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## **MATTHEW PINSON NEW PRESIDENT FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE**

be concerned about what we can do for our denomination. We should strive to instill in our students loyalty to our denomination and our confession of faith. We must reaffirm our commitment to graduating, in large numbers, the best ministers and missionaries possible to serve Christ through our denomination.

Since 1994, he has pastored Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, Georgia. But his activities have taken him far from the south Georgia community where he pastors. He has taught at Bainbridge College in Bainbridge, Georgia, and at Florida State University. He has also been a featured speaker on the FWBBC campus and at ministers retreats in Michigan, Missouri, and Georgia.

As a fifth-generation Free Will Baptist, his interests in theology and history, especially Free Will Baptist history, run deep. Those interests have opened doors for him to both speak and write. He was featured speaker at the Bible College's 1996 Heritage Week series where he spoke on "Free Will Baptists before 1776." He also held a seminar entitled "A Christian Response to Postmodernism" for the Commission for Theological Integrity at the 1998 National Association of Free Will Baptists. His many articles for Contact magazine include "America's First Free

Will Baptists," "Our Tradition of Feet Washing," and "Benjamin Laker: Layman for God." His published books are: A Free Will Baptist Handbook: Heritage, Beliefs, and Ministries (Randall House, 1998) and the forthcoming Four Views on Eternal Security (Zondervan, 2002).

When Rev. Pinson was pastoring in Alabama, he felt God calling him to bivocational ministry: to both pastor and teach. "Thus, I began preparing myself educationally for this dual role," he says. He will take his doctoral comprehensives in January or February, 2002, and plans to be at the college by the end of February. Matt will bring with him his wife, Melinda, and an 18-month-old daughter, Anna.

As he joins the college, he will be working near two former presidents, Dr. Charles Thigpen (the college's third president) and Dr. Tom Malone (its fourth president). Both maintain offices on the campus. Dr. Thigpen serves as promotional director of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists. Dr. Malone will continue to serve the college as chancellor. FWBBC's first president, Dr. L. C. Johnson, stops by frequently and can be counted on to keep his younger successors well aware of the college's roots.

Board chairman Gary Fry says, "We are grateful to the Lord for His provision for Free Will Baptist Bible College through the many years of its existence. It has been His hand that we have marked, especially in times of important decisions such as the selection of a new president. We are confident that His provision has continued our long line of able leadership at FWBBC with the selection of Matthew Pinson as our fifth president."

**O**n October 1, 2001, Rev. Gary Fry, chairman of the Free Will Baptist Bible College board of trustees, announced that the board has selected James Matthew Pinson to serve as the college's fifth president.

"The Board is certain that Matthew Pinson's dedication to the Lord, this college and our denomination will result in our continuing to produce the leaders and workers our denomination needs," he said.

Rev. Pinson attended the Bible College in 1985-86 and graduated in 1990 from the University of West Florida, pursuing an interest in law. He later received his M.A. at the University of West Florida (1993) and his M.A.R. at Yale University (1994). He is currently completing Ph.D. studies at Florida State University.

Rev. Pinson says: As president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, I am committed to service to our denomination. Our college must not only be interested in what the denomination can do for it. We must



**State Officers with Debe Taylor**

*Report  
of the  
Missouri  
Women  
Active for  
Christ  
Retreat*

**OFTEN ASKED QUESTIONS ...**

Pastor R.E. Dablemont

**What Is There To Boast About?**

Do religious or moral works make our salvation somehow meritorious? The question addressed centers upon the heart of redemptive theology. Should we take pride in our religious acts or moral uprightness?

"Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. What does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness" (Romans 3:27-28; 4:3, NIV).

The central thrust of the Gospel message is that salvation comes by grace through faith in the work of Jesus Christ. It is very easy to twist or pervert this simple fact. This is what happens when men put heavy stress on works of any kind. Every emphasis within religion has within it the seeds of over-emphasis. The Apostle Paul clearly argues the fact that all men are saved by faith and not by their adherence to law of any kind.

If anyone had something to brag about, Abraham certainly did! He left his homeland at the command of God. He did not continually question the intent of God, although he did not perfectly understand it. He was even willing to give up his promised son, Isaac. Yet, we hear Paul saying: "It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise; that he would be the heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith" (Romans 4:13, NIV).

Paul eloquently and persuasively demonstrates that it was not Abraham's act of submission to circumcision that made him righteous, but his "unwavering belief in God's promise." Abraham's obedience came as a result of his faith; it was his faith that justified him in God's sight just as our faith today is the only basis for our hope of salvation.

