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From the Editor

This guy must be crazy! At least that's what some of the people who called him on the phone said.

I was listening to an interviewer on talk radio who had the audacity to ask his listeners to call in with their thanksgiving lists. Their views ranged from "this is the greatest nation on earth and we have a great deal to be thankful for" to the guy who said the show host was crazy. "This is a warmongering, imperialistic, religious-right controlled country and there is nothing to be thankful for!" he said. As I drove down the road, I actually felt sorry for that guy. Wouldn't it be terrible to live your life with nothing for which to be thankful?

Someone else postulated that he was thankful for turkey and football in that order. Then he quickly added that he was also thankful for his family, most of the time.

Then a guy called in to set the record straight. He said that Thanksgiving was really just the pilgrims thanking the Indians for helping them over the winter and had nothing to do with God at all. He said he was sick and tired of everyone trying to make "all these holidays all spiritual and everything." Of course this guy was probably just a good student in school....some texts actually teach his view as historical fact.

In reality, thanksgiving in our part of the world didn't really begin with the pilgrims.. There is good (genuine) historical evidence that the first known thanksgiving feast or festival in North America was celebrated by Francisco Vásquez de Coronado and the people he called "Tejas" (members of the Hasinai group of Caddo-speaking Native Americans) on May 23, 1541 in Palo Duro Canyon, Texas, to celebrate his expedition's discovery of food supplies. In the sense of a feast in gratitude to God celebrated by Europeans in North America,



this has a claim to be the true first North American Thanksgiving. The next was apparently celebrated a quarter-century later on September 8, 1565 in St. Augustine, Florida. When Pedro Menéndez de Avilés landed, he and his men shared a feast with the indians. Another candidate for the first true Thanksgiving in territory now part of the United States is the feast that the party of Don Juan de Oñate celebrated April 30, 1598 near the site of San Elizario, Texas with the Manso Indians. (Wikipedia) Interestingly enough, all these thanksgiving celebrations were for the purpose of thanking God.

How and with whom it started is immaterial. Man had been thanking God for as long as he has existed on the earth. It just comes naturally. Especially for those of us who know God.

But don't you just cringe when some empty-headed, glassy-eyes starlet gets up to receive her award for a film about sleeping with someone else's husband and wants to thank God for her little statue? Or when Billy-Joe-Bob-Big Hat thanks his Mom and his savior Jesus Christ for helping him win singer of the decade for the song he wrote and sang about how much fun he and his buddies have drinking and running around.

Aren't you glad we know what real thanksgiving is. We do not have to depend on good times to generate our thanksgiving. Even if everything about our lives is going sour at the moment, we still have our eternal destiny and destination for which to thank the Lord.

That is why Jonah could offer thanksgiving to the Lord from the belly of the whale (Jonah 2:9.)

That is why Paul and Silas could sing and give thanks and praise to the Lord at midnight from the jail in Philippi.

That is why David, for all his self inflicted misery and woe could say in Ps 100:4-5 *"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."*

So thanksgiving really isn't about whether you have enough turkey or if your football team wins the afternoon game or any of the other thousands of things we think we need to make us happy. It is about having a heart that belongs to God and is in tune with Him. When that is the case, you cannot help but be thankful.

Show-Me Missions

The Bunches in Panama

Faithful Friends,

God is good. The last few months have been very eventful for us. The Church in Chitre continues to grow steadily. Since January we have seen over 35 adults, teens and children make professions of faith in Jesus Christ. July 16 was a great day for the Good News FWB Church. Pastor Doug Earls participated in the first baptismal service for this church which was about to celebrate their first year of Sunday worship services. 15 people were baptized that day. Among them was an 85 year old grandmother of a new convert as well as a pre-teen who began attending our Bible Club as a 5 year old girl.

On July 12-15, Pastor Doug Earls and his wife Betsy taught a leadership conference for our Panamanian leaders and their wives. Their teaching and presence was a very much needed time of refreshment and blessing. We appreciate deeply when folks take time from their busy

During the month of September nine children prayed to receive Christ during Children's Church. We have Christian teens who are teaching follow up lessons to all of these new converts.

On October 12th we launched four new small groups which meet in homes. Each group has a leader, a trainee and is responsible to evangelize, teach and disciple those who attend the group.



85 year old Elvia



15 Baptized Converts



Children's Day Program

We have two outreach meetings planned for this fall. Mothers day will be celebrated on Dec. 6th. We plan to have a baby dedication and an evangelistic outreach using the Bible Club and teens. All parents who dedicate a child will be required to attend a family life class which will be instructional as well as evangelistic. We also plan to celebrate an evangelistic Christmas program.

September 30 was a very special day for the Good News Church. Along with three sister churches we celebrated our first "Music Festival". All songs were taken from Bible passages and set to original music. A trio from our church won first place for a song taken from Psalm 27. Missionary Steve Torrison sang and played for the group and Lori served as one of the judges. (She was impartial)

One very exciting godsend was the opportunity to purchase the former New Tribes Mission Missionary Boarding School property. Our vision for the school property is to transition our 25+ year old Bible Institute into a full fledged seminary training center. We envision training pastors and workers through full time Christian Education. New Tribes Mission sold the property to FWB at a greatly reduced price. We must make annual payments of \$50,000 for five years. Please pray that God would supply the funds for making the payments.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Stanley & Brenda

The Pinkertons in Ivory Coast

Sunshine greetings from cool, breezy Abidjan.

Jerry's off again-second attempt to get uptown to exchange some Money for Alice Smith. She returns the 12th. He was in traffic Most of the morning...roads blocked/demonstrations. This time It was the police students-on strike since they haven't been paid For a while...Last week the banks were closed for the same reason & the airport shut down for 2 days. Everybody wants money...

Friday is a very important day for this country. West African Leaders will be meeting to discuss the on-going, ever-growing Problems. The UN let the President stay in power for one year to Get the country to a place where elections could be held. Nothing Has changed within that time frame which ends this Oct. 31. The President says he won't step down; the rebels don't want him staying. Nobody is budging an inch...the country seems to be on a fast down Hill slide...

News isn't all bad. All 3 FWB churches in Abidjan are growing. Walls are up..hopefully the tin roof will be in place-as we've Been told..."end of the week, next week, or later!" It is going up AND it's looking good. Thanks so much for your many helps & Prayers making this possible.



