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# From the Editor

## He Missed It Again!

**T**he weatherman missed it again last night. He said with a great deal of certainty that we would wake to 6-10 inches of snow this morning. "Snow" you might be thinking, "in April?" While you are reading this article in April, I wrote it the first of March. And last night he said snow and lots of it. Everyone prepared. The stores were full of people buying bread and milk as if we would be snowed in a month. I saw 4x4 vehicles parked at the end of driveways. Schools were even cancelled the night before in anticipation. We were ready. I awoke about 5:00am and looked out the window to see about 1/4 inch. Not even enough to cover the grass. Not that I really minded too much, but there is a disappointment in expecting something to happen and then not getting to feel the fulfillment.

This is not the first time he missed the forecast. He has been missing it all winter. Now that I think about it, last spring and summer were not much better. Amazingly, he will be back on TV this evening with another forecast for tomorrow, even though he was so wrong yesterday and so many times in the past. Even more amazingly, I will be watching to see what he says. And I will probably prepare accordingly.

If the weatherman could be as accurate as the Bible in predicting the future, the whole world would listen to his every word. Isn't it amazing that with an accuracy rate of 100% people still to ignore what the Bible says but listen to the weatherman every day.

Our world is full of experts who predict the future of everything from the weather to the economy; from fashion trends to the price of pork bellies. Some folks are making a good living off the rest of us because of our desire to know what the future holds. It does not matter what the subject, someone, somewhere is a self-styled expert and expect us to listen to them. The trouble is, we do.

There is an old adage that there are only two things certain in life, taxes and death. And while taxes do seem to be an inescapable burden, death is the only certain thing. Life is going to come to an end for all of us, one way or another. I don't propose to answer the eschatological conundrum here, I do have an opinion, but many of you would disagree.

We do agree on the veracity of the Word. When the Bible speaks it is always right. When God says something is going to happen it always happens just like He said it would. Everytime. It is sad that we are living in an age that disregards the Word of God. Sad to say, it is not just the world that tries to ignore what God says. So many people who identify with the church seem to be unsure if you can depend on the truth of what God says in His Word. Surveys tell us that an alarming percentage of churchgoers say that truth is

relative. They have bought the lie that you have your truth and they have their truth and all will be fine as long as we live by truth as we perceive it.

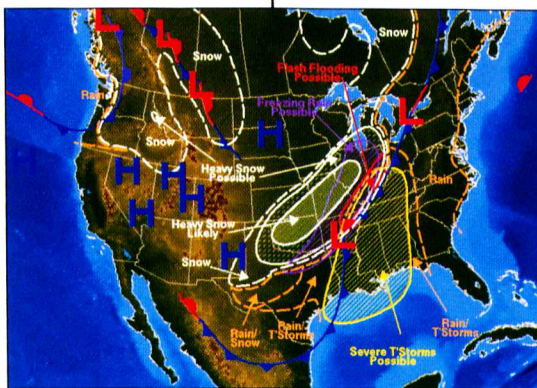
While there seems to be room for disagreement on just how things will happen in the end of time, there is one inescapable fact. The world is going to end someday. Whether sooner or later, it is going to happen. I am sure that God is the only one who has the

whole scenario nailed down. He has given us enough information in His Word so that we can be ready when it does happen. It need not take his people by surprise. It might be that we can read the signs of the times and be prepared. It might be that we can live in confidence based simply on our faith in Him so that when it happens we are not surprised. Again, I have an opinion, so do you, but our opinions are no more reliable than the weatherman.

It is easy to get distressed about the events of our world. I don't like the direction our society is headed. But how good it feels to go to Gods' Word and see that even when the world passes away, God has said we are safe in Him and get to spend eternity with Him. He has never been wrong.

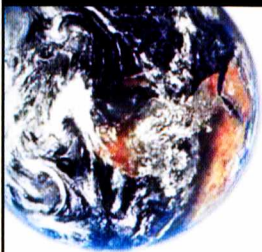
The distressing thing is that so many people put so much confidence in so many other voices in our world looking for guidance for the future. They will listen to any new guru that Oprah puts forth with an answer on how their lives can be better and totally ignore the only One who knows anything reliable. If you can figure out how to get their attention, let the rest of us know.

Excuse me, it's time for the weather forecast.





# Missouri Show-Me Missions



## We Give

by Frank Webster  
Missouri Missions Director

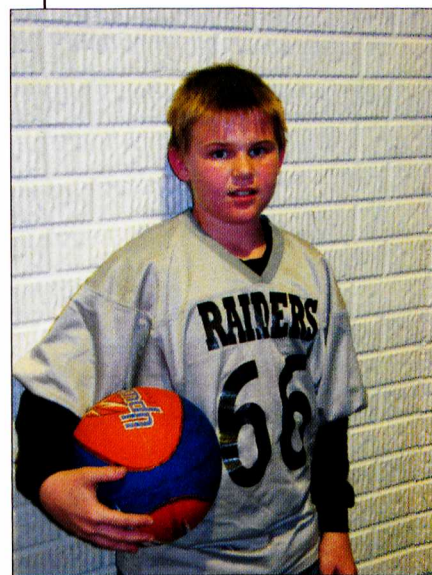
If there is one positive thing we Americans are known for in our world, it is that we give. There are few, if any, countries in our world that have not received at least one of the following from our hands: food, medical supplies, clothing, education in one of several areas, and money. Even some of those countries that curse us in the media outlets do so while holding out their hand to receive what we generously give them.

