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Pastor!



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

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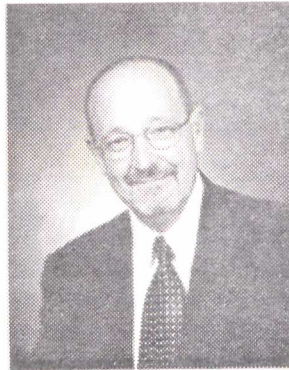


From the Editor

Pastor appreciation..... why do we need a day or a month? Is it because we do not appreciate our pastors on a regular basis and need to make up for our shortfall? I am sure that most of our Free Will Baptist churches are very appreciative of their pastor, his abilities and the job that God has called him to do. This article is not for those who do appreciate their pastor, but for those few who do not!

Schedule....I once heard of a deacon who was very critical of how his pastor spent his time. His comments centered around the tired, old accusation that the pastor only has to work one day a week. So, the pastor invited the deacon to spend the week with him. As God would have it, it began as a typical week. Sunday evening, after preaching twice, teaching Sunday School and conducting the Nursing Home service, the pastor arrived home to a ringing phone. One of the attenders had been taken to the hospital, could he come immediately.

The pastor called the deacon to go with him and they drove 60 miles to the hospital to find the family in the surgery waiting room as emergency surgery was performed. The pastor and deacon stayed until the surgery was completed and the patient stable and then returned 60 miles home. They arrived at 3:30 am. The next morning the pastor called the deacon to remind him of Men's Prayer Breakfast. They met at a local restaurant at 7:00am for breakfast, prayer and to rehash the pastor's sermon from the previous day. On they way back to the church the pastor and deacon stopped at the post office to get the mail and visited for an hour with those who came in from the community. Arriving at the office at 9:00 the pastor told the deacon that he usually spent the first hour in his study daily in prayer and devotion. The deacon said he would wait in the outer office while the pastor spent his time with God. After he had his morning quiet time, the pastor stepped from his study to find the deacon missing. The secretary told the pastor that the deacon said he would catch the



pastor later and had gone home. The pastor called the deacon's home to make sure he was okay and his wife said, "Oh pastor, he's fine, He just came home to take a nap and said he would see you tomorrow!"

Soon, this deacon became one of the pastor's strongest supporters and actually began to volunteer to make some of the calls with and for the pastor!

Your pastor is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will drop what he is doing to answer the call of the membership. He does it, not because it is a job, but because it is a calling.

Scrutiny.....Most folks are used to some sort of performance evaluation on their jobs. It is necessary to determine whether an employee is productive. This usually happens annually. How would you like it if your job performance review happened weekly?! That is often the case with the pastor. After spending hours in the study on his knees and in the word, the pastor preaches what God has laid on his heart and soul, knowing that someone

will complain later over lunch that it was not one of the pastor's best efforts.

The late Fred Rogers, for years host of "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood" tells of attending a different church every Sunday while he was in seminary to hear a variety of preaching. One Sunday as he was leaving the service he turned to a friend and was about to remark that it had been the "most poorly crafted sermon he had ever

heard." He stopped short as he found her in tears.

She said, "that was just what I needed to hear!"

Rogers said he realized then that the "space between someone doing the best they can and someone in need is holy ground." He said, "the Holy Spirit had transformed that sermon for her and as it turned out, for me too."

Remember, if your attitude toward your pastor is bad to begin with, you will never get anything good out of his sermon. The Holy Spirit will not be able to get around your bad attitude to bless your soul.

Salary....."Lord, you keep 'um humble and we'll keep 'um poor!" That old phrase from the Ozarks is too close to the truth for many pastors. While it is true that most of our churches these days are more sensitive to the needs of the pastoral family,



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Missouri Show-Me Missions News

their hearts, homes and billfolds....ONLY need \$35,000 more Praise the Lord....and THANKS FOR YOUR GREAT HELPS.

NEWS WE'D RATHER NOT HEAR: For the 3rd time, Ivory Coast Missionaries are being evacuated. Bro. James Forlines, Clint Morgan & Mike Cousineau are visiting the field..The Verlin Anderson Family & Alice Smith are packing to leave...They should all fly out returning to the US, Aug 24th. Please pray for these people, the African Believers & the political leaders.

So..We wait and see what happens..we do have return tickets for the 26th of Dec...and praying that even while we wait and see we'll be useful for our Lord. As always your prayers are needed AND APPRECIATED. KNOWING HE IS IN CONTROL..WE CONTINUE TO TRUST FULLY!

Jerry & Carol Pinkerton

Abidjan Investment Report



Hi! 23 Aug. from our 5th wheel trailer home, presently parked at Mtn. Grove, MO.

We've scheduled our own services. The theme song is the same as every furlough.. ON THE ROAD AGAIN...The roads & miles get long, but the reunions with partners who pray, love and give are wonderful. It's great seeing old friends and making new ones too. Sing along with me...

"I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God...."

Our oldest Son's marriage last July..simply beautiful, God honoring. We not only gained another daughter, but three more grandchildren!

