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“I WILL PRAISE THE NAME  
OF GOD WITH A SONG,  
AND WILL MAGNIFY HIM  
WITH THANKSGIVING.”

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## From the Editor

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*"The Lord gives and the Lord takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord!"*

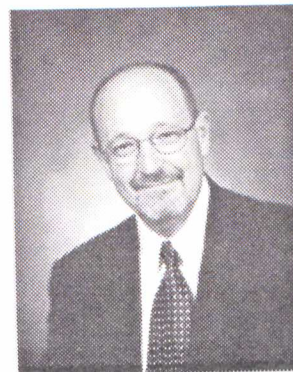
There is sad news from our work in India in this issue. Bro. Carlisle Hanna's right-hand man, Pastor Bolen Marendi has passed away.

It was such a joy this past March to meet pastor Bolen and see what an effective servant of the Lord he was. He was one of the first people on the mission compound I met. It was immediately obvious that he was a man of God and totally dedicated to His work. He went about his tasks quietly, but with an air of efficiency and ability. It was a joy to watch him in service as he led the people in worship and translated for us as we preached. When I heard of his death, I looked back through the photos I took while there and found several of the blessed Good Friday service we had at the Hanna Memorial Free Will Baptist Church where Bolen was pastor. There were pictures of him and the deacons serving communion. One of him washing Bro. Carlisle's feet. Another of him as he translated the sermon from English into Hindi for the 300 people in attendance at 10:00 on a Friday morning! The church that day was full of dedicated Free Will Baptists and he was their leader.

All the folks there in Sonapur-hat are going to miss him greatly. Especially Bro. Carlisle. Please pray for the work there. Bro Carlisle has organized and trained the men there to carry on whether he is there or not. Pastor Bolen Marendi was an integral part of that plan. Please read Bro. Carlisle's letter about Pastor Bolen on page 5



Bro Carlisle and Pastor Bolen



Let me make an appeal for a special project that is very worthy of our consideration. Jerry and Carol Pinkerton are special folks to us here in Missouri. They have been "Missouri" missionaries to Cote d' Ivoire since 1971. They plan to return to the country of their labor this December 26<sup>th</sup>. While they have been stateside they have been raising money for the third church to be established and pastored by the Ivorians in a decade in Abidjan. Jerry and Carol have worked hard while they have been here and have raised about \$70,000.00! But they need another \$30,000.00. We in Missouri need to complete this project for them. Most of your churches have received a letter from the Greater Kansas City District Association about their efforts and asking you to help.

They are asking for 100 churches or individuals to give \$300.00 to help complete this project. Certainly if you can not give that amount, your offering is of equal importance!

Let's send them back to Abidjan for what is planned to be their last term with the money in hand to finish what they have started!

Please send your offering to the State office and designate it for the Pinkerton Special Project. Or contact the Pinkertons directly at (816) 898-1884 or by email at [Pinkertons4jc@cs.com](mailto:Pinkertons4jc@cs.com).

### Churches seeking Youth Pastor:

Belton Church  
Pastor James Mize  
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Victory Church  
Alton, MO  
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## The Turnboughs Stateside



Dear Friends,

We are back "home" in Rolla after being on the road for a month. We truly thank the Lord for giving us safety of travel the whole time —something that we do not take for granted. Thank you for your prayers.

After services at the Twin Oaks Church in Fredericktown this weekend, we will be heading to Atlanta, Georgia. We have mentioned this is previous updates, but we want to make you aware of some new names and/or terminology that will form a part of our future ministry in Spain. This past July, our Board of FWB International Missions agreed for our mission to enter into a partnership with the International Training Alliance (ITA), in order to participate in and use the Leadership Matters Course (LMC) for our leaders in Spain, in France, and possibly in other parts of the world. This next week, Susan and I, along with Robert Bryan and Dennis Teague will be going through a special course for LMC trainers in Atlanta. This is part of our preparation to join the corps of LMC trainers from around the world. On Saturday, October 15, we will meet with representatives from all the participating missions (Wycliffe, Operation Mobilization, Christian Missionary Alliance, Pioneers, etc.) at the first International Summit. We ask for your prayers for this meeting. Please ask the Lord to lead representatives to know how to best carry out this project

of training spiritual leaders all over the world, and show us exactly what part we should play as Free Will Baptists. God is leading in unique ways and opening doors for us to have new and unprecedented opportunities to serve Him and to bring more glory to His name throughout the world.

Following the week of training for trainers, a team of existing LMC trainers will host a regular LMC for more Christian leaders from around the world there in Atlanta. From our mission Matthew and Brooke Turnbough as well as Sam and June McVay will be receiving the training, which lasts two weeks. Please pray for this LMC, both for the trainers as well as the participants. God is using this training to motivate and stimulate Christian leaders to look to the Lord for the future and to be more effective as leaders where God has placed them. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless and use this course to build His Kingdom and advance the Cause of Christ around the world. If we can have a small part, we will give God the glory and be thankful to be used in this way.

For God's glory,  
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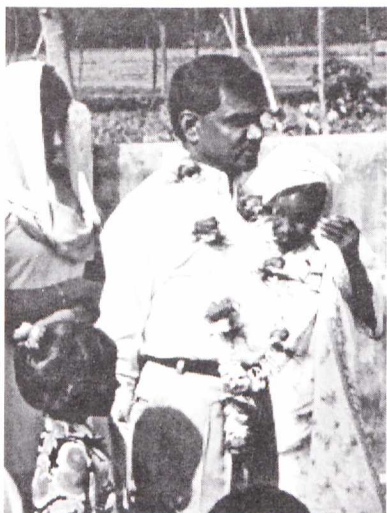
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# Indian Pastor Home With The Lord

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Pastor Bolen Marendi

Dear Ones,

Loving greetings to all of you in Jesus' precious name.

*"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way." Psalm 37 :23.*

Our Sonapurhat pastor, Bolen Marendi, was such a man. His parents were not literate.

We taught them to read and write and they memorized scripture verses. His father would not permit his little pre-school age sons to go sleep until they had memorized these verses. We brought him to Sonapurhat to begin his first grade of school when he was six years of age. When he finished high school, he continued in Sonapurhat and worked with the boys in hostel. At the same time, he began to go from village to village to witness for our Lord.