The reason we give can be analyzed by those more learned and qualified to do so than myself, but I know for me personally it came from growing up around giving people. I have several stories I may share in the future when it comes to helping someone in need or surprising someone with a gift in such a fashion that the recipient never knew where it came from. But this story is about one young man who touched my heart with his act of giving just because he felt he needed to.

Brandon Smith is eleven years old and attends church with his family at the First Free Will Baptist church in Lebanon, Missouri. His

story starts with his pastor, Joe Wilson, inviting me to bring our Missouri Missions presentation to their church last November for both of their services. Brandon sat through one of the services and heard about how God is working through Free Will Baptists in Missouri, in our nation and all over the world. He was particularly intrigued with the Show-Me Plan that helps to support our International FWB Missionaries that have ties to Missouri. He began to think in his mind how he could give in order to help send our missionaries to preach the Gospel in those far off lands. Being eleven really causes some hindrances in the ability to raise money. I realize at that point most kids run to mom or dad and begin the begging process, not Brandon. He just prayed and waited.

Waiting took him to the last of December when everything turns to anticipation. Then the day came in which Christmas presents begin to become Christmas belongings and in the midst of that, one particular gift from grandma brightened his eyes. It was the simple gift of a Christmas card with the one piece of the card that becomes a child's



joy - the paper that falls from it. This paper from this card was a \$50 bill. Now at that point of the story I immediately had to think back to my own life at eleven. What would I have done with a Christmas present like that? Well, for me at eleven would have been 1969, and I know exactly what I would have done with it. I would have bought a bike with one of the new Banana seats!

I don't know all the options Brandon had in his fingers when he picked that bill up and looked at it. All I know is what he said when he saw it, "Now I can give to the Show-Me Plan!"

That fifty has been deposited into the Show-Me Plan, and I have no doubt that it is one of several pieces of money that God has touched into a multiplying blessing. Brandon's joyful gift will last forever in the hearts of some of those in foreign lands. And, to many, "Preacher" will be one more item in the list of things those giving Americans have sent to them.



# Do I Know You From Somewhere?

by Stan Bunch

As I walked to the front gate I was thinking, "Oh brother, another Jehovah's witness. I don't have time for this nonsense." Then I noticed his identification badge and folder. Hector Acevedo and his co-worker work for the National Census Bureau. They wanted to ask us a few questions. As we sat on the front porch, my mind was reeling because Hector looked so familiar. In our introductions, I asked him about the Acevedo family in Llano de Piedras, a small town in the mountains about 1 hour from Chitre. Hector was one of the youngest of the 12 Acevedo children. The entire family were original members of the Bible Church. Several years previously, I had performed a wedding ceremony for one of Hector's sisters and later for one of his brothers. I had also taught two Bible Institute courses in their church, as well as various preaching engagements. Now, several years later here is the little Acevedo boy, now a university graduate sitting on my front porch. I thought I knew him from somewhere.

Mario was one of the best barbers in Chitre. He always spoke to our children Jonathan, Alicia and Amanda and he remembered their names. Mario was raised as an Adventist in the mountains of the bordering province. Mario was my barber for several years. He loved to argue the Adventist positions as he worked on my hair. I was more interested in getting a good hair cut than knowing Mario's position on the ingestion of shrimp or pork. After a few years we lost close contact and he is now in his latter 50's and his son has taken

over the barber business. He came to our church recently and when I saw him I thought, "I know him from somewhere."

One Sunday about two months ago, I looked out over the congregation and saw two faces that took me back nearly 21 years. I first met both Hector and Mario in 1987. Hector was a little boy in a mountain church and Mario was a barber that was searching for truth. Hector came that Sunday with his new bride, also a Christian from another Bible Church. Mario was there with his wife and two of his sons. I knew them from somewhere.

My thoughts went to the importance and blessing of establishing a long term ministry and testimony. Hector and Mario came to our church as a result of friendships and contact that we made two decades ago. Now, as the church in Parita has been given over to a Panamanian pastor and God has opened the door for us to start a church in Chitre, we see those contacts from previous years bearing fruit.

God is bringing forth fruit. Batherline came



**Mario and Men pouring foundation...** this is the guy I mentioned in the article. The men are pouring the footing to the new addition that the folks from Mo. put the roof on. We now have most of the concrete work done.



**Bade & Steph...** Batherline and Stephany. I mentioned them in the article. Stephany is one of our seminary students from Chitre.



**Children's group.....**this is part of the Bible Club.





to our Bible Club when she was about 6 years old. She is now a leader in the Bible Club, youth group and sings in our praise group on Sunday mornings. Mirelda, Batherline's mother, is our church treasurer. She was saved as the result of the ministry to her daughter.

Garys, owns a plant nursery in Chitre. He became a Christian as a result of the testimony of Gabriela his daughter. "Gaby" came to the Bible club when she was five years old. She is now a member of our youth group and a Bible Club teacher and leader.

Stephany will be one of our first FWB Seminary students. Her first contact with our church was through the Bible Club. She was saved during youth camp and is now a teacher and leader in the Bible club and works with the youth group.

