



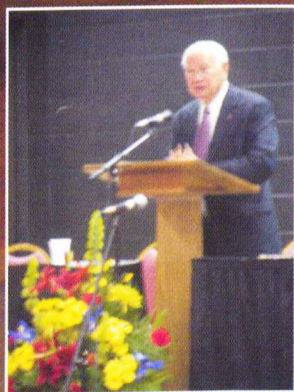
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# From the Editor

## State Meeting 2007

**T**he Clarion Hotel in Springfield was the location for the 2007 annual State Associational meeting of the Missouri Free Will Baptists. Almost 500 folks registered for the three day event beginning on Monday with the Missouri Women Active for Christ. They heard their officers tell of the success of their efforts this year and plans for the coming year. They were led in worship by Jodi Simpson and heard from Paul Parks, Debbie Webster and Rev. Frank Webster. The annual retreat is coming up September 14-15 at the Clarion Hotel and will feature Marjorie Workman and Sandy Atwood. Their project for the retreat is to help with the library at the Seminary of the Cross in Renyosa, Mexico.



Monday also saw the meeting of the Executive Committee and the General Board of the state. In business recommended by the General Board and passed by the body was an increase in subscription price for the Gem Magazine from \$4.00/\$4.50 to \$6.00/\$6.50. The increase will not take effect until the next billing cycle.



Monday evening was the opening service of the general session of the conference. The service was led by moderator Jim Williams with Greg Smith enthusing us with great congregational

singing. Our hearts thrilled to head the Jones Brothers Quartet provide the special music, setting the stage for Rev. Glenn Rehkop, pastor of Grace Church in Arnold. He began to develop the conference theme of "By Faith..." with a masterful exposition of the character Enoch and his walk of faith.

Tuesday morning was under the direction of the Christian Education Board. They chose H. B. London as

their seminar speaker, much to the delight of the congregation. Dr. London spoke directly to the heart of pastors and encouraged his listeners with his humor and practical passion.

Tuesday afternoon was the opening business session with reports being given from all our boards and committees, as well as reports from our national agencies. All our state groups had a very successful year in 2006 and were enthused to report great plans for the coming year. The Executive office reported a total of \$747,800.37 in Coop receipts for the year and \$341,000.16 in Show-Me income with a total of \$1,403,413.50 for all giving categories. Missouri continues to lead the nation in Coop giving.



A major change in the schedule of next years state meeting was announced as well. The Youth Competition will begin on Sunday evening and continue on

Monday. The MOWAC will have their meeting on Tuesday along with our Executive Committee and General Board and our business session will take place on Wednesday.



The Bookstore reported record sales for the year. It was noted that \$24,000.00 from the bookstore profits were given back to the Missouri Cooperative Plan.

The Missouri Mission Board gave a good report on all our mission works and plans for our new Show-Me plan are moving forward under the direction of Rev. Frank Webster. We currently have works in Jackson (soon to be self-supporting), Columbia (possibly self supporting by the end of 2007), Troy (they have just purchased 5 acres of land), Raymore (their new building is just about finished), and our Spanish work in Monett (they are averaging 30 in attendance.)

The Youth Camp reported delays on the construction of the new dormitory at the camp, but preparations are well under way for this year's camping season. They also directed us to their new website ([www.campnangua.com](http://www.campnangua.com)) for registration forms, brochures and photos

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# Missouri Show-Me Missions

## A Dollar for Missions

Wednesday evening after the sermon and festivities of our latest State Meeting a young man came up to me with his dad. He had a folded one dollar bill in his hand that looked like he had been grasping it for some time. Being only 3, the shortest one in the crowd and not knowing me at all, he was a bit shy about his planned request but dad helped him out. "Dagen would like to give his money for missions. Would you make sure this goes into the Missouri Missions account Bro. Frank?" Looking down at the adorable young man who was obviously in unfamiliar surroundings I replied, "I absolutely will."

With a little more investigation I found that in the hustle of getting around for the worship service Mom and Dad forgot to bring cash with them for the offering. As you and I know all too well, families staying in hotel rooms coupled with a busy schedule can cause those kinds of things to happen. So, when the offering plate was passed around and they had no offering to give to missions. That was just not acceptable to Dagen.

He, (I'm sure politely), insisted that someone go back to the room and bring back an offering for missions! Mom hurried but didn't get back in time to place it in the offering bucket.

Dagen had been assured that his mother would be back in time with the offering, thus the trip to the front of the room to the new Missions Director to personally give his offering to missions.

I write this to let Dagen Williford know that his dollar is doing more than he may know. That dollar helps us have 5 Free Will Baptist pastors in 5 communities in our state that don't have the privilege that he enjoys. One of those state projects is reaching a very transient Hispanic culture that lives in our Monett and Purdy area. Many of these dear people are learning that it is a relationship through the Son, Jesus, not through the blessed Mary that gets them to a right relationship with The Father. Then, because of their situation, they move on to other areas knowing and sharing that truth.

That dollar, which is deposited and added with the others, is also allowing for someone to travel our state and share with all of our Free Will Baptist brethren the mission needs of our National projects in which our Missouri Free Will Baptist's are working. It also allows him to explain how the Show-Me Plan helps fund our International Missionaries from our Show-Me state.

So, "Thank you," Dagen. And may I say, "Thank you" to all of you who give your dollar(s) to Missouri Missions; may God bless them into a harvest of precious souls for His Glory.

