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*“...but the greatest of these...*



*...is Love!”*

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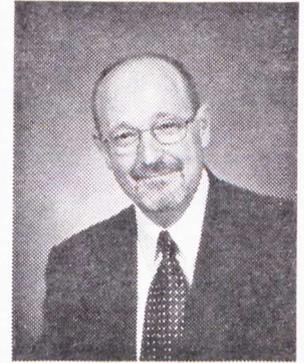
The Church Plan will continue until it is canceled by the church.

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# From the Editor

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I was in Wal-Mart late one Valentine eve and I walked past the card aisle. You could not get down that aisle if you had to. It was crowded with men looking for a Valentine card for their wife/girlfriend/mother. Feeling smug that I had already bought my wife a card (about an hour earlier) I walked on to the checkout. There were two guys ahead of me in the line and I could overhear their conversation. One said, "Wha'd you get you wife for a Valentine?" The other said, "Right here!" I looked around him and on the counter was a carton of chainsaw oil. They laughed and the first said, "What, no chain?" The other said, "Naw, got her one of those on her birthday." The first said, "Well, at least she got her a big spender in you!" "Yeah," said the other, "I believe in splurging on a special day like this." I laughed at the joke too until the one doing the buying said, "Oh no, here she comes!" He shoved the carton of oil at his friend and said, "Here, act like it is your's, I don't want to give away the surprise!" By now I had to see this lady so I looked around as she walked up behind us. I quickly saw that he was probably not kidding and that she would probably love her Valentine gift!



Is it certainly great to buy gifts that others can appreciate!

This month we will express love in the US, Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, France and Australia, the only countries where Valentines Day is regularly celebrated. Some one billion cards will be exchanged. Second only to Christmas, with 2.6 billion, Valentines Day sees 85% of the cards purchased by women.

Aren't you glad God created us with the capacity for love! Is not this life grander by far because God created us with the need for each other and the relationships we develop and the experiences we share because we love each other.

It is our love that prompts us to go beyond looking to our own interests and desires to the good of those we love. We are touched by the stories of love and devotion, such as the dog that goes daily to his masters grave and lays there for hours, but our hearts are touched even more by the human stories of unflinching love.

Dr. Robert McQuilkin, past president of Columbia Bible College gives one such account. After his wife was diagnosed with a serious, life threatening

disease, he found himself torn between his commitment to this wife and his commitment to the college. As he watched her situation worsen daily, and her need for care grow he said:

*As she needed more and more of me, I wrestled daily with the question of who gets me full-time-Muriel or Columbia Bible College and Seminary? Dr. Tabor advised me not to make any decision based on my desire? to see Muriel stay contented "Make your plans apart from that question. Whether or not you can be successful in your dreams for the college and seminary or not, I cannot judge, but I can tell you now, you will not be successful with Muriel." When the time came, the decision was firm. It took no great calculation. It was a matter of integrity. Had I not promised, 42 years before, "in sickness and in health. . . till death do us part"?*

*This was no grim duty to which I stoically resigned, however. It was only fair. She had, after all, cared for me for almost four decades with marvelous devotion; now it was my turn. And such a partner she was! If I took care of her for 40 years, I would never be out of her debt.*

*But how could I walk away from the responsibility of a ministry God had blessed so signally during our 22 years at Columbia Bible College and Seminary? Not easily. True, many dreams had been fulfilled. But so many dreams were yet on the drawing board. And the peerless team God had brought together-a team not just of professionals, but of dear friends-how could I bear to leave them? Resignation was painful; but the right path was not difficult to discern. Whatever Columbia needed, it did not need a part-time, distracted leader. It is better to move out and let God designate a leader to step in while the momentum is continuing.*

*No, it was not a choice between two loves. Sometimes*

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## Teaching children

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by Carol Pinkerton

Please allow me to introduce you to Rebecca. She is four years and four months old. She lives with her parents George and Ama and a younger sister, Priscilla who has yet to reach her first birthday. Both girls are well behaved in church....they've been taught by example.

Rebecca's mind is ever alert. She can hear a story, a sermon, or a song and repeat-giving details-without much trouble. She knows the books of the Old Testament AND the New Testament by heart and can recite them with time out only for a few, quick breaths of air. She's recited verses a couple of times at church. She amazes everyone...Last time, she quoted 24 Bible Verses with the appropriate references.

I wish you could have heard George, beaming with a parent's pride, as he told me about hearing Rebecca talking louder and louder to her younger sister.. repeating the same words "SAY IT, SAY IT, SAY IT!" He looked out from the house to the yard where the girls were. Rebecca, normally calm, was becoming more agitated by the minute as she demanded Priscilla to respond to her request. "SAY IT, SAY IT, SAY IT" By now, Rebecca was stamping her small



foot as she voiced her command. George investigated to find that Rebecca was quite upset because Priscilla was NOT repeating the Bible verses. Slowly and with kind patience, George explained to Rebecca that she was doing something very important in teaching Bible verses to her younger sister and that when Priscilla learned to talk, she would be able to respond!

