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## Changing Shoes

Change never comes easy.

Just before the National Association, I looked down at my black dress shoes and realized that they needed to be replaced. The tipoff was that the sole on my right shoe flapped when I walked. What is the big deal you say? Well, these are my favorite shoes. I like the way they finally fit my feet. I like the way they shine when polished. They look and feel just right and I know that no new pair will ever measure up to these old friends.

I replaced them anyway, knowing that someday these interlopers in my closet will become my favorites. That's the way we are. We like to keep what we know and are comfortable with. Even though what we jealously protect what may need to be replaced, we know that it is necessary for change to occur.

That's how I felt about the new missions funding plan proposed by the International Missions Board at the National Association last year. My first reaction was, "What's wrong with the plan we have now?" I knew that there were inequities in the old plan. Some missionaries had accounts that were perpetually in the red and they spent most of their time worrying and begging for funding. Others had a surplus of cash at the ready.

As the year progressed and we had several opportunities to discuss the new plan with IM Staff, I began to realize that it was a good

plan and would work if we all get on board. One objection I heard to the plan was that there were missionaries on their field that were not worthy of our support. This new plan might take dollars from one missionaries account and give it to another less worthy.



I know that some missionaries seem to be better fund raisers than others, but if they have been called of God and vetted by our IM Board and staff, then they are worthy of our support. God didn't tell us to send the missionaries that we personally liked, He told us to send the gospel. It is true that we will never separate the money from the particular missionary. People seem to support those who have a personal appeal or have the best stories or pictures. Our responsibility is to give God's money back to Him so that His work can be funded wherever and to whomever. This new plan will help accomplish that task.

Won't it be great when our missionaries can stay on the field and minister instead of retreat-

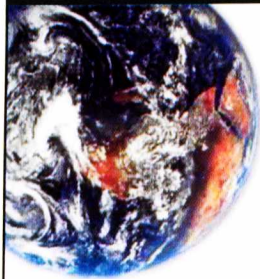
ing home in the face of a deficit account. Won't it be great when their prayers can be focused on the individual souls they are cultivating for the Lord and not for the dollars they hope to read about in their next report from the home office. Our missionaries are no different than our pastors stateside. It is difficult to fulfill your calling when you are worried about being unable to pay your bills this month.

Is this new plan perfect? Not yet. As with any new way of doing things, it is impossible to work all the bugs out before it hits the road. There will be unforeseen events and ramifications of this plan that will crop up and need to be considered. Changes may need to be made to make it work better. The great thing is that we have a IM Board, Director and Staff that are committed to the Great Commission. I really believe that they have no ulterior motives or hidden agendas. They just want to see as many people as possible find Jesus as Savior before He comes back. I believe that their collective heart beats missions. I am willing to Give so they can Send those God has called to Go.

That is why on Wednesday afternoon at the National Association in Charleston, West Virginia, I stood with hundreds of other Free Will Baptists and voted for the new funding plan. It felt good standing there helping make Free Will Baptist history in my new black shoes.



# Missouri Show-Me Missions



## the McDonald Report

**W**hew! What a whirlwind these past few weeks have been!

We boarded a plane in Tokyo on June 16, leaving our ministry in the very capable hands of colleagues Dale and Sandra Bishop for a few months. Almost 24 hours later, we arrived in Nashville, where we were met by friends who escorted us to our new home, the Missionary in Residence house on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

From there, it was a countdown to our daughter Katie's wedding on July 12 to Daniel Speer, 2007 graduate of FWBBC. Around 275 friends and family members, including three friends from Tokyo, celebrated with us in a beautiful ceremony at Cross Timbers FWB Church in Nashville. This was especially meaningful to us since we were married in the very same church almost 28 years ago. Daniel and Katie will live in Nashville while Katie finishes up two more years at FWBBC. They hope to minister in Japan someday, Lord willing.

A few days after the wedding, we left for Charleston, West Virginia and the National Association of Free Will Baptists. It was a great convention with the historic vote to change the funding system of International Mission. We are excited about the change, which will eradicate deficit accounts of

individual missionaries and promote giving to the cause of world evangelization. However, since the new plan does not take effect until January of 2010, it is vital that designated giving continue until that time.

Actually, we received a startling update on our financial situation just after the National. Our account, which has been showing signs of steady decline for the past 18 months, is now at a record \$21,000 in the red. This is particularly disturbing to us, as we know we cannot return to our ministry in Tokyo until this deficit is erased and the needed funds are raised. Please don't stop giving and praying. God's Spirit is moving in Japan and we want to return and be a part of His work there!

For the next several months, we plan to travel extensively in the states of Arkansas, Missouri, and Tennessee. (We are headed to the Arkansas State meeting as we write). If your church or small group would like to have us share with you, please contact us. We would be excited to share with you about the things we've seen God doing in Japan recently.

Donnie will be teaching just one modular class at FWBBC, "History of Missions". I (Ruth) will be home-schooling our two youngest children, Amy (grade 9) and Caroline (grade 3). The four of us hope to travel together whenever possible. Our son Evan will be entering his freshman year of college at Belmont



University in Nashville.

We are looking forward to seeing you! May God bless each of you for your love for Him and His work around the world.

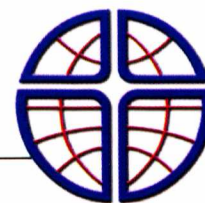
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### Prayer Requests:

1. GOOD NEWS CHAPEL in Tokyo, the believers and the leadership (MISS ETSUKO ASAHI and DALE and SANDRA BISHOP) during the months of our absence.
2. FINANCIAL CONCERNS: that the \$21,000 deficit will be erased and the funds provided for us to return to Tokyo in the fall.
3. Our MINISTRY AT FWBBC of teaching and interacting with students.
4. Our CHILDREN as they adjust to life in America. EVAN, college freshman; AMY, grade 9; and CAROLINE, grade 3.
5. That our HOMESCHOOLING will be successful and blessed by God.
6. Our daughter Katie and husband Daniel as they establish a new Christian home.



# National Association Delegates Endorse Mission Funding Plan



**I**move we receive the report, refer the budget, and endorse the funding plan." With these words, International Missions' Board Chairman Danny Williams asked the delegates to give their support to a historic change in denominational missions funding at the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Charleston, West Virginia. Delegates responded with an overwhelming endorsement of the International Missions Board's restructure plan for funding missions.