Our religion must be more than orthodox doctrine and correct behaviour, more than rules of religion and ritual and codes of conduct. A personal relationship with God is based upon more than outward acts. As believers in Christ, we are baptized, but is baptism anything to boast about? As part of the local church body, we unite with others in church membership, but is this something to brag about? As followers of God's Word, we strive to obey his moral precepts, but are any of us so perfect that we may boast of our good works? The answer is NO to all of these questions! No glory belongs to us!

Our God is the one to boast about; his works are the only ones worthy of emphatic praise. It is his work in Christ for us that we must learn to rely upon, not our own efforts at perfection. And, if such is the case, like King David, let us learn to say,

"I will extol the LORD at all times;  
His praise will always be on my lips.  
My soul will boast in the LORD,  
Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the LORD with me;  
Let us exalt His name together" (Psalm 34:1-3, NIV).

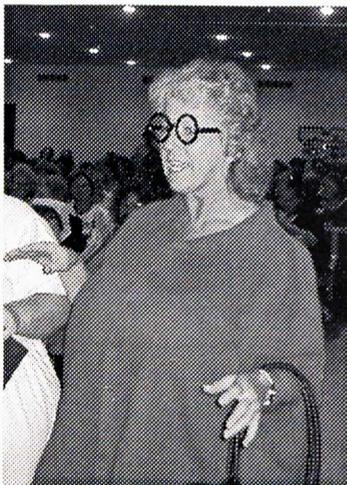
**N**early 250 ladies from across Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas met in Branson on August 17 and 18 for the annual Missouri Women Active for Christ Retreat. The retreat theme, Vessels of Honor, was expounded by the guest speaker, Debe Taylor.



**Debe Taylor being mugged**

Debe serves as President of our National Women Active for Christ. Having grown up in a Free Will Baptist preacher's home, attending Hillsdale College, and becoming the wife of a Free Will Baptist pastor, Debe has a rich Free Will Baptist heritage. Her love for our denomination was reflected through her messages.

Those who attended were blessed. The messages, singing, food, and fun were outstanding. It was truly a time of spiritual and physical refreshment. Debe endeared herself to Missouri women through her testimony and her fellowship.



**Mary White enjoyed the food at Stonecroft**

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## UNITED CHURCH DEDICATES NEW BUILDING

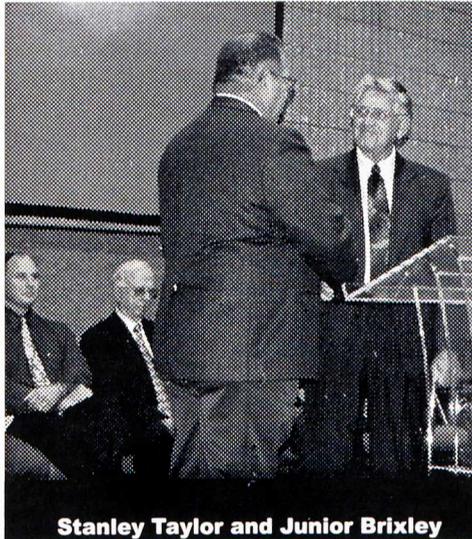
The United Free Will Baptist Church located in West Plains, Missouri, held a dedication celebration Sunday, September 23. The church has added over 10,000 square feet in the new building plus they have remodeled the existing basement and the entrance to the sanctuary. The new facility includes a multi-purpose building, nurseries, children's church area, bathrooms, kitchen, elevator and classrooms. God has blessed this growing church with beautiful facilities and a spiritual congregation striving to reach its community for the Lord. A sweet spirit of unity and fellowship prevailed throughout the day.

The afternoon service began with a video which documented each phase of the building's construction from the groundbreaking to the completion. Pastor Glenn Murray graciously welcomed the large congregation and led in the opening prayer as he presided

over the service. Youth Pastor, Dennis McGinley read selected passages of Scripture from Psalms and Second Chronicles. Then Bro. Murray recognized the visitors and gave special recognition to the Adams Construction Company for their labors on the building and thanked them for the floral arrangement they sent for the special oc-



**Pastor Leading in Lighting Unity Candle**

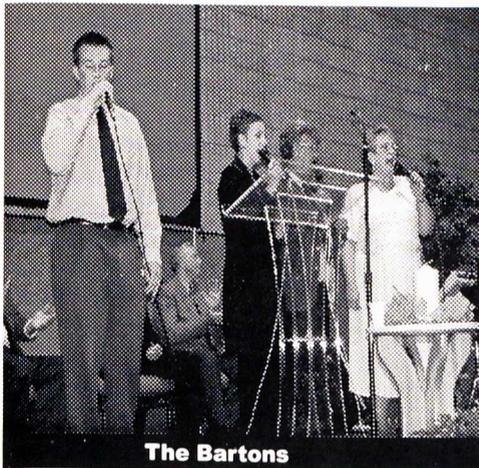


**Stanley Taylor and Junior Brixley**

Rev. Clarence Burton, associate pastor, led the congregation in the act of dedication. This was followed by Pastor Murray inviting the building committee and the trustees of the church to join him on the platform. He then introduced Stanley Taylor, chairman of the building committee who told of God's blessings during the construction of the building. Next, he introduced Junior Brixley, the chairman of the Trustee Board, who told of God's working in the church. Bro. Taylor then presented Bro. Brixley with the keys of the church symbolizing the completion of the task assigned to the committee.

