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**Don't forget that October is
Pastor Appreciation Month!**

From the Editor

Open Doors

It just looked like fruit trees and run down shacks to Arthur. He was with his friend Walter, driving through a piece of land that Walter was excited about showing him. "Just imagine what is going to happen out here!" he said. "We are going to build over there, and I am sure that all this surrounding land is going to shoot up in value. If you would just buy up some of this, I'm sure you could make a killing!" But Arthur could not see it. It just looked like worthless land southeast of Los Angeles. He just could not understand why Walt was so excited and he passed on the "opportunity."

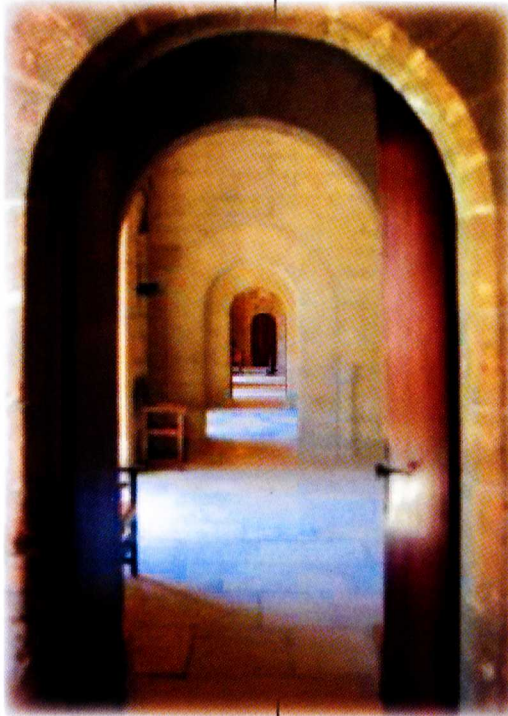
Too bad. Today that land in Orange County, Ca. is worth billions. Walt did build his project and named it Disneyland. The surrounding land is full of hotels and restaurants and other tourist attractions. I wonder how often his friend Art Linkletter wished he had shared just a little bit of his friend's vision and gone through that open door?

God talks about open doors. He says "...I have set before thee an open door..." He was talking to the church in Philadelphia in Revelation 3. He commended their faithfulness even though they only had a *little strength*. Whether he was talking about their faith or their number is immaterial. His promise is the amazing thing about this passage. He is promising that even in the face of the Jewish opposition in their city, there is a marvelous opportunity standing before them as tangible as an open door.

What a promise! No matter how small or weak we may think we and our churches are, God is saying that there is a wonderful opportunity for ministry right where we are. I have heard this story too often lately. "There are so few of us there is little we can do." Too often we look at the size of our church and compare it to a larger church down the road. We look at their myriad programs and compare them to our efforts and feel like we come up short. Too often the result of

such a comparison is the urge to just quit.

But open doors are not just for big churches! God has placed open doors before every church that is His. One of the greatest is the investment we can make in saving people from death.

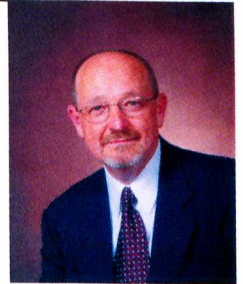


On a recent trip my family came upon an accident that had just happened. The emergency workers had yet to arrive. We came to a stop with just one vehicle between us and the accident. A motorcycle has run into the back of a van. The people in the van were fine. The motorcycle rider was not. Just as we stopped, someone covered him with a blanket. The driver of the car in front of us who had witnessed the accident said the rider simply rode his motorcycle into the back of the van as if he had not seen it. He died instantly. Later, as we drove quietly away, the statement was made, "I hope he was a Christian." The sad fact is, millions die daily who are not Christians.

Here and around the world, we have been given the task of telling dying people about Christ. That is our chief task. It is the only thing we have been commanded to do until He returns for us. But our cry is too often that we are weak and small and incapable. We all have the same opportunity. The same open door is before us. Whether it is in a foreign land, another state, across the street or in your own home, your open door is to share the love of Christ that saves men from death! You have no greater opportunity, no great open door.

I am sure that Art Linkletter wished he has listened to his friend Walt Disney and invested in his dream. But he only lost money, and he had plenty. Our open door is much greater and if we walk close we can hear the cry of those on the other side who need what we have. Can we in good conscience not give and go and tell.

Our open door wait.



Missouri Show-Me Missions



Why Short-Term Mission Trips?

Pastor Alan Kinder
Central Free Will Baptist Church

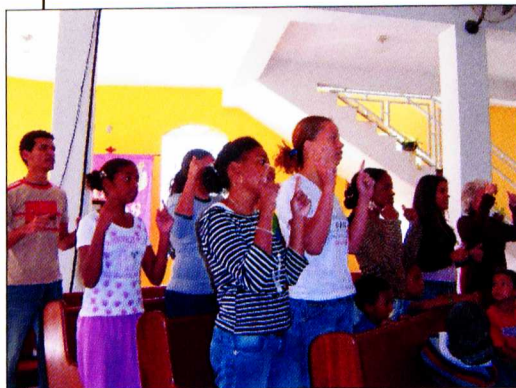
I recently completed my third short-term mission trip to Brazil. It was my second time as the team leader, and before we even left for this trip I had to wonder what in the world were we going to accomplish. There were only three of us going this time, and the work usually requires more willing hands than three can provide. There were only three of us going this time, and one of those was a teenager! Maybe it was time to put a stop to these short-term, cross-cultural mission trips that I seemed so bent on leading...after all, what can three of us accomplish that the money we raised couldn't do? So I decided to examine this whole thing, and see what possible reasons I could come up with for

continuing these things.

