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## *"He Can Use Anybody!"*



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## From the Editor

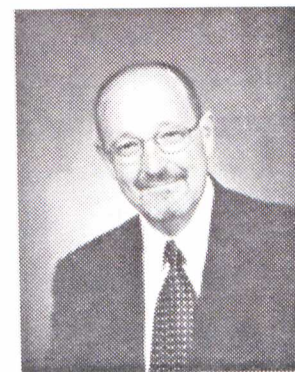
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As you get out of your car on this next hot August Sunday and make your way to the door of your church, you will probably do so with thanksgiving in your heart. You will be thankful that traffic was not too bad this morning and you are only a little late for Sunday School. You will be thankful for the wave of cool, conditioned air that greets you as you step inside. You will be thankful that there are still coffee and donuts left when you get inside. You will be thankful for the large print Sunday School book from Randall House that makes it possible for you to read without digging out your reading glasses. You will thank the Lord as class ends that the pew where you will sit in the sanctuary is padded. You will be thankful for the projection system that your worship leader uses to show the words to the tunes you will sing that morning. No more holding that heavy hymn book. Your pastor will use the same system to project the main points of his sermon. That way if you doze off you can pick back up when you awake. You won't miss much. His scripture will be there as well, saving you the time and trouble of looking it up for yourself. After all, he seems to have a fondness for passages from those little books in the Old Testament that like to hide when you try to find them. You will be thankful that your pastor, interesting and inspiring as he is, does not go over long and you are actually leaving the service by 11:30. As you drive out of the parking lot, there is nothing heavier on your mind than the question, "barbeque or catfish?" And if someone at the restaurant asks, "How was church today?" your answer will be "Great, as usual!"

Now, you surely know by now that I am not referring to any of our Missouri Free Will Baptists with the above. This only applies to all those "other" Baptists and groups up and down the streets of our towns.

I have noticed that we are pretty spoiled in our churches and with our worship services. We have it the way we want it and please don't mess with it, thank you! I fear that the satisfaction that has set in for most modern American worshipers is indicative of a deep spiritual malaise. We have our buildings and grounds just the way we want them, for heaven's sake, lets not start any program that will mess them up! We are often more proud of the way our churches look than what they do! Now, I am all for churches looking good, after all, the condition of your buildings and grounds often reflects your

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attitude about God himself. If your church building is shabby and rundown, you just don't care. What ever you do for God should be your best effort. Paint and weeders are cheap. But if having our nest feathered is the end of our efforts for the Lord, we are sadly missing the whole point.

There are more Christians worshipping on any given Sunday in the world who do not have the nice buildings and ac and rear projection and even the choice of bbq or fish than who do have. More Christians are worried about just getting to church and will church be interrupted by those who hate God and Christians than we like to imagine. They are fearful that their leaders will be carried off to prison and torture and often death. They are worried about being accused of trying to convert those around them who are not Christians. In too many countries today that is illegal. There are more of them sharing their faith in cultures where it is illegal and they could be punished than there are here where it is okay.

Many of them sacrifice to attend church. They are there every time there is a service. You won't find them giving God's time to other second rate events or pursuits. They are anxious and happy to be in God's house with God's people worshipping Him. And they sit in the floor with no air conditioning or even screens at the open windows. There are no sound systems or stained glass. There are people who have come because they love God and are thankful. Thankful for his forgiveness of their sins. Thankful for their Christian brothers and sisters. Thankful for God's care and protection and provision in cultures where He is not welcome.

Oh well, maybe someday they will all get civilized and be able to have church the way we do. The way it was meant to be.....after all, everyone knows that our way is the way God likes it!

I would certainly hope that never happens.





# Missouri Show-Me Missions News

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## Ben Bailey Completes Term

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Dear Friends and Family,

I returned to the United States on June 20th, 2005, after serving as a short-term missionary with Free Will Baptist International Missions for two and a half years. It was great to return "home" to Tokyo, a city I have lived in since the age of two years old, and to be able to work with my parents and the other FWB missionaries in the area. I especially enjoyed teaching English and working with the youth in the church I grew up in, and where I still maintain my membership, The Iriso Kirisuto FWB Church.

I sincerely thank each of you for supporting me through prayers and finances during these past few years. It is because of you that I was able to witness to many unsaved people in my English and Bible Study classes. Please continue to pray for the salvation of those in the Adult classes: Mr. Nakamura, Mrs. Fukushima, Mrs. Hayakawa, Mrs. Tereda, Mrs. Kusuyama, Mrs. Kumagai, Mrs. Ishida, Mrs. Ishizu, Mrs. Sakakida, Ms. Sato, Mr. Yamakawa, Mrs. Nobu, and Mrs. Nemoto. Please pray for the unsaved children I taught: Akane, Justin, Anna, Daisuke, Koki, Natsumi, and High School students: Koichi, Kento, Maichi, Haruna, and Au.

Again, THANK YOU for furthering God's Kingdom in Japan!

In Him,  
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## The Derbys in France

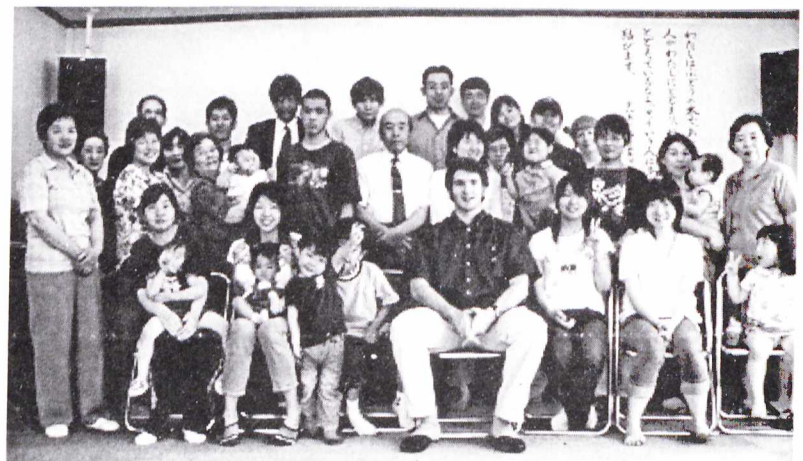
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.....in just two short days, July 6th we will be packed, the trucks loaded and we will be leaving for Aix.

