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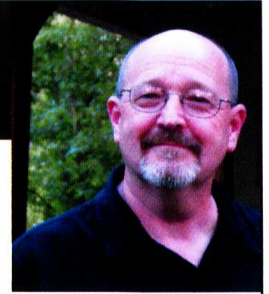
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# from the Editor



## It Was His Plan

I never tire of looking at the manger scene. Such a simple way to begin such a great task.

Actually this is a midpoint, rather than the beginning. It all started somewhere in the distant past when God decided to make man even though He knew that he would sin and need a savior. It is beyond my understanding or even imagination.

Why God would want man so badly that he was willing to pay the price for creating him. God knew the day he put finger to clay just what we were going to do. He knew just what heartbreak we were going to inflict by our selfishness and yet he created us anyway. I am not sure we were worth it.

When He breathed the breath of animation into that clay man named Adam, it was the breath of love. Never had there been such love. I wonder what it is like to love so completely. To love so totally that even though God knew it would cost Him His son, he still allowed His breath to slowly waft across Adam's face. I wonder at the thrill that had to fill His heart as Adam's eyes fluttered and opened to behold the face of his creator. He was the first thing Adam knew. At that point, He was all Adam knew. Pity we had to leave that place.

As God tutored his best and highest creation, as He enjoyed the love Adam returned to Him, there was in the back of his mind the picture of a manger. As he created Adam's companion and gave them free

reign of the Garden but for that tree, there were pictures of stars and angels and shepherds in his mind as well. As He watched them enjoy Him and His creation, he knew that the day was coming, even the very moment when their desire would overcome their love for Him. When that moment arrived, and they walked toward the tree, the word Bethlehem whispered in His ears.

It was all part of His plan, from before the beginning. He knew just what He would do. He knew just what was best. And while I do not understand it fully, I am so glad He did.

I am reminded every time I stand and look at the babe in the manger that this is not just a nice story and God did not do it this way just to play on our emotions. He did it this way, sending his son as a baby to grow up the way any one of us did so that we could know that He really does understand us. He really does know how we feel.

He did not think He was being robbed to leave the splendor and glory of Heaven and come to a darkened world, ruined by sin. He really wanted to. The only way He could show us that he knows

our world and us thoroughly is to start at the beginning like we did.

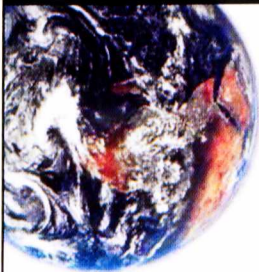
So the manger scene with the shepherds and wise men with their camels, even though it may not be so accurate historically is a powerful testimony to us of what God was doing when He sent His son to Bethlehem so many years ago. We celebrate and sing songs about the event. We should. It is what God had in mind all along.

And I am sure we were not worth it. But aren't you glad God does!





# Missouri Show-Me Missions



## The Inevitable- Part 1

by Frank Webster

In 1857 newspaper headlines in several major cities had an ominous warning about a change that was about to take place. The headline read, "Energy Crisis Looms". The article goes on to explain that the world may grow dark due to a major shortage of whale blubber. Of course Edison stepped in with a solution and a major change took place.

I imagine that after reading the headline for this article you already know what it is about. Everyone is aware that we are in the presence of change. The most discussed changes are, of course, the recent change of governmental offices and the change of the stock market from minor ups and downs to major downs and a few minor ups. Let's not forget that California and Arizona voted to keep state recognized marriages as "one man to one woman." Now, there's a change from the recent norm.

Change of course is inevitable. A common quote is, "The only thing in this world that won't ever change, is the fact that things are going to change." That's true in almost any organization, includ-

ing Free Will Baptists.

At the local level for Free Will Baptists there have been ministry changes. We have some pastors who have shepherded in their church for many years retiring. In other places, those in long time pastorates are moving to a different town to a different pastorate. Those kinds of changes can cause smiles or tears. As one pastor says, "I made everyone in my last pastorate happy. Some were happy when I arrived, and the rest were happy when I left."

Change has happened in MO FWB Missions. We have missionaries that were missionaries in the very recent past who aren't any more. Vernon Long in Jackson started this year as a regular pastor for the first time in many years. Steve Reeves and the Columbia church have entered into "non-mission" status. If you haven't heard, or read it yet, God has moved Scott Real and the Overland Park project from a mission church to a "regular" church, and we are expecting the church under the care of Jarvis Reed in Conroe, TX to leave mission status in mid 2009.

Then there is Jerry & Carol Pinkerton who will officially change from missionaries to Ivory Coast to ministers in the Mt. Grove church at the end of this year. The list of missionary names continues who have experienced change this year. Some familiar ones to Missouri Missions are Derby, Lytle and Dodson

With all this change taking place, I have one more to offer. Would you mind to take time to read about the basic change in International Missions funding for our Free Will Baptist Missionaries? Good. To start off, everyone by now has heard that International Missions is changing the way we fund our International Missionaries starting in 2010. After weighing the pros and cons, I

believe going to a "Global Evangelism Fund" for every international missionary's personal need is a good idea. This change levels the fundraising field for those missionaries that don't have the privilege of coming from a state that has a well-funded support plan, and it takes some of the stress off our missionaries to be part-time fund raisers. Our Show-Me Plan and all funds raised from the World Missions Offering, taken in April of each year, will go into the Global Evangelism Fund starting in 2010.