Following the presentation of the keys, the Pastors, Trustees, and Building Committee gathered together and lit a unity candle, declaring the unity of the church in its future labors together. Associate Pastor Noah Alsop prayed the dismissal prayer.

God has richly blessed the United Church and it is actively involved in local, state, and national ministries. May God bless the future labors of the church.



**The Bartons**

casation. He read a letter from the Mayor of West Plains which complimented the church on its ministry in the community and congratulated the church on its accomplishments.

The Bartons, a well known gospel group and members of the United Church, provided the special music. Nathan Ruble, Executive Secretary of the Missouri State Association, preached the dedicatory message.

## PINKERTONS HONORED BY MINE LA MOTTE YOUTH



Jerry and Carol Pinkerton were guests of the Mine La Motte church on August 19. The youth of the church presented them with a quilt that was assembled during Vacation Bible School. The quilt was imprinted with the hand prints of the youth. Marcus and Megan Belken and Brandy and Clint Hein made the presentation on behalf of the youth. Rev. Lloyd Durbin is the Pastor of the church.



# THE SIN OF APOSTASY

by Max Courtney

Note: The first half of this sermon was printed in the Oct. issue of the Gem.



**Apostasy Is A Dangerous Sin.** Hebrews 6:4-6 states, "For it is Impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame " Now here is another description of some folks who had committed apostasy. Notice again in this passage the condition of the persons described here. They were once enlightened, they had tasted the heavenly gift, they had been partakers of the Holy Ghost, they had tasted the powers of heaven and had tasted the good Word of God This is a description of folks who have been born again. This is a description of folks who have received Jesus Christ for salvation, the heavenly gift. This is a description of folks who have received the Holy Ghost. This is a description of folks who have digested the Word of God. This is a description of folks who have experienced the powers of heaven in their souls. These were saved folks who had turned away from these things that saved them!

We have here three factors to fulfill. If we get to heaven it will be only because we have fulfilled these three factors.

First, there is the purpose of the Father given in 2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." That is God's purpose for us all! God doesn't want you to go to hell, He wants you to be saved and stay saved.

Secondly, we have the mediation of the Son of God. I Timothy 2:1-8 states, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, Intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time

Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not,-) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. " The intercessory work of Christ is there for everyone who finds themselves falling back into sin. He is constantly there if we will not walk upon Him, and count the blood of the covenant that saved us an unholy thing, and blaspheme the Holy Spirit of God Who lives in us to mediate between us and Jesus Christ,

And thirdly, there is the work of the Spirit. His purpose is to direct us to the good and away from the evil. We read in John 16:13 "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. " And we read in 1 John 4:6 "We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. " God is not going to draw away from us, but we can draw away from God. The Lord Jesus Christ is our Intercessor with God, and God's Holy Spirit is God's Intercessor with us.

Then, we have the fatal fall we must consider. Notice these here described are not those who are trying and make a mistake. These are those who are deliberately dabbling in sin! These are deliberately renouncing their faith and turning from God. These are apostates. You can't get saved accidentally and you can't commit apostasy accidentally. You didn't get saved by good works and you can't become an apostate by evil works. You became a child of God by accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior by faith and you become an apostate by renouncing that act of saving faith and turning back from the One who saved you.

Those Christians who sin accidentally, carelessly and foolishly are not stepping upon Jesus Christ, calling His blood an unholy thing, and blaspheming the Holy Spirit. We all make mistakes. But when we do, God has made a way for forgiveness. I John 2:1-2 states, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our

sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. " Don't let the devil deceive you into thinking you have committed apostasy when you have only made a mistake. If you have not deliberately renounced your act of saving faith and profaned the One who saved you, you are not an apostate.

These we are reading about here are falling away deliberately. When we see something coming toward us, we have the option of receiving it or hurling ourselves away deliberately. When the Lord comes to these folks, they hurl themselves away from Him deliberately. They hurl themselves away from His blood. They hurl themselves away from the direction of His Spirit. They hurl themselves away from the warning of God's Word. This is not describing accidents, this is describing deliberate acts.

The impossibility here is not on God's part. Nothing is impossible with God! But the danger of this sin is that not only CAN-NOT these described here come back, THEY WILL NOT come back! How in the world can they come back when they have deliberately hurled themselves away from all that is holy and from every means God has devised to bring them back?