Efforts are in place to find the 6 who "prayed" earlier. Streets aren't Marked, nor houses numbered...instructions such as, "not far, behind The mango trees, over there & just ask someone" really aren't all that Helpful..plus the problem of transport...it's hard to get where you're Going when you don't know where it is...Plus people aren't at home Much..they are either at work or out looking for work...we'll keep Trying.

Not much word about the Toxic Waste Dumpings.so far 8 have died. French Professionals are here trying to get all under control. Thankfully we haven't noticed any effects, although Christians who live near the sites have. Dr. Gabriel still hasn't reopened his clinic yet..maybe soon?

His blessings upon you & yours. Appreciate so very much your faithfulness to HIM and to us as well.

Jerry & Carol Pinkerton

The Baileys Stateside

Our time in the U.S. is passing quickly, as we are almost halfway through our home assignment period. We have been privileged to visit many churches, district and quarterly meetings since late August, and it's because of the MO Show-Me Plan that we are able to do this! Through the efforts of MO pastors and churches, we do not have the "burden" of raising our support at each church we visit. Instead, we are free to share our ministries and prayer requests, and fellowship with our supporters. THANK YOU Missourians, for continuing to stand with us in our work in Japan. Please continue to pray for the salvation of the Japanese people! Please keep our ministry partners, Mr. and Mrs. Osamu Nomura, in your prayers, as they continue to witness to unbelievers in the Shiki-Kamifukuoka area of Tokyo.



Judy speaking at NEMO Woman's Auxiliary District Meeting in Kirksville the 29th and 30th of September.

The Turnboughs in Spain



Dear
Friends
in
Missouri,

Today
we
head
for
France
where
we will
serve in
another

Leadership Matters Course (LMC). This time there will be a good number of FWBs involved, for which we are thankful. We believe any and everyone stands to benefit from the wonderful training LMC affords, and we pray that more and more of our missionaries and national leaders will be able to invest two weeks to do the course. Please pray for Jeff as he leads the training in two areas: Creative Thinking/Decision-Making Skills and Life Ministry Plan. Also pray for our co-worker Robert Bryan as he leads the training in the area of Biblical Relationship Skills. Pray for Sam McVay and Dennis Teague as they serve as table trainers, and Susan, June McVay and Judy Bryan as they serve in logistics. We'll give you an update at the completion of the two-week course.

We thank the Lord for the church council and church in Villalba! Good things are happening! This past Saturday we met in our monthly council meeting, and we are moving forward to invite new additional believers to begin serving as apprentices in the council. Please pray for this new ministry. Very specifically, it is an attempt to move more believers into the core or nucleus of the church.

We ask for your prayers for several individuals. Because of the universal nature of the Internet, we are not going to give their specific names or details, but He knows, hears and answers prayers very specifically. Since we have been back the Lord has caused our paths to cross with several people, which in itself is an answer to our prayers and hearts' cry.

A couple of weeks ago a young Spaniard showed up at our church, and it just so happens that he came up to me (Jeff). We talked for quite awhile, and eventually exchanged phone numbers (no small thing for a first-

time encounter here). More than any Spaniard I have met in a while, he seemed very open to the Gospel in spite of the fact that he is not a believer. We have communicated each week since that meeting, and he has begun to tell me about himself. He has been married two years, lives in an adjoining town to Villalba, and wants to build his life and his marriage on a solid foundation. Please pray that I will be able to encourage this young man and his wife to continue seeking the Lord.

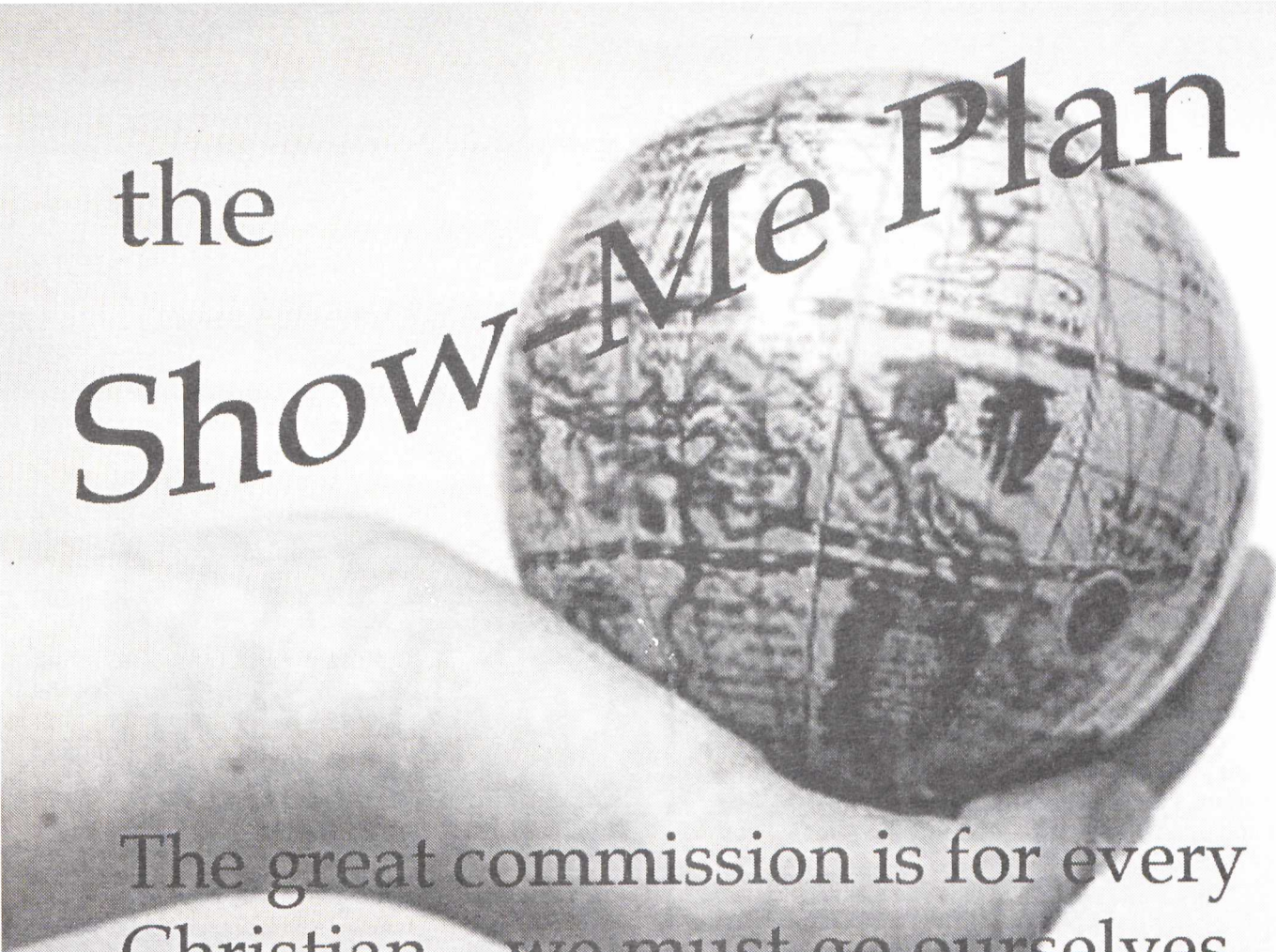
We've had a special relationship with one of the immigrant families in the Villalba Church since they first came to Spain. Like many immigrant families, they face unique challenges. The son is moving into the adolescent years, has no father, and has been moving away from the Lord and his family in the last year. He used to come to our house weekly just to spend time with us. Yesterday his mother, with tears in her eyes, shared with us how pleased she is that since we have been back, he has started coming to church again of his own volition. Please pray that we can be an encouragement to this young man — he is at such a crucial stage in his life. The decisions he makes now will impact him for years to come.