First, I had to admit that there was no substitute for a ministry of presence. The Apostle Paul stated this very idea in many of his letters when he wrote of desiring to be present with those brothers and sisters in Christ who were far-removed from him. Our financial support, prayers, cards, letters, and e-mails to our missionaries can only do so much. I'm not saying we shouldn't do those things (especially the prayers and financial support), but sometimes our presence is needed to provide the physical support that the missionaries on the field need. They



we can spend, it is still a big help. Our missionaries deserve whatever support and assistance we can provide, even if it is just three sets of willing hands.



sometimes need a shoulder to lean on, a shoulder to cry on, in order to continue in their fight.

Second, I had to admit that even three sets of helping hands were better than none. The work is often tiring, thankless, and sometimes even a little hard to stomach but it still needs to be done. The children's home in Araras, Lar Nova Vida (New Life Home), always has children that need a lot of attention and affection. The "sem terras" (Portuguese for landless/homeless people) also need to know the love of Jesus. While our ability to help is limited due to the length of time

Third, I had to admit that we could (and did) encourage our missionaries, the people in the local church where we ministered, and in the community at large. Everywhere we went we were introduced to people as missionaries from America who had come into their city of 110,000 people to minister the love of Jesus to their children and homeless people. The people of Araras were encouraged that we would come so far to help them and their city. The missionaries were encouraged to know that they didn't bear the entire load alone, at least not for the days we were able to spend with them. The people of the Second Free Will Baptist Church in the Candida neighborhood of Araras were encouraged by our ministry to the children and to the church as a whole. We did our best to lavish our missionary hosts with love and support for nine days. I only wish we could have done more!

Fourth, I had to admit that going on these trips was a tremendous way to confirm God's purposes. Seeing another church, from a different culture, struggling with the same issues we struggle with made me realize that the church is much big-



ger than I ever imagined. Believers in Brazil have God's ear in prayer for their cities just as much as people in the United States. Hearing some of our favorite hymns sung in Portuguese opens the mind to the reality that Jesus really did die for all people. God does intend for the whole world to hear the gospel, and that means it really is my responsibility to do my part. I can't ignore missions when I see it in action!

Finally, at the end of the trip, I had to admit that going on these trips could also be the means for the confirmation of God's calling on someone's life. Remember the teenager I mentioned? Her name is Mikayla Smith, she is seventeen years old, and she announced to our church on August 19, 2007 that she intends to follow God's calling on her life and enter missionary service upon graduation from college. I had asked her if being a part of these trips (Mikayla was a member of our team that went to Brazil in 2006, and has also made five trips to Mexico with a grandfather) had helped her make up her mind or not. She was adamant! These trips had cemented in her heart God's calling upon her life. What a blessing we would have missed if we had decided not to go.

Yes, short-term trips are expensive, but the intangible benefits to the missionaries on the field as well as the short-term missionaries are of inestimable value. We couldn't have done all that we did by just raising the money and staying home. We wouldn't have experienced, once again, the life altering time on the field that is provided through these types of trips. We might never have seen God's hand on a young missionary from Missouri who will, Lord willing, one day be a career missionary on some foreign field. I'm going back to Brazil, if the Lord allows, in January of 2009. I have several more teenagers who want to go along. I'm praying that some more adults will come along, as well. It'll be costly, but the return is of eternal benefit!

Abidjan Investment Report

31 Aug 07 Abidjan

Our continued thanks for your prayers and gifts that keep us here. God is working in many lives.

Jerry attending the Ivory Coast National Association this month. This was a year for business so only pastors & church delegates were present. Several issues were discussed. We had asked for your prayers since some were touchy subjects..the Lord heard and answered prayers in a postive way. We are most thankful for your assistance.

As Jerry walked in the door after returning from the National & a six hour truck ride home, he was "hit" with a royal case of malaria. He didn't want to go to a hospital, so we began treatment at home, then Carol went looking for Dr. Gabriel & brought him to the house. He examined Jerry then we went to the pharmacy for medications. A hook was put in the ceiling over the bed to act as an IV pole...That's how we kept him in bed for a few days.

Dr. Gabriel made house calls, believers called/came and prayed..God again answered. It took a week to regain strength & be "normal" again. Two blood test have shown that all malaria is gone from his blood stream...until another female mosquito is attracted to him. There are four types of malaria & his was the worst type. It was the same type Carol had. Jerry thinks the mosquito that bit him was the sister mosquito of the one that bit Carol a couple of years ago???maybe.

We are praying/planning for the MO Pastor's visit in October...and quite excited to show them some of the African Investments you've been praying for and helping..

OH, We know it's most unusual for doctors to make home visits, etc. But our doctor is the babe that Jerry prayed for the day he was born out in the village of Nassian when we first arrived. Dr. Gabriel Dongui is now a member of the Angre FWB Church.

Photo shows Dr. and Madame Dongui far left-far right with Pastor & Madame Samuel between them. PS. Jerry's doing fine now!!!



Hispanic Mission Celebrates Baptism

Baptism indeed became a celebration for the folks at Words of Eternal Life Free Will Baptist Church in Monett recently. Five of their number followed the Lord as Pastor Fermin Sanchez was assisted by Scott McCulley. These five were the first baptisms since Bro. Fermin came as pastor. They were, Roderico Rodas, Veronica Rodriguez, Florildama Lopez, Abraham Garcia and Bernardino Revolorio. Pastor Sanchez said *"We congratulate the members for their great decisions and we encourage them to follow after the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ and give him all the Glory."*



VBS in Spain

Dear friends and family,

We wanted to thank you for praying for the VBS our church (along with Alpedrete) hosted a couple of weeks ago. We apologize for not sending an update earlier.

We thank the Lord for the kids who came. Some were not believers and we hope a small seed was planted. Here are a few pictures from the week.