Each morning during family devotions, George says Rebecca prays by name for each of the students & their families at the Bible Institute where they lived together for two years.

One day as Ama & I were going visiting, I asked Rebecca if she would like to pray before we went..this is what she said; "Father, we are going to leave the house. We will take the blacktop to go see Madame Flor and her new baby. May you protect us and guide us. Amen."

George does much visiting for the church so he is often away from the house. Ama is a busy mother. She cooks over an open fire. She carries water in a bucket on her head from a faucet (500 yards from their simple three room home furnished sparsely by others) for cooking, bathing and doing laundry by hand. Life is not easy for them. They spend less than \$2.00 daily for food. Yet, they are happy, content and do not complain. God has been very good to them.....and to us as well! How are we training our children?

The Show-Me Plan  
really works!  
Just ask any of our  
Show-Me Missionaries!

# A Burden for Youth

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## A Letter from Gary Stephens

For months I have considered writing this letter because I needed to share the burden God has placed on my heart. First let me give you a little background so you will understand better. I have been saved since the age of 13. married for 30 years and have two children that are 24 and 27. Both are saved and doing very well. We live in an upper middle class area near St. Louis. We have served in Free Will Baptist Churches in three states. Two years ago I found myself unemployed for the first time in my life. That is not why my heart is breaking as God has been faithful to us during this time of need. I have always had a burden for older teens. Many times we are content to give a little to missions and feel content. God has used this time to open my eyes and heart to the truth.

God brought into my life a young man with a lot of problems and caused me to love him as though he was my son. With him came sleepless nights, lies, legal problems, drinking, drugs and even problems with my marriage. He gave me every reason to stop loving him and give up but yet I couldn't. Every time I ask for advice it was always the same, be isn't worth it. Through him I kept finding more and more just like him. Young men 16, 17 and 20 sleeping in their cars turning to alcohol and drugs, destroying there lives and living without hope. We do not live in the ghettos.

I recently encountered a young man who will

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*that kind of choice becomes necessary, but this time responsibilities did not conflict. I suppose responsibilities in the will of God never conflict (though my evaluation of those responsibilities is fallible). Am I making the right choice at the right time in the right way? I hope so. This time it seemed clearly in the best interest of the ministry for me to step down, even if board and administrators thought otherwise. Both loves-for Muriel and for Columbia Bible College and Seminary dictated the same choice. There was no conflict of loves, then, or of obligations.*

*I have been startled by the response to the announcement of my resignation. Husbands and wives renew marriage vows, pastors tell the story to their congregations. It was a mystery to me, until a distinguished oncologist, who*

now be serving 5 years in jail. He had not eaten in several days and was approached by a stranger and offered a hundred dollars to purchase several boxes of a nasal decongestant. After making several purchases he was arrested. It is used to make a common drug and he had to know that. He was guilty. My concern is so are we. He had gone to several churches asking for help in getting something to eat and was turned down. He was drug free, his only sin was that he was hungry. We need not go to India to find young people who need help, you see them every day. In the past two years I have encountered many young men with situations far worse. Why are ignoring such tragedy at the doorsteps of our churches?

These young people are searching for answers. They don't want a handout. they just want to know that someone cares if they live or die. Our actions clearly indicate that we don't. Within the next thirty minutes 29 kids will attempt suicide, 57 adolescents will run away from home, 14 teens will give birth out of wedlock, 22 girls will get abortions, 686 will use one of many drugs and 188 will abuse alcohol.. Satan is busy are we? If we are at work why did I encounter a 16 year old who did not know why we celebrate Easter? Have we forgotten what Christ had to say in Matthew 16:5-6. Are we a help? Their parents, the courts, nor the school system will not tell them of Christ. Who then will if not you? If I can help in any way please feel free to contact me at [jean88guy@aol.com](mailto:jean88guy@aol.com) or 1073 Timberline Drive. Fenton. Mo. 63026.

Yours in Christ, Gary Stephens

*Source: Parents Guide to Top 10 Dangers Teens Face by Stephen Arterburn Ik. Jim Bums*

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*lives constantly with dying people, told me, "Almost all women stand by their men; very few men stand by their women." Perhaps people sensed this contemporary tragedy and somehow were helped by a simple choice I considered the only option.*

*It is all more than keeping promises and being fair, however. As I watch her brave descent into oblivion, Muriel is the joy of my life. Daily I discern new manifestations of the kind of person she is, the wife I always loved I also see fresh manifestations of God's love-the God I long to love more fully.*

But the greatest example of love is God himself. The reason we are able to love is because we are created in His image and He IS Love!

# 2005 Minister's Retreat

March 14-16, 2005

Stonecroft Conference Center  
Branson, MO

Speaker: Ron Owens

Ron Owens was born in Nova Scotia, Canada, the son of pioneer church planters in the Maritime Provinces. He was raised in Switzerland where he and his parents moved when he was a teen. At age 16 he was saved in a crusade in Germany.