We had only four ordained pastors to work with us through the 1960s and 1970s. When we entered our North India field, it was an unevangelized area. Our co-workers, Dan and Trola Cronk, left India in 1972. Marie and I continued to work and plant churches in our area. Five of our young men had been called to preach and we were preparing them for ordination. They were: Bolen Marendi, Kolen Marendi, Saifal Das, Jagat Das and Ronen Guha. Four of these had been in our hostels from first grade and had studied the Bible every day. They had been taught the Bible on our compound and four had been away for Bible training. After much prayer and preparation we ordained these five on 28 March 1982. Rather than pastoring one church, they were responsible for an area. Our Lord has blessed and we have 186 churches now.

Pastor Bolen continued to be responsible for the hostel, in which we now have fifty boys. He became pastor of our church in Sonapurhat. He pastored not only this church but was responsible for 26 others at the time of his

death. We have evangelists and church planters working in these areas with our pastors.

We have had an Annual Conference for more than fifty years. When we started, we had less than fifty people for the conference. The past several years, we have had more than five thousand. All of us work very hard to prepare for this and take care of sleeping and feeding all these people so they can rejoice in our Lord, be ministered to through His Word and have fellowship with one another. Many only meet during the conference each year. Pastor Bolen was the one who took most responsibility for this. He, very quietly, went about doing much more than anyone else with no thought of praise from anyone. When Brenda Kay and I told them goodbye at the airport on 3 July 2005, we expected to meet all of them again as soon as I was able to return to India.

One of the men who works in our hostel sent me Bolen's schedule for the week 3 to 10 September. It is amazing the work he did. Our Don spoke to him by telephone the evening of 9 September. He was not feeling well. They called a local doctor who has very little medical training and was Bolen's classmate in school. He told them to take him to our nearest town. They were told there he had had a heart attack and should be taken to a larger hospital. They took him to Siliguri but it was too late. He died at 6 AM on 10 September of a massive heart attack. We were following this by telephone here in Charleston.

None of us could believe our Lord would call Pastor Bolen away from the work when he was being used so wonderfully well by our Lord. Even now, it does not seem possible that he is not at work in Sonapurhat. Please pray for the many who now have no shepherd.

Please pray for Pastor Bolen's wife, Asha, and their four daughters, Shanna, Sallie, Sulee and Sylvia. As you thank our Lord, with us, for Pastor Bolen's life and ministry, please ask our Lord to raise up others to

take up this ministry. Bolen was a precious son to us and a wonderful elder brother to our Brenda Kay, Don and Mark. Thank you for being a part of this ministry and a part of the life of this wonderful servant of our Lord.

Yours in His great love,  
Carlisle Hanna



Marendi Family



## Missouri State Home Missions

### Meet our Missionaries

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Rev. Vernon Long and his wife, Ada, were married on February 11, 1956. They have 3 children, Cindy Craig of Springfield, TN., Sheila Haas of New Brunswick, Canada, & Matthew Long of Goshen, IN.

Brother Long was ordained on May 7, 1977, graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College on May 12, 1977. Brother Long has served ten years as a National Home Missionary in Jackson, TN. He pastored at Leadington, MO for eight years, before going to Jackson to be a Missouri State Home Missionary.

Brother Long started the Jackson Mission project in the fall of 1997. God has prospered the work in Jackson. Lives have been changed, souls have been saved, disciples of Christ have been made.

Brother Vernon & Sister Ada's dedication and faithful commitment has been greatly appreciated by the Mo State Home Mission Board.

Please pray for both of them and their health and pray that God will allow them to go self supporting soon. As with all our Missionaries we are proud of the hard work and faithful commitment.

## An Encounter With Giants

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*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.

Giant number two in my life should be nominated to the Congress as a National Treasure because he is a treasure. A treasure not just to me but to men and women of the Free Will Baptist Denomination all across our great state. I feel greatly blessed just to be able to call him friend and brother. I am speaking of the giant Rev. Clarence Burton. He and his lovely wife, Vivian, have truly blessed our lives and both Barbara and I are better people from knowing the two of them. At a very tough time in my life as a Home Missionary in Rolla, Mo. Brother Burton had gotten the word that I was about to throw in the towel. A fellow (a preacher) had come into our church and tore it up. We lost twenty some people because of him and I lost the wind out of my sails. Disillusioned by the experience I was about to change my mind about being a pastor. There was a knock on my door and it was Brother Burton with a suit case. He was there as long as it would take to change my mind about quitting and to help me pray through and get through the crisis in our church. I remember the time my wife met Brother Burton she made the statement "He's not real, He can't be real, nobody is that nice or that kind." But we found out that not only was Clarence Burton real, he was indeed a giant from the spiritual realm. Brother Burton's personal counsel, his real and genuine love saved my ministry. Brother Burton, thank you for your faithfulness to Christ, You are a giant!

*(This is part two in a three part series)*



Ken and Judy Goff, Joanna George, Carlee Jones, Kendra Boyer, Kris Tannehill, Violet Weaver, Shirley and Robert Jackson

By Bruce Moore

This picture represents a combined total of 112 years of dedicated service to the Free Will Baptists of Missouri through the ministry of our youth camp. Through the years, these wonderful people have had a heart for our camp and also the young people of Missouri. We want to again thank them for their ministry to Camp Niangua.

Brother Ken and Sister Judy Goff have been at the camp for 15 years as superintendent, and he served on the camp board for 17 years. Through the administration of Brother Ken and Sister Judy, many accomplishments have taken place at camp. These include the new building, sidewalks, ball field, new well. There are also behind-the-scenes accomplishments, such as hours of work when no one is around getting the camp ready for the next session. Thank you, Brother Ken and Sister Judy, for your love for God and our camp. God bless you in your retirement.

Robert and Shirley Jackson have given 25 years of service to our camp. Camp takes a combined effort of many people to minister to young people. Sister Shirley has been our registrar as well as the snack shop director. Robert joined her and helped out not only in the snack shop, but also wherever needed. Thank you, Brother Robert and Sister Shirley, and may God also bless you in your retirement.