Susan has already interacted with several new people in the village where we live. She has met and made good friends with our new next-door neighbors. They are showing much interest in deepening our friendship. Pray for opportunities to do just that. Susan has also made contact with people we knew from before, and is renewing those contacts. It doesn't hurt that we have a new grandbaby boy to show them and to talk to them about! Just yesterday Susan took Andrés for a stroll, and since it was Sunday, many neighbors saw her and stopped to meet Andrés and to talk. Also, since there was a big soccer match yesterday, our son Matthew and I went into our next-door neighbor's restaurant to watch the game along with about thirty other men from our town. One guy in particular has been in our house several times lately, and he was kind of the leader of the group cheering for our team! So, he included us right into his group! That's a little thing, but it is things like this that help build friendships. Please pray for our relationships with all these neighbors. There are many others for whom we could request your prayers, but maybe that will suffice for this update.

Thank you so much for your support of the Show-Me Plan and for your support in prayer. We are thankful for you. You are a vital link to everything we do in this spiritually needy part of the world. You may not be here in person, but you touch the lives of people here through your gifts and prayers. May God continue to bless and use you to extend His Kingdom around the world!

Here for HIS Kingdom,
Jeff and Susan Turnbough

the Show-Me Plan

A black and white photograph of a hand holding a globe. The globe shows a map of the world with latitude and longitude lines. The text 'the Show-Me Plan' is written across the top of the image in a large, serif font. The word 'the' is smaller and positioned to the left of 'Show-Me Plan'.

The great commission is for every Christian....we must go ourselves or send someone in our place!

The Missouri Mission Board, along with the Executive Committee of the Association met on October 23rd to begin their search for a Missions Director. This position was approved by the state at our meeting this past June in Springfield.

It became obvious quickly that the Committee has their work cut out for them. Resumes had been accepted until October 15th and resulted in the board being presented with several well qualified candidates.

These men are all dedicated to choosing the person the Lord wants in this area of service. Much time was dedicated to prayer and consideration during the meeting. The next step is to interview the prospective directors. Please pray for the men of this committee as they proceed.

We are confident that the Lord is going to use this person to further the kingdom. We have some of the best people in the world serving as Show-Me missionaries and we want to provide them with the tools they need to get the job done. One of those tools is the money they need to finance their work on the field. It is our rare privilege to be able to give so that they may go and stay where God has called them.

If God has called our missionaries to go, then His call on us to give is just as strong. Our refusing to give would be akin to their refusing to go to their place of service.

If you have pledged to give, please be faithful to the Lord and fulfil your promise. If you are not a supporter of the Show-Me Plan, you may send your money through your church or to our office in Lebanon.

Camp Niangua...Things Are Going Up!

Although Youth Camp officially ended this past August, activity and progress at the camp continues on a daily basis. There's a song from years gone by that says "Press along, glad soul, press along, giving out the news so grand. Press along, glad soul, press along. Press along, to glory land" That has been the frame of mind that the Youth Camp Board works under along with Superintendent Bruce Moore.

There are three specific areas in which you can see that good things are going on and going up at camp:

1. The sixty souls saved this past year is an increase over last year. We, the Board, believe that this is a result of many first time campers this past year. The evidence is clear; one of the best places in the State of Missouri to bring young people to hear a Gospel that convicts their heart and open their eyes to Jesus as the Savior is Youth Camp!

2. The New Boy's Dorm is going up! As can be seen in the pictures, the hole has been dug, the footing is poured, and the walls are starting to go up. Bro. Bruce is pouring his heart and sweat into this so it might be ready by camp time next year. Please encourage your church to send a special offering for the boy's dorm. We have the workers but we do need the income.

As when we raised funds for the new tabernacle a plaque will be made to note those who have given to the new boy's dorm.

3. Because of rising costs, the Board has seen the necessity of raising the cost by \$5.00 across the board for Youth Camp 2007. It has been at least four years since our last increase and we believe that even in the increase we are well below what other camps with our like facilities charge. Campers will be \$60.00 / Sponsors are \$20.00 / Pre-campers will be \$8.00.

The \$60.00 averages out to about \$1.15 per week-start saving now!

The dates for Youth Camp 2007 are:

Teen Camp:

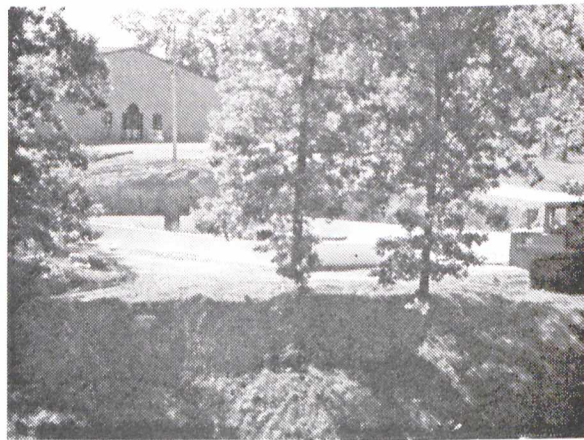
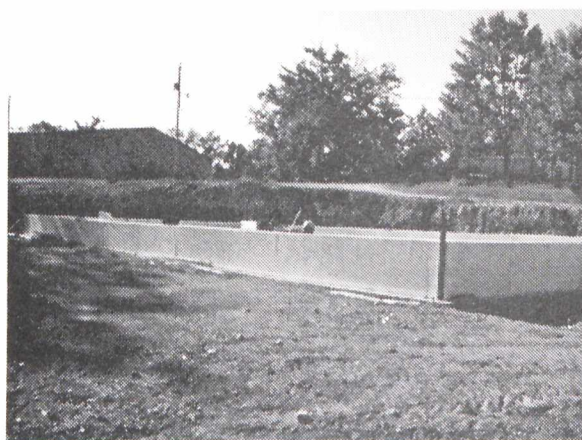
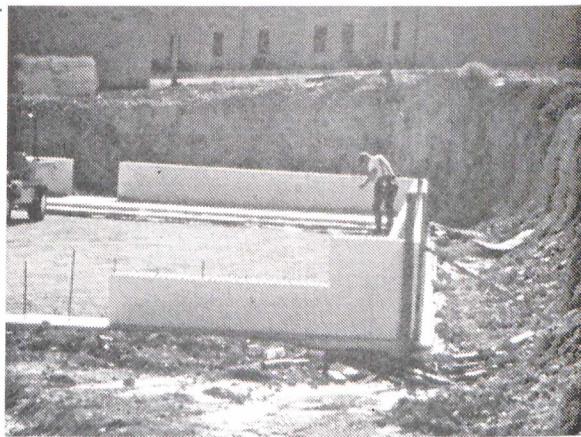
Group I June 10-15

Group II June 17-22

Pre-teen Camp:

Group I July 29-August 3

Group II July 22-27



Jones Chapel Celebrates Five Generations

Dear Brother Fry-

I am attaching a photo of our newest member, Darlene Ada, 1 week old, who is a 5th generation FWB attending our church. Pictured in the photo is her great-great-grandpa, Wayne Williams, who is a long-time deacon of Jones Chapel; her great-grandma, Joan Culp, who is married to a deacon of Jones Chapel, where she plays the organ for the church; her grandma, Diane Soles, who also attends Jones Chapel and is active in helping organize the music and decorating the sanctuary; and her mother, Crystal, who regularly attends Jones Chapel as well.

I am not sure if you include this sort of item in the



Gem, but it's not every day we see 5 generations attending one church like this.

Thanks-
Brian Brinkhoff, Pastor

Francis Simpson Song Wins Award

Frances Simpson of Fremont, MO is honored to have the song she wrote, HE LIVES IN ME, (recorded by renowned bluegrass artist, Doyle Lawson and Quick Silver) nominated for two awards by the INTERNATIONAL BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION. One nomination was for overall Bluegrass Song of the Year and the other was for Gospel Recorded Performance of the Year. HE LIVES IN ME won the latter award.

Frances wrote this-song several years ago and pitched it to Doyle Lawson. --He liked the song and put it in the line-up for recording once or twice before, but each time it didn't fit with the other songs he had chosen for the particular project. This time he said, "It was the only song that would fit and was just perfect for the TITLE CUT." She has been writing gospel songs for about 30 years and has enjoyed several cuts by major southern gospel artists including The Inspirations, The McKameys, The Hoppers, The Cathedrals, The Lesters, Jody Brown Indian Family and others ..

Frances attended the awards show on Sept. 27 at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville as a guest of IBMA where she sat with other nominees, artists and musicians on the first level.

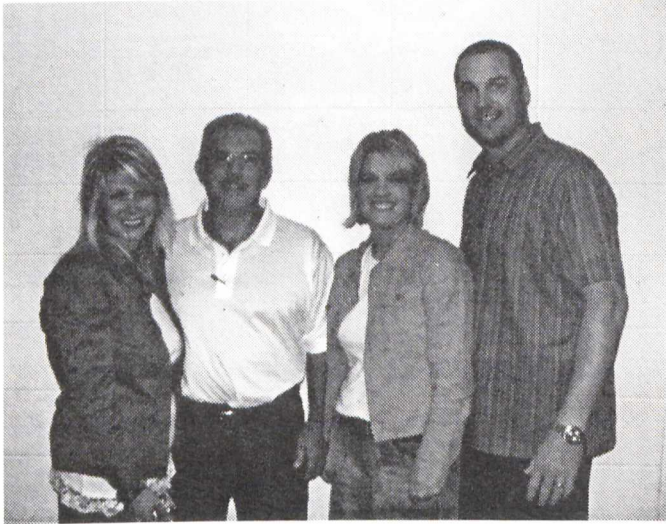


At the time of this writing HE LIVES IN ME is # 1 on the national Bluegrass Gospel Chart, # 22 on the Singing News Southern Gospel chart and # 10 on the secular Bluegrass chart.

Frances says this last one is the one she's most excited about because that means people who love bluegrass music but do not attend church on a regular basis are hearing how "Jesus came into my heart and turned my life around". "That is what my song writing is all about and that's where my heart is".

You may reach Frances for bookings, etc. at (573) 251-3540 or E-Mail: Francesongs@semo.net

Deacon Ordination at Lebanon First



Bob and Sheila Moore and Pastor Joe and Julie Wilson

Deacon ordination is always a special time and Sunday evening, October 1st was no exception. The congregation at First Church in Lebanon gathered to ordain Bob Moore after the vote of the church to confirm him in this important ministry.

Family and friends joined the congregation as Pastor Joe Wilson spoke about the biblical basis for the office of deacon and presented the charge to Bob and his wife Sheila. All the ordained of the church gathered around Bob and his wife in the altar for the prayer of dedication, setting them aside as servants of the Lord in the local church.

Bob is a broadcast engineer, building and maintaining radio stations all across the Midwest and is the owner and operator of Missouri Broadband. His wife Sheila is Principal at Easter Elementary School in Lebanon. They have two children, Austin and Savannah.

Bob serves the church in various ways, including worship leader and soloist. His wife Sheila also sings with the worship praise team. They both have served in the teaching ministry of the church.

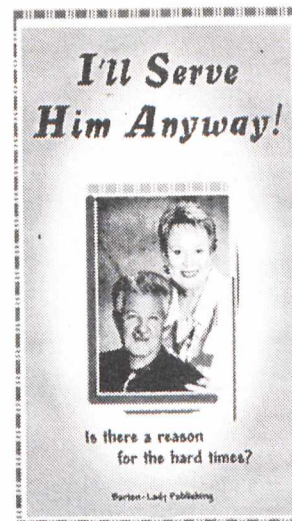
United Church Member Releases New Book

Linda Barton, member of United Free Will Baptist Church, in West Plains, MO. has self-published a book called, "I'll Serve Him Anyway."

