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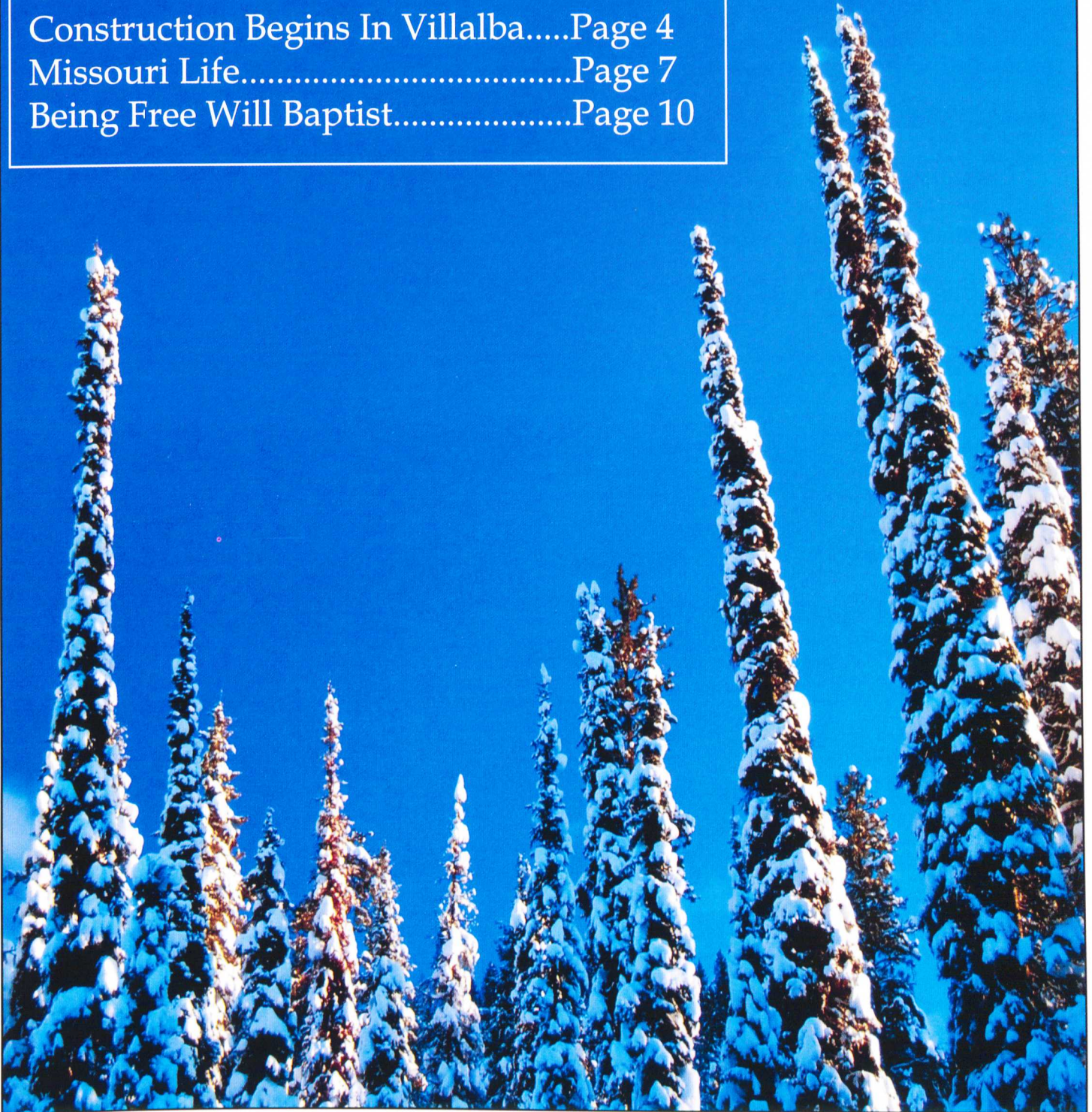
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From the Editor

Frequently Asked Questions and Oft Given Answers.

It is frequent mistake on our part in the State Office to think that everyone understands what we do here and how we do it. Often questions arise about how to send funds, why funds do not appear in the financial pages of the Gem and how to get an article printed in the Gem. Let me see if I can muddy the waters a little.

Funds:
All funds for either the Coop Plan, Show-Me Plan or designated can be sent to the same address. When they arrive in our office they are separated into specific funds. Usually on the last business day of the month, we disburse the funds we have received during that month. We send money to several different ministries, all our State Board Treasurers and the National Association in Nashville. Any money that has arrived during the month for the Coop Plan is divided as follows

- 19% State Home Missions
- 17% Executive Office and Gem Magazine
- 09% Missouri Retirement Plan
- 8.5% Youth Camp
- 03% General Fund
- 03% Show-Me Plan
- 2.5% Youth Ministries Board
- 2.5% Christian Education Board
- 2.5% Senior Adult Board
- 33% National Association (Executive Office, International Missions, Home Missions, FWBBC, Masters Men, National Commissions)

All other monies are designated and are disbursed accordingly. At the close of the day we disburse, our account final balance is \$0.00, all monies having been sent to whomever they were given. We often receive calls from pastors and treasurers wondering why their check does not appear in the financial record in the Gem. Several factors determine when they might appear.