Sister Carlee Jones has 22 years of ministry, and Sister Joanna George has 16 years of ministry at Camp Niangua. Those years have been spent preparing food for hungry campers and workers. During those years you could count on a smile as well as a good meal. Thank you Sister Carlee and Sister Joanna for your ministry to our camp. God bless you in your retirement.

Sister Kris Tannehill has nine years of ministry and Sister Kendra Boyer has four years of ministry at the camp. These ladies are the daughters of Brother Ken and Sister Judy. Sister Violet Weaver also has four years of ministry at Camp Niangua and is a part of the Goff family through marriage. These three ladies served in the kitchen along with Sister Carlee and Sister Joanna. Thank you, Kris, Kendra, and Violet, for your years of service, and God bless you as you continue to minister for Him in new areas.

The retiring and moving on of these folks has left some holes to fill for next year's camp sessions, specifically there is a need for cooks and dishwashers. If you feel God might want to use you in this area, please call the camp at 417-473, 6444, and talk with us about this ministry. There is also always a need for help with projects around the camp. If your church (youth group, men's group, WAC) would like to participate in completing a project please call our camp number and set a date.

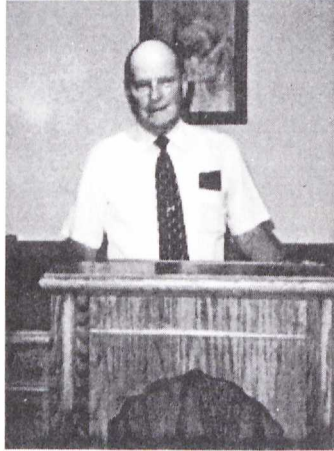
On a personal note: God has blessed my wife and I with the privilege of carrying on the ministry of Camp Niangua. We are humbled by the awesome responsibility, but excited by the possibilities of the future. We are looking forward to building upon the accomplishments of the past to make the future of Camp Niangua even greater for the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Camp Board is a group of men who are dedicated to making our camp the kind of place God wants it to be. I thank them, as well, for giving us this privilege. Please pray for the Camp Board and us as we embark on a blessed future. God bless Missouri Free Will Baptists!

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*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*

## Rev. Gene Postlewaite Celebrates 50 Years

This year, 2005, marks the 50th anniversary of Rev. Gene Postlewait's ministry. Gene was saved at the Number One Free Will Baptist Church, Huggins, Mo, in 1954.



He announced the call to preach a year later in 1955 at Milton Free Water, Oregon, where he preached in the church his brother Rev. John Postlewait had pastored. After moving back to Missouri, he pastored at Pleasant Grove (Cope) Church for 6 months. When he moved to Kansas City to work, he preached at Mission Church at Kansas City, Kansas, where Bro. Ralph Cook pastored. He later helped organize and start a building project at Beacon Free Will Baptist Church where Rev. Lester Jones pastored. There he served as associate pastor and preached for six months when Bro. Jones had a heart attack. After deciding to move back to Missouri, Gene has pastored various churches.

They include; Union Chapel Church at Graff for 4 years, Number One Free Will Baptist Church, Huggins for 5 years, Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church, Graff for 8 years. Bro. Gene is currently pastoring the Union Free Will Baptist Church at Success where he has served for 28 years. Gene has preached numerous revivals, conducted funerals and numerous weddings. He was the moderator of Mission Association of Free Will Baptist for 17 years. He began serving that position in 1988 but stepped down from it earlier this year. When asked if he was going to retire from the ministry he said, "The Lord hasn't told me to yet."

Gene married Glenna Todd in 1955 and they will celebrate 50 years of marriage on September 25, 2005. They have 3 grown children Debbie Crewse and husband Duane, Terry Postlewait and wife Tish, Mike Postlewait and wife Kelly. They have also been blessed with 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and expecting another great grandchild in November.

## Unity Church of Lebanon Celebrates 25th Anniversary

September 11, 2005 Bro Dan Talbott began the day with teaching a lesson from II Chronicles 9: 1.. 8 concerning how impressed the Queen of Sheba was with King Solomon. She could see that King Solomon's people were happy. Bro Dan pointed out that we at Unity are a happy people and anyone who looks will see it's because our father blesses us. During Bro Dan's discourse, Bro. Don Jones and his lovely wife Trish made an unexpected visit which was preplanned to surprise Bro. Dan. Boy did it ever! Bro. Don is a missionary supported by Unity for the past 11 years. He goes into the far reaches of Mexico and Haiti. God has blessed his efforts by hundreds saved each campaign.



Our morning Worship Services were conducted by Bro. Mike Hutsell. Bro. Mike and precious wife Brenda came all the way from Broken Arrow, OK. to be with us. Bro. Mike is the Pastor at Grace Free Will Baptist Church of Broken Arrow and was gracious enough to come help us celebrate. With Bro. Mike's fiery preaching it's easy to see how he started Unity in 1980 with the Lord's guidance. The rest of the day was a whirlwind. It started with a delicious pot luck lunch, followed with the Covenant Quartet. They did rousing songs to lift and convict the heart of any soul. Next came several speakers who came from or are associated with Unity. Bro Mike Hutsell..Pastor of Grace FWB of Broken Arrow, OK, Bro Shane Shockley..Pastor of Cedar Ridge FWB of Long Lane, MO, Bro Craig Perry..Pastor of Liberty FWB of Phillipsburg, MO, Bro Don Jones..Missionary to Haiti and Mexico, Bro Dan Talbott..Pastor of Unity FWB of Lebanon, MO

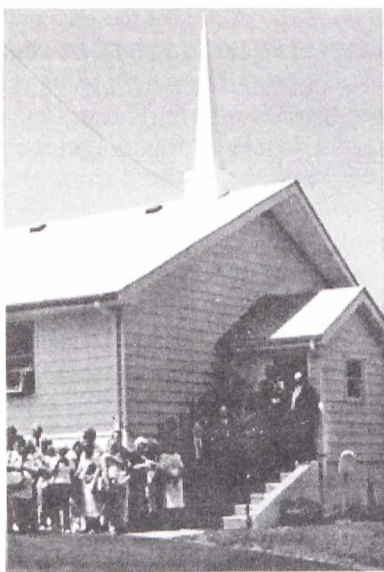
The history of Unity was captured on a DVD and played to everyone's amusement and Mark Watson did a super job as MC. We at Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, MO recognize how blessed we are of our Maker.