But we also have four failures. Notice them listed here in Hebrews 6:4-6. Verse 4, "They had been once enlightened and have turned back from it" They knew it to be the truth, yet they rejected it and turned from it. Verse 4, "They had tasted of the heavenly gift of salvation through Aesus Christ and had spit it out. " Verse 4, "They had been made partakers of the Holy Ghost and had rejected Him and turned Him out." Verse 5, "They had tasted of the good Word of God and even tasted of of the world to come and spit it out. " How in the world can they come back when they have rejected all that God has?

**Apostasy Is A Sin Of Doom.** Hebrews 10:31 states, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. "

Notice the negative aspect. Hebrews 10:26 states, "For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." What does God have left to sacrifice if we reject His only begotten Son?

Notice the positive annihilation. Hebrews 10:27, "But a certain fearful looking for of Judgement and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries " God is saying here that their destruction is certain.

Notice the precluding of acceptance.

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# Rev. Dale Skiles Retires

After serving six churches over the span of forty-three years, Rev. Dale Skiles celebrated his retirement with friends and relatives on October 7-8, 2001.

The first phase of this retirement celebration began with a party hosted by his three daughters, Crystal Jones, Carla Kruger, and Laura Clay. The party was held at the South Fremont Free Will Baptist Church where the Skiles have minis-



L-R- Laura, Elaine, Dale, Carla, Crystal

tered for the past 20 years. A beautiful quilt depicting the highlights of Bro. Dale's ministry was the central decoration of the fellowship hall. The quilt was a gift from the children.

Dale, Elaine, and the party goers were entertained by Russell McDaris and Billy Hicks. Bro. McDaris had written a song for the special occasion. The satirical piece was rendered to the tune of Sixteen Tons. Not to be out done, Bro. Dale teamed up with a long time friend and singing companion Dale Huddleston, and entertained the crowd with a number of songs.

Sunday morning, Bro. Dale told the congregation that after delivering 2,132

messages and 2,166 lessons for prayer meeting, it was with mixed emotions that he was delivering his last message as pastor of the church. His final message was a challenge for the congregation to achieve a greater faith, a greater faithfulness, a greater fearlessness, and to finish their course.

Following a time of fellowship and food the church gathered for an afternoon service to roast and commend a faithful servant. Richard Robinson, Moderator of the Missouri State Association, and Nathan Ruble, the State Executive Secretary, presided. The roasting brought forth laughter at the retiree's expense. The serious expressions of thanks brought tears. Three ministers told how they had been led to the Lord by Dale and how they had been encouraged and helped in their ministry by him. Others told of his faithfulness in ministering to their families in the time of need.

Deacon Richard Pointer read letters of congratulations and thanks from U.S. Congressman Roy Blunt and U.S. Sena-



Deacon Richard Pointer & Dale & Elaine



tor Kit Bond. Bro. Pointer said the one word that characterized Bro. Dale was consistency. He said he was consistent in doctrine and in his life style. He then presented Dale and Elaine each a beautiful engraved watch to commemorate their twenty years of ministry at South Fremont.

Bro. and Sister Skiles are to be commended for their faithful service. They served as Home Missionaries in starting a church in Bettendorf, Iowa, and in St. Joseph, Missouri. They also pastored the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church, the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church, the First Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains, and the South Fremont Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield. Bro. Dale has served as Moderator of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, chairman of Missouri Youth Camp Board, chairman of the Missouri Home Missions Board, and presently serves as Director of Missouri State Home Missions. He has also served on the National General Board and the National Executive Committee.

While Bro. Dale is retiring from the pastorate, he will continue to work part-time for the State Home Mission Board. He will also be available for revivals and pulpit supply.



## KEVIN SCOTT WITH STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Rev. Kevin Scott of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Bridgeton, Missouri was recently appointed to the Pastoral Staff of Stephen Ministries St. Louis. Kevin, a 1993 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College,

began working at Stephen Ministries while studying at Covenant Seminary. Upon successful completion of his thesis, Kevin graduated in May with a Master of Arts, Exegetical Theology and was immediately invited to join the Pastoral Staff at Stephen Ministries.

Stephen Ministries is a not-for-profit Christian training organization that equips lay people to serve the local congregation through two unique ministry systems: the Stephen Series system of one-to-one lay caring ministry and the ChristCare Series system of small group ministry. Lay leaders and pastors learn to implement these ministry systems by attending a seven-day training course taught

by Stephen Ministries faculty. Nearly 40,000 people from 8,000 congregations have attended Stephen Ministries training courses. Participants come from all 50 states, 9 Canadian provinces, and 20 other countries.

Kevin joins five others on the Pastoral Staff of Stephen Ministries. His current responsibilities include directing and teaching at training courses, coordinating Caring Ministry Workshops, writing and editing materials for training and publicity, and providing consultation for Stephen Ministry congregations.