This funding system change also allows for some churches to become partners in an international ministry. The way a church qualifies to become this partner is to commit to become a "Strategic Partner". A "Strategic Partner" is a church who can:

- Commit to pray for that Missionary family, and the ministry he is involved in, on a very regular basis.
- Organize your church to continually put the missionary before the congregation so they will know how to pray for the missionaries changing needs.
- Commit to giving at least four thousand a year to a missionary's ministry needs for their current term.

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Missions  
Director  
Frank Webster



## New Students in Bouna

Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire— The FWB Bible Institute in Bouna opened its doors to nine new students on October 13, 2008. These men will be taught mainly by Director Paul Amiezi and Assistant Director Robert Houessou. Pastor Paul coordinates teaching responsibilities with other Ivorian pastors and missionaries. After completing the program in June of 2012 these students will be prepared to lead and start churches throughout their country.

Pastor Paul urges prayer for the following:

- Pray for wisdom for those teaching.
- Ask God to provide the material resources needed to carry through the program.
- Pray God will give the students learning hearts.
- The Bouna region has been under the control of rebels since 2002, pray they will experience peace



Picture: (back row, left to right) Pokine, Albert, Salomon, Francois, Ollo  
(front row, left to right) Alexis, Donald, Edmond, Roger

These two articles are from our International Missions Website. For more missions news go to [www.fwbgo.com/Missionaries](http://www.fwbgo.com/Missionaries)

## Tokyo Churches Meet Together



Members of Iriso Church with Judy Bailey



Ken, enjoying sweet fellowship with Mrs. Takaso, a dear elderly saint he led to the Lord almost 10 years ago. We are blessed to call her our "grandmother."  
Please pray for her health and her witness to unsaved family members

Our three Tokyo area churches met on Sunday afternoon, November 2nd, for a time of prayer, praise and fellowship at the Iriso Church. Kenji Hosokawa led us in praise worship, Ken brought a devotion, then we shared a delicious meal of onigiri (rice shaped into balls with various fillings), miso (soy bean paste) soup, and Costco cheese pizza. (A very "international" meal!)

We were also treated to a special movie that explained the history of five well-known hymns. Hideki Hayashi, Iriso Church member, led the services and introduced the film, which was translated by the Christian media production group he is working with. Pray for the unsaved who attended to receive salvation. Praise God for the Japanese Christians who continue to serve Him in their daily lives!



Iriso members



Now for congregations that can make this Partnership Commitment there are some good benefits, such as:

- Regular, varied media, contact with the missionary.
- Scheduled personal visits from that missionary when he is in the states.
- Priority mission trip scheduling to that ministry area.

For those of you who are disappointed because your congregation just cannot handle the financial commitment, I will have an option for you to consider in Part 2.

That is the basic change in the funding system for our international missionaries. I realize that it is much different than before, and that anything that is much different than before is hard. But, before beginning the fretting and fuming, please understand that this change didn't come easy for the International Missions office either. I know first-hand that this change came about from a passionate love for our missionaries and out of months of time spent in prayer over the direction we, as Free Will Baptists, should go to get the Message out as quickly, and to as many, as possible.

I would ask all who have been supporting our international missionaries to please continue to do so because this time of political and social change does not leave room for those in the Family of Christ to argue over methods. Unity will overcome the cumbersome obstacle of change. Besides, the world isn't going dark - we are just finding other ways to provide the Light.

## Bivens Update

I send you greetings from Pharr, TX once again. We have been on the road and/or away since early in October. Bud left yesterday for Altamira with Brother Gary Curry and Bro. Chuck Lancaster, friends from Oklahoma, who came for a short visit. He hauled down a load of lumber and other supplies for the construction of a duplex for married students on campus. Brother Ruben Badillo, our IBLAC treasurer came to the border and also hauled down a pickup load. Bud will be coming back to the border on Monday for another load, so I stayed behind to try to catch up on the mail and the laundry.

Our builder missionary, Brother Mark Cole, will be coming on Nov. 16 with a small group from Oklahoma to begin the construction. We just got back from the orphanage Wednesday evening the 5th.

We had been there a little over two weeks, helping care for the children while John and Paulina took a much needed and well deserved break. Bud and I went to help take care of the children while they were gone. I was quite anxious about the responsibility until I learned that they had made arrangements for plenty of help and our main job was just being there. However, not one to sit still, Bud took on the job of fixing breakfast and supper for everyone-25 to 30 people each meal, but that was his idea. That meant that my job was cleanup. We had a wonderful time with the children, especially the two toddlers.



Brother Danny Phillips, pastor of the Airport FWB Church in Tulsa came with a small crew and cooked for the tribe for two days. Besides cooking, they made several runs to a taco stand in Al-lende. I believe they probably won the taco eaters award for the year. John and Paulina had a wonderful time and a sweet visit with Lupita and her new adoptive parents in Philadelphia who paid for their trip. They came back refreshed and ready to plow into the work again.

Bud's shoulder seems do be much better, he is still not supposed to raise his arm so has to be careful and watch what he does. He will be seeing his doctor again next week. Now that it is back to business as usual and I will have to really keep my eye on him.

Please pray for us as we get back work at the Bible Institute. The students are all doing well, and we have three new students making plans to come in January. Pray with us for the financial provision that they need.