.....the school year ended on a good note with a graduation service. It is always a little sad to say goodbye to your classmates after being together and forming a bond, but we look forward to going where God has called us and know that they are looking forward to doing the same.

.....we want to let you all in on some very exciting news in our lives. Many of you may know that we suffered a miscarriage back in April. Well, we recently found out that Becky is pregnant and that God has given us a double blessing. We are expecting twins to grace our lives around the first part of February 2006!!!! We are just thrilled with this news and are looking forward to the adventure of welcoming two little ones at the same time. We just had our second ultrasound this morning and were able to see and hear two little hearts beating. The doctor has told us that everything looks great and we feel incredibly blessed! Please continue to pray that Becky would have a safe pregnancy and that all would go well with the babies.

*(excerpts from [www.micahandbecky.com](http://www.micahandbecky.com))*



# Abidjan Investment Report

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Greetings from MO State Youth Camp,  
Niangua, MO.

Jerry and I are in our 2nd week of Teen Camp. Over 260 were enrolled for the first week and 292 for the 2nd week. Such opportunities for the Lord to touch hearts. This is a very special place for us since it was at this very camp that Jerry surrendered to God's call to preach the Gospel in 1955.

A few weeks before our departure from the Ivory Coast, Jerry told Pastor Samuel that we did not want a going away party. We did not want the church to have another bill to pay for a party for us.

Our last Sunday there special songs were sung in our honor. After services the youth had a meeting as well as the women. Pastor Samuel, Pastor Amiezi Paul, Pastor Jerome who was visiting at the time, called us outside the yard since the church was filled with other meeting.

Pastor Paul said it was their custom to have a special time when someone was leaving even for a short time, but since we had requested no party, they were honoring that request. Still, he said, they wanted to do something...so they had written a letter, asking Jerry to translate it and send it to the people listed.

This was very touching to Jerry and myself. We were truly honored by their unique gift of love. So, that's the reason for the following letter:



*Letter of appreciation and recommendation*

*Dearly beloved in the Lord: Jerry and Carol Pinkerton.*

*The 16th of September 2005 is the third anniversary of the birth of the Evangelical Free Will Baptist Church of Angre. With this in mind, we give continual thanks to God for this Church that exists by the will of God and your remarkable assistance. In reality, your vision and experience in the ministry of church planting has permitted us to begin a Free Will Baptist Church that is growing in Abidjan! Angre, suburb of Cocody, the section of town where many of the elite of Cote d'Ivoire live.*

*With your determination, neither the war that our country has experienced, nor any hinderances have succeeded in shaking your faith in the future of the work in which you have decided to invest your lives. Because of this, in the moment when you are preparing to leave Ivory Coast, your mission field and second home land, for six months in the USA, the Angre FWB Church Council, wishes to testify to the quality of the relationship that unites us to your work among us.*

*And on this occasion, we wish to commend you to the Mission Administration, to the Churches in the USA, and to the brothers and sisters in Christ who have never stopped supporting you spiritually, morally, and materially during many years.*

*May the Lord Jesus Christ, who wants all men to be saved, be continually with you and bless all are partners with you and with us in the work in Ivory Coast! Amen  
Brotherly love in Christ,  
The Free Will Baptist Church of Angre.*

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*Abidjan, May 24, 2005*

What a wonderful testimony of the love that our church in Abidjan has for the Pinkertons. Thank God for their years of faithful service to the Ivorians and the Lord  
-Ed.



# He Can Use Anybody!

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By Rev Travis Harrison

I'm so excited today! We had 4 Mexican friends that were saved last night after one of my feeble attempts to bring a message in Spanish. Of course it was probably better than it was a little over two years ago when we first started the English classes. In a couple of weeks, we will at least be sending four of them back to Mexico with their eternal destiny changed. The many hours I spent studying make it all worthwhile. We hope we can help them find a good Free Will Baptist Church in Mexico. I will give them a list of all of our churches, but the problem is most of the areas they come from do not yet have a Free Will Baptist or even a fundamental church. Mexico is over 90% watered down Catholicism in which the average Catholic has never opened a Bible or heard the plain truth of how to be saved.

It has been so amazing to watch how God has developed this ministry. After several mission trips to Mexico, some with youth groups and others alone, God gave me a burden to try to reach Spanish people. Then I began to realize that God was sending some of them right here, little by little. No one was trying to reach them, and I thought that someone needed to try. I really didn't know how, but I thought I could do no worse than was already being done. So after much prayer and an never-ending burden I decided to do something. I spent the biggest part of a day trying to print a flyer in Spanish advertising our first English Class. Fortunately, I got some help from Diana Pattengill who attends a neighboring FWB Church and is a Spanish teacher. It was amazing! After editing, she even left a few of my originals in there.

I passed out flyers advertising the first English Class in a few weeks and had two for our first class. None showed up for the second class. One didn't come because his ceiling had fallen down and was repairing it. After seeing his ceiling, I thought he

had a reasonable excuse. The third week we had two and we continued to gradually increase until we averaged about a dozen by the end of the year.

In May of 2003 sister Ruth Bivens was scheduled to speak to the Ladies Auxiliary at our church and it happened to be on "Cinco de Mayo" a very popular day in Mexico. So, I invited her husband Bud to speak to our group of Mexicans and have a special meal. We had five saved that night.