General Director James Forlines shared a timeline of events leading to this decision during his report to convention delegates. Forlines recounted the most important steps, including a pivotal strategic planning session with all mission leaders in December of 2005 and the many regional meetings in 2008 to listen to state leaders and pastors. "As a result of over 10 years of work, tens of thousands of miles, and hundreds of meetings, the board was ready to vote on April 29, 2008, at 1:46 in the afternoon. The vote was unanimous. The excitement was palpable," Forlines told hundreds of delegates.

Following the report, delegates

asked questions and expressed their opinions about the plan. Many people characterized the debate as civil and representative of the way issues should be handled. In the end, the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of endorsing the new plan. Oklahoma's Director of Missions Brad Ransom declared, "I was delighted with the vote of approval. I especially appreciated the cooperative spirit in which the comments from the floor were made. The real winners in this are our missionaries who deserve our support! They give up so much to do what God has called them to do. The least we can do is figure out a way to help relieve the pressure of the financial responsibility of their accounts. I believe the new funding system will do just that."

Following the session, senior missionary Bobby Poole rejoiced, "We were very pleased. Geneva and I believe this is a major step in the right direction. I am thrilled missionaries will no longer have to ask for money for themselves only, but will be able to tell Free Will Baptist people about the entire missions team."

"I was relieved when the funding restructure was passed. Ever since

I joined the Mission we have talked about the need for changes in the funding system," stated Debbie Griffin, missionary to Japan. "The home office has worked so hard to come up with a good plan. I am excited to see it put to work."

Kristi Johnson, missionary to Spain admitted, "I actually cried as I realized they (delegates) were standing in support of missions and missionaries around the world. I was proud to be a part of our denomination and honored to be one of the front-line workers they were so overwhelmingly supporting."

The target date for implementing the plan is January 2010. Mark McPeak, Deputy Director of State-side Operations explains, "We will consistently communicate details and instructions to our churches and people in the 18-month transition period. Changing from a system that has been in place for a generation will present some challenges. But the early feedback has been excellent and most people seem eager to participate."

James Forlines' speech to the delegates and additional information on the new funding plan are available at [www.fwbgo.com](http://www.fwbgo.com).

## Highlights of the plan include:

\* An undesignated Global Evangelism Fund established to pay all the costs of keeping all missionaries on their fields.

\* The Global Evangelism Fund will be underwritten by contributions to the World Missions Offering, church giving, and individual undesignated contributions.

\* Every FWBIM missionary will also have a designated ministry and project fund to underwrite the cost of

field ministry.

\* Each missionary's ministry and project fund will be underwritten by a limited number of strategic partner churches (or groups of churches).

\* Any designated contributions to a missionary will be placed in the designated missionary's ministry and project account.

\* An annual analysis of ministry and project accounts will be conducted and reconciled as follows:

\* Any deficit in underfunded accounts

will be offset by funds transferred from the Global Evangelism Fund.

\* Any surplus in overfunded accounts will be transferred into the Global Evangelism Fund.

\* A Board-enforced limit on the percentage of income allocated to administrative expenditures.

\* The plan will be implemented January 1, 2010.

\* All designated funds received prior to implementation will be used as designated.



# 2008 National SCM Conference

**A**lmost 4000 Free Will Baptists registered to watch 908 students from across the nation compete in this year's SCM Competition. Ranging from Music and Arts to Bible to Drama, the event proved once again that we have very talented young people! Of those Missourians chosen earlier this year at our State Music and Arts Festival in Springfield, 39 individuals and groups placed in the top three in their categories. You will find those listed below. Our congratulations to them and our thanks to their parents and coaches who helped them prepare.

|        |  |                    |
|--------|--|--------------------|
| Third  | 0.07 - Bible Memorization - Grade 7          | Tyler Jared        |
| Third  | 0.09 - Bible Memorization - Grade 9          | Joel Williams      |
| Second | 0.11 - Bible Memorization - Grade 11         | Phillip Easley     |
| Third  | 0.12 - Bible Memorization - Grade 12         | Christine Harkey   |
| Second | 0.21 - Senior Hight TruthQuest               | Katy Fry           |
| Second | 1.10 - Vocal Solo (Age A)                    | Melissa Alvis      |
| Third  | 1.20 - Male Vocal Solo (Age C)               | Jordan Johnston    |
| Third  | 2.20 - Duets (Age A)                         | Alexus & Calissta  |
| Third  | 2.30 - Trios (Age B)                         | Fellowship Trio    |
| Third  | 2.50 - Ensemble (5-12) (Age C)               | Sanctuary Sisters  |
| Second | 3.10 - Woodwind Solo (Age B)                 | Mica Hoskins       |
| First  | 3.20 - Brass Solo (Age B)                    | Zachary Keith      |
| Third  | 3.20 - Brass Solo (Age D)                    | Nicholas McMillian |
| First  | 3.30 - Bowed String Solo (Age C)             | Garrett Pratt      |
| Second | 3.30 - Bowed String Solo (Age D)             | Phillip Easley     |
| First  | 3.50 - Pitched Percussion Solo (Age C)       | Mikaela Thompson   |
| First  | 3.50 - Pitched Percussion Solo (Age D)       | Jeni Dixon         |
| First  | 4.10 - IE (2-4) (Age B)                      | Hartville Duet     |
| First  | 4.20 - IE (5+) (Age C)                       | Handbell Choir     |
| First  | 5.10 - Keyboard Solo (Age C)                 | Joel Williams      |
| Third  | 5.10 - Keyboard Solo (Age D)                 | Katy Fry           |
| First  | 6.10 - CA - Famous Speech (Age C)            | Clayton Collier    |
| Third  | 6.30 - CA - Illustrated Storytelling (Age D) | Amanda Brinkhoff   |
| Third  | 6.62 - CA - Group Sign Language (Age C)      | Days of Elijah     |
| Second | 7.10 - CA - Painting (Age A)                 | Aubrey King        |
| Second | 7.10 - CA - Painting (Age B)                 | Michaela King      |
| First  | 7.30 - CA - Mixed Media (Age A)              | Carli Holman       |
| First  | 7.30 - CA - Mixed Media (Age C)              | Hannah Wallace     |
| First  | 7.41 - CA - Original Computer Art (Age C)    | Clayton Collier    |
| First  | 7.42 - CA - Computer Graphics (Age C)        | Jordan Johnston    |
| First  | 7.42 - CA - Computer Graphics (Age D)        | Katy Fry           |
| Second | 7.51 - CA - Single Photo (Age B)             | Chelsey Baker      |
| Second | 7.51 - CA - Single Photo (Age D)             | Colleen O'Neal     |
| First  | 7.52 - CA - Photo Essay (Age C)              | Hannah Wallace     |
| First  | 7.61 - CA - Banners (Age C)                  | Danielle Zook      |
| Second | 7.71 - CA - Sculpted Clay (Age A)            | Aubry Dodson       |
| Second | 7.80 - CA - Conceptual Art (Age A)           | Jadon Nettles      |
| Second | 8.10 - CW - Short Story (Age D)              | Katy Fry           |
| Third  | 9.40 - PM - PowerPoint (Age B)               | Allison & Michaela |