The book is about life after Multiple Sclerosis. It tell about the long four-year search for a diagnosis, the broken dreams, disappointments, the pain, body spasms, and how MS disease has effected family, and daily living.

"We knew nothing about MS Disease, and we didn't know what was happening to us," Linda reports. Most people do not know what MS Disease is, the effects of it, the symptoms, or how it will change a person. This book describes, in length, all those areas.

Linda and her husband, Curtis, along with their



children, have been known as the Gospel Generation Singers/ The Bartons, all over the Midwest for over thirty years.

They have traveled and sang at many churches, auditoriums, Branson theaters, homecomings and gatherings since 1972. Linda also has written other books, such as "The ABC's of Music Ministry", and "Color My Life", which is a book of poetry and short childhood stories

A portion of the income from "I'll Serve Him Anyway" will go toward MS Disease Research. More information can be found on the website of WWW.Barton-ladyMusic.com. Anyone wishing to order the book and cd, can do so by calling 417-256-9185, or by going to the website for an address.

COUNTRY CHAPLAIN

Alfalfa

By J. Mark Vandivort

A field of alfalfa on our family farm remained green during the summer months of drought. The alfalfa plants sent their roots deep into the soil where they found life-sustaining moisture. (In certain soil conditions alfalfa roots can go down 10 feet or more.) That field lay in a little valley adjacent to Possum Creek.

Sometimes surrounding fields became brown and crisp due to lack of rain. However, the field of alfalfa remained green and growing. This provided assurance that our dairy cows would be well fed through the winter. Our barn loft would be filled with bails of hay. (Alfalfa hay is an excellent source of digestible protein and many other essential nutrients.)

Green and growing. That is God's wish for your life—a life vibrant with love for God and for people. That was the kind of prayer the Apostle Paul prayed: "And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love." (Ephesians 3:17, NLT) Would you consider praying that prayer for yourself and for others?

Pray for Christians in certain countries where freedom of religious expression is suppressed. For example, Christians in North Korea are reported to be experiencing severe hardships including persecution, imprisonment, and death.

Paul was praying that people's love for God would be on such a firm foundation (or deeply rooted) that difficult experiences would not uproot their faith. He wrote, "We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:8-9, NKJ).



How can you be sure that you love God? Jesus said, "If you love me, obey my commandments" (John 14:15, NLT). You need help obeying Jesus' commandments. He promised: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth...." (John 14:16-17, NLT)

I loved looking at that green field of alfalfa. I still remember the sweet aroma of the hay when I later fed it to our cows.

Put your roots of faith down deep so that your life can remain green and productive—a sweet aroma for God. You can draw deeply from the water source that only God can

provide. Jesus said, "But the water I give them takes away thirst altogether. It becomes a perpetual spring within them, giving them eternal life" (John 4:14, NLT).

Drink deeply, stay green and keep growing. (2 Peter 3:18)



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Update from the Bivens

Since our last update we have both been on the road-a lot. Ruth: flew to St. Louis; attended the annual Missouri WAC retreat; traveled by van with a group from MO to attend the WNAC annual retreat at Ridgcrest in Asheville NC; traveled back to St. Louis with the group; gratefully accepted a ride from there to Springfield MO with Robert and Shirley Jackson; met Bud in Springfield.

Bud drove up from the Bible Institute in Altamira to Springfield to speak in the Liberty District annual mission conference, Sept. 24 thru Oct. 1. From there we drove back to Pryor, OK; spent the night with Ruth's mother; then headed for the border. Reached "home" Tuesday afternoon the 3rd.

We have taken some time here to retreat and regroup, do laundry and catch up on the yard work and the mail. Bud will fly out on Monday for the Oklahoma state meeting. If all goes well, he will be back in Pharr Wednesday night.

We will be picking up Candace Blanchard on Thursday and head out for the Bible Institute in Altamira again and pick up our jobs there again.

Thank the Lord for the wonderful support team we have there at the school who have been covering for us while we made these important trips. Ruth really needed the retreats. The mission conference put us in touch with dear old friends, and lots of new ones, who now know more about the needs in Mexico

Brother Pacheco had planned to travel part of the way with Bud to lessen the danger of his falling asleep, but he was stopped at the border. He ran into one of our

famous border officials who has some kind of agenda. She took his valid, unexpired immigration visa; kept him in her office for two hours accusing him of coming to the states to work; then wrote a deportation order forbidding him to re-apply for five years!

We are devastated by this turn of events. Brother Pacheco has been Bud's traveling companion when Ruth was not up to the trip. His presence at the conventions has also served to help promote the work in Mexico. Please make this a matter of prayer. Bud has written a letter of protest, but there is little hope of a change in the deportation order, no matter how unjust, once it is in the Homeland Security computer.

Several have asked about the upcoming changes in necessary travel documents for travel into Mexico. The problem is not going into Mexico but returning to the US. Congress passed a bill last Friday that is awaiting the President's signature: US Passports will be required for US citizens returning by air from Mexico on Jan. 8, 2007. Passports will be required for re-entry by land effective June 1, 2009.

We are heading back to work next week. Please pray for us as we set our faces to our jobs again.

We cannot make it without your prayer and support. God bless you richly there in your field of labor.

Ruth

Copper Mines Missions Efforts

At Copper Mines F.W.B. Church, we have been blessed to see God at work thru mission trips. Jennifer Hovis, 2005 Fredericktown HS graduate, went to Kazakhstan with a college team. The team spent most of their three weeks working in the southern part of the country teaching English to university students.

Joshua Provow, 2006 Fredericktown HS graduate, went to Japan with a team of high school students. The team worked about three weeks on the island of Hokkaido where they helped put together carnivals and gave out flyers in the community about the area church. They also visited a Shinto shrine.

A team of eleven people from Copper Mines went to Monroe, Louisiana. The team went to help a mission work, Landmark FWB Church, where they did some yard work, distributed literature, and participated in church services. We are glad to have all our mission team members home safely and excited about their experiences in different parts of the world.