Submitted by Sandy Schockley

## Steeple!

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Pastor James Mize and the folks Belton FWB Church are pleased to have a steeple on their church. The building was erected in 1964 without one. The dedication service was held on June 12th with former pastor, C.T. (Bill) Christensen, preaching the message. A dinner and fellowship followed.



The Belton FWB Church also hosted Vacation Bible School during the week of June 13th - 17th, 2005. They raised \$341.36 for missionaries Jerry and Carol Pinkerton of the Ivory Coast. Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow.

## Quilts!

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Grace Freewill Baptist Church WNAC, Arnold, stitched, painted, and quilted beautiful lap quilts and crocheted afghans for missionaries.



Left to right, bottom row: Shirley Ballinger, Bonnie Funston, Kim Miller, Shirley Crutchfield, Lucille Wilt, Serena Bolden, Evelyn Rehkop, Mary Lou Gilman, Pat Pogue, Louise Wiseman, Pearl Hutchings, Arnie Steinhart, Arleda Nettles, Doris Sturgeon, Pat Chapman, Venita Fritz, Judy Martin, Charlotte Hires, Loice Wilson, Mildred Stacy, Ruth Ann Spradling,

## Surprise!

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Mike Jones, Rev. Leon Jones, Larry Wilkerson

The folks at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Conway had a great day July 10th! The Ladies Auxiliary planned a surprise appreciation dinner for the pastor and deacons. Pastor Leon Jones and Deacons Larry Wilkerson and Mike Jones were not only surprised by the dinner, but with gift certificates to the Lebanon Bible and Bookstore as well!

## Revival and Water!

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Leilani Weatherington, Bobbi Hunter, Dr. Ralph Hunter, Becky Moore, Rodger Adkinson, Elaine Adkinson, Absent, Nancy, Brandon Moore, Nathan Moore.

As part of their outreach program, the Willow Springs 1<sup>st</sup> Free Will Baptist Church participated in the Annual Food and Forest Day in Willow Springs on October 1, 2005. Nine members of the church worked promoting their October revival by passing out over 400 flyers with the serenity prayer on one side and revival information on the reverse. They also distributed over 200 bottles of water with the message that water would quench physical thirst and Jesus spiritual thirst. The church was reopened in March of this year under the leadership of Dr. Ralph Hunter.

(Photo by Richard Weatherington)

# Angel Eyes

## The Audrey Maggart Story

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Written By: Danny Maggart

*"From Sorrow to Celebration."* This was the headline on the front page of our hometown newspaper in early June, 2005. The article was about a little girl who was celebrating her third birthday. What made this birthday a little more special than usual? My little girl was healthy and loving life to the fullest.

My wife, Kerri, and I met at Free Will Baptist Bible College and dated for four years and two days. On October 5, 1997 we were married. That same year we moved to my hometown of St. Joseph, Missouri. I took a job at St. Joseph Christian School and Kerri found a job working at a bank. In 2000, our first child, Zachary, was born, and we loved being parents for the first time.

A couple of years later, Audrey was on the way, and she was to be born on June 15. She came a couple of weeks early, but June 15 would turn out to be a date that would stay in our minds forever. Kerri and I are from great Christian homes and we have never had any major problems to deal with. This would soon change and God was already working.

In early June of 2004, I was preparing to go to the school to finish up some end-of-the year projects. Kerri was getting ready for work and preparing to take Zach and Audrey to my parent's house. Kerri had recently gone back to work at the bank after leaving a job she really loved at a local dentist's office. Insurance was one reason for her going back to the bank, but about a month earlier we sensed that this was where she needed to be. I noticed as I was

getting ready to leave that Audrey's right eye was acting "lazy." I asked Kerri about it, and she told me she thought she had noticed it the day before. After arriving at school, I called to make an appointment at a local eye clinic for the end of June. Kerri called her mom in St. Louis to tell her about Audrey's eye. Kerri's mom happened to be at an eye doctor with her mother-in-law. This doctor said he thought it might be a good idea to get Audrey in sooner. Kerri's new coworkers' sister scheduled appointments at the eye clinic, and we were able to get Audrey in sooner on June 15. Later, the local doctor shared with me that this probably saved her life.

On June 15, Kerri and I found out that our little girl had a detached retina that was most likely

caused by a cancerous tumor on the back of her eye. The term he used was "retinoblastoma" (found in only one in twenty thousand kids between the ages of two - five). Shock filled our bodies, and we clung to our little girl. We could hardly talk without crying, and the three-mile trip from the eye doctor's office to our house was nothing but crying - except for our little angel in the backseat who was just singing away.

On June 16, we got into a specialist in Kansas City who, after doing an ultrasound on her right eye, confirmed a tumor had caused the detachment, and we were in a serious situation. Dr. Burr in St. Joseph and Dr. Cooper in Kansas City both told us to take this

one step at a time. I never dreamed I would be asking about mortality rates concerning my two-year-old daughter.

The rates were good as long as the cancer was contained in the eye. My parents were with us, and we were all hit hard with the news. At this point we were told that we needed to be in St. Louis or Miami the following day. Kerri's family is from St. Louis so this was an easy choice. On our way home from Kansas City, Dr. Cooper called and told us that we would have a CT scan done the following morning, meet with Dr. Harbour in the afternoon, and her eye



would come out on Friday morning. It was at this point we knew this was very serious due to the fact that Dr. Harbour hadn't even looked at Audrey yet, and the best-case scenario was that her eye was coming out.