Rev. Travis Harrison and class

One of them, now a dear friend and-brother in-Christ Daniel, was one of my first students in the class. Daniel is a godsend because he is also my teacher. He helps me to learn Spanish. We are both learning at about the same speed. Daniel is one of the most patient and kind people I have ever met in my life. His wife was also saved that night and they are both growing in the Lord. Our classes have

changed to be very similar to a church service. We open with prayer and praise items followed by prayer. We sing Spanish choruses while I play the guitar and some of them we learn in English too. We have a memory verse we learn in Spanish. We also pass out bilingual Bibles and I bring a devotion or Bible study in Spanish and conclude with prayer and sometimes an invitation. After that we have our English Class.

This ministry has been so appropriate for me. God could not have put me in a better place to learn how to minister to Spanish people and especially Mexicans at my own pace. They are so forgiving of my mistakes. Maybe it's because I tell them, "Have patience with me, and I will have patience with you." Every week I prepare a Bible study and I have to learn new words to be able to deliver the message. That's about 75% of my learning. The other part is when I come home and try to learn how to say the things I wanted to say but didn't know how. However, knowing that God is bigger than all our mistakes causes me to keep on even though I have a very limited ability to communicate in Spanish.

It would be wonderful if some day we could see this develop into a Hispanic church. At the

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## Thayer Presents Check for Abidjan Project

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The congregation of Thayer Free Will Baptist Church made a commitment one year ago to raise \$10,000 to help build the 3rd Church and parsonage in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

Funds were contributed to that account throughout the year and on Sunday morning, June 12th, 2005, it was a joy to have Jerry and Carol Pinkerton with us and a privilege to present a check for \$11,000 to them for the Abidjan Project.

Bro. Pinkerton brought a challenging message to the church (in spite of the huge snake skin he presented as one of the dangers to watch out for in



Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, Pastor Richard Robinson

Africa), and challenged the young people to pray about dedicating themselves to God and serving Him through missions. The Pinkertons also presented the Thayer congregation with art work from Africa.

Bro. Richard Robinson is the pastor of the Thayer Church.

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## Free Will Baptist Family Ministries Announces New VP

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FWB Family Ministries is delighted to welcome Rev. Frank Woods as our new Vice President of Financial Development. Frank has been married to Shirley Miller Woods for 35 years. They have three grown children, Amy Eller, Eric Woods, & Amanda Mast, and are the proud grandparents of Kechia & Dalton Eller.

Rev. Woods surrendered the call to preach the gospel in 1969, spreading the word of God for over 35 years. Having served on our Board of Trustees for eleven years, Frank brings a wealth of knowledge and understanding to his new position. This long association and his strong burden for the work God is accomplishing here, led him to resign his pastorate of 28 years at First FWB Church in Mountain City, TN, to accept his new role in Development. Frank's decision to come was after much prayer and consideration, and we feel very blessed and honored that God sent this man of such integrity and character to join in our efforts of "Changing America's Families, One Child at a Time."

Brother Frank adds, "I look forward to representing one of the greatest ministries in the world. I would love the opportunity to come and share with you the great things that God is doing here."

If you would like for Rev. Woods, or any of our field representatives, to come and speak to your church or organization, please call 423-470-2100 for more info.

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Kansas City  
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# Mission to Mission

By John and Gail Rhodes

Jackson Free Will Baptist Mission and Missionary-Pastor Veron Long recently reached out to George and Cathy Lemelin and their family. Pioneers on the frontier of Free Will Baptist outreach, the Lemelins are home missionaries at the White Earth Indian Reservation, the only Free Will Baptist ministry in the entire state of Minnesota. Knowing the rigors of being a mission work, Jackson mission has chosen to come "along side" and help support this missionary family and their ministry for the Lord.

For the past several months we at Jackson Mission prepared for the June 19th visit from the Lemelins. Pastor Long launched the "J Dollar Campaign". This was a friendly competition between the men and the ladies of the church seeing which group could collect the most "Jesus" dollars (one dollar bills minted in Kansas City, MO and stamped with a large "J".) The competition was hearty and spirited, and a lot of fun. Sad to say, the ladies prevailed in the contest and the men had to prepare a breakfast for the ladies and the Lemelins.

Even though the ladies gathered more "Jesus dollars" we were all winners as \$1291 was raised to support the mission work in Minnesota. Pastor Long organized and promoted a barbeque and a benefit singing, which raised \$258.50. Even our young people wanted to get involved as they gave their dimes and collected \$145.11. Between these fund raisers and other offerings an amazing total of \$1694.61 was the final count.

Of course there was a bit of excitement preparing for the Lemelins' arrival, but the icing on the cake was the sweet fellowship as we worshiped together. During the Sunday school hour

Brother George shared his ministry and his heart for the people to whom God has called him to minister. As in any mission work, there are ups and downs, but God is faithful. During the worship service Brother George shared from the Word. I believe all present were challenged and blessed by the preaching of God's Word.

It is so exciting to be a part of a mission work on White Earth Indian Reservation, as well as a part of the mission work in Jackson, MO. Though separated by many miles, God has joined us together. Other churches are invited to join our ranks as Pastor George is currently seeking 100 churches to commit \$40 in monthly support to this worthy mission outreach.