Kevin is excited about working with the Pastoral Staff at Stephen Ministries: "I see this as a wonderful opportunity to use

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# HILLSDALE NEWS

## Hillsdale Reports Record Enrollment

It's confirmed! Hillsdale is reporting a record enrollment this semester with 273 students. The Christian atmosphere and student experience here at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College is second to none. It is only made possible by the giving hearts of people who support this institution and are active participants in making the difference by promoting the spiritual growth of our next generation of leaders

## Hillsdale Sets November Date For Annual Junior/Senior Days,

The annual Junior/Senior days will be held November 29-30, 2001, on the Campus of Hillsdale FWB College in Moore, Oklahoma. The event is for high school student who are presently in the 11th and 12th grades. Students will arrive on Thursday evening and enjoy many activities. Overnight accommodations will be made, a special financial aid workshop is scheduled, and those present will be able to attend classes with current Hillsdale students. Open auditions are also planned for the two-day event for both music and drama scholarship opportunities. For more information please contact the Office of Student Recruitment at 405-912-9007 or at recruitment@hc.edu.

### (Apostasy from page 4)

Hebrews 10:28, "He died without mercy for despising God's law! God not only WILL NOT accept you if you despise His laws, He CANNOT accept you, Christians are expected to live by God's laws. Hebrews 6:9 warns us, "But beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation though we thus speak "

God is warning us that dabbling in sin is a dangerous business with Him. It is a fearful thing. It brings certain judgment and destruction. It also leads to the sin of apostasy. When you commit that sin, you will not turn back to Him. God in His Omnipotence says you cannot. God in His Omniscience says you will not.

### (Kevin Scott from page 5)

the gifts God has given me to equip the saints for significant ministry. Stephen Ministries is a thoroughly Christ-centered organization and is committed to excellence in practical, distinctively Christian ministry."

Kevin's wife Debbie manages the Scott household and cares for their two daughters, Courtney (age 6) and Lauren (age 2).

If you would like to learn more about the training resources offered by Stephen Ministries, you can contact Kevin at Stephen Ministries, 2045 Inner belt Business Center Drive, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63114, (314) 428-2600, or visit [www.stephenministries.or](http://www.stephenministries.or) on the Internet.

## Worship Service Averages May 2001 - September 2001

Churches:	June	July	Aug	Sept
Belton	42	51	53	
Buffalo 1st	114	117	115	
Calvary Chapel	217	223	228	262
Cape Girardeau	54		54	
Copper Mines	45	46	52	
Cuba	129	113		
Columbia	39			48
Crossroads-Lebanon		101	91	94
Crossroads-Wentzville	64	60	76	
DeSoto	208	212	214	229
Hannibal		84	85	
Hannon	145	134	134	
Harmony - Parkville	95	91	87	
Hartville	172	175	172	170
Hopewell	30	41	56	39
Houston	64	66	63	74
Hurryville	93	95	98	101
Joplin 1st	92	86	97	
Lebanon 1st	138	134	135	144
Lebanon FWB	40	47	46	
Macedonia- Purdy		142	151	152
Mill Creek	78	85	86	90
Mine LaMotte	49	51	44	
Mt. Pisgah	77	70	79	72
Myrtle	33	37	29	30
New Life - Licking	66	47	53	
O'Fallon 1st	116	122	138	148
Oskaloosa			15	
Ozark 1st	162	161	158	163
Park Hills 1st	144	146	148	
Pleasant Hill	46	38	50	37
Purdy	60	61	62	
Richwoods	42	32	42	
Rock Chapel	54	50	45	51
Rolla 1st	35	31	38	39
Springfield 1st	133	120	121	123
Sunnyview			45	
Terrill Road		29	55	
Thayer	188	182		182
Trinity	95	75	79	
Union Grove	117	122	121	134
United	581	574	604	628
Willow Springs	71			
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove	71	66	65	77

This is only a partial listing. There are 184 FWB churches in Missouri.

## Financial Report September 2001

Cooperative Disbursements  
September 2001 ..... \$42,287.28

18.50% MO Home Miss. Bd . \$7,823.15  
17.50% Executive Office ..... 7,400.27  
3.00% General Fund ..... 1,268.62  
.50% Show-Me Plan ..... 211.42  
8.50% Youth Camp Board ... 3,594.42  
3.50% Y.C. Restricted Fds ... 1,480.05  
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd .... 845.75  
2.00% Christian Education Bd . 845.75  
2.00% Senior Adult Min. Bd .... 845.75  
9.00% MO Retirement Prog. . 3,805.86  
30.50% ..... 12,897.62  
National Ministries, Hillsdale and  
California Christian College  
Foreign Missions Board  
National Home Missions Board  
Same Allocation  
Free Will Baptist Bible College  
Hillsdale F.W. B. College  
Executive Department  
Layman's Board  
Radio & TV Commission  
Theological Commission  
Historical Commission  
Board of Retirement & Insurance  
1.00% California Christian College  
3.00% Conference Center .... 1,268.62  
**Total ..... \$42,287.28**