Competition is a wonderful way for young people to develop their skills and talents God has given them, as well as a great way to learn God's word. If you or your church would like to become a part of this program, contact Rev. Randy Raines, chairman of our Youth Board. You may order the competitive manual and all materials from our Bookstore. Call them at 1-800261-0571.

*\*Photos were taken of the above participants, but the state camera, containing the pictures was stolen after the National. Our apologies to those expecting to see themselves in the Gem.*



# Meeting In The Mountains

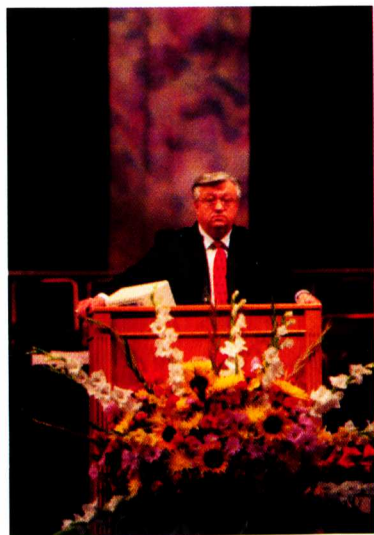
72nd Annual Free Will Baptist Convention  
Meets in Charleston, WV

**S**EVENTEEN YEARS AFTER what many consider "the greatest national convention," Free Will Baptists returned to Charleston, West Virginia, to see if God would do it again. The same genuine warmth and enthusiasm met Free Will Baptists at the door as nearly 6,000 delegates ignored \$4 per gallon gas prices to meet deep in the Appalachian Mountains.

While the holy fire still glowed during worship services like it did in 1991, times had changed in other areas. The five-day convention now crowded into four; the \$11 million 1991 convention budget zoomed to almost \$26 million; and a growing convention filled every available space in the city beside the river.

## EARLY IMPACT

The 2008 convention started with a bang as volunteers from Alabama, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Indiana, Alabama, and West Virginia arrived in the Greater Charleston area a day early to participate in Impact West Virginia. The an-



Moderator Tim York

nual outreach event gives convention attendees an opportunity to give back to the host city.

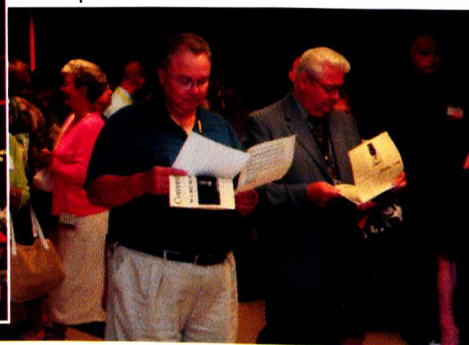
In spite of sizzling temperatures, excited volunteers participated in door-to-door evangelism, hosted a children's festival, renovated a church, and shared their enthusiasm with churches across the area. "I can't tell you how excited we are that you have come to help us today," host Dan Kelly told volunteers at the Chesapeake FWB Church, located 20 minutes south of Charleston. "I can't wait to see what God does!"

## ENTHUSIASTIC WORSHIP

The excitement carried over into convention worship services where soul-stirring congregational singing, powerful preaching, and rousing special numbers left their mark on attendees.

Sunday morning, after a Sunday School lesson taught by Jim Hutchison (WV), Ivan Asbury, former home missionary and West Virginia pastor, spoke from 1 Corinthians on "Walking by Faith."

Following a cordial welcome from Charleston Mayor Danny Jones, the Sunday evening service was punctuated by spirited music featuring the



Missouri Pastors Gene Howell and Wayne Phillips read Convention News



McCorkle FWB Church choir (WV). Their music brought the congregation to its feet. West Virginia native and Assistant Moderator of the National Association William Smith spoke on, "Preparing the Way."

Monday evening, West Virginia native Jim Christian (currently pastoring in Florida) examined the topic, "Walking in the Truth." The sermon was preceded by a song service that featured the old hymn favorite, "Amazing Grace," and other traditional songs of faith. As one attendee remarked, "The music selections seemed tailored for Jim's message."

Dr. Stanley Outlaw reminded the congregation to "Walk Carefully and Walk Circumspectly" during his sermon Tuesday evening following special music by the Temple Quartet.

The exciting services reached their climax during Wednesday evening's annual missions service. Missionaries, both home and international, were introduced during a flag-studded walk across the convention stage. New missionaries from both agencies shared in a commissioning service before Moderator Tim York (TN) addressed the theme, "Walking as Children of Light."

Throughout the week, Chris Truett, convention music coordinator, produced an inspiring program that featured a mass choir with





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more than 100 voices, an orchestral ensemble, and a vocal accompaniment group. Every service featured rousing specials and enthusiastic congregational singing.

#### EXCITING EXTRAS

Dr. Troy Bush addressed the 2008 Missions Rally on Monday. According to International Missions Director James Forlines, "Bush presents a compelling and practical message to motivate attendees to lead their local churches in reaching their neighbors with the love of Christ."

The director of church starting for Embrace Baltimore, a project planting more than 20 new churches in the city, Dr. Bush has taught in seminaries and colleges across the United States as well as Eastern Europe.

Well-known pastor and author Dr. Bobby Welch spoke at Tuesday morning's Pastors/Laymen Conference. A veteran of nearly 40 years in ministry, Dr. Welch co-founded F.A.I.T.H. Evangelism, the Sunday School-based outreach program that now extends to 14 countries, with materials published in four languages.