He received his education at Bible College and the Eastman School of Music in Rochester NY. He married Patricia in 1959 while completing a music degree at the University of Southern Louisiana.

He and his wife have ministered world wide and he is a founder of the International Congress On Revival. He has served under the ministry of both Dr. Stephen Olford and Dr. Henry Blackaby.



It was while serving with these two men that God began giving Ron scriptural insights into the area of Worship. The Owens have ministered in the Soviet Union and other Eastern Bloc countries through their musical *Paid In Full*. The musical was translated into Russian and performed at the Pushkin Theater in Moscow, sponsored by the Russian World of Culture Center. The Owens are currently working as part-time Worship and Music Consultants with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. They currently reside in Bella Vista, Arkansas.

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## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like to room with \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$70.00 per person double occupancy

A \$20.00 non-refundable deposit is required for each person.

For more information call the State Office at 417-532-6537

Please send this form to MOFWB, PO Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536

Registration forms must arrive in the State Office on or before March 7th, 2005

# State Youth Conference at Windemere

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Curt Gwartney returns to Missouri...if only for a few days!

On November 19-20, 2004, 355 Free Will Baptist Youth from 28 churches across the state of Missouri gathered in the new 1500 seat auditorium at the Windemere Baptist Convention Center in Roach, Missouri for the 2004 Missouri State Youth Conference.

The theme this year was "EXTREME MAKEOVER" taken from 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new". Guest speaker for the conference was 35 year veteran Youth Pastor Curt Gwartney from Locust Grove FWB Church in Locust Grove, Oklahoma. Curt challenge the youth to "turn to God and let Jesus make an extreme makeover in your life". Curt also encouraged everyone to "Live in such a way that God is pleased with your life".

Music guest for the weekend was Parallax View, an up and coming contemporary Christian group from our own state of Missouri. The group of four guys kicked of the conference with a concert on Friday night and then opened each session on Saturday with songs of praise and worship. They closed the conference on Saturday afternoon with an energetic song "Sing Like The Saved".

Representatives and students from Hillsdale and Nashville also helped at the conference by participating in "OFF THE WALL" activities, selling conference T-shirts, assisting youth that responded to the Gospel, and answered numerous questions about the Bible Colleges. The Missouri State Youth Board recognized former board member Howard Anderson for his eight years of dedicated service to the board and our state's youth.

The 2005 conference has been set for November 18-19 in the same new 1500 seat auditorium. Mark your calendars today; you don't want to miss the 2005 Missouri State Youth Conference.



Curt holds forth.



Parallax View ministers.



Part of the great crowd from 28 churches

# Merl's Chapel Celebrates Homecoming

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Those who attended Merl's Chapel FWB Church Homecoming on Aug. 15, 2004, enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and reminiscing. The church, located 4 1/2 miles north of Cassville on Highway V, was organized Nov. 14, 1929. Through the years countless lives have been blessed and transformed by the gospel message of this little country church, and many came Aug. 15 to walk down memories lane, share their stories and once again worship at Merl's Chapel Church.

After morning services, good food and fellowship, the afternoon homecoming began with a packed auditorium and the choir singing "Church in the Wildwood". Pastor Leroy Pugh welcomed all attending, asking each to introduce themselves. Families who had been a great influence on the church were recognized. Testimonies and memories of those attending were interspersed with special songs throughout the afternoon. Former pastor Fred Harris, 1987-1999, spoke.

One of the highlights was the Star City Quartet, all members of Merl's Chapel, that sang from 1936 to 1938. Original members, Dortha Roller, June Leonard, Jerald Rickman, and Evelyn Greenway, pianist, blessed the congregation with "Where Could I Go" and "What a Day That Will Be". Gary Rickman sang in place of Paul Rickman who had passed away.

The congregation was especially blessed by hearing from charter member Evelyn Greenway, whose parents, Bro. & Sis. Jim Jefferson, gave the land for the church. Mrs. Greenway shared how the church started with a Sunday School in the Quaker school house. She related how Merl Robberson, later Mrs. Andy Wright, of the Macedonia FWB Church, came and expressed her desire and God's leading to have a revival and organize a church. Bro. Winford Davis came as an evangelist and God began to move in the community. Many were saved and baptized and Merl's



Chapel FWB Church was organized with Merl Robberson as pastor.

The church has been blessed with dedicated ministers throughout the years. Following Merl Robberson as pastors were Winford Davis, John Swottor, W.K. Weston, Noel Greenway, C. M. Hatfield, O. T. Allred, Bruce Phillips, Otho Boyd, Tommy Carlson, Lloyd Jeffreys, Opal Jeffreys, Bill Eden, Fred Harris, assistant Larry Wormington, Jim McCully, Scott McCully and present pastor Leroy Pugh.

An album of the history of Merl's Chapel has been made by Dortha Roller of the Monett FBW Church. Many people contributed with pictures, articles and memories. The album was greatly enjoyed by those attending the homecoming and is still on display at the church. Wynona Moudy Dobb also presented an album of pictures to the church from the homecoming celebration.