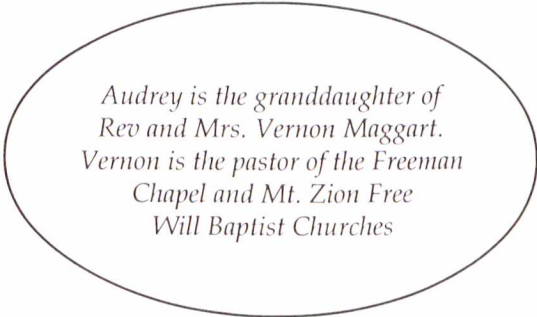
That evening we headed to St. Louis, and all the way all we did was talk about our family and listen to worship songs. Problems of the previous day were no longer in our minds, just being together and having each other was top priority. People were praying, and God was already giving us strength. The following day we met with Dr. Harbour and we found out that the cancer had not spread according to the CT scan. It was great to hear some good news, and we had already prepared ourselves for the fact that the eye was going to be coming out the following day. We also learned that she would get a prosthetic eye, a permanent implant attached to her eye muscles so that it would move with her other eye. Dr. Harbour shared that Audrey had most likely had never seen out of the eye, which made us feel better.

The following day a caravan of family members prepared to head for the hospital. As Kerri was walking out of the house to get in the car, our son, Zachary, grabbed her arm and said, "Are they taking Audrey's eye out today?" Kerri wiped tears from her eyes as she got in the car, and even though we had heard good news the day before, the reality of her eye coming out was hitting us. At the hospital we had to sign a sheet giving permission for the doctors to remove Audrey's eye. Kerri and I signed the sheet as our beautiful little girl's angelic blue eyes looked up at us. After a prayer with family, we sent our little girl off with the medical staff. Dr. Harbour had told us that the procedure would take a couple of hours, and if the cancer had spread, the procedure would need to stop immediately. We waited, hoping not to see or hear from the doctor for the next two hours. About an hour into surgery I felt a peace that could only be from God, and Psalm 46: 10 came to my mind: "Be still and know I am God." People all over were praying and we were feeling it. A few moments later, the phone in the waiting room rang, and I answered. "The cancer has not spread to the other eye," the nurse told me. An hour later, Dr. Harbour shared that the cancer did not look like it had spread, and he was able to fit an adult-size implant where her eye had previously been. We would soon be with our little girl. I remember her waking up and not even being concerned about the significant patch covering the right side of her face. At one point, she looked up at my mom and asked, "Why did they do this to me?" The answer to this question came in the form of tears dropping from my mom's eyes into Audrey's blonde hair.

Soon after we arrived home, Freeman Chapel Free Will Baptist Church celebrated Audrey Maggart Day where I was able to share our story. An offering of over \$5,000 was given to help with Audrey's medical expenses. As my dad and pastor, Vernon Maggart, presented Kerri and me with the check, I hugged him and looked down to see Audrey hugging his leg as tight as she could.

Later that week, Kerri and I were praying with Audrey as we put her to bed. As we got up to walk out of the room, Audrey said something that we will never forget: "Thank you, everybody, for praying for me; Jesus loves me all the time." After the pathology report came back, it looked as if Audrey was going to need chemotherapy, as a few cells had crept onto her optic nerve, which leads to the brain. We were ready to proceed with this until several doctors and pathologists from St. Louis and St. Jude's Children's hospital in Memphis recommended we not do chemotherapy. Audrey received her new prosthetic eye six weeks later, and it was a great day. She had been wearing a patch on her eye all summer, and we all were tired of seeing that.

As a celebration, we headed to Branson, Missouri for the kids to ride the rides and for a time just to relax. On the way down we stopped at a Long John Silvers restaurant, and Audrey received a pirates patch with her kid's meal! We all just laughed. This past year Audrey has had two tests done under anesthesia, which came back clear. Kerri, Zach, and I were tested to see if the form of retinoblastoma Audrey had was hereditary. At this point, it appears that it is not, and that is good for a lot of reasons. Kerri and I cannot describe the love we have felt and the support our family has been given from family, church, and community. God has put His arms around us and shown us a lot of things. If Audrey felt any better we couldn't handle her, and that is a tremendous praise item for which we are extremely grateful.



*Audrey is the granddaughter of  
Rev and Mrs. Vernon Maggart.  
Vernon is the pastor of the Freeman  
Chapel and Mt. Zion Free  
Will Baptist Churches*

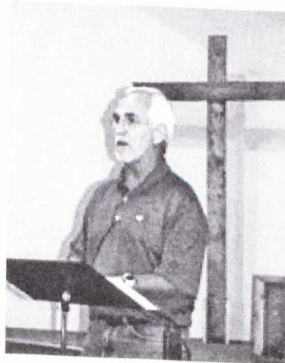
## All-Boards Meeting Has Missions Emphasis

We were blessed this year to have two veteran missionaries as speakers for our fall All-Boards meeting. We really do more than have a golf tournament!

Clint Morgan and Mike Cousineau have both served in Ivory Coast. They both recently returned from a trip to the country. While there, they found conditions unsafe for our continued presence and have temporarily evacuated our missionary personnel. They both spoke about their hopes for the future of the work in Ivory Coast. We were also thrilled to hear about the Hanna Project. This is a new NGO (non-governmental organization) formed for the purpose of humanitarian aid. The project will be providing such essentials as clean drinking water, disaster relief, education and medical care along with other human needs. Mike Cousineau is the new director.

An upcoming part of the work of the Hanna Project is a vaccination effort in the Ivory Coast.

We had a great time of food, fellowship, enrichment and golf. The boards all met as well and planned their calendars for 2006. The winners of the golf tournament were all from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ozark!



Clint Morgan, Regional Director for Europe, Asia and Africa



Mike Cousineau, Director Hanna Project



## Free Will Baptist Bible College Enrollment Sets 21-Year Record

NASHVILLE, TN — Free Will Baptist Bible College enrolled 377 students from 22 states and five foreign countries for the 2005 fall semester, the highest number of enrollees at the college since 1984, according to Dr. Milton Fields, academic dean. As of September 9, the college enrolled 249 dormitory students and 128 commuter students. Officials set the full-time student equivalency at 341. By classes, they number 67 seniors, 87 juniors, 99 sophomores, 101 freshmen and 23 special students. The college's enrollment has grown 35 percent since the fall of 2001. There are 181 women and 196 men in the student body.