We also thank you for praying for Brooke's papers.

We turned in a request for her visa on August 3rd and everything went smoothly. We praise the Lord for that. We are waiting for the call to say she can come and pick it up. We would appreciate your continued prayers that this whole process will go smoothly.

Have a great week!

Matthew, Brooke and Andrew Turnbough



Judi Bodenshatz With The Lord

Judith Rita Bodenschatz passed away on August 20, 2007. Judi was the wife of Craig Bodenschatz, pastor of Leadington FWB Church. She was mom to three children: Craig Allen, Chris, and Sarah.

Judi's last days were a testimony of God's grace and faithfulness. She did what she had hoped to do: give God the glory. While we expect to see her in Heaven, she will be sorely missed by her family, church, and friends.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our love and appreciation to everyone across the state of Missouri during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, Judi Bodenschatz. We were awed and amazed at all the gifts, prayer and support extended to us for the last few months.

We thank God continually for each and every one of you. You will never know how much it meant to us. Praise God for faithful Free Will Baptists from the State of Missouri who are willing to be used by God!

Craig & children, Craig Allen, Christian & Sarah



St. Francois Association Landmark Session

The St Francois District Association observed its 500th session August 4th at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Park Hills, Mo. Messages were delivered by Rev. Earl Ames and Rev. Cletus Nichols. A history of the Association was prepared and read by Rev. James Barker.

The Park Hills Church is the oldest church now in the St Francois Association. The church was organized by Rev. Jerry Wood, Rev. John Wood and Rev. J.H. Culley in 1880. The next oldest church is the Aulsbury Chapel Church, organized 1889 by Rev. John Wood and Rev. W B Aulsbury.

At the present time the St Francois District includes DeSoto, Richwoods, Gospel Light in East

Bonne Terre, Bethel in East Bonne Terre, Aulsbury Chapel, Parkview, Viburnum, Fellowship, Park Hills First, Leadington, Hurryville and Farmington Churches.

The St Francois Association was organized December 25, 1869 and belonged to the Cario Illinois Quarterly. The founding churches were Doe Run, DeLassu Loughboro, Mine La Motte, Pendleton, Bushy Creek, Libetyville, Pilgrim Home, Jonca, Pine Hill, Fredricktown, St Louis Mission, Knob Lick, Annapolis, Bismarck, Pleasant Union, Point Pleasant, Marble Hill, Bonne Terre and East Bonne terre.

Of the original churches, Freder- icktown and Mine La Motte remain. New work has been established at Bismark, Bonne Terre and East Bonne Terre. A mission work has



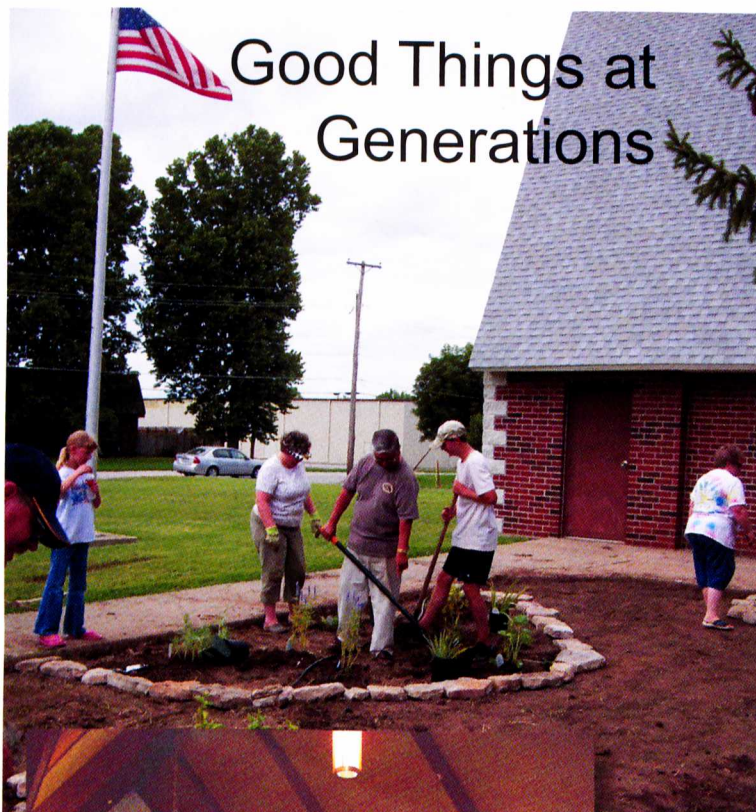
Rev. John Wood.

been reestablished at Jackson.

More recently, works have been lost at Sikeston and Scott City.

Much of this information was supplied Dr. Alton Loveless from the Free Baptist Cyclopedia and Goodspeeds History of Southeast Missouri, the rest from the personal records of Rev James Barker

-Submitted by Rev. James Barker



Good Things at Generations

A lot has been going on at the Free Will Baptist Church in Joplin this year. It all began with a gift of \$30,000.00 to be used to help reach the community through building upgrades, the calling of an Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach, advertising, and events.

The church has recently changed their name to Generations Free Will Baptist Church to better reflect their commitment to reach all age groups for Christ.

They also installed a new church sign. The congregation gathered soon after to install a Biblical Garden in the church courtyard. The sanctuary has also seen some change. The stage has been remodeled to allow more versatility of use and the installation of a video projection system with two rear projection screens in the front.

Banners were donated by different members and groups within the church to line the sides of the sanctuary. The transition of the church's old fellowship hall into a mission themed welcome center is in progress.



The church has also been blessed to add a new staff person, Craig Edgemon. Bro. Craig graduated from Hillsdale last year and he and his wife Heather have already been a great help in expanding the ministry of the church.