Co-op  
Alton ..... \$200.00  
Amity ..... \$132.58  
Aulsbury Chapel ..... \$147.18  
Bailey ..... \$215.00  
Bailey Chapel ..... \$200.00  
Belton ..... \$363.40  
Berean ..... \$48.00  
Bethel- El Dorado Springs ..... \$99.87  
Black Oak ..... \$360.39  
Byrd ..... \$94.65  
Cabool 1st ..... \$266.94  
Calvary Chapel ..... \$1,281.67  
Cape Girardeau ..... \$549.57  
Carthage ..... \$325.00  
Central ..... \$979.20  
Christ Chapel ..... \$336.34  
Clifton ..... \$62.57  
Columbia ..... \$287.40  
Copper Mines ..... \$408.76  
Cornerstone ..... \$407.73  
Crossroads- Wentzville ..... \$851.00  
Desoto 1st ..... \$1,400.00  
Emmanuel- Colorado ..... \$257.35  
Faith & Hope- Willow Springs ... \$135.24  
Farmington 1st ..... \$2,890.41  
Farmington 1st ..... \$2,759.49  
Fordland ..... \$599.54  
Fourth ..... \$267.62  
Fredericktown 1st ..... \$338.00  
Grant Avenue ..... \$1,058.63  
Hannibal ..... \$530.00  
Hannon ..... \$1,000.00  
Harmony ..... \$493.00  
Hartville ..... \$892.00  
Hopewell ..... \$204.00  
Houston 1st ..... \$404.17  
Hurryville ..... \$519.71  
Jackson ..... \$144.95  
Jones Chapel ..... \$989.01  
Joplin 1st ..... \$572.54  
Koshkonong ..... \$213.43  
Lead Hill ..... \$322.12  
Lebanon 1st ..... \$1,053.57  
Lone Star ..... \$70.79  
Macedonia-Northview ..... \$118.37

Marshfield .....	\$238.00
Merls Chapel .....	\$148.00
Mill Creek .....	\$464.43
Mine LaMotte .....	\$84.52
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$391.00
Mt. Zion- Gower .....	\$62.50
Neosho 1st .....	\$95.00
New Hope .....	\$70.00
New Life- Licking .....	\$406.72
Niangua .....	\$230.00
North Five .....	\$139.30
Oak Grove- Mountain Grove .....	\$149.85
Oak Hill .....	\$1,075.71
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$1,173.00
Olivet .....	\$400.00
Oskaloosa .....	\$452.69
Overland .....	\$95.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$1,254.40
Park Hills .....	\$734.56
Parkview .....	\$578.87
Pleasant Hill .....	\$211.04
Pleasant Home .....	\$528.12
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$82.00
Potosi 1st .....	\$158.50
Rock Chapel .....	\$311.01
Rolla 1st .....	\$291.00
Royal Oak .....	\$85.00
Seymour .....	\$317.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$888.43
St. Peter's .....	\$477.00
Stockton .....	\$268.00
Thayer .....	\$823.00
Trinity .....	\$840.76
Union Light .....	\$171.00
United .....	\$1,397.54
Unity .....	\$540.00
Verdella .....	\$598.60
Victory-Alton .....	\$295.36
Waynesville 1st .....	\$346.24
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove .....	\$271.57
Wolf Creek .....	\$291.37
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$42,287.28</b>

**State Home Missions**

Belton .....	\$50.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$120.00
Fordland .....	\$5.00
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
Larry Wormington .....	\$30.00
Lebanon Bible And Bookstore .....	\$330.00
Merls Chapel .....	\$60.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$42.50
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$20.00
St. Francois Association .....	\$110.00
Thayer .....	\$56.00
Trinity .....	\$42.04
United .....	\$25.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$980.54</b>

**Show-Me Plan**

Barker, Rev. J. ....	\$15.00
Belton .....	\$165.00
Berean .....	\$30.00
Berry, R. ....	\$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado .....	\$249.77
Bethel - Festus .....	\$45.00
Big Creek .....	\$55.00
Black Oak .....	\$60.00
Blue Springs .....	\$60.00
Buxton, G. ....	\$30.00
Cabool .....	\$135.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo .....	\$120.00
Cartee, J. ....	\$15.00
Central .....	\$297.00
Chrisman, M. ....	\$30.00
Copper Mines .....	\$150.00
Copper Mines - Teen, Jr. Class .....	\$30.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult Class .....	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove .....	\$340.00
Darnell, W. ....	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$552.50
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class .....	\$15.00
Faith - Fair Grove .....	\$370.00
Faith - St. Louis .....	\$40.00