Dr. Fields said, "By the time all registrations close next spring and we get a final count, we anticipate registering at least 410 students, perhaps as many as 425 for the 2005-2006 academic year."

This year's enrollment includes 20 from Missouri and 9 from other countries (Bahamas, Canada, Korea, Mongolia, Russia)

President J. Matthew Pinson said, "We've had a wonderful beginning to a promising new academic year. I am excited about our students this year. This marks the largest enrollment in 21 years. We are also delighted with the response to our Online/Lifetime Learning program as well as our Adult Studies Program."

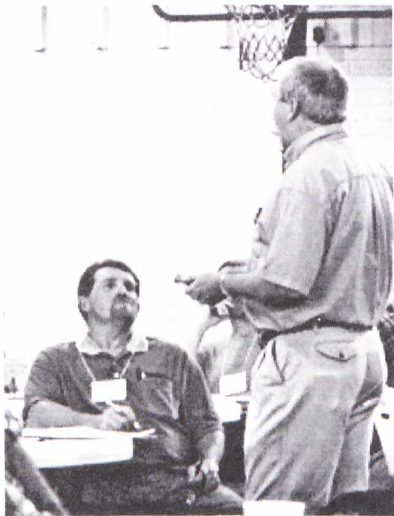
Here are three ways to contact Free Will Baptist Bible College for more information: Call 800-76-FWBBC, e-mail [recruit@fwbbc.edu](mailto:recruit@fwbbc.edu), or visit the college's website at [www.FWBBC.edu](http://www.FWBBC.edu).



## Palmer Leadership Institute

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The fall session of the Palmer Leadership Institute men October 3 at the Can Do Center at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon. Instructor Dr. Doug Earls shared with 54 participants principles of *How to have a Growing Church*.



The participants had attended the first session held in May of this year on *Renewing the Spiritual Leader* as a prerequisite for this class and are eligible for the following four sessions.

The materials for these sessions are prepared by Dr Earls, pastor of Calvary Chapel FWB Church of Buffalo, MO. The next session will be May 8, 2006 at the Lebanon location.



## Wood, Stone, and Jeeves

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by Phyllis Detherage

*Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. Habakkuk 2:19*

God has blessed us with so much knowledge! There are buildings full of books on every subject imaginable. There are educated people galore. In fact, most homes today have at least one computer, if not more; and some even have access to the World Wide Web. Unlimited knowledge abounds! You can "Ask Jeeves" anything and get an answer in just a few seconds. (That wonderful fellow just told me how to improve my rhododendrons and I couldn't even spell the word!) It's amazing!



Yet, in the midst of all of this knowledge and information we still struggle. There are diseases without cures, broken families, and depression. There are murders, child abductions, and theft. Why? Why do these things continue if we have the answers in such abundance and so readily available?

The prophet Habakkuk had the answer to that question a long time ago. We're looking to the wrong source. Instead of crying out to God, we're asking "Jeeves". We speak to the "wood" and the "stone", but come away empty and frustrated; "there is no breath of life" or wisdom to fill us. The wood and the stone as well as "Jeeves" are merely tools used by man to build the trappings of life and grow better rhododendrons; God never intended them to dictate life.

Next time we're faced with a problem, maybe we should skip "Jeeves" and look to James instead. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." James 1:5

*(Ask Jeeves, Inc. is a wholly-owned business of IAC/InterActiveCorp)*

*Phyllis Detherage is a Free Will Baptist freelance writer who lives with her family in Alabama,*



## September 2005 Financial Report

### Hurricane Relief

Hannon .....	\$1,120.00
Hopewell .....	\$305.25
Rock Chapel .....	\$100.00
Liberty .....	\$500.00
Republic .....	\$515.00
Calvary- Niangua .....	\$500.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$1,000.00
Union Light .....	\$1,000.00
One Accord .....	\$2,725.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$1,000.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$500.00
Grace .....	\$1,781.00
Stockton .....	\$500.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$11,546.25</b>

### Cooperative Disbursements

September 2005.....	\$63,933.16
18.50% St HM.....	\$11,827.64
17.00% Exec. Office.....	\$10,868.64
3.00% Gen. Fund.....	\$1,917.99
.50% ShowMe Bd. ....	\$319.67
8.50% Youth Camp .....	\$5,434.32
2.50% Youth Min. ....	\$1,598.33
2.50% CE .....	\$1,598.33
2.50% Senior Adult.....	\$1,598.33
9.00% Mo Retmt. ....	\$5,753.98
3.00% ShowMe Plan ..	\$1,917.99
33.00% .....	\$21,097.94
National Ministries	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$63,933.16</b>