Generations Free Will Baptist Church is pastored by Bro. Jerald Bass

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

"And we beseech you, brethren to know them which labour among you and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."
-1 Thess. 5:12-13

God has given your pastor a great responsibility. Please pray for, love and support him. Let him know you care!

Mt. Pisgah Men's Rally



Put together over 100 men, add super food, great music and stirring preaching and you have a men's rally! That is exactly what happened recently at the Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church outside Cabool. The evening began with a spread including brisket, hamburgers and all the side dishes that make for a well fed man. Paul Wade, event coordinator said that several of the men of the church had worked most of the day to cook the meal, and their efforts were well received!

After having our hunger satisfied, we settled into the sanctuary of the church for a great service. Ray Bradley and Company from Mtn. Grove provided the music for the evening. They sang a lively mixture of old southern gospel and bluegrass. They were joined on a couple of songs by Neil Hamilton from Mt. Pisgah church.

Danny Douglas, pastor at Brushy Knob church brought a challenging message about men who pleased God. He pointed to five different men from the scripture that were outstanding in specific areas that we can emulate.

This rally is an annual event and plans are underway for next year. Pastor David Carroll had a smile on his face at the end of the evening and if you had asked, he would certainly said that all their effort in planning and executing the event was well worth spent.

Coming Soon....

October:

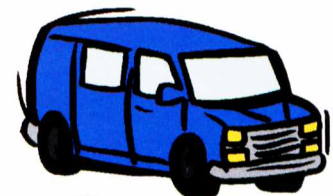
18-26.....Missouri Pastors
Trip, Ivory Coast

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16-17.....Missouri State
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COUNTRY CHAPLAIN

The Bridge

By J. Mark Vandivort

Possum Creek's swift, deep and muddy water separated us from our herd of Jersey cows that were standing by our milk barn waiting to be milked. We could look across the valley and see them along with our house and barns. A summer downpour had caused the creek to overflow its banks while we had been in town to purchase supplies.

It would be another hour or two before we could milk because we needed to drive along a county road to a bridge that crossed Possum Creek, then hike through a wet soggy neighboring farm.

For several years my dad and mother had planned and saved their money so they could build a bridge across the creek. That bridge building was planned for the month of August when Possum Creek's water flow usually ran low. Excitement mounted. My dad gave me, a young teenager, the assignment of stock-piling gravel and rock for the bridge's construction. Each day of that summer was devoted to the task unless we were otherwise occupied with harvesting our crops or another pressing need. My equipment consisted of a small LA John Deer tractor, a homemade two-wheel trailer, and a shovel. Sometimes my younger brothers, Dan and Ben, accompanied me as we loaded rock and gravel from along-side the clear flowing stream. As the month of August drew near, my dad hired my cousin Tharold who helped shovel gravel for three weeks. Uncle Burl and Uncle Elzie were the primary carpenters in constructing the bridge's wooden forms.

The concrete mixer was powered by a gasoline engine. And the concrete was transported to the forms in a wheelbarrow with a steel wheel.

After the last load of concrete was leveled and smoothed, we four boys scratched our initials into the soft concrete with a small stick, T.E.E, J.M.V., H.D.V., and B.R.V. Time and the natural forces of erosion have dimmed our initials, but the bridge has stood strong.

The bridge was a wonderful asset to our farm, and it seemed to have a special attraction for people. For several years my family maintained a mini-park near the bridge which was the site of many delightful family picnics. Kids loved swimming under the bridge. Fish were caught while standing on the bridge. And one hot August day, about 10 years later, I took my girlfriend to meet my parents, and we stopped and kissed on the bridge, under the over-hanging branches of a large weeping willow tree. We were married four months later.

Like many good things in life. That bridge was built one shovelful at a time.

For nearly 60 years Possum Creeks' annual violent flood waters have slammed floating tree trunks and rocks into the bridge's piers. My dad took pride in anchoring those piers on solid rock.

A Bridge from earth to heaven. Anchor your faith on solid rock. The Apostle Paul said, "[T]hat Rock was Christ" (1 Corinthians 10:4, NKJ).

With your faith firmly anchored in Jesus Christ, you can withstand life's raging storms. Paul 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).

The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is the bridge across the river that separates you from heaven's shore. By faith, trust Him with your soul. My cousin Tharold has since crossed that bridge to heaven's shore.

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Springfield First Breaks Ground



The folks at First Church in Springfield have cornered the market on gold shovels in their town. At least that was the way it looked recently at an afternoon service at the north Springfield church. Pastor Alvin Hook lead representatives from fifteen different groups and classes within the church as each turned their own gold shovel full of dirt. They were breaking ground for their new Gymnasium/Classroom building. While they turned the dirt, a good crowd stood by watching and praying for the success of the ambitious project.

Earlier in the morning service Pastor Hook had challenged his congregation from Jesus' Parable of the Talents to each do their part in what God has in store for their church. Project director Bill Ragsdale continued the challenge and introduced the builder who has been hired for the project. It was stated that would begin as soon as possible.

First church needs the space for several reasons, one of which is their Christian school. Started just over two years ago, the school is already running over 40 students. The new building will also provide much needed fellowship space and room for Sunday School growth. A recent project was just completed to remodel an adjacent building for space for the youth group.



Pastor Alvin is pleased with the progress and spirit of cooperation that is evident in the church at present and is only looking forward to what great things God is going to do in the future!