Please pray that God will continue to place His hand of blessing on both of these mission works as they reach out. Pray that souls will be saved and lives will be transformed into the image of our soon coming Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



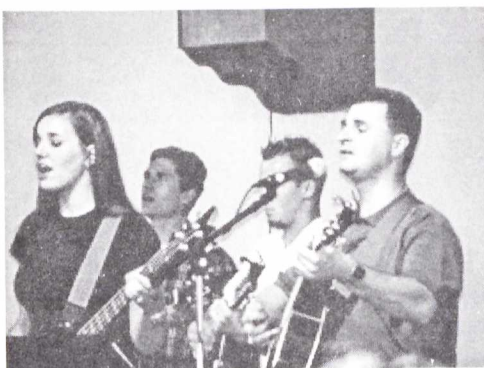
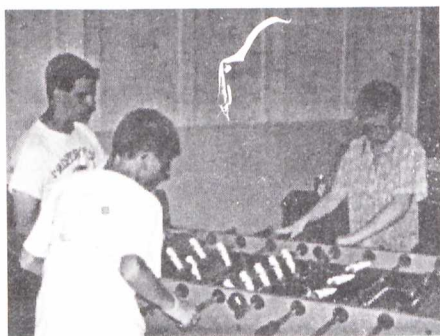
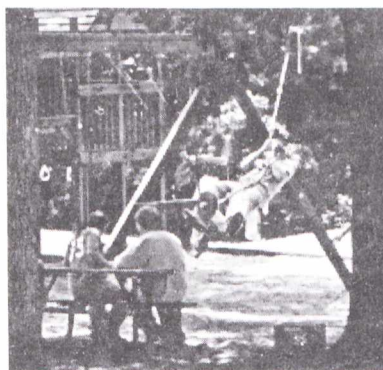
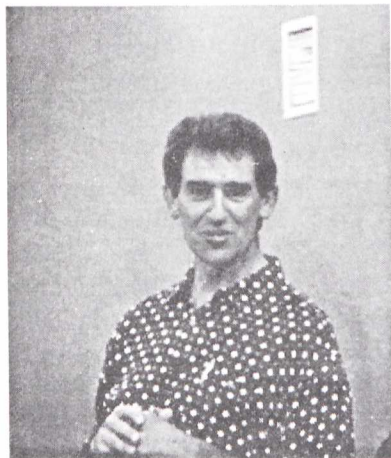
*Patsy Lunsford and Robin Fornkohl, the coordinators for the 'dime' fund raiser for the youth; Pastor Long presenting the check for the amount raised to George and Kathy Lemelin and John and Gail Rhodes, coordinators for the Jesus Dollar campaign.*



*The Lemelins and the Longs by the Jesus Dollar display*



## Teen Camp 2005!



Teen Camp 2005 is history! And as usual, a lot of exciting things happened during the two weeks! Bob Thomas did a great job of challenging both campers and sponsors! The first week saw 266 enrolled and the second week there were 290. In the two weeks together, 10 first time salvation decisions were recorded, 50 rededications, 1 special call and 48 for prayer. We thank God for the wonderful work of all who helped make our teen camp a success in 2005!



# Home Coming at Pleasant Home

On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, Pastor Paul Whittier, wife Jannine and the congregation of Pleasant Home F.W.B. were hosts to a homecoming at their rural Mtn. Grove church.

Special invitations were sent to former pastors, members and families to come spend the day sharing the worship of the Lord in song, praise and fellowship. Approximately 125 people attended and were treated to a very good carry-in dinner at the noon break. The fellowship hall was adorned with many pictures of people and events from the past. These afforded an excellent opportunity for "Guess Who" and lots of reminiscing during lunch.

Several generations of Pleasant Home families were represented and the oldest guest was 100 year old Eva Bea Wood. Since the early days, her family has been instrumental in maintaining services at the church. Also present for the day were her four children, several grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Pam Martin, Bro. Richard Potter

The youngest guest present was nine-day old Morgan Brill, great-granddaughter of Nuel and Doshie Brill.

Through the years, Pleasant Home has served as training pulpit for several pastors and it was good to learn that many are still actively serving God, and were able to join in the celebration.

Bro. Hershel Freeman, pastor from 1958 to 1960, was unable to attend due to poor health.

Bro. George Bryant, pastor in the 1960's, attended with his wife and daughter. He spoke during the morning service, sharing many happy memories, and his family joined him in singing several songs.



Deacon Paul & Francis Harvey, Jannine and Pastor Paul Whittier, Shirley and Deacon Henry Macomber

Bro. Hubert Harral and wife JoAnn were present in the morning service. Bro. Hubert gave a very moving, emotion- filled talk and Sis. JoAnn did a lovely song. They ministered at Pleasant Home in the late 1960's.

Bro. Vandon Easter, who now pastors Faith Chapel, Vanzant, Mo, spoke in the afternoon service. He and his wife, Juanita also brought some pictures from their time with the church.

Bro. R.B. Spurgeon, who died in a plane crash many years ago, was another minister who recieved training and encouragement during 1955.

Others who served but were unable to attend include Bro. Gene Crewse, now at Fordland F.W.B., Bro.

Glenn Murray, at West Plains, and Bro.Danny Douglas, at Brushy Knob.



Congregation

Bro. Oscar Cunningham spoke in the afternoon, relating his experiences with the church through the years as evangelist at several revivals and VBS.

Sister Jannine Whittier was our "roving reporter" for the day, taking her mike into the audience to "interview long-time members Jewell(Chaney)Loomis, Eva Bea Wood, and Fae Davis. They shared some interesting stories as to "then and now" and the history of the church's growth. There was such dedication by those early

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## New Life Church Celebrates Harold Price Sunday

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The New Life Free Will Baptist Church of Licking, MO annually honors their faithful members on Fathers Day. Designated as Harold Price Sunday in honor of one of their charter members, the day includes a service in which one of their current members is singled out for their dedicated service to the church. This year Dan and Brenda Vandivort were honored. They are charter members of the church and serve in a variety of ways. Dan is a member of the Corporation Board and is the assistant Sunday School Superintendent. Brenda is the Primary/Junior Sunday School teacher and church Pianist. They have been with the New Life church since its beginning. Their burden for the Lord's work led them away for a brief time (with their church's blessing) when they helped start the mission church in Rolla. They have been back with the New Life church since 1994. Pastor Max Courtney was even privileged to have Dan and Brenda in his former pastorate at the Salem Free Will Baptist Church!