At the end of the day the present congregation felt it had been worth all the praying, planning, cooking and cleaning. It was a day that will live on in the hearts and minds of people for many years.

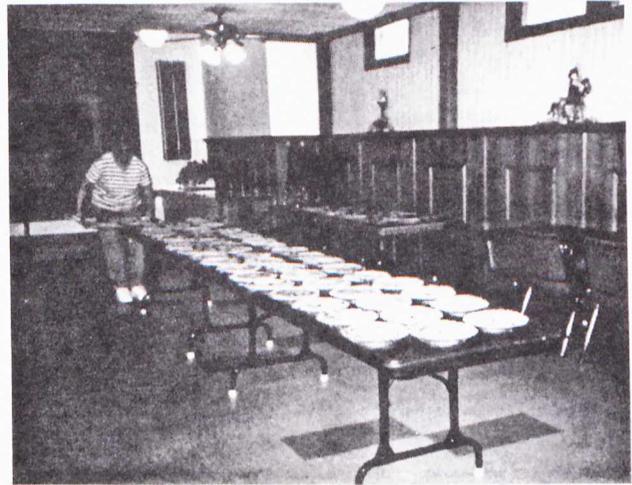
Merl's Chapel continues to experience the blessings of God. During the past year three have been saved and one baptized. Merl's Chapel is presently planning a renovation of the building due to years of flood damage. Please remember to pray for the church and our pastor and wife, Leroy and Loretta Pugh.



Pastor Leroy and Loretta Pugh

# Mtn. Grove First Bakes Pies!

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A part of the over 300 pies baked

The Mtn Grove First Free Will Baptist Women Active for Christ are pie bakers! For the past several years the women have gathered in the church kitchen to mix, kneed, fill and bake hundreds of pies for two Mtn Grove businesses. The local Edward Jones Investment firm and Gator's Pawn give their patrons pies at Thanksgiving each year and the Ladies of First Church are the creators.

This year the tally was over 300 fruit and creme pies. Amazingly enough the pies are made and baked in one day and delivered fresh for distribution the following day at the businesses. Almost all of the ingredients are donated so the money from the pies is pure profit. That money is all given to the missions projects of the auxiliary.



A couple of the bakers got a little carried away with their work!



Pastor Brian and Kim Hurst

New pastor Brian Hurst and his wife Kim were a part of the process this year along with several others who baked at the church and in their home ovens as well. The folks involved not only had a great time but the people of Mtn. Grove enjoyed their fruit of the labor and as well as the mission works who will receive the funds.

Small Free Will Baptist Church in Belton, MO. is seeking a Christian volunteer to begin a Youth Ministry. Contact Pastor James Mize, at 816-322-5925 or leave a message at 816-331-1932.

Ozark  
Annual Men's Rally



Friday Evening,  
March 4th, 2005  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
Ozark MO.

Supper at 5:30  
Service at 7:00

Speaker: Gary Fry

For More information call  
417-581-5246

## Ray Lewis to Lead Board of Retirement



ANTIOCH, TN – The Reverend D. Ray Lewis has been selected as the next director for the Board of Retirement and Insurance. The 57-year-old North Carolina native will continue in his role as associate director with the agency until July 31, 2005. He assumes the director's duties effective August 1, 2005.

Lewis joined the Board of Retirement staff in May 1983 as business manager. He was named associate director in 1996. Lewis will succeed current director, Reverend Bill Evans, who plans to focus his energies on the Free Will Baptist Foundation.

Brother Lewis pastored six years in Durham, North Carolina, and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, before joining the Board of Retirement staff. He also taught in the business department at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Lewis is a graduate of the University of North Carolina (Pembroke) and Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Ray and Ida Lewis are faithful members at Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. They have two children – son Chris and his wife Kelli live in New York City, while daughter Kelly lives in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

### Correction:

The dates listed in the  
December GEM for the  
Missouri Women Active for Christ  
State Retreat  
at Stonecroft in Branson  
are incorrect.

The correct dates are:  
**August 19-20, 2005**

# Prayer Lists: Private or Public?

Can our publicly shared prayer lists run afoul of new laws?

Sweeping changes to privacy laws have changed the way doctors, hospitals, and even insurance companies handle health care information. Part of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act that took effect in 2003 made it illegal for health care providers to disclose information about a person's medical condition. Generally, the Act doesn't pertain to churches. However, the ensuing discussion of privacy rights has led many churches to reexamine how they share personal information through prayer ministries.

Here are some suggestions on how to maintain a prayer ministry without offending the prayer recipient or breaking the law.

## Get Consent

There's nothing that prevents a person from telling the congregation or the whole world that he has a medical condition and would like prayer. But there are laws that prevent *you* from telling the world for him. Therefore, it's a good idea to obtain a person's consent before disclosing personal information. It could be as simple as asking someone: "Would you like us to add you to the prayer list?" or "Would you mind if we shared this information with the congregation?" It's easiest to get verbal consent, but you have far greater legal protection if you obtain it in writing.