We love and appreciate you. We know we could not do this without you



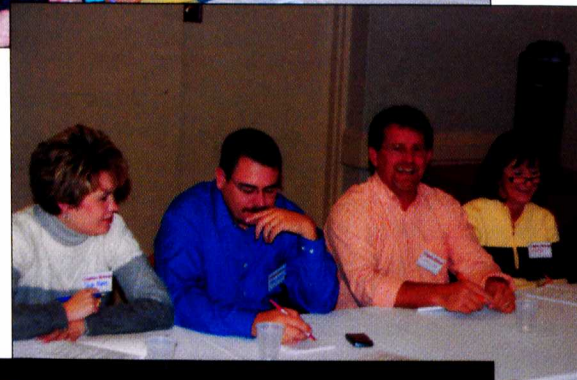
# Couples Retreat a Great Success

Couples from all over the state gathered at the Clarion Hotel on November 13-15 for the Fall Couples Retreat. Some drove for a few minutes and some for a few hours to be at the event. Although the long distance award had to go to event organizer Joe Wilson. Two days before, Joe had been in North Africa with a Hanna Project group. He had flown in from Paris the evening before and might have been just a bit jet-lagged. All went smoothly however as Mitchell Cooper, worship leader at First Church in Lebanon lead music.

Speaking guests for this retreat were Steve and Susan Tucker from Bentonville, Arkansas. They direct Eagle Family Ministries, a non-denominational ministry that specializes in pre-marital coaching and family relationships.

All of the 26 couples registered for the event seem to enjoy both the facilities of the Clarion as well as "date night" on Friday evening, taking advantage of all the great date sites offered in Springfield. Everyone left Saturday noon with a new appreciation for their spouse and a determination to keep the romance alive in their marriages.

Our thanks to Pastor Joe Wilson and his staff at First Church on Lebanon for organizing this great event.





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## FOUNDING A PAPER

*"Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him;  
and He shall bring it to pass"—Ps. 37:5.*

Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem: Greeting in the matchless service of our blessed Redeemer.

It gives me pleasure to know that our hopes for a Free Will Baptist paper will soon be realized. Now just as the Holy Bible is the oracles of God (God's Word to His people, and the whole world)—a channel through which we can learn of Him, and is the "Foundation" upon which alone, Christian character can be safely built. So also is a good denominational paper that is founded upon those holy teachings, for the purpose of bringing its churches and its work and the cause of Christ, which it represents, into a closer relationship and fellowship, one with the other, so that the beliefs and doctrines for which we stand, which are truly those which our Lord enunciated, may be broadcasted thru our Free Will Baptist Paper.

**Its Mission**— The mission of our paper shall be to develop a spirit of desire to know each other better, by each church bringing its reports of the work done in its respective field, stimulating energy for continued advancement (for we cannot stand still).

Your church may be Africa so far as that is concerned, but thru a paper all our own, we will become neighbors and be able to talk or commune with each other thru its columns. Your trials will be my trials, your problems will also be mine. Our perplexities can by co-operative prayer, be taken to the throne of grace where we cast our cares upon Him who careth for His own. Thereby a relationship infinitely closer than ever before existed will be the result, and the desire of our hearts will be realized.

**Its Purpose**— Dear friends, a paper all our own, will prove the faith we have in the message we are prepared to present to the world, and must win the respect of many friends outside of our denomination, and will eventually bring people into our ranks.

Let us consider the great command, "Go ye into all the world." Has the Gospel done anything for you?

Ye say, "Yes." Then tell your neighbors. Are there no yet fields of ripened grain? Does your field need an awakening? Send word to your paper and let us all

know about it. When we know each other better, the distance will not be so great between us; we'll be listening in on the radio.

Finally brethren, the purpose of this, our paper, will be fully realized only by the united co-operation of every member of our Free Will Baptist church groups, that can possibly subscribe for it themselves, and also enlist the interest of their friends outside of church circles, in order that our joy may be shared by others also, and the cause of Christ advanced.

May the blessings of God abide on our efforts. Amen

Eld. Edward Hilliar,

4301 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.

## AS OUR CLERK SEES IT

Well, I'm proud of the privilege of sitting down with pencil and paper to write a letter to a newly born Free Will Baptist paper. I traveled several miles, and spent several dollars this past summer and fall in the interest of this very thing, and when I see it all on foot, it makes me feel well paid.

Bro, Lem Waterman and I were riding up a little narrow road in northern Arkansas one day last Spring, and were just conversing about the "needs of our Denomination," a Publishing House and Paper, an Orphans' and Old Ministers' Home, the uniting of the General and Free Will Baptists and so on; and I said, "Bro. Lem, I would give my life for that," and I feel yet that I would be willing to give my life's work for it. You know, I hope this paper will be a kind of firstfruits of a lot of good things.

I am wondering how all are prospering in getting subscriptions for the paper. I am very much pleased with the way our people are taking it in these parts. Let's pull hard, folks, for the 1200 mark. Every one be a solicitor, and that will put it over the top.

I feel that I must say a few words about the Committee which was chosen at our State Association to get the paper established. I can say I never worked on, or ever saw, a committee before that was more agreeable. Everything was done, and our editor elected, without one word of opposition. Bro. Brown's proposition for editing the paper was unanimously received. The fact of the matter is, we had an agreeable Association all the way thru.



# Looking Forward by Looking Back

I enjoy history. I didn't when I was in school. Then I could care less who did what and when. But it seems as I have grown older I have developed an appreciation of those who have gone before us. I realize that it has been their good efforts that have given us what we have today. I have also come to understand that by looking back to who we were, we can have a better understanding of who we are today.