#### ALL BUSINESS

On Monday morning, the focus of the convention turned to business as the General Board set a record by blazing through eight department reports, two commission reports, and a final greeting from retiring WNAC Executive Secretary Treasurer Majorie Workman in just under five hours.

In addition to recommending agency budgets to convention delegates, the General Board recommended Little Rock, Arkansas, for the 2018 convention, recommended a proposed funding plan by the International Missions

Department, and recommended that an overhaul of the "Election of Officers" section of the Free Will Baptist Treatise be tabled until 2009.

Business continued Tuesday afternoon when Moderator Tim York kicked off the 2008 convention business session with a brief devotional on the mind of Christ, the method



of Christ, and the ministry of Christ.

Two and a half hours later, delegates had elected 20 board and commission members, adopted a Treatise change

clarifying the meaning of marriage, tabled another Treatise change recommending that the nominating process be revisited in 2009, voted to meet in Little Rock (Arkansas) for the 2018 convention, and heard reports from four national agencies and two commissions.

#### Executive Office

Executive Secretary Keith Burden announced the hiring of Ryan Lewis, 25-year-old FWBBC graduate, who will join the Executive Office staff August 4, as executive administrator. Initially, Lewis will serve as a convention planner. Later, he will assume duties with the annual Leadership Conference, manage [www.fwbpastor.com](http://www.fwbpastor.com), assist

with Disaster Response Team efforts, work with the Palmer Leadership Institute, and represent the Executive Office at denominational events.

The Executive Office is debt-free after "an incredible turnaround financially." ONE Magazine, the denomination's official publication added 6,100 subscribers in the past year, surpassing 60,000 readers. Beginning this fall, the Executive Office plans to initiate the Palmer Leadership

Institute, a program to provide resources for pastors and state leaders.

Gene Norris, General Board member from Michigan, was honored for serving four consecutive terms on

the Executive Committee.

#### Master's Men

Master's Men announced a new website at [www.FWBMastersmen.org](http://www.FWBMastersmen.org) and a new logo. Director Ken Akers thanked delegates for a record Father's Day offering. The department added 10 chapters this year as it celebrated 51 years of operation.

The department sponsored three work projects this year. They assisted a Home Missions church with landscaping (AK), roofed and shored up the historic Ridge Church (NH), and constructed a storage barn for a mission church (AR).

#### Board of Retirement

Director Ray Lewis paid tribute to Herman Hersey who founded the Board of Retirement in 1969 (and the FWB Foundation in 1980), calling him a visionary, a preacher, and a musician. Reverend Hersey died January 24, 2008.

The agency added 116 enrollees

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# Fall Couples Retreat

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## "Making Room for Romance"

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Clarion Hotel, Springfield

November 13-15

2008

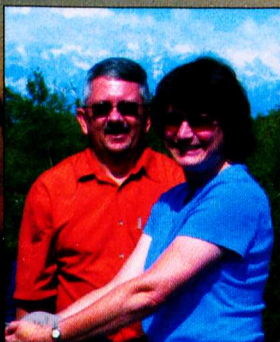
\$175 per couple

Includes two nights lodging...

breakfast both days...

lunch on Friday...

all conference sessions



Speakers,  
Steve and Susan Tucker,  
Eagle Family Ministries

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this year. The retirement plan now has 1,543 participants, including 1,054 ordained ministers. Twenty-four percent of Free Will Baptist churches now contribute to their pastor's retirement, up from 13% just two years ago. The department reported assets of \$43 million with an expense ratio below 1%.

Lewis explained that the 18.75% reported loss in returns for the first six months of 2008 resulted from a combination of current economic declines. He encouraged members to stick with their investments and ride out the dip in earnings.

FWB Foundation Director David Brown also saluted the ministry of Herman Hersey who launched the department in 1980.

The department reported assets up \$5.3 million to almost \$40 million, citing large increases in permanent assets such as endowments (up \$1.7 million) and planned gifts (up \$500,000). More than \$400,000 was generated for various Free Will Baptist ministries in 2007, and the agency is in contact with six families who have made commitments of \$7 million in planned gifts.

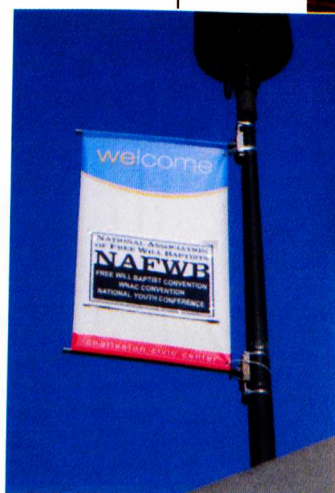
**Theological Commission**  
The commission and Randall House are collaborating on a book project. Matt Pinson serves as project editor. The book will address current issues: postmodernism, terrorism, pop-culture theology, homosexuality/gay marriage, pornography, authority

of Scripture, and more. This fourth volume of Integrity: A Journal of Christian Thought will be available later this year.

The commission sponsored a seminar in Charleston titled, "The Problem with the Big Bang Theory."

Bob Hill, a Free Will Baptist professor who teaches at Ball State University, led the seminar.

**Historical Commission**



The Historical Commission presented the third in a series of historical pamphlets, Free Will Baptists and Church Government.

The 16-page booklet was written by Matt

Pinson. Plans were announced to present the fourth historical pamphlet to delegates during the 2009 convention—Free Will Baptists and the Priesthood of the Believer.

Delegates were informed of a 2008 publication on the history of Free Baptists in Nova Scotia, The Early Years of Barrington's Free Baptists. The book includes materials from several authors and presents the story of the rise of Free Baptists in Southwestern Nova Scotia in the late 1700s, to the formation of the

Nova Scotia Free Baptist Conference in 1866. To order the volume, contact Michael Christie at: thechristies1956@ns.sympatico.ca or (902) 885-2691.

**WEDNESDAY TO REMEMBER**  
Delegates by the hundreds showed up Wednesday morning, filling the Civic Center floor seating section. By noon, they had heard and approved three department reports, given two standing ovations, elected six board members, and settled in for an expected long debate—then the lunch gavel fell.

**Home Missions**

Director Larry Powell reported that home missionaries made more than 300,000 contacts last year. Six mission projects were launched in 2007 (New York, Michigan, Alabama, Virginia, Colorado, and Hawaii), and five new church planters were appointed. Cross-cultural outreach among Hispanics, Korean, Russian, and Native American groups flourish in North America

Free Will Baptists have invested \$28 million with CELE, a loan fund to assist Home Mission churches. From 58 Hispanic graduates at the Gwen Hendrix Seminary in South Carolina to military chaplains in the armed forces, the department continues to impact the world. Three Home Missions churches became self-supporting this year.