The very generous folks in SC gave nearly NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS for Abidjan Construction of 3rd Church building & parsonage!!!....WOW. They opened

The Bunches in Panama



New Converts Take Step of Faith – Cirilio and Kathia, new Panamanian converts, asked missionary Stan Bunch to officiate the dedication of their baby boy to the Lord, sidestepping the traditional Catholic baptism. The dedication took place on April 23. Stan noted this decision was a major step of faith for the young Christian couple.

Bruce Moore, new Camp Director at Camp Niangua is available for Pulpit Supply. He may be reached at
Home phone: 417-967-4222
Cell phone: 417-967-6249

Greetings from Missouri!

We got back to Rolla late last night from Tennessee. We were there to go through our mission's "Re-entry" program, in order to "officially" begin our Stateside Assignment. It was good for us to touch base with our home office personnel. While there, we were also able to celebrate Melissa's birthday and meet Mason — an important new friend in her life.



From home (Spain), three young ladies followed the Lord in believer's baptism at the Villalba Church this past Sunday (see picture). One is from Colombia, one from Romania, and one from Spain. That reflects the diversity of the church, and hopefully is a testimony to Spanish society that the church has no ethnic, racial or nationalistic boundaries. Another praise item for us is that Jhon Fredy did the baptisms, carrying on the ultimate spiritual leadership responsibilities.

We have had the opportunity to be in several of our churches in Missouri already, and look forward to visiting many more! Please pray for our safety of travel and that we will be a blessing in the places we visit. Maybe we can see some of you along the way!

For HIS glory,
Jeff and Susan Turnbough (jturnbough@fwbgo.com)



Mason, Melissa, Jeff, Susan, Matthew, Brooke

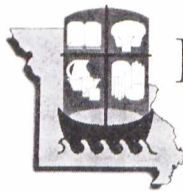
Missourian Assumes Hillsdale Helm



President Eaton receives mace from Dr. Shaw

Sunday evening, August 14, 2005, was an exciting beginning to the fall semester at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. We had the privilege to officially usher in our new President, Timothy W. Eaton. We had a wonderful turnout for the event: presidents and professors from other colleges and universities, Keith Burden, National Executive Secretary, Dr. Russell Fitzgerald, Executive Director of TRACS, past Hillsdale presidents, board members, faculty, staff, students, members of the community, friends of Hillsdale and alumni were on hand to participate in the evening's events.

The Honorable J.C. Watts was the keynote speaker. After the inauguration a reception was held in honor of President and Mrs. Eaton.



Missouri State Home Missions

Meet Our Missionaries

Brother Gene Howell and wife Sandy are MO Home Missionaries to the city of Raymore, a suburb of Kansas City.



Brother Gene attended the Mineral Area College where he majored in music. Brother Gene answered the call to preach at the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church in 1979, was ordained in 1980 and has been very active in our state from that time.

The Howell's have three children, Stephanie who is married to Andrew Lee and they have one son Caleb Michael. Andy is finishing up as a pastoral student at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. The Howell's son Joshua lives in Park Hills and works with the youth at First Free Will Baptist Church of Park Hills. Their son Jonathan still lives at home, attends Pinnacle Career Institute and helps Dad at Harvest Free Will Baptist Church.

Pray for Brother Gene and his family. The city of Raymore has been very restrictive with their building codes causing a lot of extra expense plus major time delays. Raymore is a fast growing area that needs a Free Will Baptist Church.

Brother Gene and Sister Sandy are doing an excellent job. We are proud to have them as a part of the Missouri Home Mission Team of Free Will Baptist. Please continue to pray for the Harvest Free Will Baptist Church of Raymore.

An Encounter With Giants

Genesis 6:4 "There were giants in the earth in those days"

by Rev. Dale Cochran
(Chairman, Home Missions Board)

We have all encountered giants in our life time. The giants I am referring to are not like the giants of Genesis chapter 6. Neither are they like the giant that David faced from the Philistine army. I am speaking of the spiritual giants that have helped shape our spiritual lives. Men of God that have left an indelible mark of love on our hearts for life. The following are only three of many giants that have made a difference in my life as a Free Will Baptist Mission Pastor.

The first, of course, is the Rev. Dana Booth, Dana is the man that led me to the Lord Jesus. As a MO State Home Missionary, he came to my house in Rolla every Saturday morning for months trying to win me to Jesus. Dana finally wore me down, got me to church and as a result I got saved, got called to preach and eventually became a Home Missionary myself. Brother Dana never gave up on me. There were times I even tried to embarrass him by my behavior. Praise God, he only saw the lost soul and it's need for Jesus. Dana Booth is a giant that I will never ever forget. He is a mentor, friend, spiritual brother and an example of how God can use a man to bring hope into a lost persons life. Dana Booth I am forever grateful for your faithfulness to Christ's calling in your life. By the way Dana and Betty Booth just got appointed as National Home Missionary's to the State of New York, where I am sure there are lost souls waiting for a giant to knock on their front door for Jesus. God Bless your adventure REV. GIANT. We love you.