Frank Webster, Missions Director





# Toujou Meeting Place Secured

Praise the Lord! After two years of searching in our target area, our Toujou Ministry Team has contracted to rent a meeting place as of June 1, 2007. The owner has been very accommodating, and will allow us to conduct worship services, teach various classes, as well as hold various evangelistic outreach meetings. This 1300 sq. ft. facility, located on the second floor, is within 10 minutes of our nearest train station.

Since many people travel only by train, this is a real opportunity, and is very important to the success of the ministry. The pictures show the building, along with the area surrounding the train station. Also pictured are several of the "danchi" (apartment buildings) within a few minutes of our meeting place.

We are currently in negotiations for nearby parking. Pray that God will continue to supply the necessary finances. Please pray also for our Toujou Ministry Team (the Nomura and Bailey families) as we seek innovative ways to begin ministry in this new area.

-the Baileys



New second-floor meeting place



Nearby train station



Area apartments





# Pharmacist's Questions

Out of the blue, this morning our pharmacist María said, "Susana, may I ask you a question? I know it is a bit forward of me to ask such a question, but we have been "tuteando" (using the informal verb forms to address one another) for a while now, and so I'll take a risk and ask you this question. You always seem happy. What do you do here in Spain?" With that question, María opened the door for me to tell her specifically why we are in Spain, which I did without hesitation. To my surprise, María began to tell me that she believes in God, that her background is in the Roman Catholic Church, but that she has not been satisfied for a long time. María shared, "There are things in the Roman Catholic Church that do not make sense to me, such as confessing your sins to a man." When she and her husband were on their honeymoon, they attended a "Protestant mass", and she thought it was great!

She asked about our children, with sincere interest, and I told her that our son and his wife do the same work as we do here in Spain, and that our daughter and her husband are a nurse and doctor in New York, and that they also serve the Lord where they are. She thought that was great, and admitted that she didn't really know too many people whose family all believe in God, and even more, who attempt to live their lives



for Him. At that moment Jeff entered the pharmacy with our grandson, and María immediately went to talk to Andrés. Before we left, María said, "I would really like to know more about your beliefs! Let's talk again."

The Apostle Paul spoke of making the most of every opportunity, which is a truth in Scripture that the Lord seems to have made a guiding principle for me in Spain:

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. ( Col. 4:2-6)

Opportunities such as this one tend to arise in casual, day to day relationships that we develop over time. Building relationships take time and some effort, but the opportunities they create are worth it all.

Please pray for María, as well as for the other "Marías" with whom we relate here in Spain on a regular basis. None of us ever knows when a casual opportunity such as this may present itself.

Here for HIS glory,  
Susan and Jeff Turnbough

Dear Friends,

Our mission account is in the red. It has been slipping into the red more and more each month during 2007. At this moment our deficit number is at -\$7,877. The fact that you are reading this update probably means that you are one of our faithful supporters. First of all, THANK YOU for your faithfulness to support our ministry in Spain! Second, would you stop right now for a moment and ask the Lord to provide for the financial needs of our ministry in Spain? Third, if you, or someone you know can begin to contribute more to our account, would you consider that, or ask them to please do so? Of course we are in Spain, and therefore we really need help from supporters in the USA to stop this downward trend.

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of past sessions.

Our Christian Education Board shared their many successes for the year, including the ongoing Palmer Leadership Institute and the continued awarding of scholarships. They are also responsible for providing the speaker for the minister's retreat.



Our Senior Adult Ministries Board shared of their very successful retreat in 2006 featuring Rev. Fred Warner and Dr. Alton Loveless.

The Youth Ministries Board reported on the 2006 Youth Competitive Activities at West Plains with 156 entries. Their success this year also included the annual Youth Retreat at Windemere. Over 480 students from 40 churches in Missouri and Arkansas heard Rev. Alan Pointer from Russellville, AR develop the theme "First Things First". Music was by Bebo Norman, Aaron Schust and Brandon Heath. We were fortunate to be the last stop on their 2006 "Dreaming True Tour."

Rev. Randy Raines directed the Tuesday evening service and Ray Bradley, worship leader at First in Mtn. Grove lead the congregation in worship. Mtn. Grove's "Faithful Trio" and "Rejoice" from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville provided an inspiring



musical introduction to Rev. Dale Cochran's treatment of Abraham from Hebrews 11. He reminded us that trials are a necessary part of growing in faith.



Our Wednesday morning business session was opening with flavorful spiritual food

presented by our assistant clerk, Kenny Panduku, continuing with the theme of "Faith."

Most of the business having been conducted on Tuesday, the morning session was taken up by discussing a proposed amendment to our Constitution and By-Laws. Recommended by the General Board from a report created by the Executive Committee, the body discussed the merits of proposed by law #66.

*It states: We believe that Paul's statements in 1 Timothy 3:2,12 and Titus 1:6, namely "the husband of one wife..." be looked upon as making ineligible as pastors or deacons, anyone who has been divorced and re-married or who marries a divorced woman, regardless of the cause of the divorce or the guilt or innocence of either partner.*

*We believe that said persons, whose marital status disqualifies them to be pastors or deacons, not be discouraged in their Christian lives or Christian service, but that they be encouraged to live faithfully for Christ and serve Him in the ministry of the local church; and that such be reminded that pastors and deacons are the only church officers for whom the "husband of one wife" prohibition is given. While certainly it is the ideal for all believers, it is biblically insisted upon as a requirement for deacons and pastors.*

*While not insisting that this bylaw be made retroactive, we do establish this standard be upheld for all new candidates for pastors and deacons.*

After a thoughtful and reasoned time of discussion, the body voted to approve the recommended by-law.