Faith & Hope - W.S. ....	\$120.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$815.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$1,225.00
Fordland .....	\$250.00
Fourth .....	\$30.00
Fourth .....	\$15.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$150.00
Garrett, R. ....	\$15.00
Gospel Light .....	\$825.00
Graham, S. ....	\$55.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$315.00
Greenfield .....	\$180.00
Hannibal - WNAC .....	\$30.00
Hannon .....	\$1,250.00
Harmony - Parkville .....	\$73.06
Hartville .....	\$240.00
Houston 1st .....	\$359.00
Hurryville .....	\$300.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class .....	\$15.50
Jackson .....	\$15.00
Jones Chapel .....	\$270.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$75.00
Leadington .....	\$202.00
Lebanon 1st .....	\$150.00
Macedonia - Purdy .....	\$6,000.00
Maggart, D. ....	\$45.00
Matthews, G. ....	\$45.00
Merl's Chapel .....	\$200.00
Mill Creek .....	\$140.00
Mill Creek C. W. F. ....	\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S.C. ....	\$15.00
Mine La Motte .....	\$45.00
MO Women Active For Christ .....	\$540.30
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$75.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$180.00
New Home - Hartville .....	\$150.00
New Hope - Fredericktown .....	\$105.00
New Life - Licking .....	\$128.71
New Life - Monett .....	\$225.00
New Testament .....	\$15.00
Noel, D. ....	\$15.00
Oak Grove - Houston .....	\$30.00
Oak Hill - Union .....	\$80.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$197.50
Olivet .....	\$15.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$45.00
Park Hills 1st .....	\$220.38
Parker, G. ....	\$15.00
Parkview - Desloge .....	\$295.70
Pinkerton, J. ....	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill .....	\$15.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana .....	\$50.00
Purdy .....	\$285.00
Ratterree, T. ....	\$30.00
Reiter, Ken .....	\$30.00
Richwoods .....	\$87.50
Rock Chapel .....	\$210.00
Rogers, B. ....	\$15.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$30.00
Royal Oak .....	\$120.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$515.00
Stockton .....	\$296.80
Thayer .....	\$270.00
Thomas, E. ....	\$15.00
Trinity .....	\$480.00
Union Light .....	\$150.00
United - West Plains .....	\$632.26
Unity .....	\$75.00
Verdella .....	\$1,053.60
Viburnum .....	\$180.00
Victory - Alton .....	\$295.36
Walnut Grove .....	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$475.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$586.00
White, R. ....	\$15.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove .....	\$70.00
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$150.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$24,852.94</b>

**Foreign Missions**

Central .....	\$235.89
Chapman, A. ....	\$40.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$22.50
Farmington 1st .....	\$20.50
Fourth .....	\$50.00
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00

Grant Ave. ....	\$101.00
Haney, A. ....	\$40.00
Houston 1st .....	\$30.00
Lewis, D. ....	\$10.00
Minor, K. ....	\$10.00
New Testament .....	\$70.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$20.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$18.50
Southeast MO Assn. ....	\$175.10
Springfield 1st .....	\$45.00
St. Peters .....	\$20.00
Thayer .....	\$85.00
Trinity .....	\$162.42
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,235.91</b>

**Nat'l Home Missions**

Belton .....	\$91.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$457.00
Desoto Adult SS Class .....	\$10.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$215.00
Farmington1st .....	\$265.00
Fordland .....	\$20.00
Fortner, R. ....	\$5.00
Fourth .....	\$50.00
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$15.00
Hannon .....	\$600.00
Hartville .....	\$100.00
Houston 1st .....	\$45.00
Jackson .....	\$55.00
King, B. ....	\$5.00
Macedonia- Purdy .....	\$100.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$25.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$110.00
New Home- Hartville .....	\$10.00
New Life- Monett .....	\$150.00
New Testament .....	\$170.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$42.50
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Park Hills 1st .....	\$226.92
Rader, J. ....	\$20.00
Richwoods .....	\$94.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$66.25
Rogers, B. ....	\$20.00
Thayer .....	\$243.00
Thebeau, B. ....	\$5.00
Trinity .....	\$54.04
Union Light .....	\$96.00
United .....	\$150.00
United Youth Group .....	\$170.00
Unity .....	\$50.00
Verdella .....	\$10.00
Viburnum .....	\$12.00
Waynesville .....	\$50.00
Wolf Creek .....	\$75.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,972.71</b>