I have spent many profitable hours in our archives room here at the state office over the years. Reading old minutes and Gem Magazines sparks my imagination. I can see those preachers and laymen as they laid our foundations and built the walls of Missouri Free Will Baptists that serve us well today. My only regret is that our records are so incomplete.

On the facing page is a scan of the Gem Magazine, Volume 1, Number 1. There are very few of this issue in existence. This copy was only recently discovered in a private collection here in the state and Bro. Alton Loveless was able to get a scan of the issue for us.

We are still in the process of trying to complete the collection of Gems here in our archives. There are several issues of which we have none or at best one copy. If you have old issues and would part with them, we would be very grateful. Please check the following list for our needs.

1929-1968	all issues
1969	Feb, July, Sept, Nov.
1970	Oct, Nov.

1972	May, July, Aug, Oct.
1973	Feb, May, Sept, Oct.
1974	June
1976	Feb, Oct.
1977	Jan, April, June, Aug, Nov, Dec.
1978	Jan, March
1979	March, Oct.
1980	July, Sept, Oct, Nov.
1981	Nov, Dec.
1982	July, Aug.
1983	Sept, Oct.
1984	May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct.
1985	Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec.
1986	May, June.
1987	Nov, Dec.
1995	March.
2004	August.

Missouri Free Will Baptists will celebrate our Centennial in 2013. We have appointed a committee to work on the event and are anticipating a great crowd. But we need your help. The committee is in the process of collecting memorabilia and items of historical interest to Missouri Free Will Baptists.

If you have anything that you would like to donate in the way of photos, old minutes or Gem magazines, we would welcome the addition to the State Archives and would gladly display your contribution at the State Meeting. If you do not want to part with your items and would loan them to us, we would treat them with the utmost care.

Your input on our upcoming celebration would be welcomed. If you have ideas or are aware of those who have historical items of interest to Missouri Free Will Baptists, Please inform them about our celebration.

Please contact the office at 1-866-532-6537 or contact any member of the Centennial Committee.

Keith Garrison  
Kenny Simpson  
Steve Reeves  
Kevin Williford  
Nathan Ruble

**Delegates, preachers and visitors of the North East Association of Free Will Baptists when it met at the New Harmony Church, Sept 20, 1912**



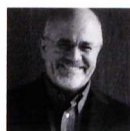


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# **Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists**

## **2009 Calendar of Activities**

January 19-20	Executive Committee Retreat Keeter Center, Hollister, MO
February 9-10	National State Leaders Meeting Jacksonville, FL
March 9-11	State Pastors Retreat Cross Pointe, Rocky Mount, MO
March 24	National Palmer Leadership Institute Nashville, TN
May 5	Palmer Leadership Institute Buffalo, MO
May 11-13	Senior Adult Retreat Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO
May 31-June 1	SCM Music & Arts Festival Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO
June 2	MOWAC State Convention Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO
June 1-3	Missouri State Association Meeting Clarion Hotel, Springfield
June 7-12	Teen Camp--Group 1 Camp Niangua
June 14-19	Teen Camp--Group 2 Camp Niangua
July 17-23	National Association of Free Will Baptists Cincinnati, OH
July 26-31	Pre-Teen Camp--Group 2 Camp Niangua
August 2-7	Pre-Teen Camp--Group 2 Camp Niangua
September 4-5	Men's Retreat* Camp Niangua
September 25-26	MOWAC State Retreat Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO
November 20-21	State Youth Retreat Windermere, Roach, MO

*\*Tentative Date*





## Sean Warren to Direct General Baptist Missions

NASHVILLE, TN—Sean Warren, former Missionary-in-Residence at Free Will Baptist Bible College, has been named director of International Missions for the General Association of General Baptists headquartered in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. He begins his duties as director-in-training April 1, 2009, and becomes the lead director in October. The Warrens will relocate to Missouri after Jill (Mrs. Sean) completes her current responsibilities as women's resident director at FWBBC next spring.

President Matt Pinson said, "What a tremendous opportunity for Sean and Jill to impact the world for the cause of Christ. We were so glad to have them on campus encouraging our students and demonstrating what it means to be Christian leaders. They both have warm hearts for the work of Christ. We wish them God's best as they take this important step in ministry."

The Warrens are 1996 FWBBC graduates. Sean later completed a master's degree at Columbia International University. They served as missionaries in France before coming to FWBBC as Missionaries-in-Residence. Sean has developed a world-wide reputation as a photographer and has had thousands of his pictures published. He served four years as director of education at the Nashville Rescue Mission.

"We're really going to miss Jill as women's resident director," said Dr. Jon Forlines, vice president for student services. "She stepped into that important role at a crucial time for us and has continued to serve with distinction. She has a caring and gentle way about her, and identifies with the students'



concerns. She has been part of the FWBBC family all her life."

Jill is the daughter of Sandy and Dari Goodfellow—Sandy is director of plant operations at FWBBC; Dari works with the Executive Office and coordinates the annual Free Will Baptist Yearbook. The Warrens have two children, Sophia (7) and Lola (3), and are expecting their third child next May.

Sean said, "When Jill and I answered the call to missions, we never anticipated the road we would travel. From FWBBC to CIU, from the Nashville Rescue Mission to Southern France. It certainly has been unique, and this journey has been our own. It reminds me of Proverbs 16:33, because only God can determine the outcome. We're looking forward to the new opportunities with both old and new friends to extend the Kingdom of God to those who have never heard."