(This is part one in a three part series)

Keep up with Scott Cheatham and the folks at Rangeview FWB Church at his blog:
<http://rangeviewfwbmission.blogspot.com>

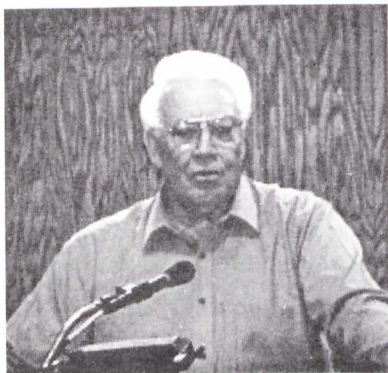
Mt. Pisgah Men's Rally

The Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church hosted their third annual Men's Rally on August 27 at their church south-east of Cabool, Mo. Following a great time of food and fellowship, the crowd of over 100 gathered in the sanctuary for a great service of music, testimony and preaching. A group of



local musicians opened the service with instrumental music followed by the congregation led by Dennis Gamble of Republic. Dennis also provided much of the special music for the evening

along with songs by Steve Strong and Neil Hamilton. The men's hearts were stirred by testimonies by Jim Wake, Steve and Dennis. When it came time for the Word, Rev. Glenn Murray, pastor of the United Church of West Plains finally got to preach after his son-in-law Melvin Moon introduced him!



Rev. Glenn Murray



Pastor David Carroll

Pastor David Carroll and event coordinator Paul Wade thank all who attended and say that plans are being made for the forth annual meeting next year.

Congratulations!

Rev. Jack and Freda Mae Day of Marshfield, MO celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, May 22, 2005 at the Black Oak Free Will Baptist Church east of Marshfield.

The celebration was hosted by their daughter and her husband, Carolyn and Frank Preston. The Days have been at the Black Oak Church for over years.

Suzie Chapman was recently awarded the 2005 "Nominate a NEMO Nurse" award. Given yearly by the Rho Omega Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Society, the honor is to recognize a registered nurse who provides compassionate nursing care, community leadership, mentorship of new nurses, and a role model for continuing education and professionalism.

Suzie, the wife of Rick Chapman, pastor of Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Kirksville, works in the Adolescent Substance Abuse Unit at Preferred Family Healthcare in Kirksville.

Rev. Glenn and Rachel Murray of West Plains, MO celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, September 4, 2005 at the United Free Will Baptist Church, 607 Lanton Rd, West Plains, MO.

They were married September 24, 1955 at the General Baptist Church in West Plains by Rev. H.A. Higsby.

The open house reception was hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Rev. Joe and Julie Wilson have been approved to adopt a little girl from China. Klairé will join her two sisters Kassidy and Karlee in the Wilson family sometime early in 2006. You may check the progress of this wonderful project by logging on to the Wilson Family website at www.wilsonupdate.com

there is still an attitude that often manifests itself poorly. If someone is critical in the two areas mentioned previously, it will show itself here. Paying the pastor is a sore spot if you are not satisfied with him.

All too often pastors are forced to take secondary work to make ends meet. If your thought here is "well so do I," let me remind you of what the Bible says about paying your pastor. (Oh, you didn't know it said anything?) Paul is pretty clear when he tells Timothy in 1 Tim 5:17-18 "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward." Try as you might to make that mean anything other than that the pastor should be adequately cared for does violence to the scripture. I will not go so far as to say that the pastor should make twice as much as his congregation (although the scripture does seem to indicate that) but I will say that it is a shame when a pastor has to worry about finance when he is burdened with the cares of the ministry.

Another area of change is housing for the pastoral family. For many years, a parsonage was seen as a good deal for the church and the pastor. The pastor was not burdened with the care and expense of maintaining a home and the church could pay the pastor less. That arrangement is growing rare these days and rightly so. Many pastors have lived in a parsonage all their ministerial lives and when they retire have no place to live and no equity in anything that would allow them to make the down payment on a home for their family. We should say, "Lord you keep 'um strong and true and we will pay 'um all you help us to!"

Stress.....we have worked recently on trying to get a group health insurance plan for our Missouri pastors and their families. We have not had much success. One agent wished me luck and then told me that Pastors are one of the most uninsurable group in America. As I asked why, I knew what his answer would be. "They are too sick," he said. "They have entirely too much stress related illness" I am sure your pastor has heard the same thing from his doctor as he visits him for ulcers or high blood pressure or other stress related illness. I once saw my doctor for a stomach problem and he said, "Just a tool of the trade!"

Why are pastors under so much stress? Why is

pastoral burnout often the topic at pastoral conferences? Probably because it is so real. Too many good men are falling by the wayside because of poor health or are laboring under the daily strain of illness that they will not give in to or have told no one about. Often their families are suffering as well. What causes this? The stress of ministry. The care they have for their flocks. And after caring for their people and all their concerns they must go home and care for their own. The burden often becomes more than they can bear.