Our morning worship on Wednesday featured Parkview pastor Rev. Eddie Vincent leading us in congregational singing and the Hillsdale Trio (minus



one) providing great special music. They set the stage for Dr. Timothy Eaton, president of Hillsdale College to continue our theme with his development of the life of Joseph.

After an afternoon break, we reconvened for the evening service to discover a full house both inside and out. The youth met on the parking lot in a tent for their service that featured the praise band from Calvary Chapel Church in Buffalo and a tremendous sermon by Rev. Jeff Myers, Youth Pastor of First Church in Lebanon.

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# MOWAC Retreat Announced....

Mid-September, the 14th and 15th, is the date for the 2007 Missouri WAC Retreat. The meeting place will be the Clarion Hotel in Springfield. The speakers are two of our choice Free Will Baptist women, Majorie Workman and Sandy Atwood, from Nashville, Tennessee. Sandy and her husband Richard, who were church planters in Delaware for over 20 years, joined the Home Mission Department in 2000 to help train and supervise new church planters. Marjorie has been active in leading Women Active for Christ for many years. She serves as Executive Secretary-Treasurer for Women Nationally Active for Christ. Arrangements for the retreat this year will require two steps and should result in very satisfactory accommodations.

The first step is to complete the Registration Form found in the GEM. The \$40.00 per person registration fee includes the cost of the Friday evening meal and all retreat activities. Checks should be made payable to Missouri Women Active for Christ and should be sent between June 18 and August 10. After August 10, an additional \$10.00 fee will be required. The Registration Form and fee should be sent to:

Judith Ruble  
610 Hunters Creek Drive  
Lebanon, MO 65536

The second step is to contact the Clarion at 1-417-883-6550 to make room arrangements. At that time, you should inform the hotel that you are with the Missouri Women Active for Christ in order to get the special room rate. The room rate will be \$80.54, which includes taxes and Saturday's breakfast. The maximum number of people per room is four. The following is a breakdown of the cost of rooms based on the number of people to occupy the room:

4 People \$20.15 each	2 People \$40.27 each
3 People \$26.85 each	1 Person \$80.54

The Retreat theme is "Prepare the Fields" taken from the Scripture, "... Break up the fallow ground..." Hosea 10:12. The Retreat project is to raise money to improve the library of the Bible Institute in Mexico. Sister Ruth Bivens shared with us that there are almost no books available to the students there. In order to make this project fun, it was decided that each group of ladies attending should decorate a box or boxes to resemble books and place the amount raised by their WAC group inside the "books". We will try to fill an entire bookshelf! Please pray for the success of this year's WAC Retreat.

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Inside the convention center, the older folks met and followed the direction of Rev. Steve Reeves of Rejoice Church in Columbia. Bob Moore, worship leader at First Church in Lebanon lead the congregation in musical worship followed by special music by Francis Simpson and Rev. Dale Silkes. Dale was assisted by Johnna Watkins and John Jones.

Bro. Dale was held on stage after his rendition of "Let the Lower Lights be Burning" by the incoming chairman of the Missouri Mission Board, Rev. Gary Michener. He presented Dale and his wife Elaine with a plaque, a check for \$5000.00 and roses. Bro. Dale is retiring from the Missouri Mission Board after over 40 years of serv-



ice. He has served as a board member, treasurer and as the part time Director of our Missions effort for the past 5 years. Bro. Dale is definitely leaving his imprint on the way we do missions in Missouri.

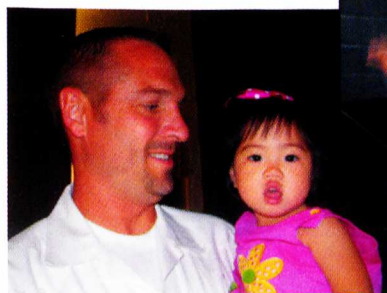
Incoming full-time Missions Director Rev. Frank Webster then completed the development of our theme from He-

brews 11 with his account of the faith of Moses.

Our thanks to all who made this year's meeting such a success ..... John and Rhonda Jones for sound, Andy Raines and Travis Watkins for operating our A/V system, Greg Smith for arranging our total music program, our instrumentalists who played for every service, Rev. Keith Garrison and the Greater Springfield Association for planning and managing our registration and ushering, outgoing Moderator Jim Williams for conducting smooth business sessions and incoming Moderator Rick Dement for rapid and efficient organization of the General Board for the coming year.



Thanks to all who attended and made this one for the history books. See you next year, June 2-4 at the Clarion Hotel in Springfield.





# Brother Roger

By J. Mark Vandivort

My earlier memories of the Rev. Roger Reeds are associated with St. Louis, Missouri Free Will Baptist, and early efforts to provide Sunday School literature written and printed by people who were associated with the National Association of Free Will Baptist. Bro. Roger was a courageous pioneer in the Sunday School literature business. It seemed that he and his associates often operated on a "thin sheet" of faith and dogged determination.