## Keep it Simple

Even with a person's consent, it's best to keep the information general. A notice that says "Sue Smith has been hospitalized, and we pray for a speedy recovery" is better than "Sue Smith has been suffering from debilitating panic attacks that have caused her to be admitted to the hospital. Please pray for her."

## Defer to a Spokesperson

Some churches avoid the problem of obtaining consent by printing information on how to reach a relative or close friend who has agreed to serve as spokesperson. The spokesperson can decide how much



detail to release, and to whom. That person is probably in a better position than the church to know how much information to share.

## Don't Mention Employees

Churches should be extremely cautious about disclosing health-related information about their employees without their consent. In particular, churches can be held legally liable for disclosing such information about employees (or their dependents) obtained through the church's health plan. You should obtain the employee's consent to release the information. Even with

permission, less is generally best.

For more information about areas of risk to churches and to fill out a survey about the risks your church faces, visit the Brotherhood Mutual website at [www.brotherhoodmutual.com](http://www.brotherhoodmutual.com).

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## Lebanon Bible and Bookstore

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

Did you know that your purchases at the Lebanon Bible and Bookstore helped the Bookstore contribute \$24,000.00 back into our State ministries? Just another good reason to do your Bible, book, gift and literature shopping at our State Bookstore in Lebanon.

## CAMP NIANGUA



### News Bits

“Oh, the weather outside is frightful” is how the familiar wintry song goes. Certainly, the absence of leaves on the trees and at times snow on the ground makes the sounds of young people splashing in the pool at camp seem very far away. The Camp Board has been very busy, though, making preparations for this year’s Teen & Pre-teen camps.

Literature is being sought for the class times. The men that God would have to be the Camp Evangelists have been prayed over. These are just two of the many things that must be worked out in order for our Youth Camps to be blessed of God. Please help the Camp Board to pray for this year’s camps.

A *strong* reminder must be made concerning Camp Registration. Last year we started pre-registration and it went fairly well for the first time. This needs to be done in order for proper planning of food and good placement of the kids in the cabins. There will be a ten dollar late fee for each camper registering after the registration dates. This was *not* enforced last year but *will be* this year! Camp registration forms can be found on the camp’s web page at [www.campniangua.com](http://www.campniangua.com). We are in hopes that by this writing you can register on-line. Whether you register on-line or by mail they *must* be postmarked by the dates below.

Teen Camp Group I & II Pre-registration  
deadline May 25

Pre-teen Camp Group I & II Pre-registration  
deadline July 5

Do not send any money with your registration as you will pay upon arrival.

It is strongly recommended that the pastors or youth workers of each church take charge of registering as a whole. Thank you! More information will be in next month’s GEM. God bless your new year!  
-Bob Thebeau

## FWBBC Education Department Receives High Rating

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE – Following a lengthy examination of Free Will Baptist Bible College’s teacher education program, the Tennessee State Department of Education (TSDE) approved all of FWBBC’s education programs, according to Dr. Thurman Pate, chairman of the Education Department.

The college currently offers education programs leading to licensure in:

- Bible (7-12)
- Early Childhood Education (PreK-3)
- Elementary Education (K-8)–to change to K-6
- Physical Education (K-12)
- English (7-12)
- Music (vocal and instrumental) K-12)
- History (7-12)
- History/Economics (7-12)
- History (7-12)/Psychology (9-12)

The Teacher Education faculty was very pleased with the outcome of the visit.

Dr. Pate observed, “As the Team delved deeply into our programs and applied the stringent state and national standards, every program was approved. Four minor weaknesses were cited and work to remedy these has already begun. The findings of the Team give credence to the fact that schools hiring our graduates consistently comment on how well prepared they are to teach.”

Prospective FWBBC students can be assured that the college will offer them one of the finest programs in teacher education available anywhere.

For more information, write or call:

Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3606 West End Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

Phone: 800-76-FWBBC

Email: [recruit@fwbbc.edu](mailto:recruit@fwbbc.edu)

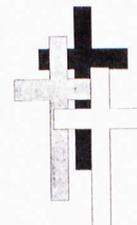
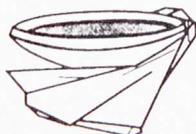
# Announcing The Palmer Leadership Institute

For Missouri Free Will Baptists Ministers and Staff

## *Renewing the Spiritual Leader*

May 5th, 2005

Free Will Baptist State Office Building,  
Lebanon, MO



The Missouri Christian Education Board and the State Executive Office are pleased to announce this new effort designed to help equip Missouri Free Will Baptist pastors to develop their ministry. Through a process of instruction, coaching and mentoring, each pastor will be encouraged and given the tools to lead and develop a healthy Christ-honoring church. This will be accomplished by:

1. Offering an institute that is geared for the uniqueness of the Free Will Baptist minister and church.
2. Taking the pastor at his present skill level and assist him in becoming a more effective leader.
3. Coaching and mentoring the individual pastor and church to become stronger, healthier and more effective.
4. Providing peer interaction that will facilitate accountability, networking, fellowship, encouragement and foster a sense of belonging.
5. Encouraging each participant to teach acquired concepts and becoming a mentor and coach to his area Free Will Baptist pastors.