They were honored by their Pastor as well as letters from their children, Jerred, Timothy, Rachel, Luke and Jenny who could not be present. They said that they "felt blessed to be raised in a loving Christian home where God was always put first, family second and then everything else." They continued, "Growing up we felt loved, cherished, protected and



Gary Fry presents Dan and Brenda Vandivort a plaque on behalf of their appreciative church and Pastor.

cared for. You have bestowed on us your Christian heritage that was passed down to you from previous generations..." Dan's brother Mark wrote of all the help Dan had been in his ministry through the years.

The church presented Dan and Brenda with a plaque, engraved Bibles and two other study books.

What a wonderful way to celebrate not only the memory of a charter member gone on to be with the Lord but two charter members who are still faithfully serving Christ and His church. Our Missouri churches are strong because of strong servants like Dan and Brenda Vandivort. The New Life Free Will Baptist Church of Licking, MO and Pastor Max Courtney have and continue to benefit from their faithfulness.

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members, overcoming many hardships to maintain services.

Harve and Alice Loomis and family were among those early ones and were represented at the celebration by current member, grandson Lyle Loomis and granddaughter Virginia(Loomis) Thurman of Ava. Their grandparents on their mother's side, Jim and Bertha Chaney were also faithful to keep the church going. Their daughter, Jewell, has been a member for over 60 years, and their son, Jack was also in attendance for the homecoming.

Lester Barr, who donated the land to build the original church on, was represented by a son, Roy Barr and wife Delores, and a daughter Barbara(Barr) Vickers and husband John.

Music for the day was provided by Susan (Rich) Sigman on piano with songs by Kenneth and Jo Reese, Mark and LaDonna Kennedy, JoAnn Haral, George Bryant and Family, Johnny Wood, Hurshel and Rena Smallwood, Henry and Shirley Macomber, Terri Harvey, Doshie Brill.

The homecoming was a wonderful event and was brought to a fitting close by Pastor Paul Whittier as he thanked each and everyone for attending, for sharing their memories from the past and being a part in creating a precious memory for the future, and we were dismissed with his prayer for God's continued blessing on us all.

Submitted by, Pat Loomis, member



## Eastern Gate Announces Youth Ministry

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The Eastern Gate Free Will Baptist Church has received a special blessing from the Lord! The Lord has sent the Jacobs family to our church. Brother Ben recently surrendered to God's call as a Youth Minister, and was elected on June 1 to serve in that capacity. He and his wife Betsy make a wonderful team to work with young people. They are both excited about the new doors the Lord has opened unto them. "I am very excited for God to work through my life. I am very lucky to have such a supportive Pastor and Church. I know that God has big plans for Eastern Gate and Betsy, Jake and I are very thankful to be a part of His plans for this church" Brother Ben & Betsy and three year old Jake come from the United Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains.

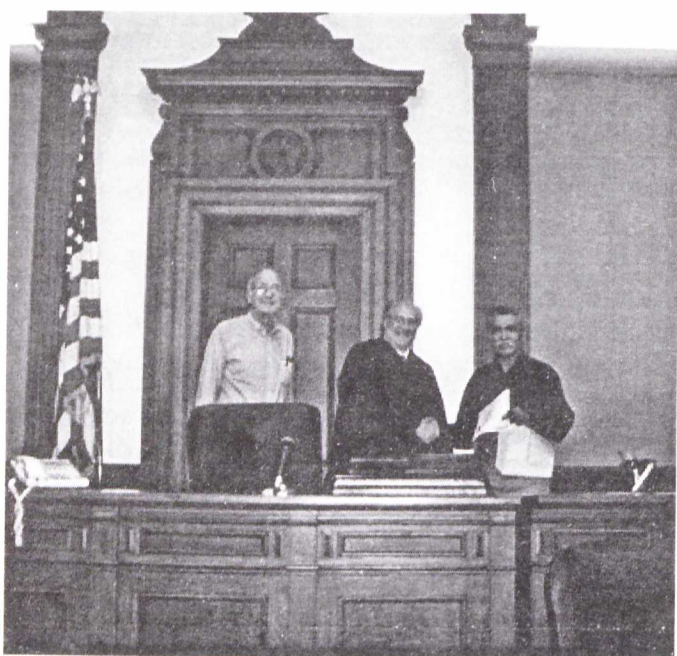
Ben was saved when he was 12 years old and grew up in the church. Ben and Betsy possess a deep and genuine concern for the lives of young people. The congregation is excited about doors the Lord has recently opened and are excited about what Christ is doing in all areas of our church. It is exciting to see His' plan being fulfilled. The Eastern Gate FWB Church is located on the east side of Springfield Missouri on 65 Freeway, just past the Sunshine St. exit. Rev. Keith Garrison is the Pastor.



Ben, Betsy, Jake Jacobs

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## Missions Church Member Becomes US Citizen



Rev. Bud Bivens, Administering Judge, Jaime Rueda

Monett, MO: On Friday, June 3, 2005. Jaime Rueda, 57 year-old member of the Hispanic Mission Church- "Palabras de Vida Eterna" took the oath of citizenship before Judge William A. Knox in a ceremony in Jefferson City, Missouri. Missionary Bud Bivens, pastor of the Hispanic Mission accompanied Mr. Rueda and served as his translator. Rueda is the first member of the mission church to become a Citizen of the United States. He and his family are quite proud of his accomplishment. Thirty-eight people from 22 different foreign countries took the oath of fidelity to the United States of America in the moving ceremony. Currently, two other members of the congregation are following Mr. Rueda's example by applying to become citizens. Rueda, originally from Durango, Mexico, has lived as a legal resident in the Monett area for the past 15 years. He and his wife and adopted daughter are faithful in attendance to the mission church, frequently bringing other children and grandchildren. This is the first swearing-in ceremony for Brother Bivens to witness. Jimmy Kiser, Missouri State Missionary to Jefferson City, also attended.