Later, Roger and his beginning staff crowded into the house on Nashville's Richland Avenue that, at that time, housed the headquarters of the National Association of FWB. A small garage stood behind the Richland Avenue (house) headquarters and its door was usually up, when the weather permitted. From the sidewalk one could smell printers ink and see a small offset printing machine spitting out Sunday School lessons written and printed by Free Will Baptist. If you shook hands with Roger Reeds during those days you might have noticed some ink smudges and paper cuts on his skin.

June. That month seemed to be the meeting time for several FWB state associations. Numerous times, I car-pooled with Roger as we visited one of those meetings. As we drove along in his small Rambler compact he commonly spoke lovingly of his wife, Myrtle, and their children. I won't forget some of the valuable life-lessons that he shared with this younger Christian brother.

Dr. Roger Reeds had a zest for learning and he felt God's call on his life to teach. His sermons were fully packed with solid Biblical content and clear life application. One of the "highlights", that I remember, was him speaking to the Missouri State Association of FWB on the subject of "sanctification".

Thank you Bro. Roger for your life of unselfish service to your family, friends, and your church.

*Our sympathies to the Reed family at Bro. Roger's passing, but our congratulations to Bro Roger for achieving his greatest accomplishment. One for which he labored hardest, his eternal home with Christ in Heaven.*

-ED

# Bivens Update

Dear Friends,

My heart longs to write you a long, informative letter and, as usual, I am on the run. I left the Bible Institute back on May 25th with Candace Blanchard, our Georgia student, and Carla, one of John's older girls who has been staying with us for about three weeks. We took off for Coahuila to spend the next week with Curt and Becky Gwartney, Phil and Diana Stokes and their youth group from Locust Grove OK. They came to work at the orphanage in Morelos and, work they did.

We always look forward to their coming because Curt always brings a group that is well prepared to work and flexible. They spent Monday through Thursday noon working hard, putting down tile, painting, fixing screen doors, mowing, I'm not sure what all.

Becky prepared the meals for them and that freed John to get some of his own chores done. Thursday afternoon we took off to see the market in Piedras Negras and visit an orphanage for disabled children and adults. It was a good week and I believe hearts were moved by the work and the contact with the children at Morelos and in Piedras Negras.

Meanwhile, back at IBLAC, Bud taught classes and worked each afternoon with the students in the hot sun. They continue to work on the property, chopping, cutting grass, clearing, and repairing the fence.

Bud and I met here at the house in Pharr on Friday night, the 1st. We have had a whole day "off" which seemed to be consumed with computer problems and upkeep here. We did manage to get some quality time in with the grand-daughter. Today we have taken a deep breath and shifted gears to get ready for a marathon that should end about the 1st of August.

This afternoon we will head north for the annual Texas State meeting. We will both be speaking for the WAC, then it is back in a rush to head to Altamira and get ready for our E-TEAM that arrives on the 12th. In the middle of it all we rely on the Lord and you.

We all appreciate your continued, specific prayer for all of us. What you do keeps us here!

God bless you. Ruth



# United Honors the Murrays

The United Free Will Baptist Church, West Plains, MO. honored Rev. & Mrs Glenn Murray, on Sunday May 27, for twenty-six years of faithful service as pastor of the United Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Murray had submitted his resignation, effective Sunday May 27, 2007.

The pastoral staff, the deacons represented by the chairman, Bro. Dennis Adkisson, and others expressed appreciation for twenty-six years of dedicated and committed service to the Lord. Several gifts and mementos were given and a check for over \$3000.00. It was recommended in a Board meeting that Brother & Sister Murray be given a gift of at least, one hundred dollars for each year they had served the church.

Prior to the Special Service one of the pastoral staff talked with Bro. Glenn regarding his ministry with the church. He said the church membership was about 60 when he accepted the church and presently it is over 500. But he quickly stated that the reason for this was, "the people had a mind to work". This was evident as the church successfully completed two building programs, during his ministry. The last building program indebtedness was close to a million dollars, and presently it is under \$200,000. When the people believed in a project they supported it! He said, "I could go on and on but the congregation and the buildings reflect the willingness of the people to work for the Lord."

When asked about his plans for the future, Brother Murray,



stated, "I plan to keep on preaching as long as the Lord gives my wife and I the health to do it. I see the Lord is using others, in my age category, to do this, and I believe he can use me."

The United Free Will Baptist Church is grateful for the labor of love and work of faith that Brother and Sister Murray have given to the Lord. The Church family is praying the Lord will continue to bless them.

-Submitted by Rev. Clarence Burton

## Bodenschutz Benefit



There will be a gospel benefit singing to benefit the Bodenschutz family on Saturday, July 7 at the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church. The singing will begin at 6:00 pm.

Judi was recently diagnosed with cancer and her church loves their pastoral family enough to provide this effort to help with medical expenses. Not only will you enjoy an old fashioned Gospel Singing, you will have the opportunity to help this wonderful family.

If you are unable to attend, you may send a donation to Vernon and Lee Ann Wilfong at 401 Rock Street, Park Hills, MO 63601.

Please pray for Judi, her husband Craig and their three children in this trying time.



## News From Troy

Wonders never cease at your mission church in Troy. God has brought us through our first year and has set before us our tasks for another year. We humbly stand before you to report that the prayers of our many righteous prayer warriors are availing much at Stonebridge Free Will Baptist Church.

We have weathered a few storms in the lives of our members and have waited in stillness for God's timing and direction of the church in the last several months. Well, true to God's nature, He has ushered us into a new season as we have witnessed definite answers to specific prayers.