Time for a True Cloning Ban

ST. LOUIS, MO - Recently, Cures Without Cloning launched its effort to focus on safe, ethical research to find lifesaving treatments and cures by amending the Missouri Constitution to prohibit human cloning. St. Louis Post-Dispatch columnist Colleen Carroll Campbell provides a straightforward, accurate look at this new initiative:

"Last week, an umbrella group called Cures without Cloning launched a bid to close the cloning loophole created by Amendment Two. Its initiative, aimed at the November 2008 ballot, would not repeal Amendment Two or outlaw all embryonic stem cell research. It simply would allow Missouri to join other states that have banned human cloning by defining it the way most medical and scientific journals and popular publications do: as the creation of a cloned human embryo." Amendment Two's champions now are in the awkward position of arguing against a cloning ban that does what their amendment only purported to do. Caught in a Catch-22 of their own making, they have resorted to grousing about their opponents' disingenuousness; a comical charge, given their own track record."

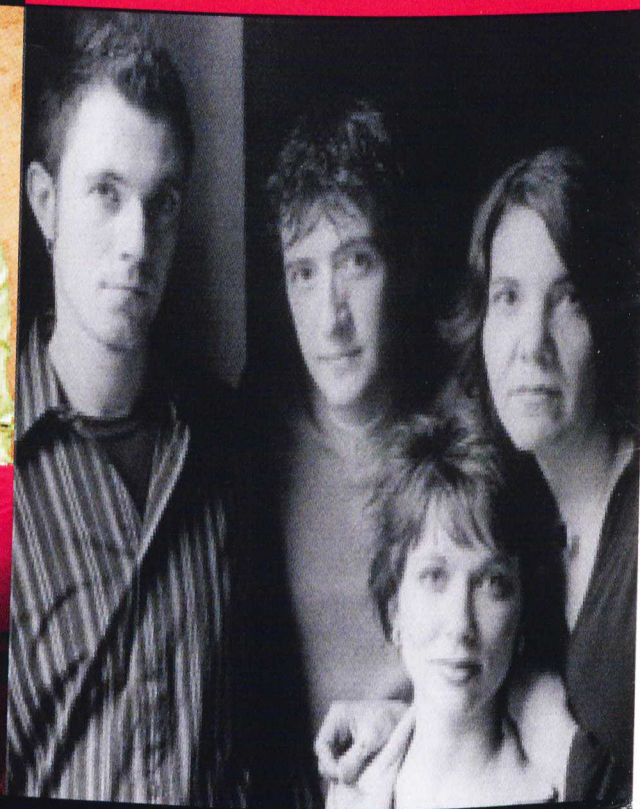
Cures without Cloning (CWC) is leading a broad-based, statewide coalition of grassroots organizations committed to prohibiting the cloning of human beings in Missouri.

Interested citizens are invited to visit www.MOcureswithoutcloning.com for more information.

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10:30 p.m. - Youth Workers Reception
11:30 p.m. - To Rooms
12:00 p.m. - Lights Out

Saturday, November 17th:

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Session 2 (PFOR/OTB)
10:00 a.m. - Break / Check-out
10:30 a.m. - Off The Wall (Teens)
Youth Workers Session
11:45 p.m. - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Session 3 (PFOR/OTB)



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Dr. Malcom Fry Home to Glory

Dr. Malcolm Fry, Former CTS Director, Dead at 79

LOCUST GROVE, OK—Dr. Malcolm Craig Fry, former director of the Church Training Service and assistant director of the Sunday School and Church Training Department, died August 24, 2007. He was 79 years old.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Fry was a Free Will Baptist minister for 54 years. He was converted in 1946, married Myrtle Mae Downing in 1948, licensed to preach in 1953, and ordained in 1955. He pastored 25 years in five states—Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, North Carolina, and Tennessee, and twice served as a home missionary.

Malcolm was a denominational leader in developing church training materials and Sunday School curriculum, and a highly regarded meeting planner whose innovative ideas for competitive activities launched a growth surge in the Free Will Baptist National Youth Conference that today attracts 3,000 attendees each July.

He served 18 years with two Free Will Baptist national agencies (Church Training Service and the Sunday School Department) in a number of roles, including director, assistant director, adult curriculum director, Editor in Chief, and Writer's Conference coordinator. He launched a new generation of Free Will Baptist writers.

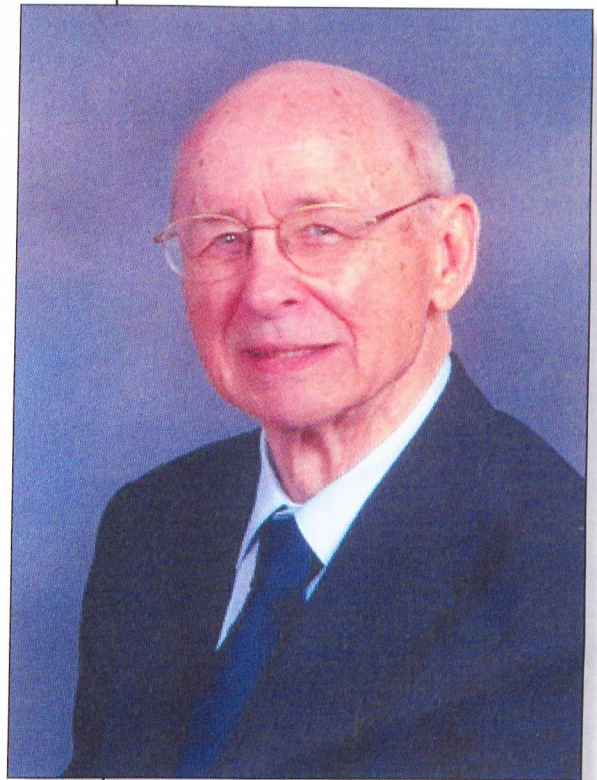
A prolific Bible teacher, writer, and vocalist, Dr. Fry trained and inspired Free Will Baptist teachers across America, published seven books and wrote hundreds of articles in a 35-year journalistic career, and recorded three albums.

