$568.00 |
| Fourth | \$163.09 |
| Fredericktown 1st | \$375.00 |
| Freeman Chapel | \$605.40 |
| Gospel Light | \$1,000.00 |
| Grace | \$1,508.45 |
| Grant Ave | \$867.70 |
| Hannon | \$919.00 |
| Harmony | 458.11 |
| Hartville | \$1,295.00 |
| Harvest | \$291.30 |
| Hazel Creek | 421.13 |
| Hopewell | \$457.00 |
| Houston 1st | \$293.85 |
| Hurryville | \$616.77 |
| Jackson | \$183.45 |
| Joplin 1st | \$478.54 |
| Kings Way | \$343.53 |
| Koshkonong | \$799.00 |

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Lead Hill | \$259.31 |
| Leadington | \$361.53 |
| Lebanon 1st | \$1,388.34 |
| Lebanon Greenhills | \$558.39 |
| Marshfield | \$185.10 |
| Meris Chapel | \$124.54 |
| Mill Creek | \$554.66 |
| Mine La Motte | \$95.70 |
| Monett 1st | \$553.19 |
| Mountain Grove 1t | \$1,982.25 |
| Mt. Pisgah | \$821.00 |
| Myrtle | \$258.23 |
| Neosho 1st | \$555.75 |
| Nevada | \$262.00 |
| New Hope | \$504.00 |
| New Life- Licking | \$390.00 |
| Niangua | \$153.80 |
| Number One | \$205.67 |
| Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove | \$274.00 |
| Oak Hill | \$381.00 |
| O'Fallon 1st | \$2,274.00 |
| Olivet | \$417.00 |
| Overland | \$80.00 |
| Ozark 1st | \$2,024.45 |
| Parkview | \$438.94 |
| Pleasant Hill | \$107.10 |
| Pleasant Ridge | \$39.40 |
| Pleasant Rigse- Urbana | \$144.00 |
| Potosi 1st | \$122.70 |
| Rejoice | \$562.00 |
| Republic | \$411.88 |
| Richwood's 1st | \$1,000.00 |
| Rock Chapel | \$312.11 |
| Rolla 1st | \$327.00 |
| Salem | \$30.00 |
| Seymour | \$650.00 |
| Smyrna | \$103.00 |
| South Fremont | \$600.00 |
| Southern Hill- KS | \$985.38 |
| Springfield 1st | \$1,276.83 |
| St. Francois Assoc | \$97.50 |
| Stocton | \$880.90 |
| Stonebridge | \$71.40 |
| Thayer | \$1,211.00 |
| Trinity | \$871.41 |
| Union | \$60.00 |
| Union Grove | \$600.00 |
| Union Light | \$131.00 |
| United | \$1,596.35 |
| Unity | \$450.00 |
| Verdella | \$703.47 |
| Viburnum | \$432.00 |
| Victory- Alton | \$602.69 |
| Victory- KC | \$486.81 |
| Waynesville 1st | \$755.00 |
| West Plains 1st | \$872.00 |
| Willow Springs 1st | \$75.60 |
| Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove | \$381.24 |
| Wolf Creek | 1179.77 |
| Total | \$57,544.37 |

Show-Me Giving

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|---------------------|----------|
| Affinity 4 | \$20.39 |
| Barker, James | \$15.00 |
| Belton | \$265.00 |

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|---------------------------------|------------|
| Berean | \$60.00 |
| Berry, Roberta | \$15.00 |
| Bethel- Festus | \$45.00 |
| Bethel- Festus | \$45.00 |
| Bismarck | \$50.00 |
| Black Oak | \$60.00 |
| Brown, Angela | \$15.00 |
| Burns, Jack | \$60.00 |
| Cabool | \$120.00 |
| Calvary Chapel | \$105.00 |
| Central | \$55.00 |
| Chrisman, Mona | \$30.00 |
| Copper Mines | \$327.50 |
| Cornerstone | \$434.00 |
| Cross Roads- Lebanon | \$150.00 |
| Cuba | \$110.40 |
| DeSoto 1st | \$732.50 |
| Eastern Gate | \$15.00 |
| Faith & Hope- Willow Spr | \$45.00 |
| Farmington 1st | \$230.00 |
| Farmington 1st Mssngs | \$90.00 |
| Fellowship- Park Hills | \$1,038.00 |
| Fordland | \$250.00 |
| Fourth | \$72.00 |
| Fredericktown 1st | \$120.00 |
| Freeman Chapel | \$720.00 |
| Gospel Light | \$100.00 |
| Grace | \$377.00 |
| Grant Ave | \$280.00 |
| Greater Springfield Assoc. | \$100.00 |
| Greenfield | \$300.00 |
| Hannon | \$919.00 |
| Happy Hill | \$60.00 |
| Hartville | \$240.00 |
| Harvest- Raymore | \$50.00 |
| Hazel Creek | 280.75 |
| Hopewell | \$30.00 |
| Houston 1st | \$229.00 |
| Hurryville | \$539.00 |
| Jackson | \$50.00 |
| Jones Chapel | \$210.00 |
| Joplin 1st | \$100.75 |
| Leadington | \$180.00 |
| Lebanon 1st | \$150.00 |
| Lebanon Greenhills | \$25.00 |
| Macedonia-Purdy | \$1,000.00 |
| Maggart, Roxanne | \$100.00 |
| Mill Creek | \$140.00 |
| Mill Creek CWF | \$15.00 |
| Mill Creek Young Adult | \$15.00 |
| Mine La Motte | \$75.00 |
| MO WAC | \$440.00 |
| Monett 1st | \$45.00 |
| Monett 1st | \$15.00 |
| Mountain Grove 1t | \$620.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | \$75.00 |
| Mt. Zion- Thayer | \$30.00 |
| Myrtle | \$75.00 |
| Neosho 1st | \$150.00 |
| New Home- Hartville | \$210.00 |
| New Hope | \$150.00 |
| New Hope | \$150.00 |
| New Life- Licking | \$201.00 |
| Northeast Assoc. | \$1,165.00 |
| Number One | \$60.00 |
| Oak Grove- Houston | \$30.00 |
| O'Fallon 1st | \$259.15 |