Harmodio, is a deacon who is not a deacon. He serves without the title. He and his family came to us after an unfortunate experience in another church. After meeting with their former pastor to discuss a reconciliation and return to their home church, it was very clear to me that a return would not be possible. His wife is an excellent Bible teacher and their children are all involved in various ministries. Interestingly, they came to our church because of Mario's influence, even before Mario himself came.

Brenda is in the process of doing a mentoring and restorative discipline ministry with Maite. Maite just gave birth to a daughter out of wedlock, obviously as a result of sin. Brenda meets weekly with Maite and her mother with the goal of restoring her in her walk with Christ.

Long term ministries and relationship are important, especially on the mission field. When you come to visit the Good News Free Will Baptist Church in Chitre you'll most likely be greeted by one of the ushers named Mario. He's friendly and will make you feel like he knows you from somewhere.

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### *Next Month:*

**Report on the Ministers Retreat  
We Welcome the Pinkertons Home  
The Altoms Checks In  
News from the McDonalds**

## MOWAC Announces 2008/2009 Projects

FOR THE FUTURE: 20/20/20

**W**e are committing ourselves for 20/20/20.

\$20,000 for the Seminario Bautista Libre de Panama in Chame, Panama. This \$20,000 will go toward annual payments for the property, but additional funding is needed for class room and dining hall furnishings, air conditioning, fans and general maintenance.

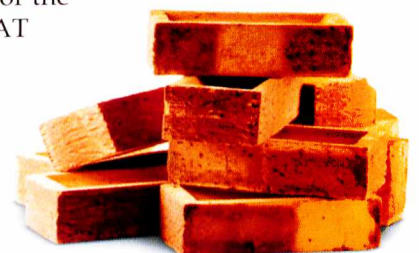
\$20,000 for the long-awaited church facility in Villalba, Spain. This \$20,000 will go toward actual construction costs. They also welcome gifts for additional expenses such as furnishings, architectural fees or finishing the grounds.

\$20,000 for building a funding base to cover operational costs and continue WNAC ministries. This

\$20,000 will go into the WNAC Endowment, with guaranteed 5% interest earnings deposited in the WNAC general fund.

MO W.A.C. has chosen this as our 2008 Retreat Project. We would like each local to bring checkbook boxes decorated like a bricks with \$25.00 in each box to Retreat in September. We encourage each group to bring as many bricks as possible.

We will be building for the future ONE BRICK AT A TIME. Check the TOGETHER With GOD magazine for more information.





# Missouri Life....

## Clifton Church Celebrates Valentine's Day



Even though the weather was cold and wintry on the evening of February 13, hearts were warmed upon entering the Clifton Church Fellowship Hall for the annual Valentine's Banquet. Receiving the cheerful greetings of fellow members and friends, seeing the beautiful decorations, and smelling the wonderful aroma of the home cooked meal were indications of the wonderful evening awaiting us.

Youth of the church served the delicious food that had been prepared by Sis. Nell Mitchell, Sis. Helen Lee, and Sis. Mae Hurtt. After the conclusion of the meal, Bro. Darrell Mitchell, pastor, shared reflections from I Corinthians 13, and Bro. Leamon Lee provided the special music.

Everyone had a fun and challenging time trying to identify the wedding pictures of members of the congregation that were prominently displayed in one area of the fellowship hall. As each husband

presented his wife with a rose, and as each wife presented her husband with a box of chocolates, couples shared with the group an exceptional characteristic of their spouse that has made their marriage meaningful and fulfilling.

A highlight of the evening was honoring Bro. Frandell and Sis. Ethel (Granny) Risner (pictured right) for their 67 years of marriage. These very special "Living Valentines" were presented with flowers and a framed photograph.

With the recent increased attendance at the church, this wonderful event provided the nearly 50 attendees an opportunity to get to know each other better as we celebrated God's love and our love for one another.

Clifton Free Will Baptist Church is located just off Highway 19 North in Thayer, Missouri.

-Submitted by Judy Streeter

## St. Francois Association Locks Youth In

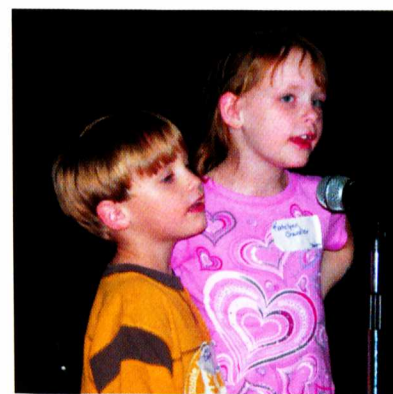
Our first ever St. Francois Association Children's Church Lock In drew 175 in attendance at the Farmington Civic Center. Sponsored by the Free Will Baptist Churches of Farmington and DeSoto, February 15th seemed an over all success.

The theme for the night was "Boot Camp" in honor of this years theme at Camp Niangua 2008 sessions.



The evening was filled with swim times for boys and girls, inflatables, basketball, volleyball, face painting, Children's Church Idol, and Worship services. Sermons were brought by Randy Rains, Youth Pastor of the Farmington Free Will Baptist Church and Craig Bodenschatz, Pastor of Leadington Free Will Baptist Church.