To name a few of the biggies, the Holy Spirit has been at work by securing property, sending a loan payment book (feel free to call if you'd like to have one of those pages out of it), hiring our music minister, Jordan Rhea, on a full-time basis to help further the work at Stonebridge, selling Pastor Terry and Sister Michelle Burke's home in Hannibal, and showing them a home in Troy on which they have joyfully put a contract. They close on both homes on the same day! Can you believe it? Simply put: God is always on time.

Saving the best news for last, a man whom has been faithful in his attendance since the beginning of Stonebridge, even through a broken hip and all the surgery and recovery, surrendered his life to the Lord. I can tell you joy spread like wildfire through our members. We are revived because Chad is witness and evidence that God wants nothing more than He wants our hearts and His love is real. Our little family at Stonebridge grows!

Now we look for the weather to settle and warm a creek so our new believers can follow in baptism. We want to make it a celebration and offer God thanks for His goodness.

Please continue in your prayers for your brothers and sisters in Christ at Stonebridge. We ask that you pray for healing and health for those suffering affliction, the Burke's move from Hannibal to Troy, the funding of the property, the Lord's timing and provision for the construction of the church building, those in the community who are lost and seeking, and for how you can be a part of this season of growth at your state home mission church in Troy.

Never hesitate to call. Brother Terry is looking forward to your call on his cell phone at (573)822-4955.

-Kris Nettles



August 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th 2007  
Cowan Civic Center – Lebanon, Missouri

**WEDNESDAY (7:00 PM)** – Gold City • Primitive Quartet • Isaacs • Karen Peck & New River • Brian Free & Assurance • Geraldine & Ricky

**THURSDAY (7:00 PM)** – Booth Brothers • Greater Vision • Jeff & Sheri Easter • Whisnants • Kingsmen • Tim Lovelace

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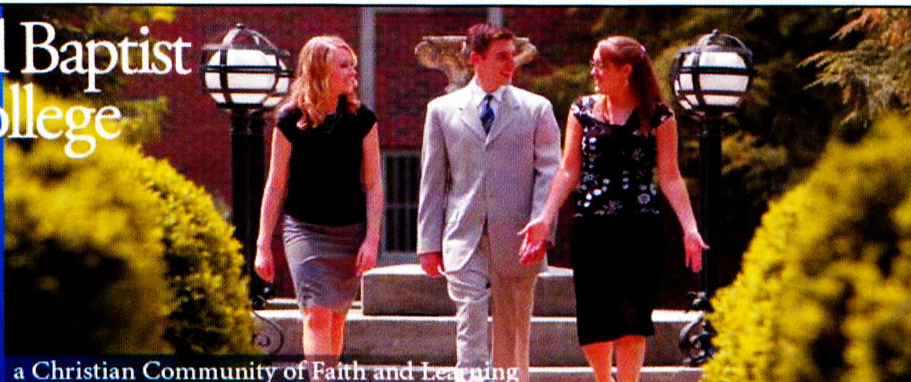
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## FWBBC Golf Tournaments Raise \$50,000

NASHVILLE, TN—Three golf tournaments in three states in a 10-day period raised more than \$50,000 for Free Will Baptist Bible College, according to David Williford, vice president for institutional advancement. The golf tournaments were played in Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

"This was a first for us," Williford said about the sponsored tournament play. "But thanks to the good turnout and the positive results, we're planning more tournaments during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. If you missed this round of play, you can join us later this fall or next spring."

Twenty-eight golfers participated in Missouri's tournament on May 14 in Lebanon. Raytown pastor and FWBBC Board of Trustees' member Ken Simpson led the group down the fairway.

Seven days later, Greenville pastor Ed Cook headed up the North Carolina tournament as 11 men hit the links in Ayden. Twenty Tennessee golfers joined David Williford on the Hermitage Golf Course near Nashville on May 24.

Each player was responsible for contacting individuals and corporate sponsors to underwrite the fundraising effort. Along with three other local businesses, FWBBC's primary financial institution, Pinnacle National Bank, sponsored a hole in the Tennessee tournament. Pinnacle is the largest Nashville-based bank in the Greater Nashville area and does business as Pinnacle Financial Partners.

Mr. Williford said, "We spent some quality time with about 60 men in three states. We laughed and enjoyed wonderful fellowship, played a lot of golf, and had more fun than you can imagine while raising money for the college."

Not all the participants walked the greenways. Wayne Spruill, FWBBC's director of institutional research, brought his putter and joined the Tennessee golfers in his motorized wheel chair. He sank his first two shots—the first gave his team a birdie, the second a par



Thanks to our Missouri Golfers for raising over \$27,000.00 for the College. We are planning to do it again next year!