So by now you are probably asking what is the point of all this rant. Just this.....your pastor is the man God has sent to your church to minister. You may not have voted for him but that does not matter.

He is God's man in God's church! Do all you can to support him.

Pray for him and his family. His strength comes from God so implore the Lord for daily, even hourly provision, protection and guidance for him.

Volunteer to help him. Find out what your spiritual gift is (yes, you do have one if you are saved) and make yourself valuable to your pastor and your church and to the Lord because of your service.

Bless him with thoughtfulness. A note under his study door when you feel led of the Spirit can be just the word he needs in a difficult hour. I have a file full of notes and cards that I have received through the years. I can still feel that warm glow of support and love as I reread them today. I can remember how they encouraged and strengthened me. They were "words fitly spoken."

Defend him. When someone comes to you with gossip, don't hear them. This is scriptural. Paul told Timothy "against an elder receive not an accusation." Tell them to go to the pastor and talk to him. And you do the same when you have a concern or grievance. I guarantee your pastor will have a open door.

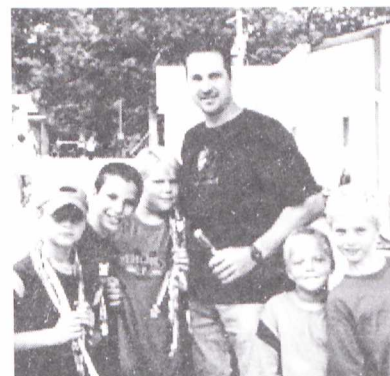
Am I trying to say that pastors are perfect? No. Just the opposite. They are people just like everyone else. Which makes their job all the more difficulty because many folks expect the pastor to be perfect. They are just men called of God to the highest calling that exists in the world today.

Thank God for your pastor and ask God what you can do for His man and your shepherd.





Pre-Teen Camp 2005



The 2005 camping season at Camp Niangua has come and gone! Everyone had a great time and is looking forward to next year! Our Pre-Teen camping sessions were a great success. We enrolled, 808 in both sessions, with 43 first-time decisions and 27 rededications! Over \$1600 was raised for the Show-Me Plan! Please pray for our camping ministry. A great many lives, both youth and adult, are touched yearly by this ministry. Your financial support is vital as well as plans progress for future expansion.

Windemere 2005

November 18-19

"My passion is for the entire world to know Jesus Christ! Period." Mark Cahill

Over the past five years the Lord has used Mark Cahill to equip and encourage anyone within hearing distance to boldly stand up for what they believe. Mark's first book, *One Thing You can't Do in Heaven* (2002), has been heralded by church leaders and evangelists for its practical advice for every believer who cares about sharing the best good news in the world with others. "What I love to do most," Mark says, "is share my faith. The Lord actually allowed me to not work for a year and just go out witnessing. What a phenomenal time that was! Malls, beaches, concerts, festivals, coffee shops, tailgating at football games ... there are numerous places that we Christians can go and reach the lost for our Savior." The Lord even gave Mark the opportunity to witness to Michael Jordan. Mark is a graduate of Auburn University where he played basketball and was an Honorable Mention Academic All-American player. While at Auburn, he played on the same team with Charles Barkley of NBA fame.



"Mark is the only man in the world who makes me feel lukewarm." - Ray Comfort

Directions

From St Louis:

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Hwy 5 North to Hwy 54
Turn West (left) on Hwy 54
Turn right on Hwy AA
Follow the signs to Windemere

From Springfield:

Take Hwy 65 North to Hwy 54
Turn East (right) on Hwy 54
Turn left on Hwy AA
Follow the signs to Windemere

Music Guest: Parallax View

Music guest for the second year in a row will be Parallax View. Parallax View is one of the top young up and coming Christian bands that herald from Southeast Missouri. They amazed last years conference teenagers with a contemporary Christian sound that had everyone on their feet.

Friday, November 18th:

4:00 p.m. - Registration Begins
7:00 p.m. - Supper
7:45 p.m. - Concert (Parallax View)
8:45 p.m. - Session 1 (Mark Cahill)
10:00 p.m. - Break
10:15 p.m. - Youth Workers Reception
11:00 p.m. - Cabin Devotions
11:30 p.m. - Lights Out

Saturday, November 19th:

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast
8:45 a.m. - Session 2 (Mark Cahill)
10:00 a.m. - Break
10:30 a.m. - Session 3 (Mark Cahill)
11:45 a.m. - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Off The Wall (Teens) Youth Workers Session
1:45 p.m. - Break
2:00 p.m. - Session 4 (Mark Cahill)
(Schedule is subject to change)

Cost

If post marked by:
October 31 - \$45
November 10 - \$50
At the Door - \$55
(Substitutions \$5 at Registration)
No Returns/Refunds

The Edge

rope course, rockclimbing and zip lines is being offered again this year. For registration, please use the separate form available from the Youth Board.