Open to all Free Will Baptist Pastors, Church Staff, Missionaries and Denominational Leaders, the cost will be \$50.00 with scholarships available. (call the State office about Scholarships) This fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch, student workbook and a free book of interest. This first event will be facilitated by Dr. Doug Earls, Rev. Nathan Ruble and Rev. Gary Fry.



To register:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Church Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Payment: Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Send form to MOFWB, PO Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536 or call 417-532-6537 by April 17, 2005

# Ladies!

Don't forget to register for the upcoming  
**Pursue His Heart 2005 National Retreat**  
**March 3-5**  
**Chateau on the Lake**  
**Branson, MO**

Registration Deadline is  
 January 31st.  
 For more information call WNAC  
 1-615-731-6812

## Financial Report December 2004

### Cooperative Disbursements

December 2004 .....	\$54,571.87
18.50% St Home Miss ..	\$10,095.79
17.00% Exec. Office .....	\$9,277.29
3.00% Gen. Fund .....	\$1,637.15
50% Show-Me Bd. ....	\$272.85
8.50% Youth Camp .....	\$4,638.60
2.50% Youth Min. ....	\$1,364.29
2.50% CE .....	\$1,364.29
2.50% Senior Adult .....	\$1,364.29
9.00% Mo Retirement ..	\$4,911.46

33.00% .....

National Ministries

3.00% Show-Me Plan ... \$1,637.15

**Total .....** **\$54,571.87**

The Coop allocation for the  
 National Ministries is  
 undesignated this year  
 with FWBBC and Hillsdale  
 receiving an equal amount.

### CO-OP Income

Amity .....	\$93.72
Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$158.97
Bailey .....	\$194.00
Bailey Chapel .....	\$401.00
Beacon .....	\$2,750.00
Belton .....	\$362.67
Bethel .....	\$360.95
Bethel- El Dorado .....	\$249.59
Black Oak .....	\$425.14
Buffalo .....	\$200.00

Byrd .....	\$71.25
Cabool 1st .....	\$461.84
Calvary Chapel .....	\$1,332.19
Cape Girardeau .....	\$494.36
Cape Girardeau .....	487.6
Carthage .....	\$365.00
Central .....	\$876.28
Christ Chapel .....	\$348.00
Clifton .....	\$37.97
Columbia .....	\$398.25
Copper Mines .....	\$496.74
Cornerstone .....	\$554.63
Crossroads- Wentzville ..	\$694.00
Cuba .....	\$456.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$1,600.00
Faith & Hope- Aurora ....	\$135.62
Faith & Hope- Willow ....	\$77.40
Farmington 1st .....	\$3,387.63
Fellowship .....	\$1,200.00
Fordland .....	\$511.00
Fourth .....	\$180.98
Freeman Chapel .....	\$525.40
Gospel Light .....	\$100.00
Grace .....	\$1,293.47
Grant Ave. ....	\$906.29
Hannibal .....	\$736.00
Hannon .....	\$750.00
Harmony .....	\$330.76
Hartville .....	\$1,081.00
Hopewell .....	\$260.00
Houston 1st .....	\$241.64
Hurryville .....	\$549.93
Jackson .....	\$183.90
Joplin 1st .....	\$612.45
Kings Way .....	\$368.44
Koshkonong .....	\$202.00
Lead Hill .....	\$180.34
Leadington .....	\$355.59
Lebanon .....	\$590.57
Lebanon 1st .....	\$1,349.82
Macedonia- Niangua .....	\$129.82
Merls Chapel .....	\$109.00
Mill Creek .....	\$379.44
Mine La Motte .....	\$91.09
Monett 1st .....	\$637.85
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$51.00
Mtn. Grove 1st. ....	\$1,712.34
Myrtle .....	\$272.19
New Hope .....	\$230.85
New Life- Licking .....	\$348.95
Niangua .....	\$164.30
North Five .....	\$11.73
Number One .....	\$173.45
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove ..	\$384.18
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove ..	\$248.33
Oak Hill .....	\$376.00
O'Fallon .....	\$1,929.00
Overland .....	\$75.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$1,955.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna ..	\$100.00
Park Hills .....	1811.44
Parkview .....	\$349.22
Pleasant Hill .....	\$185.60
Pleasant Home .....	\$122.43
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana ...	\$91.00
Potosi 1st .....	\$137.53
Rock Chapel .....	\$374.56
Rolla 1st .....	\$243.00
Salem .....	\$30.00
Seymour .....	\$443.00
Smyrna .....	\$73.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$1,526.26
Thayer .....	\$968.00
Trinity .....	\$1,066.48
Union .....	\$60.00
Union Grove .....	\$605.00