He was also a flag-waving American patriot who served two years at a duty station in Panama with the U.S. Army and six years in the U.S. Air Force in Okinawa and Korea, as well as stateside.

When he wasn't preaching, teaching or singing, Malcolm would slip down to the river with a fishing pole and try his luck catching the big one that always seemed to get away. He could put an educated spin on a bowling ball or make a ping-pong paddle dance to his tune. One of his favorite pastimes was cheering for the Atlanta Braves.

An initial meeting with him may render an impression of dignity and sophistication, but Malcolm will be remembered fondly for his quick wit and sense of humor.

Always a student and learner with a quick, hungry mind, Malcolm graduated with degrees from four colleges and seminaries, eventually earning



Dr. Malcom C. Fry

the Doctor of Ministry degree at Luther Rice Seminary.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Myrtle Mae Fry. He is survived by two sons, Dr. Malcolm C. Fry, Jr. (Christi), of Kingsport, TN, and Rev. Matthew D. Fry (Martha) of Raleigh, NC; two daughters, Mrs. Pamela Mae Vaughan (Mike) of Four Oaks, NC, and Mrs. Rebecca Dawn Gwartney (Curt) of Locust Grove, OK; 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Richardson Fry of Jerusalem, Israel, and Donald Fry of Weatherford, TX; one sister, Mrs. Ann Knowles of Fayetteville, GA.

At the conclusion of the memorial service, interment followed at Hermitage Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorial contributions be made to Free Will Baptist International Missions or Free Will Baptist Home Missions at P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

Financial Report

Coop Disbursements

August 2007.....	\$81,162.73
19.00% St HM	\$15,420.92
17.00% Exec. Office.....	\$13,797.66
3.00% Gen. Fund.....	\$2,424.88
8.50% Youth Camp.....	\$6,898.83
2.50% Youth Min.....	\$2,029.07
2.50% CE	\$2,029.07
2.50% Senior Adult.....	\$2,029.07
9.00% Mo Retmt.....	\$7,304.65
3.00% ShowMe Plan.....	\$2,434.88
33.00%	\$26,783.70
National Ministries	
Total	\$81,162.73

Coop Plan

Amity.....	\$74.38	Lebanon Greenhills	\$1,024.51
Aulsbury Chapel	\$245.23	Macedonia- Niangua	\$179.93
Bailey	\$261.00	Marshfield	\$209.99
Bailey Chapel	\$142.00	Merls Chapel	\$275.00
Beacon	\$2,593.24	Mill Creek.....	\$845.79
Belton	\$417.93	Mine La Motte.....	\$85.71
Berean	\$92.00	Monett 1st.....	\$813.48
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$222.59	Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$1,594.14
Black Oak	\$565.95	Mt. Pisgah.....	\$540.00
Cabool 1st	\$325.79	Mtn. Grove 1st.....	\$1,792.95
Calvary Chapel.....	\$988.55	Myrtle.....	\$794.25
Cape Girardeau 1st.....	\$1,234.61	Neosho 1st	\$1,868.65
Central.....	\$1,142.60	Nevada	\$570.00
Christ Chapel.....	\$485.00	New Hope	\$276.00
Clifton	\$61.11	New Hope	\$321.00
Copper Mines	\$727.81	New Life- Licking	\$443.45
Cornerstone.....	\$686.21	Niangua	\$431.98
Crossroads- Lebanon	\$1,010.00	Number One.....	\$172.90
Crossroads- Wentzville.....	\$902.00	Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove	\$290.20
Cuba	\$687.00	Oak Hill.....	\$602.00
DeSoto 1st.....	\$1,500.00	O'Fallon 1st	\$2,005.77
Faith- Fair Grove	\$323.60	Olivet	\$1,005.00
Fellowship- Park Hills	\$1,200.00	Overland	\$673.50
Fordland	\$513.28	Ozark 1st	\$2,432.00
Fourth	\$240.10	Palabras DeVida Eterna	\$240.68
Fredericktown 1st	\$458.00	Park Hills 1st.....	\$3,083.56
Freeman Chapel.....	\$599.00	Parkview	\$674.00
Generations.....	\$668.50	Pleasant Hill.....	\$158.85
Gospel Light	\$100.00	Pleasant Home.....	\$981.68
Grace.....	\$1,544.92	Pleasant Ridge- Thayer.....	\$69.80
Grant Avenue.....	\$4,202.69	Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$179.00
Hannibal	\$806.00	Potosi 1st.....	\$159.22
Hannon	\$690.00	Purdy 1st	\$950.00
Harmony.....	\$676.25	Rejoice.....	\$700.13
Hartville.....	\$2,704.00	Republic.....	\$968.66
Harvest- Raymore	\$254.00	Rock Chapel	\$537.78
Hopewell.....	\$584.00	Rolla 1st.....	\$384.00
Houston 1st	\$296.67	Salem	\$30.00
Hurryville.....	\$692.50	Seymour	\$679.00
Jackson	\$245.94	Smyrna	\$105.00
Kings Way	\$539.65	South Fremont.....	\$1,000.00
Koshkonong.....	\$271.00	Springfield 1st.....	\$1,908.43
Lead Hill.....	\$242.23	Stonebridge	\$357.20
Leadington.....	\$560.00	Thayer	\$1,690.00
Lebanon 1st.....	\$2,141.97	Trinity	\$1,166.36
		Union Grove	\$786.00
		United	\$1,796.45
		Unity	\$450.00
		Verdella	\$1,584.35
		Viburnum	\$543.00
		Victory- Alton	\$767.54
		Victory- KC	\$691.67
		Waynesville 1st.....	\$1,042.70
		West Plains 1st.....	\$1,674.00
		Willow Springs.....	\$936.07
		Willow Springs 1st.....	\$100.00
		Wolf Creek.....	\$600.00
		Total	\$81,162.63