### Coop Plan

Amity .....	\$126.85
Amity .....	\$117.00
Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$191.02
Bailey .....	\$326.00
Bailey Chapel .....	\$172.00
Beacon .....	\$2,960.25
Bethel- Bonne Terre .....	\$335.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs .....	\$253.05
Bethel- Marshfield .....	\$268.22
Betlton .....	\$358.54
Black Oak .....	\$480.07
Byrd .....	\$263.35
Cabool .....	\$259.21
Calvary Chapel .....	\$1,518.50
Carthage .....	\$340.00
Central .....	\$864.00
Christ Chapel .....	\$398.00
Clifton .....	\$31.15
Columbia .....	\$502.96
Copper Mines .....	\$531.06
Cornerstone .....	\$542.34
Crossroads- Wentzville .....	\$574.00
Cuba .....	\$396.00
Cuba .....	\$422.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$1,800.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$3,614.38
Fellowship .....	\$1,200.00
Fordland .....	\$485.00
Fourth .....	\$113.85
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$304.00
Freeman Chapel .....	\$458.20
Gospel Light .....	\$100.00
Grace .....	\$1,604.10
Grant .....	\$856.80
Grant Ave. ....	\$900.84
Greenfield .....	\$345.00
Hannibal .....	\$578.00
Hannon .....	\$732.00
Harmony .....	\$460.71
Hartville .....	\$1,155.00
Hartville .....	\$1,184.00
Harvest- Grandview .....	\$251.40
Hopewell .....	\$291.00
Hurryville .....	\$587.59
Jackson .....	\$136.32
Joplin 1st .....	\$438.09
Kings Way .....	\$223.17
Koshkonong .....	\$150.00
Lead Hill .....	\$343.49
Leadington .....	\$376.28
Lebanon 1st .....	\$1,522.60
Lebanon Greenhills .....	\$752.57
Marshfield .....	\$213.74
Merls Chapel .....	\$110.75
Mill Creek .....	\$627.51
Mine La Motte .....	\$113.07
Monett 1st .....	\$653.72
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$615.00
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	\$1,628.10
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	\$1,877.40
Myrtle .....	\$245.54
Myrtle .....	\$288.12
Neosho 1st .....	\$285.00
Nevada .....	\$300.00
New Hope- Fredericktown .....	\$237.00
New Life- Licking .....	\$324.93
Niangua .....	\$201.78
Number One .....	\$201.16
Oak Grove .....	\$319.96
Oak Hill .....	\$315.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$1,634.00
Overland .....	\$70.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$1,610.30
Palabras De Vida Eterna .....	\$200.00
Parkview .....	\$436.18
Pleasant Hill- Thayer .....	\$113.60
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$53.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$96.00
Potosi 1st .....	\$180.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$299.53
Rolla 1st .....	\$351.00
Royal Oak .....	\$34.50
Seymour .....	\$446.00
Smyrna .....	\$80.00
South Fremont .....	\$300.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$1,538.15
St. Francois Assoc. ....	\$97.50
Stockton .....	\$203.92
Thayer .....	\$1,170.00
Trinity .....	\$756.19
Twin Oak .....	\$1,915.00
Union .....	\$60.00
Union Grove .....	\$447.00
Union Light .....	\$166.00
Union Light .....	\$184.00
United .....	\$1,753.72
Unity .....	\$410.00
Verdella .....	\$1,696.62
Verdella .....	\$629.92
Viburnum .....	\$365.00
Viburnum .....	\$414.26
Victory- Alton .....	\$672.21
Waynesville 1st .....	\$387.62
West Plains 1st .....	\$643.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$684.00
Willow Springs .....	\$451.80
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$109.00
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$121.00
Willow Springs- MG .....	\$340.01
Wolf Creek .....	\$1,060.39
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$63,933.16</b>

### Show-Me Plan

Angela Brown .....	\$15.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs .....	\$253.06
Bethel- Festus .....	\$45.00
Betlton .....	\$165.00
Black Oak .....	\$60.00
Cabool 1st .....	\$120.00
Calvary Chapel .....	\$105.00
Central .....	\$55.00
Columbia .....	\$25.00
Copper Mines .....	\$30.00
Copper Mines .....	\$195.00
Cornerstone .....	\$343.00
Cuba .....	\$78.60
Cuba .....	\$99.60
DeSoto 1st .....	\$717.50
Eastern Gate .....	\$15.00
Faith & Hope- WS .....	\$45.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$720.00
Fellowship .....	\$683.66
Fordland .....	\$250.00
Fourth .....	\$60.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$90.00
Freeman Chapel .....	\$720.00
Gospel Light .....	\$1,000.00
Grace .....	\$381.00
Grant Ave. ....	\$265.00
Grant Avenue .....	\$280.00
Greenfield .....	\$200.00
Greenfield .....	\$200.00
Hannibal .....	\$15.00
Hannon .....	\$792.00
Harmony .....	\$49.68
Hartville .....	\$240.00
Hartville .....	\$240.00
Harvest- Grandview .....	\$25.00
Hollis Walker .....	\$10.00
Hurryville .....	\$532.00
Jackson .....	\$20.00
James Barker .....	\$15.00
James Barker .....	\$15.00
Jerry Pinkerton .....	\$45.00
Jones Chapel .....	\$210.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$75.00
Leadington .....	\$180.00
Leadington .....	\$180.00
Lebanon 1st .....	\$150.00
Lebanon Greenhills .....	\$45.00
Macedonia-Purdy .....	\$1,000.00
Mill Creek .....	\$140.00
Mill Creek CWF .....	\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult .....	\$15.00
Mine La Motte .....	\$75.00
MO WAC .....	\$560.00
MO Youth Camp .....	\$2,361.12
Mona Chrisman .....	\$30.00
Monett 1st .....	\$30.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$75.00

Mt. Zion .....	\$30.00
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	\$415.00
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	\$520.00
Myrtle .....	\$75.00
Myrtle .....	\$75.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$285.00
New Home- Hartville .....	\$210.00
New Hope- Fredericktown .....	\$150.00
New Life- Licking .....	\$121.00
New Life- Monett .....	\$200.00
Number One .....	\$60.00
Oak Grove- Houston .....	\$30.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$196.32
One Accord .....	\$404.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna .....	\$30.00
Parkview .....	\$242.25
Pleasant Hill- Thayer .....	\$45.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$50.00
Purdy 1st .....	1,035.00
Porter Chapel .....	\$463.23
Richwoods 1st .....	\$52.50
Roberta Berry .....	\$15.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$210.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$30.00
Royal Oak .....	\$120.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$500.00
Stockton .....	\$59.70
Thayer .....	\$480.00
Trinity .....	\$369.67
Union Light .....	\$150.00
Union Light .....	\$150.00
United .....	\$300.00
Unity .....	\$75.00
Verdella .....	\$724.92
Verdella .....	\$2,066.62
Viburnum .....	\$75.00
Viburnum .....	\$75.00
Victory- Alton .....	\$45.00
Walnut Grove .....	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$453.95
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove .....	\$60.00
CO-OP .....	\$1,917.99
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$26,953.37</b>

#### State Home Missions

Bethel- Festus .....	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st .....	\$100.00
Fellowship .....	\$100.00
Fordland .....	\$10.00
Gospel Light .....	\$160.00
Grace .....	\$67.00
Grant .....	\$42.84
Grant Ave. ....	\$45.04
Harmony .....	\$178.02
Harvest- Grandview .....	\$100.00
Book Store .....	\$540.00
Macedonia- Purdy .....	\$100.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$30.00
Myrtle .....	\$85.00
Myrtle .....	\$85.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$50.00
New Testament .....	\$40.00
Niangua .....	\$60.50
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$169.31
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna .....	\$200.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$20.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$291.50