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| Olivet | \$45.00 |
| One Accord | \$507.00 |
| Ozark 1st | \$199.98 |
| Parkview | \$267.00 |
| Pinkerton, Jerry | \$45.00 |
| Pleasant Grove- Anderson | \$270.00 |
| Pleasant Hill | \$45.00 |
| Pleasant Rigse- Urbana | \$50.00 |
| Porter Chapel | \$380.34 |
| Rejoice | \$50.00 |
| Republic | \$155.83 |
| Richwoods 1st | \$37.50 |
| Rock Chapel | \$235.00 |
| Rolla 1st | \$30.00 |
| SE MO Assoc. | \$90.00 |
| South Fremont | \$30.00 |
| Southern Hill- KS | \$210.89 |
| Springfield 1st | \$530.00 |
| Stocton | \$235.50 |
| Thayer | \$270.00 |
| Trinity | \$435.00 |
| Union Grove | \$15.00 |
| Union Light | \$225.00 |
| United | \$369.41 |
| Unity | \$75.00 |
| Verdella | \$848.47 |
| Viburnum | \$75.00 |
| Victory- Alton | \$45.00 |
| Victory- KC | \$330.00 |
| Walnut Grove | \$15.00 |
| Waynesville 1st | \$453.92 |
| Willow Springs 1st | \$20.00 |
| Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove | \$60.00 |
| CO-OP | \$1,726.33 |

Total.....\$22,912.61

State Home Missions

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| Berean | \$15.00 |
| Bethel- Festus | \$15.00 |
| Bismarck | \$50.00 |
| DeSoto 1st | \$110.00 |
| Fellowship- Park Hills | \$125.00 |
| Fordland | \$20.00 |
| Gospel Light | \$160.00 |
| Grace | \$67.00 |
| Grant Ave | \$43.39 |
| Harvest | \$200.00 |
| Lebanon Bible Book Store | \$540.00 |
| Macedonia-Purdy | \$100.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | \$30.00 |
| Myrtle | \$85.00 |
| Neosho 1st | \$25.00 |
| New Testament | \$40.00 |
| Niangua | \$29.00 |
| O'Fallon 1st | \$214.05 |
| Ozark 1st | \$10.00 |
| Republic | \$25.00 |
| SE MO Assoc. | \$150.00 |
| Thayer | \$50.00 |
| Union | \$45.00 |
| United | \$25.00 |
| Unity | \$70.00 |
| Waynesville 1st | \$50.00 |

Total.....\$2,293.44

International Missions

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Belton | \$50.00 |
| Copper Mines | \$100.00 |
| Cuba | \$18.40 |
| DeSoto 1st | \$75.00 |
| Grant Ave | \$15.00 |
| Hartville | \$135.00 |
| Harvest | \$100.00 |
| Houston 1st | \$60.00 |
| Macedonia-Purdy | \$500.00 |
| Matthews, Alta | \$15.00 |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$295.00 |
| New Testament | \$55.00 |
| South Fremont | \$30.00 |
| Springfield 1st | \$116.34 |
| Thayer | \$10.00 |
| Trinity | \$20.00 |
| Verdella | \$444.13 |
| Victory- KC | \$20.00 |
| Waynesville 1st | \$90.00 |
| Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove | \$29.86 |