The lock in ended with attendance prizes and crispy creme Donuts, as well as our theme song "Many Good Friends". We look forward to hosting additional lock ins in years to come. If you would like any information regarding this event contact Jamie Degonia at the DeSoto Free Will Baptist Church.




Katelynn and Ethan Chandler, winners of the Children's Church Idol Competition



# COUNTRY CHAPLAIN

## *Tail Gunner*

By J. Mark Vandivort



Over a plate of fried catfish I asked my friend, Tony, "How many missions did you fly during World War II?" "Sixty-five", he replied.

He loves to talk about serving as a "tail gunner" aboard a B-26 bomber. When he was 20 years old he enlisted in the Army Air Corp (now Air Force). He wanted to become a tail gunner, he explained. And that was the job he was assigned and trained for. He must have done his job well, he and his crew returned to their home base in England from 65 missions over the European theater of war.

Can you imagine being a pilot or navigator of a B-26 Marauder without a tail gunner? Tony was their man, trustworthy and competent.

Sometimes I muse over the kind of world we might now be experiencing if it had not been for Tony, the tail gunner, and many millions of other brave, freedom loving, military men and women like him.

Tony is a hero in my thinking. I enjoy going with him for lunch or coffee. He always leaves a \$2 bill for a tip, sometimes two. Also, he will be quick to tell you that Jesus Christ is the Lord of his life. "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15, NIV).

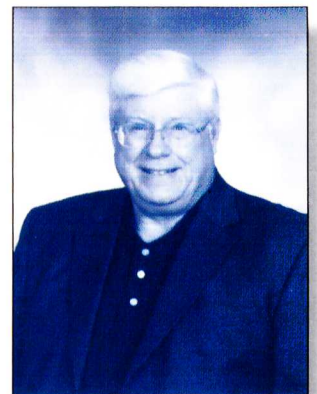
I asked Tony how long he stayed at his tail gunner position during a return flight. He explained that when they could see the "White Cliffs of Dover" (coast of England) he would move up to the "waist" (middle) of the plane before landing. Praise God for the welcome sight of the White Cliffs of Dover for Tony and his seven person crew!

Like Abraham, Tony now looks for that city, "whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:10, NKJ). For now, he is enjoying life entirely too much to make that final flight before God's appointed time.

Whenever that time comes, there will be a triumphant welcome home for Tony, the tail gunner!

(Seven weeks later, Tony T. Garbiso was carried by the angels across heaven's "white cliff" shores, March 2, 2007.)

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# MOFWB

## 2008 Calendar

*May 6*

Palmer Leadership Extension Class, Calvary Chapel, Buffalo

*May 12-14*

Senior Adult Retreat...Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

*June 1-2*

SCM Competitive Activities...Clarion Hotel, Springfield

*June 3*

MOWAC Annual Convention...Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

*June 2-4*

MOFWB Annual Meeting...Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

*June 8-13*

Teen Camp, Group One

*June 15-20*

Teen Camp, Group Two

*July 20-24*

National Association of FWB...Charleston, West Virginia

*July 27- August 1*

Pre-teen Camp, Group Two

*August 3-8*

Pre-Teen Camp, Group One

*Sptember 11-13*

WNAC Retreat...Ridgecrest, North Carolina

*September 19-20*

MOWAC Retreat...Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

*November 21-22*

State Youth Retreat...Windermere Retreat Center, Roach, MO

## Palmer Leadership Extension Class

*May 6, 2008*

*Calvary Chapel, Buffalo*

**Discipleship:  
God's Way of Making  
Leaders**

*Who can attend?*

*Pastors, Staff,  
Church Leaders*

**Cost:**

**\$50.00 if registered by  
April 13,  
\$75.00 at the door**

*Registration:*

*On-Line at  
[www.MOFWB.org](http://www.MOFWB.org)  
or call 1-866-532-6537*

**Good Materials  
Good Fellowship  
Good Food  
Needed Topic**

*This is the first of what  
may be several follow  
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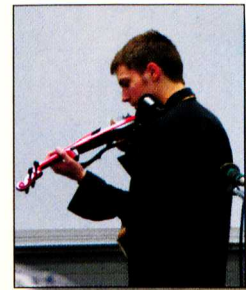


# Missouri SCM (CTS) Bible and Arts Festival



June 1-2, 2007  
Clarion Hotel

3333 S Glenstone Ave  
Springfield, MO  
877-424-6423



The SCM (formerly CTS) Bible and Arts Festival is a program designed to encourage the learning of scripture and the using of gifts of young people in our Free Will Baptist Churches. The Missouri State Youth Board follows the guidelines of the National Youth Conference. All coaches should have a copy of the guidelines. The guidelines are available at the Lebanon Bookstore (417-532-9516).

Registration and Fees: See the fee schedule on the official registration form. (available at [www.mofwb.org/youth](http://www.mofwb.org/youth)) The registration form must be postmarked by May 10, 2008. Send registration and fee to: Youth Ministries Board, 305 W Columbia, Farmington, MO 63640. Coaches will receive registration confirmation by email or mail (if email is not available) prior to competition. Questions concerning competition, contact Board Chairman, Randy Rains at 573-756-8933 or at [crrains@yahoo.com](mailto:crrains@yahoo.com).