If we receive the check on the day of disbursement, it will appear on the following month as the books are actually closed the day before we disburse. We often receive checks that have been in the mail for several days.

We would hope that your check would arrive shortly after you mail it, but that is not always the case.

It is confusing to remember that the financial report that you are reading in this issue (February) is actually the December 2007 report. Our books close at the end of December. We are already working on the February issue of the Gem. Information that we receive at the end of December and the First of January are what constitutes our February issue. It goes to the printers around the 10th of January to be mailed to you around the first of February.

The check you mailed the end of December, if it is late enough might not appear until the March issue. If you ever have a question, please call our toll-free number 1-866-532-6537. We will be happy to tell you when we received your check and when it will appear in the Gem Magazine:

We are very thankful for the kind feedback we receive concerning the Gem Magazine. Most of it is positive, but even the negative has been in a spirit of helping us to improve. The Gem Magazine has been in publication since 1929. There were a few months when no issue was produced due to the press being moved (the Gem at one time owned its presses and did printing for other customers) or there was no editor to produce the magazine. Otherwise the Gem has been in Missouri Free Will Baptist homes for 79 years. It is very gratifying to sit in the Archives at the State Office and read the back issues of the beginning days of the magazine.

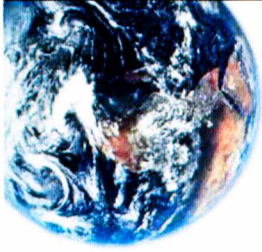
We want to make sure that the Gem is informative and inspirational. That seems to be the purpose of the publication through the years and we want to continue that tradition.

There are a few guidelines we would like you to observe in sending information for publication. Please remember that you must have your article and photos in by the first of the month preceding the month of issue. But also remember that if you wait until the end of the month, that issue might already be full. Please be patient. We will get your article in a later issue.

There are some things we cannot run. While we have churches full of great people in Missouri, we cannot run their obituaries. Our policy is to only run articles about the death of Pastors and Pastors wives. While we respect the labor and faithfulness of the people in our churches who are promoted to Heaven, we could not possibly run articles about them all. Please help us in this area.

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Missouri Show-Me Missions



Construction Begins In Villalba

Merry Christmas or "Merry Construction"! It's both! What a great Christmas present! At 8:00 am, on a frosty December 24, the bulldozing crew was at the church lot and ready to begin. Even though this was a long-awaited and much anticipated event, it was a bit of a surprise that they were willing to begin this day, since it is Christmas Eve, an important holiday in Spain. People were out doing their last-minute Christmas shopping, and there was actually a traffic jam of such people right in front of the construction site. So, this was the beginning of lots of "looks" from people passing by the church property, with many asking, "What are they building there?"

The owner of the excavation company, Domingo (pictured below), was the one who filled in the basement after it was dug the first time in 1992! Even more important, he said that he has known about the church for years, and he had lots of questions: "What's the difference between the FWB Church and the Catholic Church?" Felician (pictured on the phone), who is the owner and head of the construction company the church hired, is also a member of the Villalba congregation!

It was indeed an unusual happening when many gathered at the work site stopped for moment, with the head of the construction team, to give thanks to God for this event and to ask Him to bless, protect and guide the workers. That's a great prayer for others to pray. This is the first in many installments of articles concerning the construction of the Villalba Church building, something the congregation has waited 13 years to see. December 24, 2007 it became a reality.



Christmas in Abidjan

I love holidays here in Africa. In spite of stores being overloaded with plastic, battery-operated toys...at church we do not exchange gifts. It is simply a time of thinking and thanking God for His gift of Jesus-Christ.

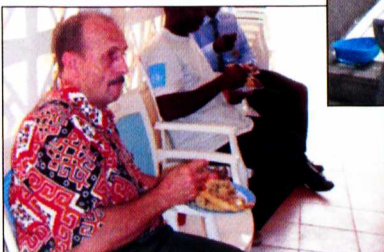
Christmas Eve we met at church for singing, praying, testimonies, preaching and being together. About 10 am Christmas Day we met together again for more singing, etc...and enjoyed a delicious meal together. The ladies had worked hard preparing rice with veggies and attitike...all were served a piece of grilled chicken. We had drinks made from red leaves and ginger root.

New Year's Eve we met at church for singing, preaching, etc...and watched a DVD. It was a true story about a man born without arms or legs...He is now 23 yrs old & travels world-wide telling people how they can have joy & peace with Jesus in their hearts...regardless of "circumstances." Check it out at www.LifewithoutLimbs.org. Jerry translated it from English into French. 3 people responded to the invitation 2 being from the Wiggle Worm Sunday School Class!!