Show-Me Plan

Baldwin, Jack.....	\$25.00
Barker, James.....	\$15.00
Beacon	\$721.02
Belton	\$175.00
Berean.....	\$30.00
Berry, Roberta	\$15.00

Bethel- Festus	\$45.00	Pinkerton, Jerry	\$45.00
Black Oak	\$60.00	Pleasant Hill.....	\$45.00
Bourbon	\$30.00	Pleasant Home	\$1,200.00
Brown, Angela	\$15.00	Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$50.00
Burns, Jack.....	\$60.00	Porter Chapel	\$778.27
Cabool 1st	\$105.00	Purdy 1st	\$1,035.00
Calvary Chapel.....	\$105.00	Richwoods 1st	\$57.50
Central.....	\$105.00	Rock Chapel.....	\$255.00
Chrisman, Mona	\$30.00	Rolla 1st.....	\$30.00
Coon Creek	\$109.71	South Fremont.....	\$90.00
Copper Mines	\$305.00	Springfield 1st.....	\$585.00
Cornerstone.....	\$461.00	Stonebridge	\$50.00
Crossroads- Wentzville.....	\$50.00	Thayer	\$405.00
Cuba	\$174.00	Trinity	\$450.00
DeSoto 1st.....	\$762.50	United	\$300.00
Donor.....	\$140.00	Unity	\$75.00
Eastern Gate	\$15.00	Verdella.....	\$1,874.35
Faith & Hope- Willow Springs.....	\$45.00	Viburnum	\$85.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$250.00	Victory- KC	\$400.00
Farmington 1st Messengers Class	\$90.00	Waynesville 1st.....	\$524.10
Fellowship- Park Hills	\$675.17	Willow Springs.....	\$210.00
Fordland	\$250.00	Willow Springs 1st	\$45.00
Fourth	\$90.00	Total	\$39,690.71
Fredericktown 1st	\$165.00		
Freeman Chapel.....	\$720.00		
Generations.....	\$286.47		
Gospel Light	\$1,000.00		
Grace.....	\$435.00		
Grant Avenue.....	\$1,055.00		
Greenfield.....	\$120.00		
Hannibal	\$120.00		
Hannon	\$690.00		
Happy Hill	\$120.00		
Harmony	\$123.84		
Hartville.....	\$480.00		
Harvest- Raymore	\$50.00		
Hopewell.....	\$30.00		
Houston 1st	\$100.00		
Hurryville.....	\$581.00		
Jackson	\$70.00		
Leadington.....	\$230.00		
Lebanon 1st.....	\$150.00		
Lebanon Greenhills	\$50.00		
Macedonia- Purdy	\$11,200.00		
Maggart, Roxanne	\$100.00		
Merls Chapel	\$30.00		
Mill Creek.....	\$140.00		
Mill Creek CWF	\$15.00		
Mill Creek Young Adult.....	\$15.00		
Mine La Motte.....	\$75.00		
MO WAC	\$741.12		
Monett 1st.....	\$174.83		
Mountain Grove 1st	\$805.00		
Mt. Pisgah.....	\$150.00		
Mt. Zion- Thayer	\$30.00		
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	\$1,285.00		
Myrtle.....	\$150.00		
Neosho 1st	\$595.00		
New Beginning	\$255.25		
New Home- Hartville.....	\$210.00		
New Hope	\$300.00		
New Life - Licking	\$88.00		
New Life- Monett	\$600.00		
Number One.....	\$60.00		
Oak Grove- Houston.....	\$30.00		
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove	\$300.00		
O'Fallon 1st	\$483.50		
Olivet	\$190.00		
Ozark 1st.....	\$34.00		
Palabras DeVida Eterna	\$60.00		
Park Hills 1st.....	\$980.08		
Parkview	\$475.00		

Book Store.....	\$540.00
Crossroads- Wentzville.....	\$50.00
DeSoto 1st.....	\$110.00
Faith- Lemay.....	\$422.10
Fordland	\$10.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grace.....	\$40.00
Grant Avenue.....	\$260.14
Heffner, Gary	\$1,000.00
Lebanon Greenhills	\$204.90
Macedonia- Purdy	\$300.00
MO WAC	\$135.55
Myrtle.....	\$170.00
Neosho 1st	\$75.00
Oak Hill.....	\$15.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$468.50
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$20.00
Republic.....	\$50.00
Rolla 1st.....	\$50.00
Thayer	\$50.00
United	\$25.00
Unity	\$70.00
Waynesville 1st.....	\$50.00
Total	\$4,286.19

Beacon	\$60.00
Bethel- Festus	\$10.00
Central.....	\$160.00
Copper Mines	\$105.00
Cuba	\$104.40
DeSoto 1st.....	\$381.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$711.25
Fellowship- Park Hills	\$320.35
Fordland	\$105.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$30.00
Fredericktown 1st- WAC.....	\$300.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grace.....	\$132.00
Grant Avenue.....	\$260.13
Hartville.....	\$60.00
Houston 1st	\$65.00
Jackson	\$70.00
Mammoth Spring	\$102.39

Merls Chapel	\$25.00
Mountain Grive 1st	\$540.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$390.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$60.00
Neosho 1st	\$150.00
New Life- Monett	\$150.00
New Testament	\$75.00
Oak Hill	\$75.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$518.50
Olivet	\$140.00
Ozark 1st	\$328.00
Park Hills 1st	\$636.72
Rader, Jerry	\$20.00
Richwoods 1st	\$83.00
Rock Chapel	\$92.50
Rolla 1st	\$41.00
South Fremont	\$70.00
Thayer	\$890.00
Trinity	\$30.00
United	\$155.00
Unity	\$90.00
Verdella	\$20.00
Victory- KC	\$30.00
Waynesville 1st	\$298.00
West Plains 1st	\$263.00
Willow Springs	\$97.00
Total	\$8,454.24