# FWBBC Launches Senior Days

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NASHVILLE, TN – Free Will Baptist Bible College will launch a fresh, exciting way for high school seniors to get an up-close-and-personal look at the college this fall, according to Ryan Lewis, director of recruitment. Three weekends of FWBBC Senior Days are scheduled September 15-17, October 6-8 and November 10-12, providing several options for busy high school seniors.



Mr. Lewis said, "FWBBC Senior Days weekends are designed for high school seniors only and will accommodate a limited number of students. While Senior Days will, of course, include some of the same activities as Welcome Days, more is planned specifically to help seniors as they decide where to attend college."

The new Senior Days format will provide high school seniors with a one-on-one personal guide for the weekend. A current FWBBC student will be assigned to each senior in order to answer questions, provide directions and manage details for the weekend.

The high school seniors will also have a private luncheon with FWBBC president, J. Matthew Pinson. Each senior will be guaranteed a pre-scheduled meeting with an advisor in their chosen field of study.

FWBBC Senior Days provide a unique opportunity for interested seniors to find out what the college has to offer. In addition to special events planned for them, the seniors will have opportunity to sit in classes, meet with academic and financial advisors, talk with current students, and see first-hand what God is doing at FWBBC.

The college will sponsor one weekend of Senior Days during the spring 2006 semester. That date is February 9-11. The regular spring Welcome Days will also meet March 30-April 1.

Ryan Lewis reminds pastors, youth ministers and

parents, "Because we are hosting three Senior Days weekends this fall, the usual Welcome Days format scheduled November 10-12, 2005, has been pre-empted in favor of the more accessible Senior Days program."

Although information will be mailed later, high school seniors who are interested in registering for Senior Days and securing one of the limited spaces may call FWBBC's Enrollment Management at 800-76-FWBBC or 615-844-5222, or e-mail requests to [recruit@fwbbc.edu](mailto:recruit@fwbbc.edu).

Senior Days  
September 15-17, 2005  
October 6-8, 2005  
November 10-12, 2005  
February 9-11, 2006

Welcome Days  
March 30-April 1 2006

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present time it would be difficult because most of the Mexicans are only here for 3 to 9 months and then return to Mexico. We only have a small window of opportunity to try and reach and disciple them before they leave. My prayer is that the Lord will send some one else to minister to them when they return to Mexico. I'm sure He will lay it on some one's heart, He did mine. One thing is for sure, these people need to be reached. They are a mission field in our back door, and if God can use someone like me to reach them, He can use anybody!

About writer: Rev. Travis Harrison is the Director of H.O.M. (Hispanic Outreach Ministries) at Fellowship FWB Church in Park Hills. He started the ministry in December 2001 and has seen 27 professions of faith in Christ with a record attendance of 26. He is a bi-vocational carpenter and is planning a church building mission trip to Mexico March 4, 2006. Anyone interested in helping physically or financially can call (573)562-7760. \$10,000. will be needed to build this church. Tax deductible gifts can be sent to Fellowship FWB Church, 601 Buckley St., Park Hills, Mo. 63653 earmarked "Mexico Mission Project."



Walt and Rebecca have recently retired. They have been careful through the years and have managed to accumulate some resources. Having just started their retirement years the future is uncertain but they are dissatisfied with CD and money market returns.

Walt: We are looking for a place to put these assets so they can work for us. We are not comfortable with the ups and downs of the stock market. If we do not need these funds we want to give a significant gift to Free Will Baptists.

Rebecca: I am not comfortable managing our savings. I just want to give it to someone we can trust to do a good job and hopefully benefit the Lord's work as well.

They discovered that Free Will Baptist Foundation offers Money Management trusts that can achieve their goals.

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Individuals must name a Free Will Baptist ministry as a 20% beneficiary of the Money Management trust. This provision only takes place upon the death or deaths of the individuals.

Walt and Rebecca liked the concept of the Money Management Trust. It allowed them to make a provisional gift to Free Will Baptist ministries upon their deaths but retain the right to fully revoke the trust at any time. The conservative, government backed investment style was what they desired for their savings.

For more information contact the Foundation toll free at 877-336-7575 or email at [foundation@nafwb.org](mailto:foundation@nafwb.org).

## June 2005 Financial Report

### Cooperative Disbursements

June 2005 ..... \$66,393.77

18.50% St HM ..... \$12,282.85  
 17.00% Exec. Office .... \$11,286.94  
 3.00% Gen. Fund ..... \$1,991.81  
 .50% Show-Me Bd. .... \$331.97  
 8.50% Youth Camp ..... \$5,643.47  
 2.50% Youth Min. .... \$1,659.84  
 2.50% CE ..... \$1,659.84  
 2.50% Senior Adult ..... \$1,659.84  
 9.00% Mo Retirement . \$5,975.44  
 3.00% Show-Me Plan \$1,991.83