## Projected Schedule:

Sunday, June 1, 2008

Evening Service – 6:30 p.m.

Competition – 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Monday, June 2 (Subject to change based on final registration)

Competition – 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Awards Ceremony – 4:00 p.m.



Final schedule and details will be based on actual entries and will be available at competition. The time in the schedule that will not change is the Sunday evening service that begins at 6:30 p.m. Joe Wilson, Pastor of the First Church in Lebanon, Mo., will be preaching in the Sunday evening service. Joe is also a member of the Missouri State Youth Board.

The following hotel is blocking rooms for the SCM Festival. You must request the special rate for Missouri Free Will Baptists and reserve by May 15.

Clarion Hotel  
3333 S. Glenstone Ave  
417- 883-6550



In order to avoid state tax charges, the room must be charged to your church and a tax exempt letter must be presented to the motel. Make sure you let the motel know that your room is tax exempt upon registering. Check the NYC website at Randall House for 2008 rules changes.





# 95th Annual Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists June 1-4, 2008 Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

Sunday, June 1	3:00pm 7:00pm	SCM Competition Youth Service Speaker Rev. Joe Wilson
Monday, June 2	9:00am 3:00pm 7:00pm	SCM Competition SCM Awards Ceremony Opening Service State Association Speaker: Rev. Kenny Simpson
Tuesday June 3	9:00am 10:30am 11:00am 1:30pm 7:00pm	MOWAC Convention Executive Committee Meeting Service, Speaker: Carol Pinkerton General Board Meeting Evening Service Speaker: Rev. Russell Johnson
Wednesday June 4	9:00am 7:00pm	Opening Business Session Evening Service Speaker: Rev. Jerry Pinkerton

## Registration:

You may preregister for the State Meeting this year by calling the State Office at 1-866-532-6537 or online at [www.mofwb.org](http://www.mofwb.org)

You may register at the Clarion Hotel by calling (417) 883-6550. Be sure to mention that you are with the Missouri Free Will Baptist Convention for the special rate of \$68.00 per night including full breakfast buffet. Please consider staying at the Clarion as the more rooms we rent the less we have to pay for our meeting spaces.

Please note that our schedule is different this year. We are combining the SCM Competition and the State Associational Meeting. We hope this increases attendance at both events. Thanks for your participation.



## State Leaders Meet With IM About Restructure

Antioch, TN – Free Will Baptist leaders from nine states with undesignated funding programs convened at the Nashville Airport Marriott on January 7-8. The 17-member group – including state executives, missions directors, moderators, and International Missions Board members – met with the International Missions staff to provide their insights on the restructure of proposed funding system..

Board Chairman Danny Williams presented a brief overview of the Mission's strategic plan, the basis for the decision to restructure. This was followed by a simple presentation of the current version of the proposed plan by the Mission's General Director James Forlines.

The majority of the two-day session was dedicated to defining the benefits and challenges of the proposed restructure. Led by professional facilitator Frank Breedon, leaders spent time in small break-out groups defining their questions and issues for clarification. In a candid, yet graceful discussion, the leaders gave their ideas and asked questions. Breedon told the group he was "very impressed with the quality of the feedback and with the constructive tone of the entire session."

William Smith, Georgia's Executive Director, said the meeting "was a monumental step in the right direction."

The group created a task force of nine members (one from each state) to meet at intervals with Forlines and members of the board and staff to provide advice and recommendations as the restructure process moves forward.



"This was the most productive missions meeting I have ever attended," asserted Arkansas Missions Director Don Matchett. "The format, the openness, and the willingness of the IM board and staff to really listen should make this an historic meeting," he concluded.

For more information on the proposed restructure, visit the funding restructure web section of [fwbgo.com](http://fwbgo.com).

Missouri State Missions Director Frank Webster and Executive Director Gary Fry were apart of the meeting.

## Impact West Virginia

CHARLESTON, WV – The Executive Office of Free Will Baptists, in cooperation with the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, recently announced plans for IMPACT West Virginia, Saturday, July 19, 2008.

The one-day evangelistic campaign will target churches and neighborhoods in the greater Charleston area. Free Will Baptists from across the nation are encouraged to arrive at the convention a day early to participate in this unified effort.

From door-to-door evangelism to work projects at homes and local churches, Free Will Baptists will flood West Virginia with the Love of Christ.

Churches and organizations interested in participating should contact IMPACT Coordinator Burt Hall at (304) 343-2599 or [burthall@hughes.net](mailto:burthall@hughes.net) for more information. Pastor Hall will put volunteers in touch with pastors or contact persons from local churches hosting the event.

For more information about IMPACT West Virginia, visit [www.nafwb.org/impact](http://www.nafwb.org/impact).





# Hillsdale Receives President's Honor Roll Service Award

Moore, Oklahoma – The Corporation for National and Community Service named Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth.

President Timothy W. Eaton said, "Hillsdale is proud to receive this award which honors the volunteer spirit of our staff and students in service through a wide range of activities. The Hillsdale Motto is 'Service to Christ.' I believe we honor Christ by serving Him through our Churches and community."