Winning Missouri team, Harwell, Hays and Hays



# Financial Report

## Coop Disbursements

May 2007 ..... **\$69,047.16**

19.00% St HM ..... \$13,118.96  
17.00% Exec. Office..... \$11,738.02  
3.00% Gen. Fund..... \$2,071.40  
8.50% Youth Camp..... \$5,569.02  
2.50% Youth Min..... \$1,726.18  
2.50% CE ..... \$1,726.18  
2.50% Senior Adult..... \$1,726.18  
9.00% Mo Retmt..... \$6,214.24  
3.00% ShowMe Plan ... \$2,071.42

33.00% ..... \$22,785.56  
National Ministries

**Total ..... \$69,047.16**

## Coop Giving

Amity ..... \$81.75  
Aulsbury Chapel ..... \$327.90  
Bailey ..... \$242.00  
Bailey Chapel..... \$153.00  
Beacon..... \$2,050.00  
Belton ..... \$360.32  
Bethel- El Dorado Springs..... \$332.31  
Bethel- Marshfield ..... \$680.85  
Black Oak..... \$804.53  
Byrd..... \$430.64  
Cabool..... \$621.82  
Calvary Chapel..... \$826.02  
Calvary Fellowship ..... \$3,000.00  
Cape Girardeau..... \$712.19  
Central..... \$1,281.45  
Christ Chapel ..... \$573.00  
Clifton ..... \$42.27  
Copper Mines..... \$743.59  
Cornerstone..... \$868.34  
Crossroads-Wentzville ..... \$1,099.00  
Cuba ..... \$634.00  
Desoto 1st..... \$2,100.00  
Faith And Hope- Aurora..... \$127.38  
Fellowship-Park Hills ..... \$2,700.00  
Fordland ..... \$626.00  
Fourth ..... \$221.91  
Fredericktown 1st..... \$445.00  
Freeman Chapel ..... \$554.30  
Gospel Light..... \$100.00  
Grace ..... \$2,455.71  
Grant Avenue..... \$1,235.98  
Hannibal..... \$761.00  
Hannon ..... \$650.00  
Harmony ..... \$560.70  
Hartville ..... \$1,405.00  
Harvest- Raymore ..... \$562.55  
Hopewell..... \$611.00  
Hurryville..... \$827.72  
Jackson ..... \$242.38  
Joplin 1st..... \$343.18  
Kings Way..... \$499.92  
Koshkonong ..... \$539.00  
Lead Hill ..... \$301.18  
Leadington ..... \$631.00

Lebanon Greenhills..... \$515.14  
Macedonia- Niangua ..... \$190.81  
Marshfield ..... \$214.09  
Merls Chapel ..... \$521.04  
Mill Creek ..... \$901.88  
Mine LaMotte ..... \$78.75  
Monett 1st ..... \$1,094.12  
Mountain Grove 1st ..... \$1,828.53  
Mt. Pisgah ..... \$612.00  
Myrtle..... \$443.94  
Nevada ..... \$297.00  
New Harmony ..... \$561.10  
New Hope ..... \$351.00  
New Life- Licking..... \$466.77  
Niangua ..... \$230.55  
Number One..... \$224.58  
Oak Grove- Mountain Grove.. \$279.45  
Oak Hill..... \$541.00  
O'Fallon 1st ..... \$2,514.78  
Olivet..... \$352.00  
Ozark 1st ..... \$2,681.54  
Parkview ..... \$409.00  
Pleasant Hill ..... \$137.46  
Pleasant Home ..... \$218.65  
Pleasant Ridge..... \$66.20  
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana..... \$164.00  
Potosi 1st..... \$163.93  
Rejoice ..... \$706.42  
Republic ..... \$696.13  
Rock Chapel..... \$431.66  
Rolla 1st ..... \$475.00  
Salem..... \$30.00  
Seymour ..... \$831.00  
Smyrna ..... \$95.00  
South Fremont..... \$1,000.00  
Springfield 1st ..... \$2,203.43  
Stonebridge ..... \$235.40  
Thayer ..... \$1,770.00  
Trinity..... \$1,113.93  
Union Grove..... \$1,084.00  
Union Light..... \$203.00  
United..... \$2,044.92  
United- Willow Springs 1st.... \$126.00  
Unity ..... \$420.00  
Verdella ..... \$778.63  
Viburnum ..... \$491.00  
Victory- Alton ..... \$740.53  
Waynesville 1st ..... \$1,110.51  
West Plains 1st ..... \$889.00  
Willow Springs ..... \$563.64  
Wolf Creek ..... \$582.76  
**Total..... \$69,047.16**

## Show-Me Giving

Barker, James ..... \$15.00  
Berry, Roberta ..... \$15.00  
Brown, Angela ..... \$15.00  
Mill Creek CWF ..... \$15.00  
Mill Creek- Young Adult Class. \$15.00  
Monett 1st ..... \$15.00  
Walnut Grove ..... \$15.00  
Baldwin, Jack ..... \$20.00  
Lebanon Greenhills..... \$25.00  
Chrisman, Mona..... \$30.00  
Hopewell..... \$30.00