**Free Will Baptist Bible College**  
President Matt Pinson announced that FWBBC expects to close on a contract by mid-August to purchase a 66-acre site for a new campus in the Middle Tennessee area. The land is located 25 miles from the college's current campus.

After a downturn in enrollment for the first time in six years, officials reported a 25% increase in student applications for the fall 2008 semester. The college will roll out a fully accredited online A.S. degree in Ministry this fall. An expanding





academic program now includes degrees in biology education and pre-law studies to assist students who plan to enter the field of law. Retired FWBCC employees Ralph and Margaret Hampton received a standing ovation for their service at the college. Ralph taught 50 years in the Biblical and Ministry Studies Department, and Margaret served 37 years as library manager.

Board members Gene Outland (IL) and Archie Ratliff (NC) received plaques in recognition of 12 years on the Board of Trustees.

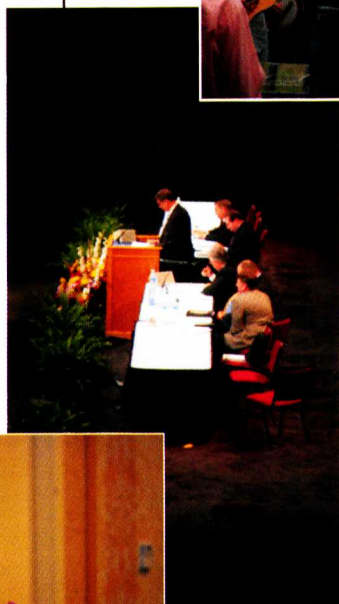
Randall House  
Randall House plans to spend \$500,000 in the next two years to promote D6—a program to involve parents in the spiritual growth and development of their children. A D6 conference in 2009 will feature a list of nationally acclaimed speakers. Director Ron Hunter said he expects 3,000-4,000 attendees at the conference.



Randall House won eight awards for excellence in the printing industry this year. The agency reported curriculum sales up 155% since 2001 and wants to develop a stronger relationship with state bookstores. Plans to upgrade product lines are underway. The department gave back more than \$72,000 to the denomination. Board members Nuel Brown (CA) and David Reece (TN) received plaques for 12 years of service.

International Missions  
“The Mission’s highest priority is to change the funding system,” reported General Director James Forlines to 2008 delegates, and asked the convention to endorse a sweeping financial plan to restructure agency funding.

Delegates debated the merits of the new plan of support from more than an hour, as 20 individuals stepped to the microphone expressing support or opposition. The spirit of the debate was brotherly and refreshing. Sharp dissension registered alongside ringing endorsements.



James Forlines and board chairman Danny Williams fielded questions from the floor as the 80-minute debate unfolded. When discussion ceased,

delegates approved the new funding system by a vote of 375 to 58.

The vote was the culmination of 25 regional meetings between mission personnel and 600 pastors and leaders over the past two years. The program will go into effect January 1, 2010. The centerpiece of the new system will be a Global Evangelism Fund that pays all costs for keeping missionaries on their fields.

The agency report included a series of personal recognitions. Board members David Williford and Bill Van Winkle received plaques for 12 years of service. Retiring missionaries Jerry and Carol Pinkerton received a thunderous standing ovation as the longest-serving missionaries in Ivory Coast.

Former director Eugene Waddell, who died in 2007, was honored; his widow was presented an engraved Bible and a folded Christian flag, and learned that the “Eugene and Genevieve Scholarship Fund” will provide educational funds for all missionary children beginning in 2010.

## FINAL THINGS

Delegates heard brief reports from the Music and Media Commissions before giving a standing vote of appreciation to West Virginia for hosting the 2008 convention. The business meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. to meet in 2009 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The theme for the 2009 convention will be “God’s Great and Precious Promises.”

## 2008 CONVENTION AT-A-GLANCE

### REGISTRATION

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Board members          | 41    |
| Licensed ministers     | 34    |
| Local church delegates | 15    |
| Ordained deacons       | 143   |
| Ordained ministers     | 652   |
| State Delegates        | 71    |
| NAFWB Attendees        | 2,336 |
| WNAC                   | 892   |
| NYC                    | 3,970 |
| Total Registered       | 8,186 |

Actual Count 5,741\*

\* Many attendees register for more than one convention.

### 2009 BUDGETS

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Executive Office                     | \$735,674    |
| FWB Bible College                    | \$6,432,800  |
| FWB Foundation                       | \$463,198    |
| Home Missions                        | \$5,000,000  |
| Int’l Missions                       | \$8,184,538  |
| Master’s Men                         | \$155,400    |
| Retirement                           | \$545,000    |
| Randall House                        | \$4,446,900  |
| Commission for Theological Integrity | \$4,120      |
| Historical Commission                | \$4,100      |
| Media Commission                     | \$3,600      |
| Music Commission                     | \$5,615      |
| Total                                | \$25,980,945 |



# God & Country 2008

When the folks at First Church in Lebanon had over 12,000 people show up last year for their God and Country Celebration, they wondered what they could do this year to top that. For one thing they moved the event to a larger venue, utilizing the Lebanon City Airport. They arranged for many more food vendors offering everything from funnel cakes and shaved ice to fried catfish and barbeque. They provided what they thought would be plenty of parking. There was a kid-safe area with inflatable games. Little did they know what God had in mind.

The day started with church at the airport at 8:30am. Activities followed throughout the day with free airplane rides for kids, displays from nearby Fort Leonard Wood army base, local and State law enforcement and a monster truck. Entertainment was provided beginning at 5:00pm and culminated with a \$35,000.00 fireworks show at dark provided by Premier Pyrotechnics.

Did the people come? Well, later that evening and the next day, local radio and TV stations were incredibly reporting that 20,000 people were at the Lebanon Airport for the event. Traffic was backed up both ways on I-44 trying to get to the airport!

Was the day a success? Hundreds of people expressed their thanks for a family friendly place to hear good music, eat good food and watch great fireworks. Plus they got to hear the gospel! Pastor Joe Wilson and the folks at First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon are already preparing for next year. Who knows what God will do on July 12, 2009 in Lebanon, Mo.