Today, Jan 6 was Carol's last day of teaching the Wiggle Worms.. Jean Michel, a former student 14 yrs ago will take the class.

Jerry & I will be up in the Bondoukou Region for 11 days Jan 11-21- no email contacts then. We'll be visiting churches where we've worked asking for the road (permission to leave the country). In order to be able to return later, if the Lord desires, we only ask for HALF of the road! This is part of the cultural MUST-DO. Not that we're anxious to begin the dreaded goodbyes, but it is important that we visit & ask permission.

Thank you for your years of faithfulness to the Lord--to us and to the African Believers. Your African Investments are doing quite well. After assisting the Hanna Project at Doropo in Feb and the celebration of FWB being in Ivory Coast for 50 years in March, we'll be flying out for the final time March 26...Lord willing, landing in Kansas City the 27th.



Christmas Celebration in Japan

Good News Chapel with the McDonalds

-Both children and parents enjoyed the Sunday afternoon Christmas celebration at Good News Chapel (Tokyo). Mrs. Hayakawa, a young mom from the church's English program, brought her daughter to enjoy her first ever Christmas celebration at a church.

Mr. Masashi Nakamura, an unsaved contact of the Good News Chapel, brought his 5th grade daughter Akane for the activities. They joined with other elementary children and Amy and Caroline McDonald in singing the Christmas songs, and hearing the Christmas story as told by Etsuko Asashi.

Etsuko directed everyone in constructing a beautiful Advent Calendar that incorporated the Christmas story. Church member Kenji Hosokawa led in the singing time and used the opportunity to talk with Mr. Nakamura.

Along with a small present and tract from the church, all received an interactive Christmas CD with included testimonials and Christmas songs especially designed for outreach.



Kamifukuoka with the Baileys

On Christmas Eve we conducted two outreach services at our new location. The first was a Children's Christmas Hour with a puppet drama presented by friends from the Iriso Church, along with games and refreshments. This was followed in the evening by a candlelight service and a Christmas cake, a "tradition" for many Japanese.

On New Year's Day, we held a short service of testimonies and songs followed by a devotion. Afterward we all gathered at the Nomura home to share in traditional Japanese food prepared especially for New Year's Day.

Although small in number, the spirit of fellowship was sweet, and we enjoyed sharing the reading of the birth of Christ, Christmas songs and rejoicing together in our first Christmas and New Year's events at Kamifukuoka Christ Church.

Missouri Life....

News from the Greater Springfield Association of FWB

The Greater Springfield Association ends the year of 2007 with much promise and much to be thankful for. We have 12 churches in our district and we thank the Lord for the pastors, their congregations and the talent each church possesses. This last year we have seen positive and productive things take place. We have a Ministerial Training program available for new licensed ministers in our association. It is an encouraging tool to aid and assist new ministers as they begin God's work.

We were pleased to host the Missouri State Association this last year and also in the year 2008. Our association has themed our quarterly meetings throughout the year. In January we spotlight music with participation from the music departments of our Bible colleges or talented Missouri Free Will Baptist groups and musicians.

Our Annual association in April has a strong denominational emphasis, with speakers from our FWB denominational enterprises. Our summer quarterly meeting is Youth-oriented for the youth in our association. In October we have our annual Missions Conference. This last October, Rev. Steve Reeves was our guest state missionary and presented an exciting service, sharing with us the blessings of the work in Columbia. We are excited about the Missouri Missions Program and appreciate greatly the work of our State Missions Director, Bro.

Frank Webster. Our association has a district Missions promoter, Rev. Cody Freeman, who communicates with our State Missions office on behalf of our association. We have a monthly Minister's breakfast for our pastors and layman, as a time of fellowship. It is well attended and enjoyed.

It is an exciting and challenging time to minister. We thank the Lord for the unity, love and dedication within our association. We also join our other Free Will Baptist brethren in thanking our Lord Jesus Christ for our State Executive Secretary, Rev. Gary Fry. His dedicated labor of love for the state of Missouri is appreciated. May God bless he and his family as they lead our state.

Rev. Keith Garrison - Moderator

Jamie Bolton Chosen for E-Team



Jamie Bolton, a Junior at Fox Senior High School, Arnold, MO has been selected to be a part of the National E-Team for 2008. Jamie and the team will minister in the Virgin Islands for three weeks in June of this year. Jamie is very active in her church youth group, choir and nursery, as well as playing volleyball, running cross country and serving as the Vice President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter at her school. Jamie attends Grace FWB Church in Arnold. She plans to be a missionary and is the daughter of Rev. Jim and Serena Bolton.

Revival Services at Unity



Revival services were held at Unity Free Will Baptist church in Lebanon in November. Brother John Williams was the evangelist and there was special singing every night. There was a great turnout for the revival.

The church would like to thank all the churches that turned out to support us in God's work.

We would also like to thank all of the special singers (including Gloryroad of Lebanon, pictured) and the groups that came and ministered in song.

God Bless,
Brother Brandon McIntosh
Pastor Unity Free Will Baptist
Lebanon, MO.