33.00% ..... \$21,909.94

### National Ministries

**Total** ..... \$66,393.77

### COOP

Amity ..... \$174.20  
 Aulsbury Chapel ..... \$217.86  
 Bailey ..... \$256.00  
 Bailey Chapel ..... \$397.00  
 Beacon ..... \$2,960.00  
 Belton ..... \$436.01  
 Bethel- El Dorado Springs \$390.06  
 Bethel- Marshfield ..... \$448.58  
 Black Oak ..... \$551.78  
 Byrd ..... \$313.25  
 Calvary Chapel ..... \$1,566.80  
 Cape Girardeau ..... \$655.00  
 Carthage ..... \$320.00  
 Central ..... \$1,042.20  
 Christ Chapel ..... \$357.00  
 Clifton ..... \$44.06  
 Columbia ..... \$563.54  
 Copper Mines ..... \$561.35  
 Cornerstone ..... \$628.47  
 Crossroads- Wentzville ..... \$821.00  
 Cuba ..... \$453.00  
 DeSoto 1st ..... \$2,500.00  
 Farmington 1st ..... \$3,286.23  
 Fellowship- Park Hills ..... \$1,200.00  
 Fordland ..... \$500.00  
 Fourth ..... \$182.08  
 Fredericktown 1st ..... \$347.00  
 Freeman Chapel ..... \$515.90  
 Gospel Light ..... \$100.00  
 Grace ..... \$1,656.80  
 Grace ..... \$2,038.21  
 Grant Avenue ..... \$1,295.82  
 Green Hills- Kirksville ..... \$161.82  
 Hannibal ..... \$752.00  
 Hannon ..... \$954.00  
 Harmony ..... \$473.01  
 Hartville ..... \$1,590.00  
 Hopewell ..... \$345.00  
 Houston 1st ..... \$426.68  
 Hurryville ..... \$761.68  
 Jackson ..... \$214.55  
 Joplin 1st ..... \$720.23  
 Kings Way ..... \$376.69  
 Koshkonong ..... \$211.00  
 Lead Hill ..... \$328.75  
 Leadington ..... \$459.71  
 Lebanon 1st ..... \$1,559.16  
 Lebanon Greenhills ..... \$646.09

Macedonia- Niangua ..... \$225.89  
 Marshfield ..... \$393.00  
 Merls Chapel ..... \$171.06  
 Mill Creek ..... \$694.05  
 Mine LaMotte ..... \$108.46  
 Monett 1st ..... \$896.90  
 Mt. Pisgah ..... \$633.00  
 Mtn. Grove 1st ..... \$1,788.00  
 Myrtle ..... \$415.35  
 Nevada ..... \$260.00  
 New Home- Lebanon ..... \$211.90  
 New Hope- Fredericktown \$291.58  
 Niangua ..... \$245.55  
 Number One ..... \$272.33  
 Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove .... \$414.20  
 Oak Hill ..... \$489.00  
 O'Fallon ..... \$1,843.00  
 Overland ..... \$85.00  
 Ozark 1st ..... \$1,694.40  
 Palabras De Vida Eterna ..... \$80.00  
 Parkview ..... \$457.29  
 Pleasant Hill ..... \$193.70  
 Pleasant Home ..... \$182.81  
 Pleasant Ridge ..... \$112.00  
 Potosi 1st ..... \$183.58  
 Republic ..... \$627.52  
 Rock Chapel ..... \$412.39  
 Rolla 1st ..... \$314.00  
 Seymour ..... \$576.00  
 Smyrna ..... \$117.00  
 Springfield 1st ..... \$1,282.24  
 Stockton ..... \$236.17  
 Thayer ..... \$1,036.00  
 Trinity ..... \$1,149.60  
 Union ..... \$60.00  
 Union Grove ..... \$398.00  
 Union Light ..... \$212.00  
 United ..... \$2,713.15  
 Unity ..... \$480.00  
 Verdella ..... \$2,232.46  
 Verdella ..... \$1,565.26  
 Viburnum ..... \$455.00  
 Victory- Alton ..... \$787.50  
 Waynesville 1st ..... \$677.63  
 West Plains 1st ..... \$776.00  
 Willow Springs 1st ..... \$280.00  
 Willow Springs- M ..... GS390.70  
 Wolf Creek ..... \$513.52  
**Total** ..... \$66,393.77

### Show-Me Plan

Barker, J. .... \$15.00  
 Beacon ..... \$609.00  
 Belton ..... \$165.00  
 Berry, R. .... \$15.00  
 Bethel- El Dorado Springs \$390.07  
 Black Oak ..... \$60.00  
 Brown, J. .... \$15.00  
 Burns, J. .... \$60.00  
 Calvary Chapel ..... \$105.00  
 Central ..... \$110.00  
 Chrisman, M. .... \$30.00  
 CO-OP ..... \$1,991.83  
 Copper Mines ..... \$30.00  
 Copper Mines ..... \$225.00  
 Cornerstone ..... \$407.48  
 Cuba ..... \$96.00