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

The students and staff of Hillsdale continue to meet and extend the challenge to serve Christ. The Hillsdale Saints have been involved in service through benevolence, Blood drives, Children's ministry, City Rescue Mission (each Thursday before classes a group serves breakfast), Christian education, Drug-Free Campaign (Red Ribbon Week for Moore), The Hanna Project (Christian Humanitarian tours into Africa and western Asia), music ministry, nursing home services, preaching the Gospel, Red Cross, Salvation Army, tutoring students, and Youth ministry.

Most people think of Hillsdale's students working in area churches, but there are three additional areas of learning and engagement beyond the classroom. These are internships, service projects, and community outreach.

Hillsdale students in business, ministry, education, or other majors are placed in available internships (e.g., banking, churches, corporations, student teaching for public and private schools, not-for-profit organizations, small businesses, etc.). Whether the position is voluntary or paid the student is able to gain practical experience in their field of study.

Service projects are part of the co-curricular activities of campus interest groups and athletic teams. The most active group is the Rotaract Club (the collegiate service club sponsored through Rotary International) which each year coordinates hundreds of volunteer hours to meet needs in and around the campus. Numerous students also participate in service beyond central Oklahoma. In the last few years students and staff members have traveled and served in 13 foreign countries.

Hillsdale FWB College students participate in community outreach as tutors at the Moore Public Library. The primary beneficiaries are from the Moore Public School, but the Tuesday program is open to the public at large. The student coordinators are paid through Hillsdale Work Study while the tutors are volunteers. The Moore Public Library Director Lisa Wells stated, "Hillsdale was instrumental in making the 'Your Tutor' program a reality for junior and senior high school students in need of free tutor assistance. The program has been



overwhelmingly successful. The 'Your Tutor' program simply could not have been created without Hillsdale College's enthusiasm and dedication to growth and learning for the community."

The Honor Roll is jointly sponsored by the Corporation, through its Learn and Serve America program, and the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps, and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

In congratulating the winners, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings said, "Americans rely on our higher education system to prepare students for citizenship and the workforce. We look to institutions like these to provide leadership in partnering with local schools to shape the civic, democratic and economic future of our country."

Overall, the Community Service Honor Roll awarded six schools with Presidential Awards. In addition, four schools were recognized as Special Achievement Award winners, 127 as Honor Roll With Distinction members and 391 schools as Honor Roll members. In total, 528 schools were recognized. A full list is available at [www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll](http://www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll).



# Financial Report

## Coop Disbursements

February 2008..... **\$57,867.65**

19.00% St HM .....\$10,994.86  
17.00% Exec. Office..... \$9,837.50  
3.00% Gen. Fund..... \$1,736.03  
8.50% Youth Camp..... \$4,918.75  
2.50% Youth Min..... \$1,446.69  
2.50% CE .....\$1,446.69  
2.50% Senior Adult..... \$1,446.69  
9.00% Mo Retmt..... \$5,208.09  
3.00% ShowMe Plan .... \$1,736.03

33.00% ..... \$19,096.32  
National Ministries

**Total ..... \$57,867.65**

## Coop Plan

Amity .....\$61.50  
Aulsbury Chapel .....\$185.68  
Bailey.....\$330.00  
Bailey Chapel .....\$131.00  
Belton .....\$276.93  
Bethel- El Dorado Springs..\$239.32  
Bethel- Marshfield.....\$532.84  
Black Oak.....\$1,561.62  
Cabool 1st.....\$323.58  
Calvary Chapel.....\$797.84  
Calvary Fellowship.....\$2,500.00  
Cape Girardeau 1st.....\$400.00  
Carthage .....\$300.00  
Central .....\$838.65  
Christ Chapel.....\$506.00  
Clifton .....\$36.49  
Copper Mines .....\$449.75  
Cornerstone.....\$563.31  
Crossroads- Wentzville.....\$759.00  
Cuba .....\$442.00  
De Soto 1st.....\$1,335.00  
Farmington 1st.....\$6,352.50  
Fellowship .....\$1,625.00  
Fordland .....\$453.70  
Fourth.....\$184.74  
Fredericktown 1st.....\$442.00  
Freeman Chapel .....\$470.80  
Generations.....\$670.43  
Gospel Light.....\$400.00  
Grace .....\$1,460.13  
Grant Avenue .....\$1,019.41  
Hannibal .....\$769.00  
Hannon .....\$550.00  
Harmony .....\$491.57  
Hartville.....\$1,082.00  
Hopewell .....\$442.00  
Hurryville.....\$716.26  
Jackson .....\$186.87  
Kings way.....\$544.03  
Koshkonong.....\$152.00  
Lead Hill.....\$243.44  
Leadington .....\$452.27  
Lebanon 1st .....\$1,483.81  
Lebanon Greenhills.....\$439.82  
Marshfield .....\$224.76  
Mill Creek.....\$421.70