New Mission in Raymondville

Report of the First Free Will Baptist Mission Church of Raymondville, MO. We met for our first service in a rented building in Raymondville with 31 people present. Our services were good and everyone enjoyed them very much.

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Mother of Invention

By J. Mark Vandivort

In desperation I cried out to God, as I knelt at a homemade altar in our temporary chapel. "Show us the way to obtain the money to build a church!" I prayed. Our beginning congregation had sought a building loan from every possible known source, for several years, to no avail. Meanwhile, we had been making payments on the parsonage, a temporary chapel and 5 acres of property.

While on my knees in prayer a plan for raising money took shape in my mind, a perpetual loan fund that would be owned by our denomination's State Missions Board. I quickly arose to my feet and rushed into our nearby parsonage's tiny kitchen and excitedly announced to my wife, "I am going to visit our (denominations) churches and raise the money to build a building even if I have to raise it \$10 at a time!" Returning to the makeshift office I sat down to my manual Underwood typewriter and wrote out a fundraising and perpetual loan plan.

While still charged with faith and excitement, I called Cliff, our State Missions Director, and dictated my newly typed plan over the phone. He said that he too had been thinking about a perpetual loan fund. About two weeks later, hearing the gravel crunch in our driveway, I opened the chapel door to see Bro. Cliff step out of his car with a huge grin on his face and a bundle of newly printed red brochures in his hand. The brochures were worded nearly the same as the manuscript from my typewriter. (The Missions Board had approved the proposal.)

The first time I presented the perpetual loan plan I was given an offering of \$15. I wished I had set

my goal a little higher. Meanwhile, Bro. Cliff and his wife, Frances, worked tirelessly in fund raising along with many other people. Jim and Juanita, former members of our church, took a set of slides and raised some of the first thousands. Several people contributed a thousand dollars or more.

At this writing (nearly 40 years later), that fund is valued at several hundred thousand dollars and money has been loaned to help build many new churches.

On the phone I urged my friend Bob, then the General Director of our denominations National Home Missions Department, to also initiate a perpetual loan fund. He and his staff soon launched their own fundraising plan that has achieved astonishing success.

However, there is another chapter to this story. Before sufficient money was raised to help us build, a Christian business woman (and Gospel preacher), Sister Alta, drove into our driveway. As she sat in our living room, she asked, "How much money do you need to build your church?" She loaned us the money, at low interest, to build a beautiful red-brick church. (And the loan was eventually paid in full.)

This new year of 2008 will bring different challenges. God's power and faithfulness is for all generations. And He often accomplishes His purpose through teams of faithful people working together. *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen* (Hebrews 11:1, NKJ).

I grew up hearing that "necessity is the mother of invention." Do you have a "necessity" that you can trust God to help you with?

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We had one rededication at the close of the morning service. I made the altar out of a bookcase (I now have something in common with Abraham). We have united with the Tri County Association of Free Will Baptists and the board of the association came and organized our mission on October 26, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. We will present our charter of at least 41 members to their next associational meeting.

We have eleven children enrolled in our Children's church and two new babies. We just received a great gift from a family in Springfield of \$750 to help us purchase songbooks and things we need in our new church. We also, in January, received a great gift from a church that was closing in Springfield. Fifty pew chairs, 20 folding chairs, 6 folding tables and 1 round table with chairs for children, 2 copy machines; 1 black & white and 1 color, more songbooks, a heater, air conditioner, and a lot of other needs such as communion set, literature, etc. Thank God for the gift!

We have now added three new families since our organizational service and have the prospect of one more. We now have 38 members on our charter. Keep us in your prayers that God will use us to help get the gospel out here and also be able to help spread the Word through our associations. My new phone numbers are 417 260 0721 and 573 674 4949. Pastor Max Courtney and congregation.

Send your items for **Missouri Life** to info@mofwb.org or Gem, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536



MOFWB

2008 Calendar

March 10-12

Ministers Retreat...Cross Pointe Retreat Center, Rocky Mount, MO

May 6

Palmer Leadership Extension Class, Calvary Chapel, Buffalo

May 12-14

Senior Adult Retreat...Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

June 1-2

SCM Competitive Activities...Clarion Hotel, Springfield

June 3

MOWAC Annual Convention...Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

June 2-4

MOFWB Annual Meeting...Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

June 8-13

Teen Camp, Group One

June 15-20

Teen Camp, Group Two

July 20-24

National Association of FWB...Charleston, West Virginia

July 27- August 1

Pre-teen Camp, Group Two

August 3-8

Pre-Teen Camp, Group One

Sptember 11-13

WNAC Retreat...Ridgecrest, North Carolina

September 19-20

MOWAC Retreat...Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

November 14-15

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Being Free Will Baptist In The 21st Century

by Jeff Myers

Part 2

This article is part two of a multi part examination of our post-modern culture and our response to their unique ways of thinking.



ARE POSTMODERNS A LOST CAUSE?