International Missions

Belton	\$50.00
Copper Mines	\$100.00
Cross Roads- Lebanon	\$200.00
Cuba	\$69.60
DeSoto 1st	\$65.00
Fellowship- Park Hills	\$10.96
Generations	\$55.73
Grace	\$100.00
Grant Avenue	\$30.00
Hartville	\$90.00
Houston 1st	\$55.00
Mammoth Spring	\$26.81
Mountain Grive 1st	\$1,563.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$83.00
Neosho 1st	\$20.00
New Testament	\$55.00
Olivet	\$100.00
Ozark 1st	\$25.00
Park Hills 1st	\$12.00
Pleasant Home	\$163.88
Purdy 1st	\$244.36
Rejoice	\$455.00
Rolla 1st	\$41.00
South Fremont	\$45.00
Springfield 1st	\$106.24
Thayer	\$178.40
Verdella	\$475.31
Waynesville 1st	\$85.00
Willow Springs	\$57.00
Total	\$4,562.29

Designated Giving

Berea Ministries

Hartville	\$300.00
Total	\$300.00

Victor Torrez

United Youth Group	\$200.00
Total	\$200.00

Brazil Project

Verdella	\$643.88
Total	\$643.88

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Myrtle	\$27.00
New Hope	\$50.00
Rolla 1st	\$1,024.68
Willow Springs	\$20.00
Hartville	\$50.00
Unity	\$20.00
Belton	\$25.00
Desoto 1st	\$65.00
New Hope	\$50.00
Grace	\$30.00
Hartville	\$50.00
Myrtle	\$30.00
New Life-Monett	\$518.72
Willow Springs	\$20.00
Total	\$1,980.40

C. E. Board

Book Store	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

Free Will Baptist Bible Collge

Beacon	\$116.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$165.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Desoto 1st	\$40.00
Fellowship-Park Hills	\$10.00
Beacon	\$24.53
Hopewell	\$10.00
Beacon	\$38.98
Mountain Grove 1st	\$165.00
Total	\$619.51

Hillsdale

Beacon	\$66.00
Grant Avenue	\$25.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$170.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Victory- KC	\$456.00
Beacon	\$56.53
Joplin 1st	\$70.37
Beacon	\$38.98
Grant Avenue	\$25.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$170.00
Total	\$1,127.88

Missouri Retirement

Book Store	\$200.00
Total	\$200.00

Senior Adult Board

Book Store	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

Urban Impact

Verdella	\$812.18
Total	\$812.18

Youth Camp

Book Store	\$540.00
Niangua	\$25.00
Rock Chapel	\$8.00
Rolla 1st	\$20.00
Verdella	\$10.00
Willow Springs	\$75.00
Cornerstone	\$100.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$25.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Desoto 1st	\$55.00
Trinity	\$9.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$15.00
Verdella	\$10.00
West Plains 1st	\$25.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$25.00
New Life-Monett	\$518.72
Niangua	\$25.00
Willow Springs	\$75.00
Total	\$1,640.72

Youth Camp Development

Myrtle	\$71.00
Myrtle/Dorm	\$130.00
Farmington 1st/Dorm	\$159.30
Ozark 1st/Dorm	\$1,181.44
Oak Hill	\$15.00
Hannon	\$300.00
Indian Creek/Dorm	\$1,848.42
Hannon	\$300.00
Myrtle	\$60.00
Willow Springs/Dorm	\$256.05
Total	\$4,021.21

Youth Ministries Board

Book Store	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

YWAM

Belton	\$25.00
Total	\$25.00

Total August Giving:

\$151,018.47

Funds to date:

08/30/07

Cooperative Plan:

\$521,129.79

Show-Me Plan

\$224,843.10

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First Church

Mtn. Grove

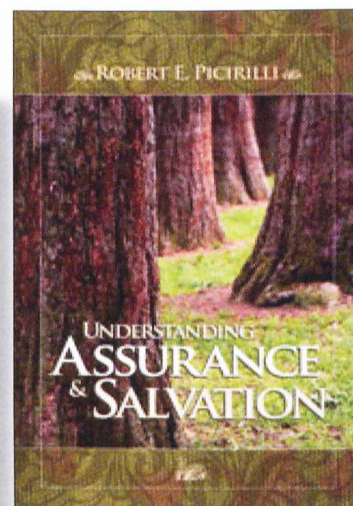
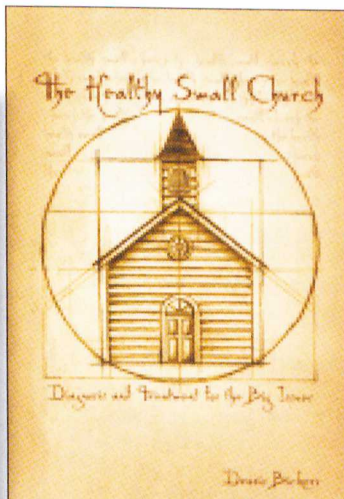
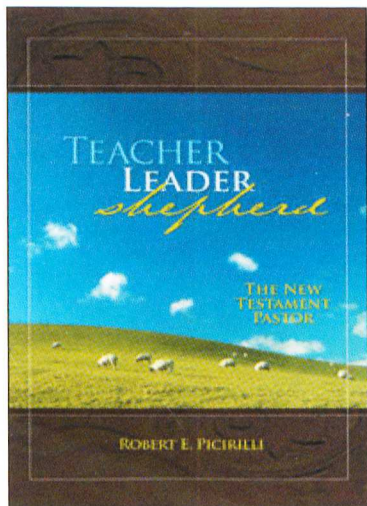
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