General Baptists and Free Will Baptists have worked closely for more than 200 years, sharing doctrinal views and a vision for world evangelism. General Baptists number more than 85,000 constituents and 800 churches in the United States, and operate Oakland City University in Indiana.

## National Home Missions Giving Alert !

While there is a great deal of uncertainty about the US economy at the moment, there are some things that remain true.

It still takes money for ministry. We must continue to fund the missionaries we have sent to share the gospel. God has proven over and over again that He blesses those who are faithful to give back to Him and His work.

Over the last months giving to Home Missions accounts and missionary accounts have gradually declined.

National Home Missions Director Larry Powell recently announced:

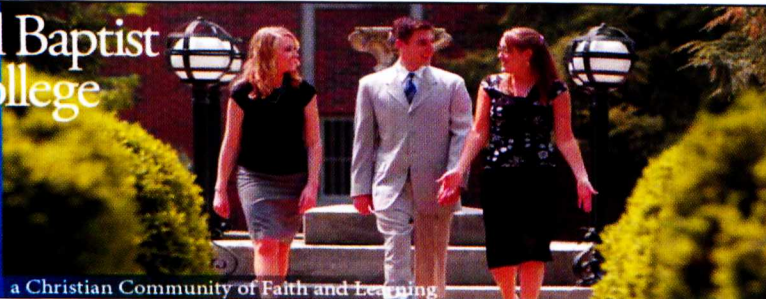
*We are now in the red by \$348,000.00 I have been with Home Missions for eight years and this is the worst it has ever been.*

*Please ask everyone to pray and do what they can to help our missionary/church planters.*

Please pray about keeping your pledges and giving current for Home Missions and all our other ministry efforts at home and abroad. Your faithful gifts to your church, even in a time of national financial uncertainty are not a reflection of your confidence in the Government. They are evidence of your faith in God and his continued blessing.

Your missions gifts should be made through your local church and earmarked for the ministries you support. God bless you for your faithfulness!





## Theological Symposium Features 11 Papers

NASHVILLE, TN – Fifty-two people registered for the 2008 Theological Symposium which met October 27-28 at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The two-day event sponsored by the Commission for Theological Integrity attracted 11 presenters from a variety of backgrounds, including pastors, college teachers, graduate students, administrators, and more.

The academic papers featured a wide range of topics from “Why Pilate Crucified Jesus” by Paul Harrison to “Arminius and Natural Law” by Andrew Ball to

“Learning from the Sixteenth-Century Anabaptists” by Tim Hall to “Confirmation and the Challenge: Thematic Shading and the Theology of the Chronicler” by Garnett Reid, and seven others.

President Matt Pinson said, “We were so pleased to host the annual Theological Symposium at FWBBC. This is a great opportunity for our students to experience first-hand the importance of give-and-take in theological discussions among brothers and sisters. Plus, the Symposium is a platform for innovative, fresh ideas from Free Will

Baptist scholars.”

A bound volume of all the papers presented will be available for \$20. Make checks out to Commission for Theological Integrity. Send orders to:  
Reverend Leroy Forlines  
Commission for Theological Integrity  
3606 West end Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37205

The 2009 Theological Symposium will meet October 19-20 at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma

## FWBBC Shuffles Bible Department Personnel

NASHVILLE, TN – Free Will Baptist Bible College made two major shifts within the Biblical and Ministry Studies Department according to President Matt Pinson. Old Testament professor Dr. Garnett Reid was named chair of the department, succeeding former chair Ralph Hampton who retired in May 2008. Dr. Kevin Hester was appointed program coordinator for Biblical Studies.

President Pinson said, “This is an important move for the college and for the Biblical and Ministry Studies Department. While we lost 50 years of leadership when Brother Hampton retired last spring, I’m thankful that we had well-prepared men in Dr. Reid and Dr. Hester ready to step up professionally and continue the excellent work in Bible and Ministry. Both men are FWBBC alumni, and they have more than 30 years of collegiate teaching experience between them. They have the respect of the entire college family.”

Dr. Reid has taught at FWBBC since 1982, specializing in Old Testament. Dr. Hester joined the Bible faculty in 2003; he also teaches History courses. They are regular presenters at theological and educational forums.

In his role as department chair, Dr. Reid will oversee administration of the department including planning, budgeting, advising, and supervision. In addition, he will provide information for public relations, represent the college as needed, and participate in professional groups.

Dr. Hester’s duties as program coordinator for Biblical Studies include oversight of curriculum in the department. Biblical Studies is one of four major divisions in the department – the others being Pastoral Ministry, Missions, and Christian Education and Youth Ministry



# Financial Report

## Coop Disbursements

October 2008..... **\$67,018.40**

19.00% St HM .....\$12,733.49  
17.00% Exec. Office.....\$11,393.12  
3.00% Gen. Fund.....\$2,010.58  
8.50% Youth Camp.....\$5,696.56  
2.50% Youth Min.....\$1,675.46  
2.50% CE .....\$1,675.46  
2.50% Senior Adult.....\$1,675.46  
9.00% Mo Retirement.....\$6,031.65  
3.00% ShowMe Plan.....\$2,010.55

33.00% .....\$19,636.86  
National Ministries  
Hillsdale.....\$2,479.21  
**Total .....\$62,349.38**