Happy Thanksgiving



State Office and Gem Staff



FWBBC Enrollment Hits 22-Year High

NASHVILLE, TN — Free Will Baptist Bible College enrolled 383 students from 24 states and five foreign countries for the 2006 fall semester, the highest number of enrollees at the college since 1984, according to Dr. Greg Kettelman, Provost.

At press time on September 8, the college had enrolled 241 dormitory students, 81 commuter students, 31 Adult Degree Program students, and 30 LifeTime Learning students. Officials set the full-time student equivalency at 341, including 17 from Missouri.

By classes, they number 93 seniors, 78 juniors, 84 sophomores, 94 freshmen, 33 non-degree/part-time students, and one special student. The college's enrollment has grown 35 percent since the fall of 2001. There are 171 women and 212 men in the student body.

Dr. Kettelman said, "LifeTime Learning registration remains open until September 15, while the Adult Degree Program includes two additional registrations in late September and early November. By the time all registrations close next spring and we get a final count, we anticipate registering more than 400 for the 2006-2007 academic year."

President J. Matthew Pinson said, "We've had a wonderful beginning to a promising new academic year. I am excited about our students this year. This marks our largest enrollment in 22 years. We are also delighted with the response to our growing Online/Lifetime Learning program as well as our Adult Studies Program."

Here are three ways to contact Free Will Baptist Bible College for more information: Call 800-76-FWBBC, e-mail recruit@fwbbc.edu, or visit the college's website at www.FWBBC.edu.

FWBBC Introduces New Trustees

NASHVILLE, TN — Delegates to the 70th annual Free Will Baptist national convention elected three new members to the Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees and elected a fourth member to a second term, according to President J. Matthew Pinson. The elections took place in Birmingham (AL) during the July 16-19, 2006, convention.

President Pinson said, "We're delighted to welcome these new Board members to the college family. They are good men with personal commitments to FWBBC. We will need their collective knowledge and skills as we move forward with plans to relocate the campus."

Nashville layman Bob Bass was elected to fill the unexpired term (2008) of Dr. Greg Kettelman who resigned to become Provost at the college. Mr. Bass, an entrepreneur and builder with a B.S. degree in engineering from Tennessee State University, graduated from FWBBC with a B.A. degree in Bible.

Mr. A.C. Allen, a South Carolina businessman, was elected to his second six-year term on the Board of Trustees. His term expires in 2012.

Two outstanding pastors were also elected to the Board for six-year terms expiring in 2012 — Reverends Ken Simpson (MO) and Mark Stripling (AR).

Pastor Ken Simpson leads Beacon Free Will Baptist Church in Raytown (MO), where he also serves as moderator of the Greater Kansas City Association. He graduated from FWBBC in 1992 with a B.A. degree in pastoral training and subsequently earned the M.A. degree in theological studies at Covenant Theological Seminary.

Arkansas pastor Mark Stripling has led the growing First Free Will Baptist Church in North Little Rock since 2001. He serves on the Executive Boards of both the Arkansas State Association and the Central Association. Mark graduated from FWBBC in 1986 with a B.S. degree in church music and is pursuing a master's degree in biblical studies at Trinity Theological Seminary.

Veteran Illinois pastor and long-time Board member Gene Outland (2008) was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees this summer. Outland pastors Hazel Dell Free Will Baptist Church in Sesser. He succeeds outgoing chairman Gary Fry (MO) who completed two full six-year terms on the Board and was not eligible for re-election. A second Board member, Pastor Richard Barnes of Virginia, also completed 12 years on the Board and was not eligible for re-election.

Financial Report

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COOP Disbursements

September 2006..... **\$54,425.85**

19.00% St HM\$10,340.91
17.00% Exec. Office.....\$9,252.37
3.00% Gen. Fund.....\$1,632.78
8.50% Youth Camp.....\$4,626.20
2.50% Youth Min.....\$1,360.65
2.50% CE.....\$1,360.65
2.50% Senior Adult.....\$1,360.65
9.00% Mo Retmt.....\$4,898.33
3.00% ShowMe Plan...\$4,898.33

33.00%\$17,960.53
National Ministries

Total\$54,425.85

COOP Giving

Bailey\$239.00
Beacon\$1,125.00
Cabool 1st.....\$277.56
Christ Chapel.....\$525.00
Crossroads- Wentzville.....\$657.00
DeSoto 1st.....\$1,525.00
Fourth\$134.95
Hartville\$1,249.00
Harvest- Raymore.....\$253.70
Houston 1st.....\$957.47
Leadington.....\$441.00
Lebanon Greenhills.....\$720.68
Mill Creek.....\$566.27
Nevada\$269.00
Pleasant Ridge.....\$37.50
Rejoice.....\$459.50
Rolla 1st.....\$239.00
Stonebridge.....\$180.00
Union Grove.....\$671.00
Willow Springs.....\$415.04
Bailey Chapel.....\$135.00
Byrd.....\$326.40
Cornerstone.....\$602.65
Cuba.....\$375.00
Fordland.....\$466.00
Grant Ave.....\$832.01
Hannibal.....\$869.00
Hopewell.....\$375.00
Marshfield.....\$220.32
Monett 1st.....\$461.15
New Life- Licking.....\$345.00
Number One.....\$155.71
Oak Hill.....\$365.00
Pleasant Hill.....\$105.56
Rock Chapel.....\$296.17
Thayer.....\$1,394.00
Willow Springs 1st.....\$80.15
Victory- Alton.....\$634.77
Victory- KC.....\$1,035.49
Amity.....\$68.45
Black Oak.....\$525.00
Clifton.....\$34.41
Fellowship- Park Hills \$1,200.00
Jackson.....\$158.86