Mine La Motte .....\$87.00  
Mt. Pisgah.....\$620.00  
Mtn. Grove 1st .....\$1,583.15  
Myrtle .....\$318.40  
Nevada.....\$269.00  
New Hope.....\$280.00  
New Life- Licking .....\$359.27  
Number One .....\$155.67  
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove .....\$187.30  
Oak Hill .....\$548.00  
O'Fallon 1st .....\$1,832.79  
Olivet.....\$632.00  
Overland.....\$160.00  
Ozark 1st.....\$1,776.10  
Park Hills 1st.....\$1,827.32  
Parkview.....\$319.00  
Pleasant Hill- Thayer.....\$162.35  
Pleasant Home.....\$144.70  
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....\$118.00  
Potosi 1st.....\$253.25  
Raymondville 1st .....\$88.37  
Rock Chapel .....\$407.39  
Rolla 1st .....\$221.00  
Salem.....\$30.00  
Seymour.....\$706.00  
Springfield 1st.....\$1,476.62  
St. Francois Assoc.....\$90.50  
Stockton .....\$553.83  
Thayer .....\$1,829.00  
Trinity .....\$403.37  
Union Grove .....\$615.00  
Union Light.....\$177.00  
United .....\$1,203.57  
Unity .....\$390.00  
Verdella .....\$837.90  
Viburnum .....\$352.00  
Victory- Alton.....\$678.16  
Waynesville 1st.....\$728.14  
West Plains 1st.....\$800.00  
Willow Springs 1st.....\$87.00  
Wolf Creek .....\$710.75  
**Total .....\$57,867.65**

## Show-Me Plan

Barker, James .....\$15.00  
Belton .....\$143.00  
Berry, Roberta .....\$15.00  
Bethel- Festus.....\$90.00  
Black Oak.....\$180.00  
Brown, Angela .....\$15.00  
Burns, Jack.....\$60.00  
Cabool 1st.....\$105.00  
Calvary Chapel.....\$105.00  
Central .....\$120.00  
Chrisman, Mona.....\$30.00  
Coon Creek.....\$115.30  
Copper Mines .....\$185.00  
Cornerstone.....\$456.00  
Crossroads- Wentzville .....\$50.00  
Cuba .....\$145.50  
De Soto 1st.....\$762.50  
Eastern Gate .....\$15.00  
Faith & Hope- W Spngs.....\$45.00  
Faith-Fair Grove .....\$171.88  
Farmington 1st.....\$945.00  
Farmington 1st Msng Class ..\$90.00  
Fellowship.....\$645.54

Fordland .....\$250.00  
Fourth.....\$72.00  
Fredericktown 1st.....\$180.00  
Freeman Chapel .....\$720.00  
Generations.....\$295.13  
Gospel Light.....\$2,000.00  
Grace .....\$1,045.00  
Grant Avenue .....\$310.00  
Greenfield.....\$120.00  
Hannibal.....\$30.00  
Hannon .....\$275.00  
Harmony .....\$49.58  
Hartville.....\$240.00  
Hopewell .....\$30.00  
Hurryville.....\$585.00  
Jackson .....\$35.00  
Jones Chapel .....\$210.00  
LaBrot, Mary .....\$180.00  
Leadington .....\$230.00  
Lebanon 1st .....\$150.00  
Lebanon Greenhills.....\$25.00  
Mill Creek .....\$140.00  
Mill Creek CWF.....\$15.00  
Mill Creek Young Adult.....\$15.00  
Mine La Motte .....\$75.00  
MO Cooperative Plan.....\$1,736.03  
MO WAC.....\$1,126.30  
Mt. Pisgah.....\$150.00  
Mt. Zion- Thayer .....\$30.00  
Mtn. Grove 1st .....\$1,105.00  
Myrtle.....\$75.00  
New Home- Hartville.....\$210.00  
New Hope .....\$150.00  
New Life- Licking .....\$75.25  
New Life- Monett.....\$200.00  
Number One .....\$60.00  
Oak Grove- Houston .....\$30.00  
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove .....\$182.00  
O'Fallon 1st .....\$164.82  
Olivet.....\$115.00  
Ozark 1st.....\$34.00  
Park Hills 1st.....\$663.22  
Parkview.....\$219.00  
Pinkerton, Jerry .....\$45.00  
Pleasant Hill- Thayer .....\$45.00  
Pleasant Home.....\$300.00  
Porter Chapel.....\$678.73  
Raymondville 1st .....\$5.50  
Richwoods 1st.....\$52.50  
Rock Chapel .....\$225.00  
Rolla 1st .....\$30.00  
Sanstra, Jean.....\$20.00  
Springfield 1st.....\$545.00  
Stockton .....\$25.00  
Thayer .....\$1,275.00  
Trinity .....\$435.00  
Union Light.....\$225.00  
United .....\$300.00  
Unity .....\$75.00  
Verdella .....\$982.90  
Viburnum .....\$85.00  
Walnut Grove .....\$15.00  
Waynesville 1st.....\$386.92  
Willow Springs 1st.....\$45.00  
**Total .....\$23,903.60**

## State Home Missions

Book Store .....\$540.00  
Calvary Fellowship.....\$6,612.00  
Crossroads- Wentzville .....\$50.00  
De Soto 1st.....\$10.00  
Fordland .....\$10.00  
Gospel Light.....\$160.00  
Grace .....\$25.00

Grant Avenue .....\$96.22  
Heffner, Gary .....\$150.00  
Lebanon Greenhills.....\$87.96  
MO WAC.....\$457.91  
Myrtle.....\$85.00  
Oak Hill .....\$15.00  
O'Fallon 1st .....\$149.82  
Ozark 1st.....\$10.00  
Thayer .....\$947.00  
United .....\$25.00  
Unity .....\$70.00  
Waynesville 1st.....\$50.00  
**Total .....\$9,550.91**