## Coop Plan

Alton .....\$200.00  
Amity .....\$135.70  
Aulsbury Chapel .....\$184.38  
Bailey- Alton.....\$214.00  
Bailey Chapel .....\$112.00  
Beacon .....\$1,400.00  
Belton .....\$369.74  
Berean .....\$115.00  
Bethel- El Dorado Springs.....\$180.43  
Black Oak .....\$556.13  
Byrd .....\$257.91  
Cabool 1st .....\$325.26  
Calvary Chapel.....\$834.89  
Calvary Fellowship .....\$1,000.00  
Central.....\$2,559.57  
Christ Chapel.....\$958.00  
Copper Mines .....\$588.90  
Cornerstone.....\$600.87  
Crossroads .....\$653.00  
Cuba .....\$813.00  
DeSoto 1st.....\$1,570.00  
Faith- Fair Grove .....\$172.10  
Farmington 1st.....\$2,360.18  
Fellowship.....\$1,300.00  
Fordland .....\$526.00  
Fourth .....\$183.80  
Fredericktown 1st.....\$325.00  
Freeman Chapel.....\$381.00  
Generations .....\$665.49  
Gospel Light .....\$200.00  
Grant Avenue.....\$870.20  
Hannibal .....\$707.00  
Hannon .....\$550.00  
Harmony .....\$388.16  
Hartville .....\$2,504.00  
Hazel Creek.....\$847.17  
Hopewell.....\$497.10  
Hurryville.....\$430.77  
Jackson .....\$212.68  
Kings Way .....\$714.49  
Koshkonong.....\$202.00  
Lead Hill.....\$199.33  
Leadington .....\$400.00  
Lebanon Greenhills .....\$503.64  
Macedonia- Niangua .....\$214.71  
Marshfield .....\$215.66  
Merls Chapel .....\$198.53  
Mill Creek.....\$719.22  
Mine La Motte.....\$90.47  
Monett 1st.....\$613.05  
Mt. Pisgah.....\$457.00  
Mtn. Gove 1st.....\$1,455.88  
Myrtle .....\$881.76  
Neosho 1st .....\$404.70  
Nevada .....\$222.10  
New Hope.....\$575.00  
New Life- Licking .....\$331.35  
Niangua .....\$306.50  
Number One.....\$345.57  
Oak Grove- Mtn Grove.....\$547.61  
Oak Hill .....\$385.00  
O'Fallon 1st.....\$3,480.07  
Olivet .....\$287.00  
Ozark 1st .....\$2,033.24  
Palabras De Vida Eterna.....\$68.40  
Park Hills 1st.....\$6,322.95  
Parkview .....\$366.00  
Pleasant Hill.....\$118.80  
Pleasant Home.....\$191.20  
Pleasant Ridge- Alton.....\$45.00  
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....\$137.00  
Potosi 1st.....\$148.93  
Rejoice.....\$596.44  
Republic.....\$1,015.69  
Richwoods 1st.....\$1,100.00  
Rock Chapel.....\$281.27  
Rolla 1st.....\$282.00  
Salem .....\$30.00  
Seymour .....\$664.00  
Smyrna .....\$83.00  
Springbrook (Blue Springs).....\$220.00  
Springfield 1st.....\$1,302.27  
Stockton.....\$334.90  
Thayer .....\$1,218.00  
Trinity .....\$384.06  
Union .....\$60.00  
Union Grove .....\$683.00  
Union Light .....\$169.00  
United .....\$1,929.38  
Unity .....\$300.00  
Viburnum .....\$399.00  
Victory- Alton .....\$493.66  
Victory- KC .....\$1,974.16  
Waynesville 1st.....\$667.32  
West Plains 1st.....\$1,735.00  
Willow Springs .....\$438.61  
Willow Springs 1st.....\$69.00  
Wolf Creek.....\$657.05  
**Total .....\$67,018.40**

## Show-Me Plan

Barker, James.....\$15.00  
Beacon .....\$483.64  
Belton .....\$180.00  
Berean .....\$40.00  
Berry, Roberta .....\$15.00  
Black Oak .....\$180.00  
Brown, Angela .....\$15.00  
Burns, Jack .....\$110.00  
Cabool 1st .....\$105.00  
Calvary Chapel .....\$105.00  
Calvary Fellowship .....\$1,660.00  
Central.....\$295.00  
Chrisman, Mona .....\$30.00