Merls Chapel..... \$30.00  
Merls Chapel..... \$30.00  
Mt. Zion - Thayer..... \$30.00  
Oak Grove-Houston ..... \$30.00  
Rolla 1st ..... \$30.00  
Ozark 1st ..... \$34.00  
Faith And Hope- Willow Spr ... \$45.00  
Pinkerton, Jerry ..... \$45.00  
Pleasant Hill ..... \$45.00  
Willow Springs 1st..... \$45.00  
Harvest- Raymore ..... \$50.00  
Harvest- Raymore ..... \$50.00  
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana..... \$50.00  
Stonebridge ..... \$50.00  
Richwoods 1st..... \$52.50  
Black Oak..... \$60.00  
Burns, Jack..... \$60.00  
Happy Hill..... \$60.00  
Happy Hill..... \$60.00  
Number One..... \$60.00  
Central..... \$65.00  
Olivet..... \$70.00  
Jackson ..... \$75.00  
Mine LaMotte ..... \$75.00  
Myrtle..... \$75.00  
Unity ..... \$75.00  
Viburnum ..... \$85.00  
Willow Springs ..... \$90.00  
Fourth ..... \$100.00  
Maggart, Roxanne..... \$100.00  
Maggart, Roxanne..... \$100.00  
Harmony ..... \$102.10  
Calvary Chapel..... \$105.00  
Cabool..... \$120.00  
Cabool..... \$120.00  
Greenfield..... \$120.00  
New Life- Licking..... \$120.00  
Mill Creek ..... \$140.00  
Mt. Pisgah ..... \$150.00  
New Hope ..... \$150.00  
Fredericktown 1st..... \$165.00  
Rejoice ..... \$180.00  
Cuba ..... \$181.50  
O'Fallon 1st ..... \$189.25  
Farmington 1st ..... \$200.00  
New Life-Monett ..... \$200.00  
New Home-Hartville..... \$210.00  
Joplin 1st ..... \$210.41  
Copper Mines..... \$215.00  
Union Light..... \$225.00  
Leadington ..... \$230.00  
Hartville ..... \$240.00  
Belton ..... \$245.00  
Fordland ..... \$250.00  
Oak Grove- Mountain Grove.. \$258.00  
Parkview ..... \$274.00  
Rock Chapel..... \$280.00  
Pleasant Home ..... \$300.00  
Grace ..... \$379.00  
United..... \$383.11  
Grant Avenue..... \$400.00  
Waynesville 1st ..... \$406.75  
Trinity..... \$435.00  
Cornerstone..... \$486.65  
Springfield 1st ..... \$545.00  
Beacon..... \$555.00  
Fellowship-Park Hills ..... \$578.30  
Mountain Grove 1st ..... \$585.00  
Hannon ..... \$650.00  
Thayer ..... \$670.00  
Freeman Chapel ..... \$720.00  
Desoto 1st..... \$777.50  
Fellowship-Park Hills ..... \$892.50  
Verdella ..... \$923.63  
Gospel Light..... \$1,000.00

Porter Chapel ..... \$1,160.20  
MO WAC ..... \$1,305.50  
CO-OP..... \$2,071.42  
New Harmony..... \$5,049.90  
Calvary Fellowship ..... \$5,255.00  
**Total..... \$32,446.22**

## State Home Missions

Copper Mines ..... \$75.00  
Crossroads-Wentzville ..... \$100.00  
Desoto 1st..... \$110.00  
Fordland ..... \$10.00  
Gospel Light..... \$160.00  
Grace ..... \$40.00  
Grant Avenue..... \$61.81  
Harvest- Raymore ..... \$100.00  
Lebanon Bible And Book..... \$540.00  
Lebanon Greenhills..... \$103.03  
New Testament..... \$40.00  
Oak Hill..... \$15.00  
O'Fallon 1st ..... \$174.25  
Ozark 1st..... \$10.00  
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana..... \$20.00  
Republic ..... \$25.00  
Thayer ..... \$50.00  
United..... \$25.00  
Unity ..... \$70.00  
Waynesville 1st ..... \$50.00  
**Total..... \$1,779.09**

## International Missions

Alta Matthews..... \$15.00  
Beacon..... \$1,409.52  
Belton ..... \$50.00  
Calvary Fellowship ..... \$200.00  
Copper Mines..... \$100.00  
Cuba ..... \$72.60  
Desoto 1st..... \$85.00  
Farmington 1st ..... \$20.00  
Fellowship-Park Hills ..... \$28.55  
Fordland ..... \$1,157.00  
Fredericktn 1st - Ladies Aux... \$257.00  
Grant Avenue..... \$591.74  
Greenfield..... \$100.00  
Hannon ..... \$290.25  
Hartville ..... \$1,855.00  
Harvest- Raymore ..... \$119.00  
Joplin 1st ..... \$503.00  
Mammoth Springs..... \$111.15  
Mountain Grove 1st ..... \$150.00  
Myrtle..... \$485.00  
New Testament..... \$55.00  
Olivet..... \$50.00  
Ozark 1st ..... \$605.85  
Parkview ..... \$175.00  
Pleasant Home ..... \$66.35  
Pleasant Ridge..... \$300.00  
Rejoice ..... \$405.00  
Republic ..... \$616.88  
Rolla 1st ..... \$226.50  
Springfield 1st ..... \$603.65  
Thayer ..... \$630.50  
Trinity..... \$20.00  
Verdella ..... \$233.59  
Waynesville 1st ..... \$75.00  
**Total..... \$11,663.13**

## National Home Missions

Beacon..... \$15.00  
Calvary Fellowship ..... \$4,919.00



Central.....	\$185.00
Copper Mines.....	\$105.00
Cuba.....	\$108.90
Desoto 1st.....	\$238.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$440.00
Fellowship-Park Hills.....	\$589.94
Fordland.....	\$95.00
Fourth.....	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st.....	\$30.00
Gospel Light.....	\$160.00
Grace.....	\$136.00
Grant Avenue.....	\$86.80
Hartville.....	\$30.00
Jackson.....	\$75.00
Jerry Rader.....	\$20.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$50.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	\$30.00
New Life-Monett.....	\$50.00
New Testament.....	\$75.00
Oak Hill.....	\$100.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	\$199.25
Olivet.....	\$100.00
Ozark 1st.....	\$255.00
Richwoods 1st.....	\$63.00
Rock Chapel.....	\$91.00
Rolla 1st.....	\$246.50
South Fremont.....	\$60.00
Thayer.....	\$90.00
Trinity.....	\$30.00
Union Light.....	\$96.00
United.....	\$155.00
Unity.....	\$50.00
Unity.....	\$40.00
Verdella.....	\$10.00
Waynesville 1st.....	\$280.00
West Plains 1st.....	\$205.00
Willow Springs.....	\$20.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$9,579.39</b>