## International Missions

Belton .....\$50.00  
Calvary Fellowship.....\$35,580.91  
Copper Mines .....\$100.00  
Cuba .....\$58.20  
De Soto 1st.....\$60.00  
Farmington 1st.....\$100.00  
Generations.....\$64.06  
Grant Avenue .....\$15.00  
Hartville.....\$45.00  
Mission Association.....\$1,000.00  
Mtn. Grove 1st.....\$10.00  
New Testament.....\$55.00  
Olivet.....\$75.00  
Ozark 1st.....\$50.00  
Pleasant Home.....\$34.49  
Rolla 1st .....\$19.50  
Springfield 1st.....\$127.44  
St. Francois Assoc.....\$2,500.00  
Thayer .....\$10.00  
Verdella .....\$251.39  
Waynesville 1st.....\$70.00  
**Total .....\$40,275.99**

## National Home Missions

Bethel- Festus .....\$100.00  
Calvary Fellowship.....\$6,803.00  
Carthage .....\$65.00  
Central .....\$205.00  
Copper Mines .....\$50.00  
Cuba .....\$87.30  
De Soto 1st.....\$230.00  
Farmington 1st.....\$1,268.93  
Fellowship.....\$353.50  
Fordland .....\$70.00  
Fourth.....\$50.00  
Fredericktown 1st.....\$30.00  
Gospel Light.....\$160.00  
Grace .....\$264.71  
Grant Avenue .....\$75.97  
Hartville.....\$30.00  
Jackson .....\$35.00  
Mammoth Spring .....\$120.80  
Mt. Pisgah.....\$30.00  
Mtn. Grove 1st .....\$70.00  
New Life- Monett.....\$50.00  
New Testament.....\$75.00  
Oak Hill .....\$75.00  
O'Fallon 1st .....\$149.82  
Olivet.....\$90.00  
Ozark 1st.....\$276.00  
Park Hills 1st.....\$450.27  
Rader, Jerry .....\$20.00  
Richwoods 1st.....\$62.00  
Rock Chapel.....\$79.05  
Rolla 1st .....\$49.50  
St. Francois Assoc.....\$7,500.00  
Thayer .....\$155.00



Trinity .....	\$40.00
Union Light.....	\$96.00
United .....	\$155.00
Unity .....	\$90.00
Verdella .....	\$10.00
Waynesville 1st.....	\$263.50
West Plains 1st.....	\$265.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$20,050.35</b>

## Designated Giving

### Berea Ministries

Jackson for Costa Rica .....	\$15.00
Hartville.....	\$150.00
St. Francois Association.....	\$5,000.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,165.00</b>

### Victor Torrez

United- Youth Group .....	\$200.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

### Brazil Project

Verdella .....	\$204.37
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$204.37</b>

### Trula Cronk Home for Children

Desoto 1st .....	\$55.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$20.00
Belton .....	\$25.00
Unity .....	\$20.00
Union Light.....	\$20.00
New Life-Monett.....	\$215.68
Grace .....	\$27.00
Hannon .....	\$100.00
Hartville.....	\$50.00
Myrtle.....	\$29.00
New Hope .....	\$250.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$811.68</b>

### C. E. Board

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

### Free Will Baptist Bible Collge

Desoto 1st .....	\$40.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$165.00
Thayer .....	\$75.00
Fellowship-Park Hills.....	\$10.00
Hopewell .....	\$10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>

### Hillsdale

Fordland .....	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$170.00
Thayer .....	\$75.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$100.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$100.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$25.00
Generations .....	\$70.53
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$550.53</b>

### Mile High Ministries Scott Lundeen

Verdella .....	\$418.95
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$418.95</b>

### Missouri Retirement

Book Store .....	\$200.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

### Senior Adult Board

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

### Youth Camp

Desoto 1st .....	\$55.00
Lebanon Book Store.....	\$540.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$350.00

Rock Chapel .....	\$13.75
Rolla 1st .....	\$20.00
Thayer.....	\$75.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	\$15.00
Cornerstone.....	\$100.00
Ozark 1st.....	\$10.00
Verdella .....	\$10.00
West Plains 1st.....	\$25.00
New Life-Monett.....	\$215.68
Mission Association.....	\$4,361.03
Hartville.....	\$10.00
Trinity .....	\$9.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,809.46</b>

### Youth Camp Development

Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$500.00
Oak Hill .....	\$15.00
Myrtle.....	\$57.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$572.00</b>

### Youth Ministries Board

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

**Total January  
Giving:**  
\$156,292.30

**Funds to date:**  
02/29/08

**Cooperative Plan:**  
\$141,302.02  
**Show-Me Plan**  
\$54,092.18

## 11th Annual Men's Rally

## Ozark First Church

Friday,  
April 25th

Meal at  
5:30pm

Worship at  
6:45pm

Speaker:  
Rev. Stanley  
Jones,

Pastor,  
Rock Chapel  
Church

## 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.

### First Church

Cape Girardeau, MO

Contact:

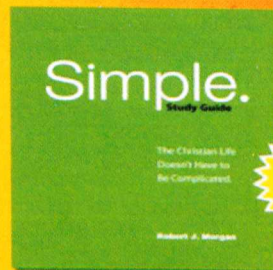
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