Photos by Liz Spencer





## Missouri Men Work at FWBBC Dormitory

Seven men from O'Fallon, Missouri, spent one of the hottest weeks of summer (August 4-7) in three-story Goen Hall on the Free Will Baptist Bible College campus waxing floors, halls, and common areas, according to Ernie Thompson, cleaning

operations supervisor. With temperatures nearing 100 degrees daily, the five men and two teens climbed stairs with heavy equipment and worked late in the evenings to put a shine on the men's residence hall.

Pastor Rick Dement (First Free Will Baptist Church in O'Fallon) said, "My son Caleb graduated from FWBBC in May, so I was in the dormitory and saw first-hand that the floors needed some attention. We assembled a seven-man team and promised President Pinson that we'd start Monday and stay until it was done. Before we leave Friday, this job will be finished."

Teen brothers Ben (17) and Jon (15) Osterkamp accompanied Pastor Dement and four other men to participate in the work project. The church's assistant pastor (Scott Collins, a 2005 FWBBC graduate), along with retired businessmen Randy Matlock and Roger Drennen, and 71-year-old truck driver Jerry Crossfield completed the Show-Me State crew.

Ernie Thompson, a Missouri native, said, "These fellows were all business. They understood why they were here and the effort it would take. They started early and stayed late. They brought equipment with them to get the job done, and even furnished \$1,000 worth of vinyl base replacement trim at their own expense."

Pastor Dement is moderator of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.



Front Row (L): Ben Osterkamp, Scott Collins, Jon Osterkamp.  
Back Row (L): Rick Dement, Roger Drennen, Randy Matlock,  
Jerry Crossfield.

### September 11-13

WNAC Retreat...Ridgecrest, North Carolina

### September 19-20

MOWAC Retreat...Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

### November 13-15

Couples Retreat  
Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

### November 21-22

State Youth Retreat...Windermere  
Retreat Center, Roach, MO

For a more detailed  
calendar,  
check online at  
[www.mofwb.org](http://www.mofwb.org)

Associational Clerks,  
please check the  
calendar on the State  
website to make sure that  
your Associational  
meeting dates and locations  
are listed and accurate.

To submit items for the State  
calendar of interest to the  
whole State, contact us at  
[info@mofwb.org](mailto:info@mofwb.org)



# Financial Report

## Coop Disbursements

May 2008..... **\$79,700.52**

19.00% St HM .....\$15,143.09  
17.00% Exec. Office.....\$13,549.08  
3.00% Gen. Fund.....\$2,391.06  
8.50% Youth Camp.....\$6,774.54  
2.50% Youth Min.....\$1,992.51  
2.50% CE .....\$1,992.51  
2.50% Senior Adult.....\$1,992.51  
9.00% Mo Retirement.....\$7,173.04  
3.00% ShowMe Plan.....\$2,391.01

33.00% .....\$23,352.81

National Ministries

Hillsdale.....\$2,948.36

**Total .....\$79,700.52**

## Coop Plan

Alton .....\$200.00  
Amity .....\$60.50  
Aulsbury Chapel .....\$204.18  
Bailey .....\$244.00  
Bailey Chapel .....\$185.00  
Beacon .....\$1,700.00  
Belton .....\$443.52  
Berean .....\$513.00  
Bethel - El Dorado Springs \$256.57  
Bethel- Marshfield.....\$1,209.75  
Black Oak .....\$727.27  
Byrd .....\$369.10  
Cabool 1st .....\$319.66  
Calvary Chapel .....\$1,052.10  
Cape Girardeau 1st.....\$535.00  
Carthage .....\$724.01  
Central .....\$1,208.81  
Christ Chapel.....\$793.00  
Clifton .....\$42.61  
Copper Mines .....\$607.77  
Cornerstone.....\$833.10  
Crossroads- Wentzville...\$1,091.00  
Cuba .....\$647.00  
De Soto 1st.....\$1,900.00  
Faith & Hope- Aurora.....\$138.85  
Farmington 1st.....\$2,976.61  
Fellowship.....\$1,300.00  
Fordland .....\$593.00  
Fourth .....\$211.17  
Fredericktown 1st.....\$466.00  
Freeman Chapel.....\$510.00  
Generations .....\$875.98  
Gospel Light .....\$200.00  
Grace.....\$1,976.60  
Grant Avenue.....\$1,163.76  
Greenfield .....\$317.00  
Hannibal .....\$668.00  
Hartville.....\$1,397.00  
Hazel Creek.....\$1,133.34  
Hilltop .....\$159.47  
Hopewell.....\$462.00  
Houston 1st .....\$324.21  
Hurryville.....\$559.57  
Jackson .....\$251.54  
Kings Way .....\$696.25  
Koshkonong.....\$228.00  
Lead Hill.....\$268.09

Leadington.....\$602.00  
Lebanon 1st.....\$1,898.48  
Lebanon Greenhills .....\$880.12  
Macedonia- Niangua .....\$239.47  
Marshfield .....\$254.68  
Merls Chapel .....\$236.28  
Mill Creek.....\$675.44  
Mine LaMotte.....\$120.00  
Monett 1st.....\$952.72  
Mountain Grove 1st.....\$1,933.28  
Mt. Pisgah.....\$742.00  
Mtn. Grove 1st.....\$1,791.24  
Myrtle.....\$334.11  
Neosho 1st.....\$506.35  
Neosho 1sta .....\$799.90  
Nevada .....\$159.20  
New Hope.....\$320.00  
New Life- Licking.....\$668.23  
Niangua .....\$354.78  
Number One.....\$164.64  
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove.....\$283.80  
Oak Hill .....\$410.00  
O'Fallon 1st.....\$2,476.29  
Olivet .....\$1,166.00  
Ozark 1st.....\$2,465.65  
Palabras De Vida Eterna...\$280.25  
Parkview .....\$977.00  
Pleasant Hill- Thayer .....\$168.67  
Pleasant Ridge- Alton.....\$51.60  
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana...\$154.00  
Potosi 1st.....\$224.23  
Purdy 1st.....\$950.00  
Rejoice.....\$994.85  
Richwoods 1st.....\$1,110.00  
Rock Chapel.....\$482.63  
Rolla 1st.....\$323.00  
Salem .....\$30.00  
Seymour .....\$891.00  
Smyrna .....\$199.00  
South Fremont.....\$1,400.00  
Southern Hills .....\$898.50  
Springfield 1st.....\$1,821.25  
Stockton.....\$378.20  
Thayer .....\$1,605.00  
Trinity.....\$589.15  
Twin Oak.....\$1,565.00  
Union Grove .....\$665.00  
Union Light .....\$191.00  
United .....\$2,051.35  
Unity .....\$510.00  
Verdella.....\$863.55  
Viburnum .....\$507.00  
Victory- Alton .....\$492.71  
Victory- KC .....\$1,207.49  
Waynesville 1st.....\$610.64  
West Plains.....\$1,128.00  
West Plains 1st.....\$818.00  
Wilderness .....\$707.00  
Willow Springs.....\$878.50  
Willow Springs 1st.....\$96.00  
Wolf Creek.....\$702.90  
**Total .....\$79,700.52**