Coon Creek .....\$230.20  
Copper Mines .....\$255.00  
Cornerstone.....\$461.00  
Crossroads .....\$50.00  
Cuba .....\$254.00  
DeSoto 1st.....\$777.50  
Eastern Gate .....\$30.00  
Faith- Fair Grove .....\$723.67  
Farmington 1st.....\$510.00  
Fellowship.....\$725.75  
Fordland .....\$250.00  
Fourth .....\$90.00  
Fredericktown 1st.....\$180.00  
Freeman Chapel.....\$720.00  
Generations .....\$282.79  
Gospel Light .....\$1,000.00  
Grant Avenue.....\$214.00  
Grantham, Judy .....\$15.00  
Hannon .....\$275.00  
Happy Hill .....\$120.00  
Harmony .....\$61.48  
Hartville.....\$480.00  
Hazel Creek.....\$1,029.15  
Hopewell.....\$30.00  
Hurryville.....\$515.00  
Jackson .....\$67.50  
Leadington .....\$230.00  
Lebanon Greenhills .....\$25.00  
Macedonia- Purdy .....\$5,000.00  
Maggart, Roxanne.....\$100.00  
Merls Chapel .....\$30.00  
Mill Creek.....\$140.00  
Mine La Motte.....\$75.00  
MO Cooperative Plan.....\$2,010.55  
MO WAC .....\$466.60  
Mt. Pisgah.....\$150.00  
Mt. Zion- Thayer .....\$30.00  
Mtn Gove 1st.....\$1,638.25  
Myrtle .....\$150.00  
Neosho 1st .....\$150.00  
New Home- Hartville.....\$210.00  
New Hope.....\$300.00  
New Life- Monett .....\$800.00  
New Life- Licking .....\$110.00  
Number One.....\$120.00  
Oak Grove- Houston.....\$30.00  
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove.....\$142.00  
O'Fallon 1st .....\$170.38  
Olivet .....\$30.00  
Ozark 1st.....\$34.00  
Palabras De Vida Eterna.....\$15.00  
Park Hills 1st.....\$1,652.19  
Parkview .....\$231.00  
Parkway .....\$30.00  
Pinkerton, Jerry .....\$45.00  
Pleasant Grove.....\$270.00  
Pleasant Hill.....\$45.00  
Pleasant Home.....\$300.00  
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....\$50.00  
Porter Chapel .....\$374.45  
Richwoods 1st.....\$52.50  
Rock Chapel.....\$240.00  
Rolla 1st.....\$30.00  
Southeast Association.....\$90.00  
Springfield 1st.....\$178.00  
Stockton.....\$181.50  
Thayer .....\$300.00  
Trinity .....\$450.00  
Union .....\$45.00  
Union Light .....\$225.00  
United .....\$450.00  
Unity .....\$75.00  
Viburnum .....\$85.00  
Victory- KC .....\$958.00  
Waynesville 1st.....\$557.00  
West Plains 1st.....\$406.00  
Willow Springs.....\$118.00  
Willow Springs 1st.....\$45.00  
**Total .....\$32,221.10**

## State Home Missions

Berean .....\$385.74  
Bookstore .....\$540.00  
Copper Mines .....\$75.00  
Crossroads .....\$50.00  
Fordland .....\$10.00  
Gospel Light .....\$80.00  
Grant Avenue.....\$68.51  
Harmony Master's Men .....\$90.00  
Lebanon Greenhills .....\$100.73  
Macedonia- Purdy .....\$4,100.00  
MO WAC .....\$125.00  
Mtn. Gove 1st.....\$20.00  
Myrtle .....\$170.00  
Neosho 1st .....\$35.00  
Oak Hill .....\$15.00  
O'Fallon 1st .....\$155.36  
Ozark 1st.....\$10.00  
Pleasant Home.....\$80.00  
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....\$20.00  
Republic.....\$50.00  
Stockton.....\$50.00  
Thayer .....\$75.00  
United .....\$25.00  
Unity .....\$70.00  
Waynesville 1st.....\$50.00  
Whittier, Paul .....\$20.00  
**Total .....\$6,470.34**

## National Home Missions

Beacon .....\$30.00  
Calvary Fellowship .....\$1,868.00  
Central.....\$400.00  
Copper Mines .....\$160.00  
Cuba .....\$152.40  
DeSoto 1st.....\$275.00  
Farmington 1st.....\$831.00  
Fellowship.....\$301.95  
Fordland .....\$60.00  
Fourth .....\$50.00  
Fredericktown 1st.....\$30.00  
Gospel Light .....\$80.00  
Grant Avenue.....\$53.50  
Harmony Master's Men .....\$45.00  
Hartville.....\$60.00  
Hurryville.....\$100.00  
Jackson .....\$77.50  
Macedonia- Purdy .....\$4,000.00  
Merls Chapel .....\$92.00  
Monett 1st.....\$125.00  
Mt. Pisgah.....\$30.00  
Mtn Gove 1st.....\$50.00  
Neosho 1st .....\$50.00  
New Life- Monett .....\$200.00  
Oak Hill .....\$80.00  
O'Fallon 1st .....\$155.38  
Olivet .....\$85.00  
Ozark 1st.....\$228.00  
Park Hills 1st.....\$1,073.79  
Pleasant Home.....\$32.31  
Rader, Jerry .....\$20.00  
Richwoods 1st.....\$330.50  
Rock Chapel.....\$18.00  
Rolla 1st.....\$158.50  
Southeast Association.....\$45.00  
Thayer .....\$190.00  
Trinity.....\$40.00  
Union Light .....\$96.00



United .....	\$5.00
Unity .....	\$100.00
Victory- KC .....	\$45.00
Waynesville 1st.....	\$268.50
West Plains 1st.....	\$230.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$12,322.33</b>

## International Missions

Calvary Fellowship .....	\$618.00
Copper Mines .....	\$100.00
Cuba .....	\$101.60
DeSoto 1st.....	\$85.00
Fellowship.....	\$25.00
Generations .....	\$67.69
Grant Avenue.....	\$18.95
Hartville.....	\$90.00
Hazel Creek.....	\$84.72
Monett 1st.....	\$2,085.00
Mtn Gove 1st.....	\$68.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	\$955.00
O'Fallon Auxillary.....	\$1,302.00
Ozark 1st.....	\$50.00
Park Hills 1st.....	\$2,005.00
Parkview .....	\$200.00
Rejoice.....	\$160.00
Rock Chapel.....	\$200.00
Rolla 1st.....	\$128.50
Thayer .....	\$5.00
Victory- KC .....	\$349.00
Waynesville 1st.....	\$50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$8,748.46</b>