Far from it! I look at this information and believe this should be the most exciting time in Free Will Baptist history. We all have the same opportunity and the same choice to make. You can look at the above information and form one of two conclusions. You might see postmoderns as a flaky, irrational, tree-hugging generation that rejects truth, can't stand on their own, can't stay in one place, and don't have any concept of how a decent person should act in church. Or you can look at the same information and see something different.

Because of their value of experience and their openness to accepting what you believe as "truth" and what they believe as "truth", postmoderns leave the door wide open for you to have a genuine conversation with them about the Gospel. You might be thinking, "But they can't just accept everything as true, because Jesus is the only way!" You're exactly right. But the cool thing is they will listen and value

what you have to say. They may not immediately accept the exclusivity of the Gospel, but that's where you have to do something hard: trust the Holy Spirit to do what the Holy Spirit does! It is your job to share the truth; it is the Holy Spirit's job to change the life. After all, he did it in you didn't he?

Look back over those modern values that you've been exposed to your whole life. Did you buy into them all? No, you let God transform you into something that was neither modern nor post-modern. I believe it's called a "new creation"! He'll do the same with this new generation to, but it's our responsibility to speak the truth.

By the way, "seeker-driven" services are so over. For the last 20 years the church has been trying to hide anything spiritual from seekers and sort of sneak up on them with the gospel. Many churches have removed crosses, only play secular music, and try to look like everything except a church. The postmodern response

to this has been overwhelmingly negative. Because they are so open to all things spiritual, they want to experience "the sacred" if they come to church. They are expecting to hear and see spiritual things and if they don't experience that, they leave disappointed and disillusioned. Think about it...we work so hard to get these people to walk through our doors. Why would we hide or water down the truth once they get there?

Postmoderns desire to experience community. They don't like being "lone rangers". Can you think of any communities we could point them to? Of course, you can! The church is all about community. We've known for centuries what this generation is just now figuring out. We're not meant to go through life or faith alone. The challenge for the Free Will Baptist church is to make sure we create an environment in our churches where the postmodern feels welcome, accepted, and loved. It's a bit embarrassing to admit that this is a challenge. This should come as naturally to the Christian as

breathing, but unfortunately all too often it doesn't. We need to welcome younger adults into our communities without expecting them to change first. Remember, change is the Holy Spirit's job and He will do it if we trust Him. Change comes quickly for some, but we may have to be more patient with others. If you start doubting this process, ask yourself this: Were the twelve disciples mighty men of God when Jesus first appointed them as disciples?

Because postmoderns value creativity and the arts, they can greatly improve our worship experiences. For too long worship has been defined only by music. This should just be a small piece of worship in your church. You can also worship through painting, sculpture, writing, praying, giving, speaking, poetry, and much more. Many churches are hiring Pastors of Worship & Art to help their congregants experience the many different facets of worship.

Did you know that not all environmentalists are flaky liberals? The postmodern push to protect the environment should be great news to Christians. But most Christians flatly reject this as a waste of time and money. One popular Christian personality recently referred to environmentalism as Satan's attempt to distract Christians from their true mission. In Genesis 1:26, God gives humans the responsibility of ruling over "the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth and over all the creatures that move along the ground." It sounds to me like taking care of our planet IS part of our true mission. Try to imagine a group of lay-leaders in your church ministering to your community by trying to keep your little corner of the world beautiful, safe, and healthy. They're not doing it because they value the life of an owl more than that of a human or because they worship nature, but because one way they can worship God is to

care for his beautiful creation. Now that may not be your cup of tea, but do you have any idea how excited many postmoderns would be to hear about something like that?

Because postmoderns have more of a global outlook, they tend to have a great heart for missions once they're introduced to Christ. This is why we are hearing more about youth groups going on mission trips and less about them going to Six Flags.

The most exciting thing for me about ministering to postmoderns is their high value of authentic people. For years Christians have put on their "Sunday best" for church and it was more than just a dress or a tie. I grew up believing that the church wasn't interested in who I really was. They had certain expectations of me and as long as I lived up to those expectations we could stay on speaking terms. But if I ever showed weakness or failure, I received a lot more judgment than compassion. This is not the kind of church that postmoderns are interested in attending.

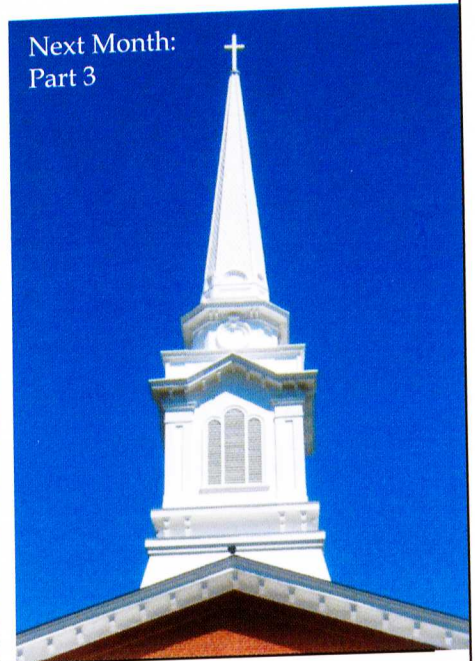
If we are to reach this new generation, we must leave all of our costumes at home and come as we truly are. By the way, this is what the Gospel calls us to do as well. Church should be the one place in our lives where we have no fear of admitting weakness or defeat. The postmodern seeker is looking for a pastor who will be his spiritual guide but also be human. She is not looking for the perfect Christian - she is looking for the Christian with a "victorious limp"⁴.