To register for the conference please complete the 2005 Medical Release form on the next page and mail it to the Missouri State Youth Board address below Please take note of the registration deadlines. If you have any questions please call the Missouri State Youth Board as indicated

Mail Registration to:

Missouri State Youth Board
305 West Columbia
Farmington, Mo 63640

For more info call:

(573) 756-8933

2005 MEDICAL RELEASE FORM
Windermere Baptist Conference Center

Name of Group: _____ Dates of Stay: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____
Other person to notify in event of emergency: _____
Their relationship to you: _____
This persons phone number Daytime: (____) _____ Evening: (____) _____
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Please supply ALL of the following information. Please attach a copy of your insurance card.

Medical Insurance Company: _____ Group #: _____ Policy #: _____

Insured Policy Holder's Name (Adult): _____

Insured Policy Holder's Birthdate (Adult): _____

Company Address: _____ Company Phone: (____) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Physical Limitations (Asthma, diabetes, allergies, etc.), and/or special instructions (Allergic to certain medications, rare blood type, wears contact lens, etc.): _____

List all medication you take on a regular basis and/or any you bring with you to Windermere (Prescription medications MUST have pharmacy label and name of doctor): _____

Date of last Tetanus Shot: (Month) _____ (Date) _____ (Year) _____

Camper has permission to engage in all camp activities except (list all prohibited activities): _____

In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission for the physician selected by the Windermere Staff to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia, x-ray or surgery for my child named above.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____ **Relationship:** _____

Windermere Baptist Conference Center provides a limited medical incident reimbursement. First Aid or the Guest Relations Front Desk must be notified of all medical incidents that occur on the premises. Medical protection is provided to cover medical expenses for the volunteer workers and guests while at Windermere Baptist Conference Center or at conference-sponsored activities away from the Conference Center. If you are a camper then you are provided medical coverage on an excess basis. In addition, an accidental death benefit may be provided for any covered individuals. Windermere guests who do activities or use modes of transportation (not limited to land or water) not sponsored or owned by Windermere hereby release Windermere from all liability for claims, known and unknown, arising from injuries, mental and physical, caused and sustained by guest. Further, such guest will reimburse Windermere, on demand by Windermere, for the cost of any repairs to the Windermere premises or property damaged by guest through misuse, accident or neglect.

Vetern Missionary Builder Howard Gage Promoted

Reverend Howard J. Gage was born August 24, 1914 in Salina, Oklahoma to Jake and Viola (Packard) Gage. He departed this life on August 24, 2005 at the age of 91 years.



Howard J. Gage

Howard had been a lifetime resident of Mayes County. He was married to Willie Legrand on August 26, 1939 in Salina, Oklahoma. Howard was a veteran of World War II serving with the United States Army. In 1946, he started Greenbrier Free Will Baptist Church, where served as pastor for about 12 years. Howard was a bi-vocational minister, also having a dairy farm at the same time. He then moved to Checotah, Oklahoma and was the pastor at the Checotah Free Will Baptist Church for 8 years and was also a contractor and builder. Howard was not only a minister but also a missionary and spent a great deal of time on the Ivory Coast of West Africa building hospital, student dormitories and homes. His last visit to West Africa was in 1972. He had served as one of the Board of Directors for Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma for several years. Howard was a master gardener and an awesome carpenter. You would always be able to find Howard when he was working, all you would have to do was listen for someone whistling hymns, it was always said that Howard had taught mocking birds to whistle "Amazing Grace". Whenever anyone would ask Howard how he was doing he would always say "good as new" and he meant that. If you were visiting with Howard he had a way of making you feel like you were the most important person in his life. His wife, children and grandchildren were very important to him and he will be deeply missed by many.

Howard is survived by his wife Willie of the home, son W.H. Gage and wife Wanda of Pryor, **daughter Ruth Bivens and husband Bud of Monett, Missouri**, daughter Sue Wilcox and husband Allen of Pryor, 7 grandchildren 11 great grandchildren, 2 sisters, 2 brothers and a step-sister and their spouses.

Hillsdale Summer Work Crews Make A Difference

This summer we have been blessed to have several groups on campus, helping with various projects.

We want to thank the youth groups from the First FWB Church, Russellville, AR, Faith FWB Church, Glenpool, OK, First FWB Church, Sulphur, OK and Woodward FWB Church, Woodward, OK for coming and helping with a lot of the cleaning and landscaping.



We also want to thank those men and women who were here July 11 and 12 (some pictured) working on various projects, such as the renovation of the lobby/reception area in the John West Building, trimming trees, working in the dorms to have them ready for incoming students, waxing floors, and making the entrances to the John West Building handicap accessible.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to **all of you** who came and gave of your time and skills in order to help make our campus ready for the fall semester.

We will be having workdays during the school year, including next summer; if you would be willing to give of your time in any area, please send your contact information to development@hc.edu or call 405-912-9458.

Alabama Pastor Barry Raper Joins FWBBC Faculty

NASHVILLE, TN—Reverend Barry G. Raper, pastor of Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church in Red Bay, Alabama, has been named program coordinator for the Christian education and youth ministry programs at Free Will Baptist Bible College, according to Academic Dean Milton Fields. The 30-year-old minister is an FWBBC graduate, completing a Bachelor of Science degree in pastoral ministry in 1999.