Union Light .....	\$178.00
United .....	\$1,508.16
Unity .....	\$360.00
Victory- Alton .....	\$710.07
Victory- KC .....	\$2,014.94
Waynesville 1st .....	\$394.75
West Plains 1st .....	\$579.00
Willow Springs .....	\$283.05
Wolf Creek .....	\$631.44
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$54,571.87</b>

### Show-Me Missions Income

Barker, J .....	\$15.00
Beacon .....	\$585.00
Belton .....	\$165.00
Berry, R .....	\$15.00
Bethel- El Dorado .....	\$249.60
Bethel- Festus .....	\$45.00
Bethlehem .....	\$50.00
Black Oak .....	\$60.00
Brown, J .....	\$15.00
Buffalo .....	\$120.00
Burns, J .....	\$60.00
Cabool 1st .....	\$105.00
Calvary Chapel .....	\$105.00
Carthage .....	\$465.00
Carthage Auxillary .....	\$250.00
Carthage SS .....	\$250.00
Central .....	\$50.00
Chrisman, M .....	\$30.00
CO-OP .....	\$1,637.15
Copper Mines .....	\$225.00
Cornerstone .....	\$245.00
Cuba .....	\$75.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$687.50

Faith.....	\$20.00
Faith & Hope.....	\$120.00
Farmington Ist.....	\$300.00
Fellowship.....	\$1,123.35
Fordland.....	\$250.00
Freeman Chapel.....	\$720.00
Freeman Chapel.....	\$810.00
Pinkerton.....	\$45.00
Gospel Light.....	\$1,000.00
Grace.....	\$353.00
Grant Avenue.....	\$280.00
Greater KC Assn.....	\$9,389.15
Greenfield.....	\$200.00
Hannibal WNAC.....	\$15.00
Happy Hill.....	\$60.00
Harmony.....	\$107.78
Hartville.....	\$240.00
Houston Ist.....	\$325.00
Hurryville.....	\$561.00
Hurryville.....	\$515.00
Indian Creek.....	\$105.68
Jack Baldwin.....	\$50.00
Jackson.....	\$35.00
Jones Chapel.....	\$105.00
Jones Chapel.....	\$642.50
Joplin Ist.....	\$75.00
Joplin Ist.....	\$400.00
Lebanon.....	\$75.00
Lebanon Ist.....	\$150.00
Macedonia- Monet.....	\$6,902.50
Maggart, D.....	\$45.00
Merls Chapel.....	\$183.75
Mill Creek.....	\$140.00
Mill Creek CWF.....	\$15.00
Mill Creek- Yng Adlt.....	\$15.00
Mine La Motte.....	\$75.00
Mission Assn.....	\$2,761.97
Mission Assn.....	\$1,198.00
MO WAC.....	\$521.07
Monett Ist.....	\$15.00
Monett Ist.....	\$250.00
Mountain Grove Ist.....	\$460.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	\$75.00
Mt. Zion- Thayer.....	\$30.00
Myrtle.....	\$75.00
Neosho Ist.....	\$1,307.50
Neosho Ist WAC.....	\$1,000.00
New Beginning.....	\$174.95
New Home- Hartville.....	\$210.00
New Hope.....	\$150.00
New Life.....	\$1,199.11
New Life- Licking.....	\$107.53
New Testament.....	\$75.00
Number One.....	\$60.00
O' Fallon Ist.....	\$137.00
Oak Hill.....	\$20.00
Palabras de Vida Eterna.....	\$15.00
Palabras de Vida Eterna.....	\$50.00
Park Hills.....	\$543.42
Parkview.....	\$246.67
Pleasant Grove.....	\$915.13
Pleasant Hill.....	\$45.00
Pleasant Home.....	\$300.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....	\$50.00
Porter Chapel.....	\$666.91
Purdy Ist.....	\$943.00
Richwoods.....	\$62.50
Rock Chapel.....	\$240.00
Rock Springs.....	\$97.00
Rolla Ist.....	\$30.00
Springfield Ist.....	\$530.00

Thayer.....	\$355.00
Trinity.....	\$523.27
Union Light.....	\$150.00
United.....	\$300.00
Unity.....	\$75.00
Victory- Alton.....	\$135.00
Victory- Alton.....	\$45.00
Walker, H.....	\$10.00
Waynesville Ist.....	\$481.77
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$47,589.76</b>

The following are designated income and disbursements

#### International Missions

Belton .....	\$60.00
Central .....	\$50.00
Cuba .....	\$12.50
DeSoto Ist .....	\$80.00
Fordland .....	\$30.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$10.05
Hartville .....	\$35.00
Houston Ist .....	\$30.00
Matthews, A.....	\$15.00
Mtn. Grove Ist .....	\$50.00
New Testament .....	\$55.00
Noel, D.....	\$15.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$48.55
Pleasant Ridge WA .....	\$25.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$22.00
Rolla Ist .....	\$330.00
Springfield Ist .....	\$99.47
Thayer .....	\$35.00
Victory- KC .....	\$20.00
Waynesville Ist .....	\$90.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$1,112.57</b>