This is by no means a comprehensive look at postmodernism. There are many other aspects of it that better writers have written about (and you should search them out and read them). The fact that we all need to start dealing with it doesn't matter whether you want to embrace or reject postmodernism. Postmodernism IS! Just like we can't choose to live in water instead

of on land, we can't choose to not live in The Postmodern Era. However, I believe God has put Free Will Baptists here "for such a time as this".

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Jeff Myers is the Youth Pastor at First Church in Lebanon. He is married to Jamie and together they enjoy their children, Molly, Isaiah and Isla



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When you send information, please try to include a clear photo with your submission. We prefer they be emailed to info@mofwb.org as a jpeg. We do welcome print photos if you do not have access to a digital camera or email. Please remember that the brighter and more colorful your picture is the better it will show up in the magazine.

You may also read any issue of the Gem on-line as well. We currently have issues back to the December 2006 issue available. The newest issue is usually available on line as early as three weeks ahead of the print issue. We maintain this archive for your convenience and reference.

These are just a few of the questions we are asked from time to time. I hope these answers will help your understanding of what we do and how we do it. Please remember that I and my staff are at your service. Please feel free to call us any time we can do anything for you. We welcome calls just to visit too!

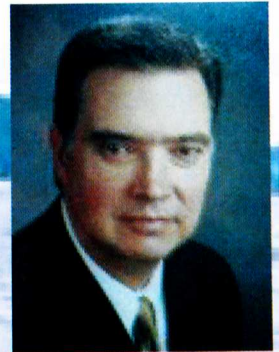
We rejoice that Missouri Free Will Baptists gave a grand total of \$757,081.30 to the Cooperative Plan for 2007. That is in addition to \$354,796.09 to the Show-Me Plan and \$367,164.71 in designasted giving. This means that Missouri Free Will Baptists gave a total of \$1,479,042.10 in 2007!

2008 Annual Ministers Retreat

March 10-12

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 3.00% Gen. Fund.....\$1,687.99
 8.50% Youth Camp.....\$4,782.64
 2.50% Youth Min.....\$1,406.66
 2.50% CE.....\$1,406.00
 2.50% Senior Adult.....\$1,406.00
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 3.00% ShowMe Plan.....\$1,687.99

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 Bailey.....\$227.00
 Bailey Chapel.....\$98.00
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 Fordland.....\$460.00
 Fourth.....\$191.57
 Fredericktown 1st.....\$362.00
 Freeman Chapel.....\$409.10
 Generations.....\$584.64
 Gospel Light.....\$200.00
 Grace.....\$1,502.89
 Grant Ave.....\$1,066.85
 Hannibal.....\$797.00
 Hannon.....\$602.00
 Harmony.....\$816.65
 Hartville.....\$1,235.00
 Harvest- Raymore.....\$327.48
 Hopewell.....\$496.40
 Houston 1st.....\$203.72
 Hurryville.....\$686.21
 Jackson.....\$136.82
 Kings Way.....\$494.90
 Koshkonong.....\$188.00
 Lead Hill.....\$180.70
 Leadington.....\$502.26
 Lebanon 1st.....\$1,155.55
 Lebanon Greenhills.....\$423.11
 Marshfield.....\$232.62
 Merls Chapel.....\$238.58

Mill Creek.....\$518.70
 Mine La Motte.....\$97.40
 Monett 1st.....\$613.10
 Mt. Pisgah.....\$416.00
 Mtn. Grove 1st.....\$1,551.15
 Myrtle.....\$275.29
 Neosho 1st.....\$542.45
 Nevada.....\$217.00
 New Hope.....\$272.00
 New Life- Licking.....\$375.27
 Niangua.....\$172.47
 Number One.....\$172.79
 Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove.....\$138.00
 Oak Hill.....\$407.00
 O'Fallon 1st.....\$2,200.92
 Ozark 1st.....\$1,944.85
 Palabras Di Vida Eterna.....\$72.68
 Parkview.....\$360.00
 Pleasant Hill.....\$174.61
 Pleasant Ridge.....\$70.00
 Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....\$127.00
 Potosi 1st.....\$231.82
 Purdy 1st.....\$950.00
 Raymondville 1st.....\$114.40
 Rejoice.....\$597.13
 Republic.....\$896.90
 Rock Chapel.....\$649.63
 Rolla 1st.....\$341.00
 Salem.....\$30.00
 Seymour.....\$560.00
 South Fremont.....\$1,000.00
 Stonebridge.....\$490.00
 Thayer.....\$1,232.00
 Trinity.....\$858.23
 Twin Oak.....\$1,488.00
 Union Grove.....\$711.00
 Union Light.....\$300.00
 United.....\$1,969.45
 Unity.....\$400.00
 Verdella.....\$1,584.73
 Viburnum.....\$403.00
 Victory- Alton.....\$671.79
 Waynesville.....\$446.18
 West Plains 1st.....\$720.00
 Willow Springs.....\$384.41
 Willow Springs 1st.....\$75.00
 Wolf Creek.....708.79
Total\$60,360.15