Raper earned a Master of Divinity degree with an emphasis in Christian education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville, KY) in 2002. He then returned to Alabama where he served as associate pastor at Red Bay FWB Church until Pastor Tom Scott retired. The congregation called Barry as pastor in 2003, and he led the church through an \$800,000 building program to construct an 8,000-square-foot sanctuary.

Reverend Raper will teach as an adjunct faculty member at FWBBC during the fall 2005 semester as he completes his duties at Red Bay FWB Church. He will join the FWBBC faculty in a full-time capacity in January 2006. He also plans to begin work on a doctorate.

President J. Matthew Pinson said, "I am delighted that Barry Raper has decided to join our FWBBC team. He is unique in our denomination, combining excellent academic credentials in Christian education, hands-on experience in youth and pastoral ministry, and a passion for preparing cutting-edge youth, family and Christian education ministers for real-world, 21st century ministry in our churches."

While a student at FWBBC, Raper was named "Best All-Around Student" and elected student body chaplain. An All-State high school basketball player in Alabama, he played two years on the basketball team at FWBBC and was named captain of the Flames. He served as an FWBBC recruiter during the summer of 1999.

Barry put his graduate education to work while earning a master's degree. He volunteered as youth pastor at Abundant Grace FWB Church (mission work) in Louisville, KY (2000-2001). He served as



Barry and Amanda Raper

youth pastor at Corinth FWB Church in Waynesboro, MS, during the summers of 2000 and 2001. He also ministered at homeless shelters in Nashville and Louisville, went on an evangelistic mission trip to Uganda (2001), and helped coordinate mission trips to Mexico.

Raper serves on the Credentials Committee of the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists in Alabama. His special interests include expository preaching, family ministry, youth, reading, and numerous indoor and outdoor sports.

Barry was converted at age 14 in the pastor's office at Red Bay FWB Church when Pastor Tom Scott led him to Christ. He answered the call to preach in 1996 and was ordained in 2003.

He was an outstanding high school student and athlete, a member of the Beta Club, and was named to the Red Bay High School Hall of Fame. He played four years of varsity football and basketball, and earned a basketball scholarship to Northwest Shoals Community College.

Barry and Amanda Raper have two children, Hannah (4) and Tre (1).

Churches seeking Youth Pastor:

Beacon Church
Kansas City
Contact: Ken Simpson
816-353-7449

Victory Church
Alton, MO
Contact: Jason Roberts
417-257-7322

Annual Theological Symposium Announced

NASHVILLE, TN – The 2005 Theological Symposium will meet October 24-25 on the campus of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma, in Mabee Hall in the Barber Conference Center. Those who wish to submit papers are encouraged to do so no later than September 1.

Papers should be 10-15 pages in length, double-spaced, and should be related to the Bible, theology, Christianity and culture, or some related topic. Submit papers by September 1, to:

Matt Pinson
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37205
president@fwbbc.edu

The symposium begins at 6:00 p.m. October 24, and will end at 9:00 p.m. on October 25. Nearby hotels include the Holiday Inn (405-364-2882) and Microtel Inn (405-799-8181).

The symposium will be a time for presentation of papers and lively discussion of important issues facing the church today. For general information on the symposium, please contact Matt Pinson.

The symposium is an annual event sponsored by the Commission for Theological Integrity of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

August 2005 Financial Report

Cooperative Disbursements

August 2005	\$62,948.85
18.50% St HM	\$11,916.00
17.00% Exec. Office ..	\$10,949.85
3.00% Gen. Fund	\$1,932.32
.50% Show-Me Bd.	\$322.05
8.50% Youth Camp ...	\$5,474.92
2.50% Youth Min.	\$1,610.27
2.50% CE	\$1,610.27
2.50% Senior Adult ...	\$1,610.27
9.00% Mo Retmt.	\$5,796.97
3.00% Show-Me Plan	\$1,932.32
33.00%	\$21,255.56
National Ministries	
Total	\$64,410.80