## Designated Giving

### Berea Ministries

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

### Victor Torrez

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

### Brazil Project

Verdella.....	\$355.28
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$355.28</b>

### Trula Cronk Home for Children

Myrtle.....	\$31.00
Willow Springs.....	\$20.00
Hartville.....	\$50.00
Fourth.....	\$299.73
Desoto 1st.....	\$65.00
Unity.....	\$20.00
Belton.....	\$25.00
Hannon.....	\$100.00
New Life-Monett.....	\$214.90
Grace.....	\$26.75
New Hope.....	\$50.00
Union Light.....	\$20.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$922.38</b>

### C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible And Book.....	\$140.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

### Free Will Baptist Bible College

Fellowship-Park Hills.....	\$10.00
Thayer.....	\$50.00
Desoto 1st.....	\$40.00
Fellowship-Park Hills.....	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$165.00
Hopewell.....	\$10.00
Beacon.....	\$150.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$435.00</b>

### Hillsdale

Thayer.....	\$50.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$170.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$25.00
Beacon.....	\$104.00
Joplin 1st.....	\$67.70
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$416.70</b>

### Missouri Retirement

Lebanon Bible And Book.....	\$200.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

### Senior Adult Board

Lebanon Bible And Book.....	\$140.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

### Urban Impact

Verdella.....	\$399.32
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$399.32</b>

### Youth Camp

Niangua.....	\$25.00
Rock Chapel.....	\$20.00
Rolla 1st.....	\$20.00
Willow Springs.....	\$75.00
Hartville.....	\$10.00
Lebanon Bible And Book.....	\$540.00
Cornerstone.....	\$100.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	\$15.00
Thayer.....	\$50.00
Desoto 1st.....	\$65.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$25.00
New Life-Monett.....	\$214.90
St.L Dist Triannual Offering.....	\$72.90
Ozark 1st.....	\$10.00
Trinity.....	\$9.00
Verdella.....	\$10.00
West Plains 1st.....	\$25.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,286.80</b>

### Youth Camp Development

Myrtle.....	\$74.00
Marvin Cochran for Dorms.....	\$200.00
Oak Hill.....	\$15.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$289.00</b>

### Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible And Book.....	\$140.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

### YWAM

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

## Available Churches

The following churches are looking for a pastor. If your church is available, please let us know in the Gem office and we will gladly list your contact information. If your church is listed and finds a pastor, please let us know to remove your listing.

### Faith Church

Lemay, MO.

Contact:

Lillian Moore

314-544-7193

### Mine La Motte Church

Fredericktown, MO

Contact:

Robert Warner

573-783-5358

### Parkway Church

Sedalia, MO

Contact:

Audrey Bigelow

660-826-3880

660-475-0375

### First Church

Houston, MO

Contact:

Pearl (Bud) Richardson

417-967-3703

Danny Carter

417-967-4279



**Funds to date:**

**05/31/07**

**Cooperative Plan:**

**\$320,902.02**

**Show-Me Plan**

**\$137,943.03**

**Total May Giving: \$156,118.06**



## From the Editor:

It seems like just last week that we began to put together the 2007 State Meeting. And now it is over. Someone asked me yesterday if it was a relief to have the "big event" out of the way for another year. My first response was a sigh of relief, but then I had a pang of regret that it was over. I enjoy State Meeting. It has always been a high point of my year. When I was in the pastorate I always looked forward to seeing all my friends that I hadn't seen for awhile. It was my opportunity to catch up on all the news from their churches. To see how much their kids had grown. To hear about some new thing they were doing at their church that I might be able to use.

I remember one meeting, sitting in the general business session and wondering at a conversation I just had. Someone had remarked that they had just attended meeting in elsewhere. They said it was a relief to finally get to attend a meeting where you had the feeling that the folks at least liked each other! As I reflected on that I came to the conclusion that folks in Missouri don't just like each other, there is a genuine level of Christian Love that shows itself in our meetings.

I have been to board and business meetings where board members and delegates totally disagree with each other. There is a freedom to speak their feelings

and opinions, knowing that those with whom they disagree will not take offense. It is interesting and encouraging to walk out of a meeting and see people who have just taken opposite sides of an issue shake hands and visit with smiles on their faces.



Part of the reason is a real respect for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We understand that all of us are redeemed by the same Lord and stand equal before Him. We do not have the right or reason to demean our fellow believers. Another reason is that we are able to keep our eyes on their greater goal. Everyone likes to have his way, but we realize that our desires are subservient to the will of God. He has called the church and Missouri Free Will Baptists to the wonderful task to telling the whole world that He has come and paid to price for our sins! The Devil would like nothing better than to distract us from our mission by sowing discord among the brethren.

I have often said and I here repeat, Free Will Baptists are the greatest people in the world and prejudiced as it sounds, Missouri is the best State in which to serve the Lord. Am I glad the State Meeting is over? Not really, but I can at least look forward to next year!



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