DeSoto 1st .....	\$732.50
Faith & Hope- WS .....	\$45.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$739.00
Fellowship .....	\$766.99
Fordland .....	\$60.00
Fordland .....	\$250.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$90.00
Freeman Chapel .....	\$720.00
Gospel Light .....	\$1,000.00
Grace .....	\$784.00
Grace .....	\$442.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$355.00
Greenfield .....	\$200.00
Hannibal .....	\$15.00
Hannon .....	\$1,014.00
Happy Hill .....	\$60.00
Harmony .....	\$120.87
Hartville .....	\$240.00
Houston 1st .....	\$319.00
Hurricane .....	\$550.00
Jackson .....	\$35.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$75.00
Leadinton .....	\$180.00
Lebanon 1st .....	\$150.00
Lebanon Greenhills .....	\$75.00
Maggart, D. ....	\$50.00
Mill Creek .....	\$140.00
Mill Creek CWF .....	\$15.00
Mill Creek- Young Adult .....	\$15.00
Mine La Motte .....	\$75.00
MO WAC .....	\$502.76
Monett 1st .....	\$60.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$445.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$75.00
Mt. Zion- Thayer .....	\$30.00
Myrtle .....	\$75.00
New Beginning .....	\$147.50
New Home- Hartville .....	\$210.00
New Home- Lebanon .....	\$90.00
New Hope .....	\$150.00
Noel, D. ....	\$15.00
Number One .....	\$60.00
O' Fallon 1st .....	\$233.83
Oak Grove- Houston .....	\$30.00
One Accord .....	\$2,136.00
Palabras de Vida Eterna .....	\$15.00
Parkview .....	\$273.00
Pinkerton, J. ....	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill .....	\$45.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$300.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$50.00
Porter Chapel .....	\$602.04
Richwoods 1st .....	\$52.50
Rock Chapel .....	\$210.00
Rock Springs .....	\$107.80
Rolla 1st .....	\$30.00
South Central Assoc .....	\$500.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$530.00
State Meeting Offering .....	\$317.25
Stockton .....	\$67.15
Thayer .....	\$440.00
Trinity .....	\$450.00
Union Grove .....	\$15.00
Union Light .....	\$150.00
United .....	\$300.00
Unity .....	\$75.00
Verdella .....	\$2,677.46
Verdella .....	\$1,825.26
Viburnum .....	\$75.00
Victory- Alton .....	\$45.00
Victory- KC .....	\$1,530.00

Walker, H. ....	\$10.00
Walker, H. ....	\$10.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$521.44
Willow Springs- MG .....	\$15.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$29,181.73</b>

#### State Home Missions

De Soto 1st .....	\$100.00
Fellowship- Park Hills .....	\$100.00
Fordland .....	\$10.00
Gospel Light .....	\$160.00
Grace .....	\$40.00
Grace .....	\$98.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$64.79
Lebanon Bible & Book .....	\$540.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$30.00
Myrtle .....	\$85.00
Niangua .....	\$65.50
O'Fallon .....	\$206.83
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna .....	\$100.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$20.00
Republic .....	\$25.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$281.50
State Meeting Offering .....	\$317.26
Thayer .....	\$50.00
Trinity .....	\$57.48
Union .....	\$45.00
United .....	\$25.00
Unity .....	\$70.00
Victory- Mascoutah, IL .....	\$100.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,651.36</b>

#### National Home Missions

Beacon .....	\$15.00
Belton .....	\$30.00
Carthage .....	\$10.00
Central .....	\$50.00
Copper Mines .....	\$55.00
Copper Mines .....	\$55.00
Cuba .....	\$48.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$300.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$917.25
Fordland .....	\$10.00
Fourth .....	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$20.00
Gospel Light .....	\$160.00
Grace .....	\$134.75
Grace .....	\$129.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$74.79
Hartville .....	\$50.00
Houston 1st .....	\$75.00
Jackson .....	\$40.00
Monett 1st .....	\$5.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$85.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$30.00
New Home- Hartville .....	\$10.00
O'Fallon .....	\$206.83
Rader, Jerry .....	\$20.00
Richwoods 1st .....	\$45.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$97.25
Thayer .....	\$120.00
Trinity .....	\$77.48
Union Light .....	\$96.00
United .....	\$150.00
Unity .....	\$90.00
Verdella .....	\$30.00

Verdella .....	\$20.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$85.00
Willow Springs- MG .....	\$41.88
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,433.23</b>

#### International Missions

Belton .....	\$55.00
Bunton, Virginia .....	\$5,000.00
Central Western Assoc. ....	\$404.25
Copper Mines .....	\$100.00
Cuba .....	\$16.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$50.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$221.80
Hannon .....	\$103.50
Hartville .....	\$35.00
Houston 1st .....	\$45.00
Matthews, A. ....	\$15.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$50.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$47.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$47.25
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$10.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$25.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$281.50
Springfield 1st .....	\$44.23
Thayer .....	\$10.00
Trinity .....	\$102.36
Verdella .....	\$739.71
Verdella .....	\$579.57
Waynesville 1st .....	\$85.00
Willow Springs- MG .....	\$41.88
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$8,109.05</b>

#### Berea Ministries

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

#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

Belton .....	\$25.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$90.00
Grace .....	\$153.00
Hannon .....	\$100.00
Hartville .....	\$50.00
Houston 1st .....	\$20.00
Monett 1st .....	\$22.00
Myrtle .....	\$26.00
New Hope- Fdtn. ....	\$50.00
Royal Oak .....	\$100.00
Union Light .....	\$20.00
Unity .....	\$20.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$676.00</b>

#### Christian Education Board

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

#### Free Will Baptist Bible College

Beacon .....	\$125.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$40.00
Lebanon Greenhills .....	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$165.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$32.00
South Central Assoc. ....	\$500.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
Verdella .....	\$759.53
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,681.53</b>

#### Hillsdale

Beacon .....	\$129.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$50.00
Monett 1st .....	\$100.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$170.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$32.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$531.00</b>

#### Indian Bible College

Desoto 1st .....	\$20.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

#### Missouri Retirement

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

#### Master's Men

Lingo .....	\$205.15
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$205.15</b>

#### Youth With A Mission

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

#### Senior Adult Board

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

#### Urban Impact

Verdella .....	\$1,898.84
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,898.84</b>

#### Victor Torrez

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

#### Youth Camp

Cornerstone .....	\$25.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$55.00
Hartville .....	\$10.00
Bookstore .....	\$540.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$15.00
New Home-Hartville .....	\$10.00
Niangua .....	\$20.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$40.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$20.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
Trinity .....	\$9.00
Union .....	\$30.00
Verdella .....	\$30.00
Willow Springs- MG .....	\$10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$884.00</b>

#### Youth Camp Development

Houston 1st .....	\$100.00
Myrtle .....	\$58.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$158.00</b>

#### Youth Ministries Board

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

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