Total \$2,178.73

Nat. Home Missions

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| Belton | \$25.00 |
| Bethel- Festus | \$40.00 |
| Carthage | \$5.00 |
| Central | \$170.00 |
| Copper Mines | \$55.00 |
| Cuba | \$55.20 |
| DeSoto 1st | \$240.00 |
| Farmington 1st | \$687.00 |
| Fellowship- Park Hills | \$355.34 |
| Fordland | \$105.00 |
| Fourth | \$50.00 |
| Fredericktown 1st | \$30.00 |
| Gospel Light | \$160.00 |
| Grace | \$130.00 |
| Grant Ave | \$68.39 |
| Hartville | \$100.00 |
| Hazel Creek | \$45.00 |
| Houston 1st | \$65.00 |
| Jackson | \$60.00 |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$30.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | \$30.00 |
| Neosho 1st | \$50.00 |
| New Testament | \$75.00 |
| Oak Hill | \$100.00 |
| O'Fallon 1st | \$214.05 |
| Ozark 1st | \$1,745.00 |
| Pleasant Rigse- Urbana | \$20.00 |
| Rader, Jerry | \$20.00 |
| Richwoods 1st | \$52.00 |
| Rock Chapel | \$69.00 |
| Rolla 1st | \$333.25 |
| South Fremont | \$25.00 |
| Thayer | \$110.00 |
| Trinity | \$20.00 |
| Union Light | \$96.00 |
| United | \$155.00 |
| Unity | \$90.00 |
| Verdella | \$10.00 |
| Victory- KC | \$15.00 |
| Waynesville 1st | \$55.00 |
| West Plains 1st | \$590.00 |
| Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove | \$39.87 |

Total \$6,390.10

Designated Giving

Berea Ministries

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| New Life- Licking | \$369.50 |
| Hartville | \$150.00 |

Total \$519.50

Trula Cronk Home for Children ..

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Desoto 1st | \$80.00 |
| Myrtle | \$25.00 |
| New Hope | \$50.00 |
| Hartville | \$50.00 |
| Willow Springs- MG | \$20.00 |
| Belton | \$25.00 |
| Hannon | \$100.00 |
| Unity | \$20.00 |
| Union Light | \$20.00 |
| New Hope | \$50.00 |
| Grace | \$32.00 |

Total \$472.00

C. E. Board

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|------------------|----------|
| Book Store | \$140.00 |
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Total \$140.00

Free Will Baptist Bible Collge

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| Desoto 1s | \$40.00 |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$165.00 |
| Hopewell | \$10.00 |
| Thayer | \$50.00 |

Total \$265.00

Hillsdale

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Joplin 1st | \$50.37 |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$170.00 |
| Monett 1st | \$100.00 |
| Thayer | \$50.00 |
| Southern Hills- KS | \$105.00 |
| Farmington 1st | \$25.00 |

Total \$500.37

Indian Bible College

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| Desoto 1st | \$10.00 |
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Total \$10.00

Missouri Retirement

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| Bookstore | \$200.00 |
| Total | \$200.00 |

Senior Adult Board

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| Bookstore | \$140.00 |
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Total \$140.00

Urban Impact

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| Verdella | \$361.74 |
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Total \$361.74

Youth Camp

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Desoto 1st | \$55.00 |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$10.00 |
| Cornerstone | \$25.00 |
| Hartville | \$10.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | \$15.00 |
| Niangua | \$25.00 |
| Ozark 1st | \$10.00 |
| Rock Chapel | \$16.00 |
| Rolla 1st | \$20.00 |
| Thayer | \$50.00 |
| Willow Springs- MG | \$50.00 |
| Berean | \$15.00 |
| Book Store | \$540.00 |
| Trinity | \$9.00 |
| Union | \$30.00 |
| Hazel Creek | \$93.58 |
| West Plains 1st | \$25.00 |
| Verdella | \$10.00 |

Total \$1,008.58

Youth Camp Development

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$410.00 |
| Myrtle | \$27.00 |

Total \$437.00

Youth Ministries Board

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| Bookstore | \$140.00 |
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Total \$140.00

YWAM

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| Belton | \$25.00 |
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Total \$25.00

Total July Giving.....\$95,324.98

Available Churches

The following churches are looking for a pastor. If your church is available, please let us know in the Gem office and we will gladly list your contact information. If your church is listed and finds a pastor, please let us know to remove your listing.

Burbon Church

Burbon, MO

Contact:

Ernest Messex
573-732-4712

Mine La Motte Church

Fredericktown, MO

Contact:

Robert Warner
573-783-5358

Victory Church

Kansas City

Contact

Dan Dodson
816 453-6866.

Faith Church

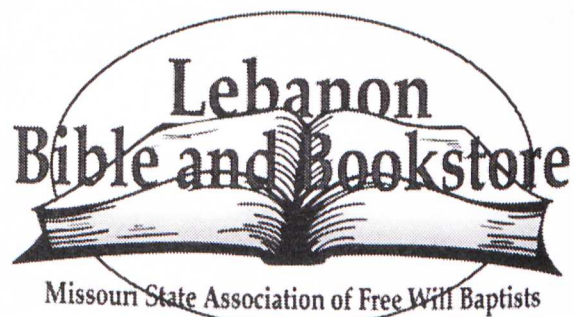
Lemay, MO.

Contact:

Madge Hasty
314-638-3481



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