## Designated Giving

### Berea Ministries

Hartville.....	300.00
Jackson .....	17.50
Pleasant Home .....	44.38
Southeast Association .....	45.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>406.88</b>

### Victor Torrez

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

### Trula Cronk Home

Belton .....	10.00
De Soto 1st.....	55.00
Hannon.....	100.00
Hartville.....	100.00
Hazel Creek.....	42.36
Myrtle.....	50.00
New Hope.....	100.00
New Life- Monett .....	889.23
Union Light .....	50.00
Unity .....	50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,446.59</b>

### C. E. Board

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

### FWBBC

Beacon .....	75.00
De Soto 1st.....	40.00
Fellowship.....	10.00
Hazel Creek.....	42.36
Mountain Grove 1st.....	165.00

Olivet .....	25.00
Thayer .....	75.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$432.36</b>

### Hillsdale

Beacon .....	79.00
Farmington 1st.....	100.00
Fordland .....	10.00
Generations.....	70.05
Grant Avenue.....	50.00
Hazel Creek.....	42.36
Mountain Grove 1st.....	170.00
Thayer .....	75.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$596.41</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

Cornerstone.....	100.00
De Soto 1st.....	55.00
Hartville.....	40.00
Hazel Creek.....	84.72
Book Store.....	540.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	50.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	15.00
New Life- Monett .....	962.85
Niangua .....	50.00
North Five .....	50.00
Ozark 1st.....	10.00
Rolla 1st.....	20.00
Thayer .....	75.00
Trinity.....	9.00
Union .....	30.00
United .....	25.00
West Plains 1st.....	25.00
Willow Springs.....	50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,191.57</b>

### Youth Camp Development

Cabool 1st.....	700.00
Hannon.....	100.00
Hartville.....	20.00
Hazel Creek.....	237.75
Jones Chapel.....	677.25
Mountain Grove 1st.....	1,000.00
Myrtle.....	84.00
Oak Hill.....	15.00
United .....	75.00
West Plains 1st.....	216.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,125.00</b>

### Youth Ministries Board

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

### YWAM

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

# CORRECTION

In last months issue of the Gem, the Coop figures for September did not correspond with the churches listed. We apologize for the error and offer below the corrected amounts.

Amity.....	80.82	Merls Chapel .....	292.30
Aulsbury Chapel.....	258.24	Mill Creek.....	589.96
Bailey.....	259.00	Mine La Motte.....	75.32
Bailey Chapel .....	139.00	Monett 1st.....	918.97
Belton .....	437.29	Mountain Grove 1st.....	2,173.50
Berean .....	111.00	Mt. Pisgah.....	616.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs.....	283.41	Myrtle.....	359.57
Black Oak .....	372.60	Nevada.....	331.30
Byrd .....	346.22	New Life- Licking .....	659.67
Calvary Chapel .....	892.53	Niangua .....	203.39
Carthage.....	371.82	O'Fallon .....	2,115.24
Christ Chapel.....	895.00	Olivet .....	859.00
Clifton .....	47.61	Ozark 1st.....	3,168.41
Copper Mines .....	462.21	Parkview .....	517.00
Cornerstone.....	771.15	Pleasant Hill- Thayer .....	170.80
Crossroads- Wentzville.....	918.00	Pleasant Ridge- Alton .....	50.00
Cuba .....	593.00	Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	145.00
De Soto 1st.....	1,600.00	Potosi 1st.....	245.73
Farmington 1st.....	2,929.25	Rejoice.....	1,104.02
Fellowship.....	1,300.00	Rock Chapel.....	388.44
Fordland .....	618.00	Rolla 1st.....	417.00
Fourth .....	200.60	Salem .....	30.00
Fredericktown 1st.....	460.00	Seymour .....	864.00
Freeman Chapel.....	525.00	Smyrna .....	95.00
Generations.....	801.89	South Fremont.....	670.00
Gospel Light .....	200.00	Springfield 1st.....	2,237.21
Grace .....	\$3,542.80	Stockton .....	221.00
Grant Avenue.....	1,362.38	Thayer .....	1,761.00
Hannibal .....	900.00	Trinity.....	587.75
Hannon.....	710.00	Twin Oak.....	1,430.00
Harmony.....	466.27	Union Grove .....	757.00
Hartville.....	1,616.40	Union Light .....	176.00
Hopewell.....	526.00	United .....	2,020.68
Houston 1st.....	430.92	Unity .....	500.00
Hurryville.....	491.10	Verdella.....	849.60
Indian Creek Association.....	565.72	Viburnum .....	548.00
Jackson .....	288.15	Victory- Alton .....	683.04
Kings Way .....	612.10	Waynesville 1st.....	554.91
Koshkonong.....	300.00	West Plains 1st.....	1,045.00
Lead Hill.....	291.69	Willow Springs.....	438.55
Leadington.....	692.00	Willow Springs 1st.....	94.00
Lebanon 1st.....	1,485.02	Wolf Creek.....	636.29
Lebanon Greenhills .....	376.39	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$62,359.38</b>
Marshfield .....	229.15		

**Total September  
Giving  
\$127,102.36**

**Cooperative Fund  
to Date  
\$661,600.94**

**Show-Me Fund  
to Date  
\$293,627.42**





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