Koshkonong\$199.00
Lead Hill\$244.69
Macedonia- Niangua.....\$187.94
Mine La Motte.....\$90.73
Ozark 1st.....\$1,858.24
Pleasant Ridge.....\$117.00
Smyrna.....\$78.00
Unity.....\$400.00
Belton.....\$386.69
Berean.....\$154.00
Freeman Chapel.....\$348.30
O'Fallon 1st.....\$2,020.00
Merl's Chapel.....\$140.00
Seymour.....\$430.00
Stockton.....\$187.53
United.....\$1,452.89
Viburnum.....\$436.00
Aulsbury Chapel.....\$232.97
Cabool 1st.....\$277.56
Calvary Chapel.....\$604.06
Farmington 1st.....\$2,611.80
Hurryville.....\$642.56
Joplin 1st.....\$263.00
Mt. Pisgah.....\$946.00
Olivet.....\$390.00
Republic.....\$347.47
Salem.....\$30.00
Trinity.....\$803.50
Union Light.....\$184.00
Verdella.....\$653.25
Waynesville 1st.....\$382.85
Copper Mines.....\$509.60
Fredericktown 1st.....\$345.00
Grace.....\$1,633.34
Harmony.....\$467.99
Harvest- Raymore.....\$304.20
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove.....\$182.50
Overland.....\$70.00
Potosi 1st.....\$139.47
Springfield 1st.....\$1,203.00
Twin Oak.....\$1,850.00
Wolf Creek.....\$733.32
Central.....\$866.80
Neosho 1st.....\$543.40
Palabras De Vida Eterna... 46.93
Monett 1st.....\$506.95
Lebanon Greenhills.....\$455.26
Mtn. Grove 1st.....\$1,931.25
Nevada.....\$245.00
New Hope.....\$267.00
Niangua.....\$145.00
Park Hills 1st.....\$1,738.79
Parvkview.....\$428.75
Pleasant Ridge.....\$45.50
West Plains 1st.....\$663.00
Total\$54,425.85

Show-Me Giving

Barker, James.....\$15.00
Beacon.....\$392.00
Belton.....\$215.00
Berean.....\$30.00
Berry, Roberta.....\$15.00
Bethel- Festus.....\$45.00
Black Oak.....\$60.00

Brown, Angela.....\$15.00
Burns, Jack.....\$60.00
Cabool 1st.....\$120.00
Cabool 1st.....\$120.00
Calvary Chapel.....\$105.00
Central.....\$55.00
Chrisman, Mona.....\$30.00
Copper Mines.....\$210.00
Cornerstone.....\$398.62
Cuba.....\$113.50
DeSoto 1st.....\$702.50
Eastern Gate.....\$15.00
Faith & Hope- W Spngs...\$45.00
Farmington 1st.....\$800.00
Farmington 1st.....\$300.00
Farmington 1st - Messengers
Class.....\$90.00
Fellowship- Park Hills...\$901.50
Fordland.....\$250.00
Fourth.....\$87.00
Fredericktown 1st.....\$150.00
Freeman Chapel.....\$720.00
Gospel Light.....\$1,100.00
Grace.....\$376.00
Grant Ave.....\$265.00
Greenfield.....\$120.00
Harmony.....\$32.05
Hartville.....\$240.00
Harvest- Raymore.....\$50.00
Harvest- Raymore.....\$50.00
Hopewell.....\$30.00
Houston 1st.....\$285.00
Hurryville.....\$530.50
Jackson.....\$265.49
Jones Chapel.....\$210.00
Joplin 1st.....\$85.37
Leadington.....\$180.00
Lebanon Greenhills.....\$50.00
Lebanon Greenhills.....\$25.00
Macedonia- Purdy.....\$13,500.00
Maggart, Roxanne.....\$100.00
Mill Creek.....\$140.00
Mill Creek CWF.....\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult...\$15.00
Mine La Motte.....\$75.00
Mission Assoc.....\$475.00
MO WAC.....\$687.00
Monett 1st.....\$96.00
Monett 1st.....\$79.00
Mt. Pisgah.....\$105.00
Mt. Zion- Thayer.....\$30.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....\$635.00
Neosho 1st.....\$165.00
New Home- Hartville...\$210.00
New Hope.....\$150.00
New Life- Licking.....\$90.00
Number One.....\$60.00
Oak Grove- Houston.....\$30.00
O'Fallon 1st.....\$198.00
Olivet.....\$55.00
One Accord.....\$540.00
Ozark 1st.....\$34.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna...\$15.00
Park Hills 1st.....\$521.64
Parvkview.....\$290.00
Pinkerton, Jerry.....\$45.00
Pleasant Hill.....\$45.00

Pleasant Ridge.....\$50.00
Porter Chapel.....\$481.15
Rejoice.....\$50.00
Richwoods 1st.....\$50.00
Richwoods 1st.....\$57.50
Rock Chapel.....\$225.00
Rolla 1st.....\$30.00
Springfield 1st.....\$530.00
Stockton.....\$57.00
Stonebridge.....\$15.00
Thayer.....\$480.00
Trinity.....\$405.00
Union Grove.....\$15.00
Union Light.....\$225.00
United.....\$300.00
Unity.....\$75.00
Verdella.....\$798.25
Viburnum.....\$85.00
Victory- KC.....\$625.00
Waynesville 1st.....\$619.60
Willow Springs 1st.....\$20.00
Willow Springs- MG.....\$75.00
CO-OP.....\$1,632.78
Total\$35,256.45

State Home Missions

DeSoto 1st.....\$110.00
Harvest- Raymore.....\$200.00
Lebanon Bookstore.....\$540.00
Mission Assoc.....\$376.00
Fordland.....\$10.00
Grant Ave.....\$41.60
Thayer.....\$50.00
Fellowship- Park Hills...\$100.00
Ozark 1st.....\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge.....\$20.00
Unity.....\$70.00
O'Fallon 1st.....\$183.00
United.....\$25.00
Gospel Light.....\$160.00
Republic.....\$25.00
Waynesville 1st.....\$50.00
Grace.....\$84.00
Macedonia- Purdy.....\$6,350.00
Neosho 1st.....\$25.00
Total\$8,429.60

International Missions

Belton.....\$50.00
Copper Mines.....\$100.00
Cuba.....\$45.40
DeSoto 1st.....\$55.00
Farmington 1st.....\$505.00
Hartville.....\$35.00
Houston 1st.....\$90.00
Matthews, Alta.....\$45.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....\$100.00
Pratt, Amos.....\$10.00
Rolla 1st.....\$322.68
Thayer.....\$371.08
Verdella.....\$834.00
Waynesville 1st.....\$70.00
Total\$2,633.16

Nat. Home Missions

Central	\$170.00
Copper Mines	\$55.00
Cuba	\$68.10
DeSoto 1st	\$230.00
Farmington 1st	\$1,717.01
Fellowship- Park Hills	\$408.85
Fordland	\$85.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$30.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grace	\$100.00
Grant Ave.	\$51.60
Hartville	\$30.00
Houston 1st	\$130.00
Jackson	\$60.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$6,250.00
Monett 1st	\$96.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$30.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$30.00
Neosho 1st	\$50.00
Oak Hill	\$100.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$183.00
Ozark 1st	\$305.00
Park Hills 1st	\$1,298.88
Rader, Jerry	\$20.00
Richwoods 1st	\$114.00
Rock Chapel	\$90.80
Rolla 1st	\$362.67
Thayer	\$115.00
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$160.00
Unity	\$90.00
Verdella	\$10.00
Victory- KC	\$30.00
Waynesville 1st	\$125.00
West Plains 1st	\$569.00
Willow Springs	\$10.00
Total	\$13,540.91