## Show-Me Plan

Beacon .....\$452.00  
Belton .....\$142.00  
Berean.....\$210.00  
Berry, Roberta .....\$15.00  
Bethel- Festus .....\$45.00

Black Oak .....\$180.00  
Brown, Angela .....\$15.00  
Burns, Jack.....\$110.00  
Cabool 1st .....\$105.00  
Calvary Chapel.....\$105.00  
Central.....\$105.00  
Chrisman, Mona .....\$30.00  
Coon Creek .....\$94.60  
Coon Creek .....\$124.42  
Copper Mines .....\$185.00  
Cornerstone.....\$461.00  
Crossroads- Wentzville...\$50.00  
Cuba .....\$153.00  
De Soto 1st.....\$762.50  
Eastern Gate .....\$30.00  
Faith & Hope- W Spngs.....\$90.00  
Farmington 1st.....\$495.00  
Fellowship.....\$1,087.47  
Fordland .....\$250.00  
Fourth .....\$90.00  
Fredericktown 1st.....\$180.00  
Freeman Chapel.....\$720.00  
Generations .....\$394.57  
Gospel Light .....\$1,000.00  
Grace.....\$387.00  
Grant Avenue.....\$351.00  
Grantham, Judy .....\$15.00  
Greenfield .....\$120.00  
Gregg, James .....\$30.00  
Hannibal .....\$30.00  
Happy Hill .....\$60.00  
Happy Hill .....\$60.00  
Hartville.....\$240.00  
Hazel Creek.....\$465.00  
Hilltop.....\$10.45  
Hopewell.....\$30.00  
Houston 1st .....\$174.00  
Hurryville.....\$523.50  
Jackson .....\$20.00  
Leadington.....\$230.00  
Lebanon 1st.....\$170.00  
Lebanon Greenhills .....\$25.00  
Lebanon Greenhills .....\$25.00  
Macedonia- Purdy .....\$1,000.00  
Macedonia- Purdy .....\$1,000.00  
Maggart, Roxanne.....\$100.00  
Merls Chapel .....\$30.00  
Mill Creek.....\$140.00  
Mill Creek CWF .....\$15.00  
Mill Creek Young Adult.....\$15.00  
Mine LaMotte.....\$75.00  
MO Cooperative Plan.....\$2,391.01  
MO WAC .....\$2,459.12  
Monett 1st.....\$50.00  
Mountain Grove 1st.....\$613.00  
Mt. Pisgah.....\$150.00  
Mt. Zion- Thayer.....\$30.00  
Mtn. Grove 1st.....\$705.00  
Myrtle.....\$75.00  
Neosho 1st .....\$165.00  
Neosho 1sta .....\$210.00  
New Home- Hartville.....\$210.00  
New Hope.....\$150.00  
New Life- Licking .....\$76.00  
Number One.....\$60.00  
Oak Grove- Houston.....\$30.00  
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove...\$126.00  
O'Fallon 1st.....\$110.50  
Olivet .....\$30.00  
Olivet .....\$30.00  
Ozark 1st.....\$34.00  
Palabras De Vida Eterna...\$60.00  
Parkview .....\$262.00  
Parkview .....\$247.00  
Parkway.....\$30.00  
Pinkerton, Jerry .....\$45.00  
Pleasant Grove- Anderson \$270.00  
Pleasant Hill.....\$45.00  
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana...\$50.00  
Porter Chapel .....\$537.43  
Purdy 1st .....\$1,080.00  
Rejoice.....\$15.00  
Richwoods 1st.....\$185.00  
Rock Chapel .....\$270.00  
Rolla 1st.....\$30.00  
South Fremont.....\$120.00  
Southeast Association.....\$90.00  
Springfield 1st.....\$185.00  
Stockton.....\$15.00  
Stockton.....\$329.50  
Thayer .....\$315.00  
Trinity.....\$515.00  
Union Light .....\$225.00  
United .....\$373.10  
Unity .....\$75.00  
Verdella.....\$1,123.55  
Viburnum .....\$85.00  
Victory- KC .....\$675.00  
Walnut Grove.....\$15.00  
Waynesville 1st.....\$547.00  
Willow Springs.....\$127.45  
Willow Springs .....\$111.64  
Willow Springs 1st.....\$45.00  
**Total .....\$28,693.34**

## State Home Missions

Berean.....\$15.00  
Book Store.....\$540.00  
Copper Mines .....\$75.00  
Crossroads- Wentzville...\$50.00  
Fordland .....\$10.00  
Gospel Light .....\$80.00  
Grace.....\$25.00  
Grant Avenue.....\$83.19  
Lebanon Greenhills .....\$176.03  
Macedonia- Purdy .....\$100.00  
MO WAC .....\$7.50  
Myrtle.....\$85.00  
Neosho 1st .....\$50.00  
Oak Hill .....\$15.00  
O'Fallon 1st .....\$95.50  
Ozark 1st.....\$10.00  
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana...\$20.00  
Thayer .....\$75.00  
United .....\$25.00  
Unity .....\$70.00  
Waynesville 1st.....\$50.00  
**Total .....\$1,657.22**

## National Home Missions

Bethel- Festus .....\$50.00  
Carthage.....\$135.00  
Central.....\$150.00  
Copper Mines .....\$50.00  
Cuba .....\$92.10  
De Soto 1st.....\$215.00  
Farmington 1st.....\$777.20  
Fellowship.....\$409.85  
Fordland .....\$50.00  
Fourth .....\$50.00  
Fredericktown 1st.....\$30.00  
Gospel Light .....\$80.00  
Grace.....\$129.00  
Grant Avenue.....\$83.19  
Hartville.....\$30.00  
Hazel Creek.....\$45.00  
Houston 1st .....\$60.00  
Hurryville.....\$100.00