Thayer .....	\$50.00
Trinity .....	\$37.81
Union .....	\$45.00
United .....	\$25.00
Unity .....	\$70.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,777.02</b>

#### International Missions

Alta Matthews .....	\$15.00
Betlton .....	\$50.00
Copper Mines .....	\$100.00
Cuba .....	\$13.10
Cuba .....	\$16.60
DeSoto 1st .....	\$490.00
Dorothy Noel .....	\$15.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$10.00
Fordland .....	\$402.72
Grant Ave .....	\$15.74
Grant Ave. ....	\$16.05
Hannon .....	\$50.00
Hartville .....	\$35.00
Hartville .....	\$35.00
Margie Elders .....	\$10.00
MO Youth Camp .....	\$728.16
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	\$245.00
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	\$50.00
New Testament .....	\$55.00
Patricia Chandler .....	\$5.00
Paul Ruble .....	\$25.00
Robert Long .....	\$10.00
Rock Chapel .....	\$8.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$291.50
Ronald Halbrook .....	\$25.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$100.56
Thayer .....	\$10.00
United .....	\$356.35
Verdella .....	\$5,508.98
Verdella .....	\$5,188.97
Walter Hand .....	\$40.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$100.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$532.00
Willow Springs- MG .....	\$33.82
Willow Springs- MG .....	\$40.11
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$14,627.66</b>

#### National Home Missions

Beacon .....	\$45.00
Betlton .....	\$25.00
Carthage .....	\$5.00
Central .....	\$80.00
Copper Mines .....	\$55.00
Cuba .....	\$39.30
Cuba .....	\$49.80
DeSoto 1st .....	\$280.00
Farmington 1st .....	\$880.50
Fordland .....	\$20.00
Fourth .....	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$30.00
Gospel Light .....	\$160.00
Grace .....	\$600.00
Grant .....	\$52.84
Grant Ave. ....	\$55.04
Jackson .....	\$45.00
Jerry Rader .....	\$20.00
MO Youth Camp .....	\$190.00

Mt. Pisgah .....	\$30.00
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	\$30.00
Neosho 1st .....	\$100.00
Mtn. Grove 1st .....	\$30.00
New Life- Monett .....	\$50.00
New Testament .....	\$75.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$169.31
Richwoods 1st .....	\$48.75
Rock Chapel .....	\$73.10
South Fremont .....	\$110.00
Thayer .....	\$150.00
Trinity .....	\$37.81
Union Light .....	\$96.00
Union Light .....	\$96.00
United .....	\$150.00
Unity .....	\$90.00
Verdella .....	\$20.00
Verdella .....	\$10.00
Waynesville 1st .....	\$65.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$30.00
Willow Springs .....	\$43.81
Willow Springs- MG .....	\$40.10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,227.36</b>

#### Berea Ministries

Hartville .....	\$300.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>

#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

Hartville .....	\$50.00
Myrtle .....	\$29.00
Union Light .....	\$20.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$55.00
Belton .....	\$20.00
New Life-Monett .....	\$183.50
Unity .....	\$20.00
Union Light .....	\$20.00
Grace .....	\$30.00
Hartville .....	\$50.00
Myrtle .....	\$2.00
New Hope- Fredericktown .....	\$50.00
Willow Springs .....	\$20.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$549.50</b>

#### Free Will Baptist Bible Collge

Thayer .....	\$50.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$40.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$86.25
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$165.00
Beacon .....	\$125.00
Verdella .....	\$147.62
Verdella .....	\$191.70
Verdella .....	\$125.98
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$165.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,096.55</b>

#### Hillsdale

Monett 1st .....	\$100.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$86.25
Farmington 1st .....	\$175.00
Joplin 1st .....	\$50.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$170.00
Beacon .....	\$125.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$170.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$926.25</b>

#### Christian Education Board

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

#### Indian Bible College

Desoto 1st .....	\$10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>

#### Missouri Retirement

Bookstore .....	\$200.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$200.00</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 .....	\$1,163.27
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,163.27</b>

#### Victor Torrez

United Youth Group .....	\$400.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>

#### Youth Camp

Hartville .....	\$10.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$15.00
Niangua .....	\$20.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$20.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
Willow Springs- M G .....	\$10.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$65.00
Cornerstone .....	\$25.00
Book Store .....	\$540.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$10.00
New Life-Monett .....	\$183.50
Union .....	\$30.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Verdella .....	\$10.00
Verdella .....	\$20.00
Trinity .....	\$9.00
Verdella .....	\$10.00
Springfield 1st .....	\$109.48
Hartville .....	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$10.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$25.00
Willow Springs .....	\$10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,201.98</b>

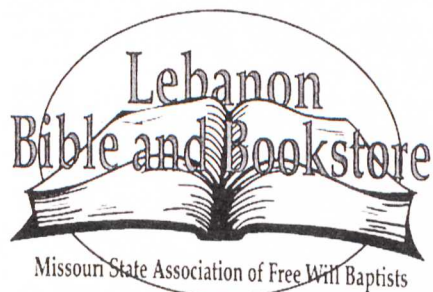
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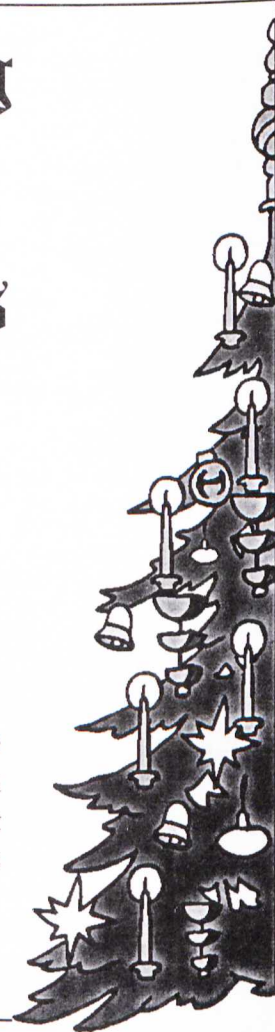
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