Show-Me Plan

Barker, James.....\$15.00
 Belton.....\$167.00
 Berry, Roberta.....\$15.00
 Black Oak.....\$180.00
 Brown, Angela.....\$15.00
 Burns, Jack.....\$60.00
 Cabool 1st.....\$105.00
 Calvary Chapel.....\$105.00
 Central.....\$65.00
 Chrisman, Mona.....\$30.00
 Coon Creek.....\$105.67
 Copper Mines.....\$430.00
 Cornerstone.....\$497.00
 Crossroads- Wentzville.....\$50.00
 Cuba.....\$145.50
 De Soto 1st.....\$762.50
 Donor.....\$500.00

Eastern Gate.....\$15.00
 Faith & Hope- Willow Spngs.....\$45.00
 Farmington 1st.....\$500.00
 Fellowship.....\$605.12
 Fordland.....\$250.00
 Fourth.....\$72.00
 Fredericktown 1st.....\$180.00
 Freeman Chapel.....\$720.00
 Generations (Joplin 1st).....\$271.91
 Gospel Light.....\$1,000.00
 Grace.....\$344.00
 Grant Ave.....\$335.00
 Greenfield.....\$120.00
 Hannibal.....\$60.00
 Hannon.....\$602.00
 Happy Hill.....\$60.00
 Harmony.....\$105.09
 Hartville.....\$240.00
 Harvest- Raymore.....\$50.00
 Hopewell.....\$30.00
 Houston 1st.....\$170.00
 Hurryville.....\$585.00
 Jackson.....\$35.00
 Leadington.....\$230.00
 Lebanon 1st.....\$150.00
 Lebanon Greenhills.....\$25.00
 Macedonia- Purdy.....\$1,000.00
 Maggart, Roxanne.....\$100.00
 Marlin, Martha.....\$180.00
 Merls Chapel.....\$30.00
 Mill Creek.....\$140.00
 Mill Creek CWF.....\$15.00
 Mill Creek Young Adult.....\$15.00
 Mine La Motte.....\$75.00
 MO WAC.....\$1,096.13
 Monett 1st.....\$15.00
 Mt. Pisgah.....\$180.00
 Mt. Zion- Thayer.....\$30.00
 Mtn. Grove 1st.....\$1,220.00
 Myrtle.....\$75.00
 Neosho 1st.....\$135.00
 New Home- Hartville.....\$210.00
 New Hope.....\$150.00
 New Life- Licking.....\$70.00
 Number One.....\$60.00
 Oak Grove- Houston.....\$30.00
 Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove.....\$141.00
 O'Fallon 1st.....\$173.02
 Olivet.....\$45.00
 Ozark 1st.....\$34.00
 Palabras Di Vida Eterna.....\$15.00
 Parkview.....\$230.00
 Pinkerton, Jerry.....\$45.00
 Pleasant Hill.....\$45.00
 Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....\$50.00
 Porter Chapel.....\$863.62
 Purdy 1st.....\$1,035.00
 Raymondville 1st.....\$15.00
 Richwoods 1st.....\$52.50
 Rock Chapel.....\$255.00
 South Fremont.....\$90.00
 Thayer.....\$705.00
 Trinity.....\$420.00
 Union Light.....\$750.00
 United.....\$300.00
 Unity.....\$75.00
 Verdella.....\$1,824.73
 Viburnum.....\$85.00
 Walnut Grove.....\$15.00
 Waynesville.....\$462.00
 Willow Springs.....\$118.19
 Willow Springs 1st.....\$45.00
 MO Cooperative Plan.....\$1,810.80
Total\$24,573.78

State Home Missions

Bookstore.....\$540.00
 Crossroads- Wentzville.....\$50.00
 De Soto 1st.....\$110.00
 Fordland.....\$10.00
 Gann, Lela.....\$50.00
 Gospel Light.....\$80.00
 Grace.....\$40.00
 Grant Ave.....\$53.34
 Lebanon Greenhills.....\$84.62
 Macedonia- Purdy.....\$100.00
 MO WAC.....\$876.12
 Myrtle.....\$85.00
 Neosho 1st.....\$25.00
 Oak Hill.....\$15.00
 O'Fallon 1st.....\$128.01
 Ozark 1st.....\$10.00
 Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....\$20.00
 Republic.....\$50.00
 Thayer.....\$550.00
 United.....\$25.00
 Unity.....\$70.00
 Waynesville.....\$50.00
Total\$3,022.09