Coop Plan

Amity	\$160.62
Aulsbury Chapel	\$296.78
Bailey	\$258.00
Bailey Chapel	\$187.00
Belton	\$391.67
Berean	\$95.00
Bethel- El Drdo Spngs....	\$402.91
Bethel- Marshfield	\$360.00
Black Oak	\$821.76
Byrd	\$208.20
Cabool 1st	\$379.74
Calvary Chapel	\$2,206.88
Carthage	\$410.00
Central	\$1,123.42
Christ Chapel	\$345.00
Clifton	\$45.70
Columbia	\$680.23
Copper Mines	\$477.12
Cornerstone	\$660.48
Crossroads- Wentzville	\$920.00
Cuba	\$447.00
DeSoto 1st	\$1,775.00
Farmington 1st	\$3,473.40
Fellowship	\$1,200.00
Fordland	\$555.92
Fourth	\$211.98
Fredericktown 1st	\$566.00
Freeman Chapel	\$549.30
Gospel Light	\$100.00
Grace	\$1,956.39
Grant Avenue	\$1,223.16
Hannibal	\$889.00
Hannon	\$1,006.00
Harmony	\$628.51
Hartville	\$1,490.00
Harvest- Grandview	\$310.90
Hopewell	\$288.00
Houston 1st	\$406.83
Hurryville	\$638.92
Jackson	\$187.55
Joplin 1st	\$889.49
Kings Way	\$337.16
Koshkonong	\$169.00
Lead Hill	\$204.52
Leadington	\$434.94
Lebanon 1st	\$1,846.25
Lebanon Greenhills	\$625.44
Macedonia- Niangua	\$212.58
Macedonia- Niangua	\$212.58
Marshfield	\$157.67
Merls Chapel	\$182.88
Mill Creek	\$621.52
Mine La Motte	\$110.89
Monett 1st	\$864.13
Mountain Grove 1st	\$2,254.95
Mt. Pisgah	\$670.00
Myrtle	\$347.13
Neosho 1st	\$142.50
Nevada	\$440.00
New Hope- Frdcktn	\$298.00
New Life- Licking	\$487.59
Niangua	\$223.34
Number One	\$350.41
Oak Grove- MG	\$414.40
Oak Hill	\$490.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$1,885.00
Olivet	\$430.00
Overland	\$70.00
Ozark 1st	\$2,007.52
Park Hills 1st	\$678.41
Park Hills 1st	\$1,073.78
Parkview	\$496.64
Pleasant Hill	\$148.71
Pleasant Home	\$204.64
Pleasant Ridge- Alton	\$46.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana ...	\$111.00
Potosi 1st	\$145.20
Republic	\$372.19
Rock Chapel	\$393.26
Rolla 1st	\$394.00
Royal Oak	\$64.00
Seymour	\$587.00
Smyrna	\$103.00
South Fremont	\$725.00
Springfield 1st	\$1,075.35
Springfield 1st	\$1,853.94
Stockton	\$227.84
Thayer	\$1,170.00
Trinity	\$1,304.18
Union Grove	\$613.00
United	\$2,209.41
Unity	\$610.00
Viburnum	\$508.10
Victory- Alton	\$755.23
Waynesville 1st	\$855.11
West Plains 1st	\$749.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$271.00
Willow Springs- MG	\$441.98
Wolf Creek	\$509.57
Total	\$64,410.80

Show-Me Plan

Baldwin, Jack	\$25.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, Roberta	\$15.00
Bethel- El Dr Spngs	\$402.91
Bethel- Fetsus	\$45.00
Black Oak	\$60.00

Brown, Angela	\$15.00
Burns, Jack	\$60.00
Cabool 1st	\$120.00
Calvary Chapel	\$105.00
Central	\$65.00
Columbia	\$25.00
Copper Mines	\$255.00
Cornerstone	\$286.00
Cuba	\$107.40
DeSoto 1st	\$732.50
Faith & Hope- WS	\$45.00
Farmington 1st	\$755.00
Fellowship	\$951.50
Fordland	\$250.00
Fourth	\$45.00
Fourth	\$45.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$180.00
Freeman Chapel	\$720.00
Gospel Light	\$1,000.00
Grace	\$448.00
Graham, Ronald	\$45.00
Grant Avenue	\$325.00
Greenfield	\$200.00
Hannibal	\$30.00
Hannon	\$3,366.00
Happy Hill	\$60.00
Happy Hill	\$60.00
Harmony	\$169.32
Hartville	\$240.00
Harvest- Grandview	\$25.00
Houston 1st	\$272.00
Hurryville	\$531.00
Jackson	\$35.00
Joplin 1st	\$75.00
Leadington	\$195.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Lebanon Greenhills	\$75.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$1,000.00
Maggart, Roxanne	\$50.00
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Mill Creek	\$140.00
Mill Creek CWF	\$15.00
Mill Creek YA	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$75.00
MO WAC	\$438.04
Mona Chrisman	\$30.00
Monett 1st	\$30.00
Monett 1st	\$45.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$560.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion- Thayer	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Neosho 1st	\$165.00
New Home- Hartville	\$210.00
New Hope- Frdtn	\$150.00
New Life- Licking	\$58.00
New Life- Monett	\$600.00
Number One	\$60.00
Oak Grove- Houston	\$30.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$313.00
Olivet	\$45.00
One Accord	\$450.00
Park Hills 1st	\$203.43
Park Hills 1st	\$382.14
Parkview	\$260.65
Pinkerton, Jerry	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill	\$45.00
Pleasant Home	\$300.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$50.00
Porter Chapel	\$611.98
Richwoods 1st	\$52.50

Rock Chapel	\$210.00
Rock Springs	\$100.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
South Fremont	\$435.00
Springfield 1st	\$515.00
Springfield 1st	\$565.00
Stockton	\$87.75
Thayer	\$535.00
Trinity	\$435.00
Union Grove	\$15.00
United	\$407.78
Unity	\$75.00
Viburnum	\$75.00
Victory- Alton	\$45.00
Walker, Hollis	\$10.00
Walnut Grove	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st	\$404.67
Willow Springs- MG	\$30.00
CO-OP	\$1,932.32
Total	\$25,508.89