#### National Home Missions

Beacon.....	\$195.00
Belton.....	\$30.00
Carthage.....	\$5.00
Carthage.....	\$79.50
Central.....	\$50.00
Cuba.....	\$37.50
DeSoto Ist.....	\$275.00
Farmington Ist.....	\$150.00
Fordland.....	\$510.00
Gospel Light.....	\$160.00
Grace.....	\$611.50
Grant Ave.....	\$55.31
Hannon.....	\$525.00
Hartville.....	\$50.00
Hartville.....	\$1,370.00
Houston Ist.....	\$30.00
Jackson.....	\$20.00
Jerry Rader.....	\$20.00
Monett Ist.....	\$5.00
Mtn. Grove Ist.....	\$1,021.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	\$25.00
Mtn. Grove Ist.....	\$40.00
Myrtle.....	\$100.00
Neosho Ist.....	\$50.00
New Home- Hartville.....	\$10.00
New Testament.....	\$65.00
Oak Hill.....	\$30.00
O'Fallon.....	\$87.00
Park Hills.....	\$351.14

Richwoods Ist.....	\$75.24
Rock Chapel.....	\$70.55
Rock Chapel.....	\$435.00
Thayer.....	\$125.00
Trinity.....	\$73.32
Union Light.....	\$96.00
United.....	\$150.00
Unity.....	\$50.00
Victory- KC.....	\$50.00
Waynesville Ist.....	\$75.50
West Plains.....	\$35.00
Wolf Creek.....	\$75.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$7,268.56</b>

#### Berea Ministries

Hartville.....	150.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>150.00</b>

#### Brian Brinkoff

Unity .....	\$12.50
Indian Creek Assoc.....	\$10.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>22.50</b>

#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

Hartville.....	\$50.00
Myrtle.....	\$27.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$25.00
Desoto Ist .....	\$100.00
Hannon .....	\$100.00
Unity .....	\$20.00
Belton .....	\$35.00
Houston Ist .....	\$20.00
Pleasant Ridge Aux .....	\$30.00
New Hope .....	\$30.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$437.00</b>

#### Christian Education Board

Bookstore .....	\$140.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$140.00</b>

#### Free Will Baptist Bible College

Thayer .....	\$50.00
Beacon .....	\$125.00
Desoto Ist .....	\$40.00
Oak Hill .....	\$10.00
Lebanon .....	\$10.00
Farmington Ist .....	\$150.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$385.00</b>

#### Hillsdale

Mtn Grove Ist .....	\$5.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
Beacon .....	\$125.00
Monett Ist .....	\$100.00
Hannon .....	\$100.00
Joplin Ist .....	\$75.00
Oak Hill .....	\$10.00
Farmington Ist .....	\$150.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$615.00</b>

#### Indian Bible College

Desoto Ist .....	\$10.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$10.00</b>

#### George Lemelin

Jackson .....	\$47.50
Unity .....	\$40.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$87.50</b>

#### Missouri Retirement

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

#### Morgan Wood

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

#### Robbie Rutledge

MOWAC .....	\$7.38
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$7.38</b>

#### Scholarship Fund

Bookstore .....	\$100.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$100.00</b>

#### Senior Adult Board

Bookstore .....	\$140.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$140.00</b>

#### Victor Torrez

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

#### Youth Camp

Buffalo Ist .....	\$100.00
Hartville .....	\$10.00
Mtn Grove Ist .....	\$10.00
Niangua .....	\$20.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
Desoto Ist .....	\$65.00
Bookstore .....	\$540.00
Rolla Ist .....	\$20.00
Hannon .....	\$50.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$15.00
New Home .....	\$10.00
Park Hills Ist .....	\$0.00
Park Hills Ist .....	\$0.00
Cornerstone .....	\$25.00
Ozark Ist.....	\$10.00
Trinity .....	\$9.00
Union .....	\$30.00
West Plains Ist.....	\$25.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$989.00</b>

#### Youth Camp Development

Myrtle .....	\$20.00
Houston Ist .....	\$100.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$120.00</b>

#### Youth Ministries Board

Bookstore .....	\$140.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$140.00</b>

# Coop and Show-Me Break Records!



Coop  
\$709,511.53

Show-Me  
\$356,617.14



Missouri churches gave a total of \$709,511.53 to our Missouri Coop Plan in 2004! God is certainly blessing our Missouri Free Will Baptists and they in turn are being faithful to what God has ask them to do with their finances and their churches are prospering! What a great testimony to the effectiveness of our churches when God's people respond to God and give. It is because those churches then tithed the tithe that we are able to have such a vital state ministry and take a leading role in our National work.

We also are rejoicing that our people have given \$356,617.14 to our Show-Me Plan! Coupled with \$21,286.45 from the Coop Plan that is given to Show-Me we have disbursed a total of \$377,903.59 to our Show-Me Missionaries this year. **Isn't God Good!**



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