National Home Missions

Carthage.....\$787.05
 Central.....\$150.00
 Copper Mines.....\$210.00
 Cuba.....\$87.30
 De Soto 1st.....\$250.00
 Farmington 1st.....\$1,011.00
 Fellowship.....\$395.66
 Fordland.....\$85.00
 Fourth.....\$50.00
 Fredericktown 1st.....\$30.00
 Fredericktown 1st- Ldy Aux.....\$200.00
 Gospel Light.....\$80.00
 Grace.....\$629.00
 Grant Ave.....\$163.34
 Hartville.....\$30.00
 Houston 1st.....\$62.50
 Jackson.....\$35.00
 Macedonia- Purdy.....\$1,030.00
 Mammoth Spring.....\$85.91
 Merls Chapel.....\$25.00
 Mt. Pisgah.....\$30.00
 Mtn. Grove 1st.....\$70.00
 Myrtle.....\$220.00
 Neosho 1st.....\$50.00
 New Testament.....\$150.00
 Oak Hill.....\$75.00
 O'Fallon 1st.....\$128.01
 Olivet.....\$80.00
 Ozark 1st.....\$244.00
 Richwoods 1st.....\$75.25
 Rock Chapel.....\$92.12
 Rolla 1st.....\$150.50
 Spouth Fremont.....\$115.00
 Thayer.....\$235.00
 Trinity.....\$40.00
 Union Grove.....\$30.00
 Union Light.....\$192.00
 United.....\$155.00
 Unity.....\$90.00
 Verdella.....\$20.00
 Waynesville.....\$249.25
 West Plains 1st.....\$205.00
Total.....\$8,092.89

International Missions

Belton	\$50.00
Carthage.....	\$70.00
Copper Mines	\$200.00
Cuba	\$58.20
Cuba Woman's Auxiliary...	\$360.00
De Soto 1st.....	\$100.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$5.00
Generations	\$43.82
Grant Ave.....	\$15.00
Hartville.....	\$45.00
Houston 1st	\$47.50
Mammoth Spring	\$11.90
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	\$73.00
New Testament.....	\$110.00
Olivet	\$55.00
Ozark 1st.....	\$50.00
Rejoice.....	\$210.00
Rolla 1st.....	\$130.50
South Fremont.....	\$75.00
Thayer	\$10.00
Verdella.....	\$475.43
Waynesville	\$70.00
Total	\$2,265.35

Designated Giving

Berea Ministries

Hartville	\$150.00
Jackson	\$15.00
Total	\$165.00

Brazil Project

Verdella.....	\$513.58
Total	\$513.58

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Hannon	\$100.00
Hartville.....	\$50.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$20.00
Myrtle.....	\$29.00
New Hope.....	\$50.00
Union Light	\$20.00
Belton	\$25.00
Desoto 1st	\$55.00
Unity	\$20.00
Grace.....	\$27.00
Union Light	\$20.00
Total	\$416.00

C. E. Board

Book Store.....	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

Free Will Baptist Bible Collge

Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$165.00
Fellowship-Park Hills	\$10.00
Desoto 1st	\$40.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Hopewell.....	\$10.00
West Plains 1st.....	\$340.00
Total	\$615.00

Hillsdale

Farmington 1st.....	\$100.00
Grant Avenue.....	\$50.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$170.00
Generations	\$61.54
Fordland	\$15.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Total	\$446.54

Missouri Retirement

Book Store.....	\$200.00
Total	\$200.00

Senior Adult Board

Book Store.....	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

Urban Impact

Verdella.....	\$812.37
Total	\$812.37

Youth Camp

Hartville.....	\$10.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$50.00
Niangua	\$25.00
Book Store.....	\$540.00
Willow Springs.....	\$50.00
Cornerstone.....	\$100.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	\$15.00
Rock Chapel.....	\$13.00
Verdella.....	\$10.00
Verdella.....	\$10.00
Desoto 1st	\$55.00
Thayer	\$50.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Trinity.....	\$9.00
West Plains 1st.....	\$25.00
Total	\$972.00

Youth Camp Development..

Cabool Dorms.....	\$300.00
Myrtle.....	\$43.00
lebanon Greenhills Youth Dorms	\$500.00
Oak Hill	\$15.00
Total	\$858.00

Youth Ministries Board

Book Store.....	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

YWAM

Belton	\$25.00
Total	\$25.00

Total December Giving:

\$102,584.45

Funds to date:

11/30/07

Cooperative Plan:

\$757,081.30

Show-Me Plan

\$356,484.09

Available Churches

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First Church

Cape Girardeau, MO

Contact:

Don Gregory
573-339-0797

or

Dave Lane
573-334-1106

Victory Church

Alton, MO

Contact:

Rev. Garland Barton
417-778-6370

gbarton000@centurytel.net

King's Way Church

Springfield, MO

Contact:

Everett Sawyer
417-582-1354
417-209-6726

Parkway Church

Sedalia, MO

Contact:

Audrey Bigelow
660-826-3880
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