**Youth Camp**

Rolla 1st .....	20.00
Hartville .....	10.00
Niangua .....	20.00
Lebanon Bible & Book .....	180.00
Cornerstone .....	25.00
New Home- Hartville .....	10.00
Thayer .....	50.00
Hannon .....	30.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	15.00
New Life- Monett .....	438.02
Ozark 1st .....	10.00
Desoto 1st .....	55.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove .....	10.00
Park Hills 1st .....	27.07
West Plains 1st .....	50.00
Verdella .....	10.00
Trinity .....	9.00
Fordland .....	242.31
Cabool .....	10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,221.40</b>

**Camp Development Fund**

Rock Chapel .....	473.50
Wolf Creek- Penny March .....	57.21
Houston 1st .....	100.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$630.71</b>

**C. E. Board**

Lebanon Bible & Book Store .....	130.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>

**Senior Adult Ministries**

Lebanon Bible & Book Store .....	130.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>

**Youth Ministries Board**

Lebanon Bible & Book Store .....	130.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>

**Free Will Baptist Bible College**

Farmington 1st .....	142.62
Thayer .....	50.00
Ozark 1st .....	15.00
Desoto 1st .....	40.00
Verdella .....	119.72
Farmington 1st .....	142.62
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$509.96</b>

**Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College**

Farmington 1st .....	142.03
Joplin 1st .....	75.00
Thayer .....	50.00
Hannon .....	50.00
Neosho 1st .....	50.00
Grant Avenue .....	8.00
Farmington 1st .....	117.03
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$492.06</b>

**California Christian College**

Farmington 1st .....	40.35
Farmington 1st .....	40.35
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$80.70</b>

**Trula Cronk Home for Children**

New Hope- Fredericktown .....	30.00
Hannon .....	100.00
Belton .....	40.00
New Life- Monett .....	438.02
Desoto 1st .....	55.00
Nosser, M. ....	25.00
Unity .....	20.00
Farmington 1st .....	15.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$723.02</b>

**Rev. John McClure**

Gospel Light .....	80.00
Central Western WAC .....	15.00
Carthage .....	15.00
Thayer .....	5.00
Purdy .....	20.00
Harmony .....	15.00
Farmington 1st .....	5.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>

**Richard Stanley**

Chapman, A. ....	20.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

**Cornerstone FWB Church**

(Brian Brinkoff)	
New Testament .....	10.00
Merls Chapel .....	50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>

**Vergel Maness**

Gospel Light .....	80.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>

**Morgan Minkler**

Belton .....	40.00
Harmony-KC .....	15.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>

**Southeastern FWB College**

Springfield 1st .....	25.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>



Dear Friends of El Seminario Biblico La Cruz,

We began the fall semester with a special opening service on August 20. Approximately 90 people from the area churches came to the campus to participate in the opening activities. A very talented Christian lady, Miss Linda Ramirez provided the special music for the service; she did a very nice job. Our guest preacher that evening was Rev. Jesus "Chuy" de la Rosa, the moderator of the Northeast Mexico district and pastor of one of our churches in Monterrey. He preached an outstanding sermon that touched many hearts. The ladies from the churches in Reynosa prepared more tamales than we could eat. After the service we visited, ate, and talked about all the blessings that God has bestowed on the seminary.

We have fourteen students this semester on the campus in Reynosa. I am not sure how many we will have at the extension center in Altamira; they are still enrolling students. We have four women students (two single and two married). The other ten students are men; this is the finest group of ministerial students we have had since I have been with the semi-

nary. . .

Pray for the students and faculty of the seminary during this semester. We have many, different activities planned. November 15-16 we will have a World Missions Conference. This will give our students and faculty the opportunity to learn about what Christ is doing in many parts of the world and how they can be a part of it.

Pray for Wilma and me as we travel to represent the seminary. During the semester we plan to visit churches and associations in Mexico, Texas, Missouri, and Oklahoma to share more of what is going on at the seminary and in our Mexican churches. Pray for our safety as we travel and for the success of this important ministry.

We also ask you to say a special prayer for Marisol, the wife of Gabriel Gonzalez. Gabriel is one of our teachers at the seminary. He and Marisol have two precious children; they are a special part of our seminary family. Doctors in Reynosa have diagnosed a lump in her breast. They don't think it is cancerous, but she will soon be having surgery to remove it. Pray for her and her family.

God is blessing richly on the campus of El Seminario Biblico La Cruz. There are many young people in Mexico who need the kind of Biblical training that our seminary can provide. They are the future of our work.

Your faithful financial support is crucial to the success of this ministry. Our normal operating expenses are approximately \$ 10,000 per month. If your church is not supporting the seminary each month, let me encourage you to do so. Your support will be a blessing to the ministry in Mexico.

***We have one very special need at this time. We need a good used van to transport our students to church services and other activities. The only van we have is a 1985 model; it has so many miles and needs so many repairs that it is no longer dependable. Can you help?***

Your representatives in Mexico,  
Thomas and Wilma Marberry

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