Designated Giving

Berea Ministries

Hartville	\$150.00
Fellowship-Park Hills	\$182.58
Total	\$332.58

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Desoto 1st	\$75.00
Hartville	\$50.00
Rolla 1st	\$312.56
Willow Springs	\$20.00
Unity	\$20.00
Belton	\$25.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$168.00
Union Light	\$20.00
Grace	\$34.00
New Hope	\$50.00
Total	\$774.56

C. E. Board

Book Store	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

Free Will Baptist Bible Collge

Desoto 1st	\$40.00
Hopewell	\$10.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Fellowship-Park Hills	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$165.00
Total	\$275.00

Hillsdale

Farmington 1st	\$25.00
Monett 1st	\$100.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Farmington 1st	\$100.00
Joplin 1st	\$27.68
Monett 1st	\$100.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$190.00
Total	\$592.68

Missouri Retirement

Lebanon Bookstore	\$200.00
Total	\$200.00

Senior Adult Board

Lebanon Bookstore	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

Urban Impact

Verdella	\$346.62
Total	\$346.62

Youth Camp

Desoto 1st	\$85.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Lebanon Book Store	\$540.00
Rolla 1st	\$20.00
Willow Springs	\$75.00
Cornerstone	\$25.00
Rock Chapel	\$10.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Bethel- Festus	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$15.00
Trinity	\$9.00
Verdella	\$10.00
West Plains 1st	\$25.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$10.00
Niangua	\$25.00
Total	\$929.00

Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bookstore	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

YWAM

Belton	\$25.00
Total	\$25.00

Brazil Project

Verdella	\$294.08
Total	\$294.08

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.

Mine La Motte Church

Fredericktown, MO

Contact:

Robert Warner
573-783-5358

Burbon Church

Burbon, MO

Contact:

Ernest Messex
573-732-4712

Faith Church

Lemay, MO.

Contact:

Lillian Moore
314-544-7193

Rock Chapel Church

Norwood, MO

Contact:

Shelby Moore
417-746-4743
Shelby Housley
417-746-4751

Parkway Church

Sedalia, MO

Contact:

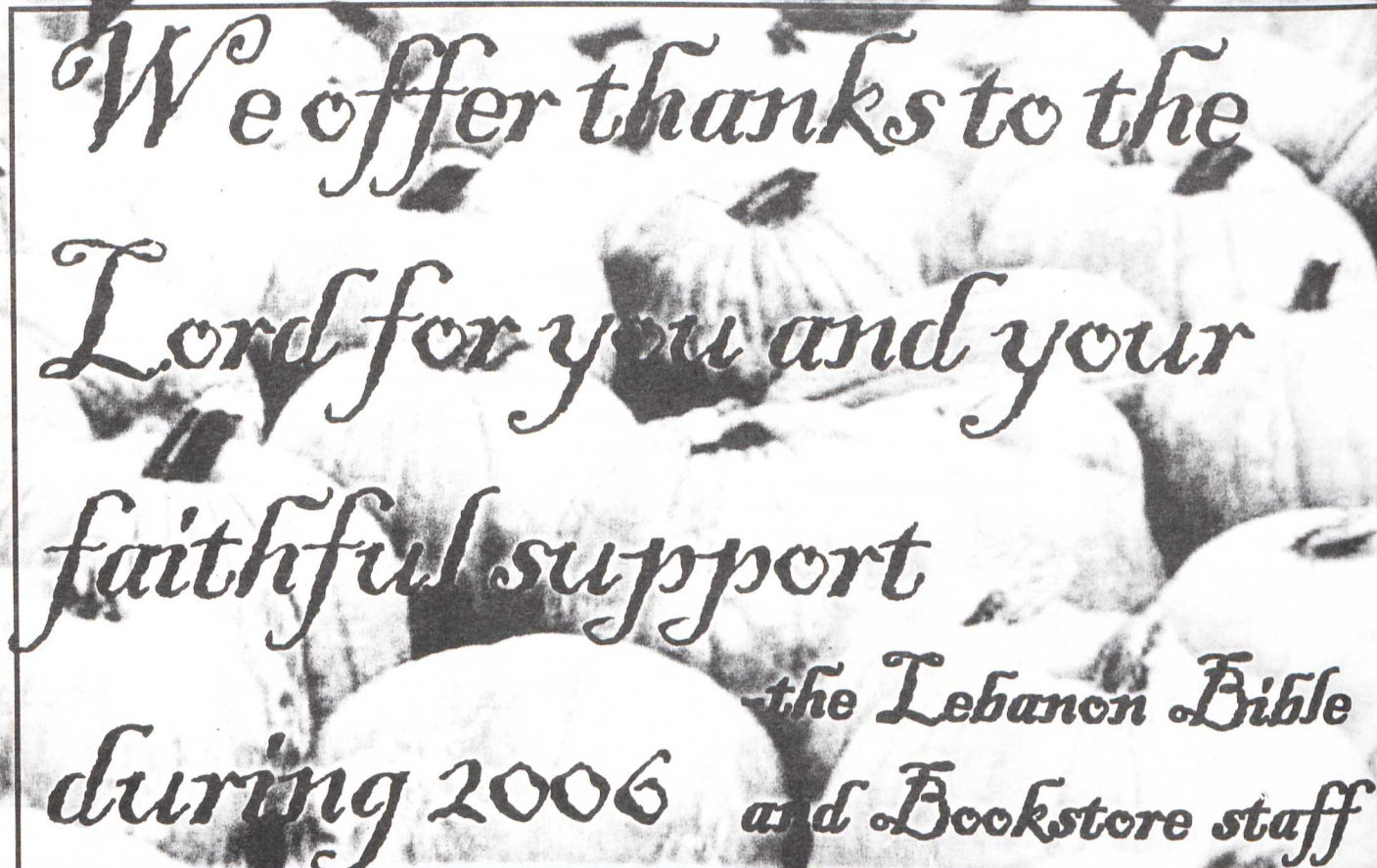
Audrey Bigelow
660-826-3880
660-475-0375



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