International Missions

Belton	\$25.00
Copper Mines	\$100.00
Cuba	\$17.90
DeSoto 1st	\$35.00
Farmington 1st	\$60.00
Grant Avenue	\$23.37
Hannon	\$550.00
Hartville	\$35.00
Houston 1st	\$80.00
Liberty Association	\$998.06
Matthews, Alta	\$30.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$20.00
New Testament	\$55.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Pleasant Home	\$50.47
Rock Chapel	\$15.00
Rolla 1st	\$342.50
South Fremont	\$195.00
Springfield 1st	\$186.02
Thayer	\$147.00
Trinity	\$156.46
Waynesville 1st	\$805.36
Willow Springs- MG	\$27.57
Total	\$3,969.71

State Home Missions

DeSoto 1st	\$100.00
Grant Avenue	\$61.16
Bookstore	\$540.00
Niangua	\$67.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$100.00
Neosho 1st	\$25.00
New Testament	\$40.00
Rolla 1st	\$342.50
Unity	\$70.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$85.00
United	\$25.00
Fellowship	\$100.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Waynesville 1st	\$50.00
Bethel- Festus	\$15.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$231.00
Liberty Association	\$998.06
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00

Thayer	\$50.00
Trinity	\$65.21
Grace	\$100.00
Republic	\$25.00
Total	\$3,299.93

National Home Missions

Belton	\$40.00
Carthage	\$5.00
Central	\$100.00
Copper Mines	\$110.00
Cuba	\$53.70
DeSoto 1st	\$260.00
Farmington 1st	\$863.25
Fordland	\$20.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$30.00
Gospel Light	\$160.00
Grace	\$100.00
Grant Avenue	\$71.16
Houston 1st	\$80.00
Jackson	\$55.00
Liberty Association	\$1,996.12
Monett 1st	\$5.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$30.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$30.00
Neosho 1st	\$50.00
New Life- Monett	\$150.00
New Testament	\$75.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$231.00
Park Hills 1st	\$137.81
Park Hills 1st	\$168.38
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$20.00
Rader, Jerry	\$20.00
Richwoods 1st	\$66.00
Rock Chapel	\$96.50
South Fremont	\$145.00
Thayer	\$125.00
Trinity	\$85.21
United	\$150.00
Unity	\$90.00
Waynesville 1st	\$65.00
West Plains 1st	\$45.00
West Plains 1st	\$25.00
Willow Springs- MG	\$27.57
Total	\$5,831.70

Berea Ministries

Hartville	\$150.00
Columbia	\$102.55
Total	\$252.55

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Desoto 1st	\$90.00
Hartville	\$50.00
Unity	\$70.00
Myrtle	\$27.00
Belton	\$25.00
Monett 1st	\$12.15
New Life-Monett	\$718.79
Grace	\$27.00
Houston 1st	\$20.00
New Hope- Frdtn.	\$50.00
Total	\$1,089.94

Christian Education Board

Bookstore	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

Free Will Baptist Bible Collge

Desoto 1st	\$40.00
Lebanon Greenhills	\$10.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$5.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$190.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Total	\$295.00

Hillsdale

Farmington 1st	\$150.00
Joplin 1st	\$50.00
Monett 1st	\$100.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$5.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$170.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Total	\$525.00

Indian Bible College

Desoto 1st	\$10.00
Total	\$10.00

Missouri Retirement

Bookstore	\$200.00
Total	\$200.00

Youth With A Mission

Belton	\$50.00
Total	\$50.00

Senior Adult Board

Bookstore	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

Victor Torrez

United Youth Group	\$200.00
Total	\$200.00

Youth Camp

Desoto 1st	\$55.00
Hartville	\$10.00
Bookstore	\$540.00
Niangua	\$20.00
West Plains 1st	\$25.00
Rolla 1st	\$20.00
Cornerstone	\$25.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$15.00
Willow Springs- MG	\$10.00
New Life-Monett	\$718.79
Mountain Grove 1st	\$10.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Trinity	\$9.00
West Plains 1st	\$25.00
Total	\$1,542.79

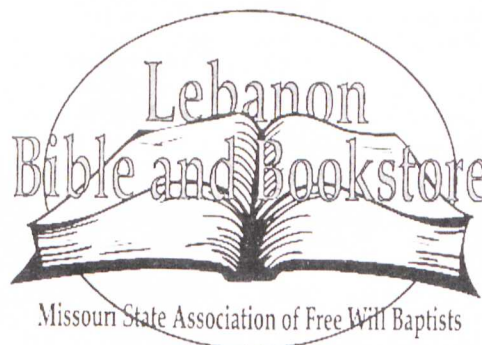
Youth Camp Development

Myrtle	\$57.00
Houston 1st	\$100.00
Total	\$157.00

Youth Ministries Board

Bookstore	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

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