# 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.

**First Church**  
Cape Girardeau, MO  
Contact:  
Don Gregory  
573-339-0797  
or  
Dave Lane  
573-334-1106

**Overland Church**  
Overland, MO  
Contact:  
William Coffman  
314-429-4374

**Grace Church**  
Arnold MO  
Contact:  
Glyn Gilman,  
C/O Grace FWB Church  
2258 Tenbrook Road  
Arnold MO 63012

**Lebanon Green Hills Church**  
Lebanon, MO  
Contact:  
Milan Ruble  
417-588-3996

**Hannon Church**  
Liberal, MO  
Contact:  
Brent Thompson  
417-843-4985

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Jackson               | \$35.00           |
| Merls Chapel          | \$157.00          |
| Monett 1st            | \$275.00          |
| Mountain Grove 1st    | \$60.00           |
| Mt. Pisgah            | \$30.00           |
| Mtn. Grove 1st        | \$70.00           |
| Neosho 1st            | \$130.00          |
| New Testament         | \$40.00           |
| Oak Hill              | \$95.00           |
| O'Fallon 1st          | \$95.50           |
| Olivet                | \$155.00          |
| Ozark 1st             | \$283.00          |
| Purdy 1st             | \$75.00           |
| Rader, Jerry          | \$20.00           |
| Richwoods 1st         | \$75.50           |
| Rock Chapel           | \$117.50          |
| Rolla 1st             | \$164.00          |
| South Fremont         | \$75.00           |
| Southeast Association | \$45.00           |
| Thayer                | \$190.00          |
| Trinity               | \$40.00           |
| Union Light           | \$96.00           |
| United                | \$5.00            |
| Unity                 | \$100.00          |
| Verdella              | \$10.00           |
| Victory- Alton        | \$15.00           |
| Victory- KC           | \$30.00           |
| Waynesville 1st       | \$289.40          |
| West Plains 1st       | \$507.00          |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>\$5,816.24</b> |

## International Missions

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Belton             | \$302.28          |
| Copper Mines       | \$100.00          |
| Cuba               | \$61.90           |
| De Soto 1st        | \$70.00           |
| Fellowship         | \$40.00           |
| Generations        | \$75.15           |
| Grant Avenue       | \$15.00           |
| Hartville          | \$1,045.00        |
| Hazel Creek        | \$123.33          |
| Houston 1st        | \$40.00           |
| Monett 1st         | \$1,124.00        |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$58.00           |
| Mtn. Grove 1st     | \$43.00           |
| Olivet             | \$795.00          |
| Ozark 1st          | \$50.00           |
| Purdy 1st          | \$261.50          |
| Rejoice            | \$235.00          |
| Rolla 1st          | \$134.00          |
| South Fremont      | \$75.00           |
| Southern Hills     | \$561.00          |
| Springfield 1st    | \$102.56          |
| Stockton           | \$1,000.00        |
| Thayer             | \$270.00          |
| Waynesville 1st    | \$70.00           |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$6,651.72</b> |

## Designated Giving

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Berea Ministries      |                 |
| Hartville             | \$150.00        |
| Jackson/Costa Rica    | \$20.00         |
| Southeast Association | \$45.00         |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>\$215.00</b> |

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Victor Torrez       |                 |
| United- Youth Group | \$200.00        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$200.00</b> |

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Brazil Project |                 |
| Verdella       | \$229.91        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$229.91</b> |

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Trula Cronk Home   |                 |
| De Soto 1st        | \$55.00         |
| Farmington 1st     | \$10.00         |
| Hartville          | \$50.00         |
| Hazel Creek        | \$56.67         |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$20.00         |
| Myrtle             | \$27.00         |
| Unity              | \$50.00         |
| Belton             | \$25.00         |
| New Hope           | \$50.00         |
| Union Light        | \$50.00         |
| Grace              | \$25.00         |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$20.00         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$438.67</b> |

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|--------------|-----------------|
| C. E. Board  |                 |
| Book Store   | \$140.00        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$140.00</b> |

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| FWBBC              |                   |
| Lebanon Greenhills | \$40.00           |
| Olivet             | \$25.00           |
| De Soto 1st        | \$40.00           |
| Hazel Creek        | \$56.67           |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$165.00          |
| Thayer             | \$75.00           |
| Fellowship         | \$10.00           |
| Hopewell           | \$10.00           |
| South Fremont      | \$1,400.00        |
| Beacon             | \$90.00           |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$165.00          |
| Olivet             | \$25.00           |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$2,101.67</b> |

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Hillsdale          |                   |
| Farmington 1st     | \$10.00           |
| Farmington 1st     | \$115.00          |
| Hazel Creek        | \$56.67           |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$170.00          |
| Fordland           | \$10.00           |
| Grant Avenue       | \$25.00           |
| Thayer             | \$75.00           |
| South Fremont      | \$1,400.00        |
| Beacon             | \$91.00           |
| Carthage           | \$100.00          |
| Generations        | \$92.21           |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$170.00          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$2,314.88</b> |

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Missouri Retirement |                 |
| Book Store          | \$200.00        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$200.00</b> |

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Senior Adult Board |                 |
| Book Store         | \$140.00        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$140.00</b> |

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Mile High Ministries |                 |
| Verdella             | \$441.78        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$441.78</b> |

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Youth Camp         |          |
| Book Store         | \$540.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah         | \$15.00  |
| Niangua            | \$25.00  |
| Rock Chapel        | \$14.00  |
| Willow Springs     | \$50.00  |
| Cornerstone        | \$100.00 |
| De Soto 1st        | \$55.00  |
| Hartville          | \$30.00  |
| Hartville          | \$20.00  |
| Hazel Creek        | \$113.33 |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$50.00  |

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Grant Avenue       | \$451.00          |
| Rolla 1st          | \$20.00           |
| Thayer             | \$75.00           |
| United             | \$100.00          |
| Verdella           | \$20.00           |
| West Plains 1st    | \$25.00           |
| Berean             | \$15.00           |
| Ozark 1st          | \$10.00           |
| Trinity            | \$9.00            |
| Mountain Grove 1st | \$50.00           |
| Niangua            | \$25.00           |
| Willow Springs     | \$50.00           |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$1,862.33</b> |

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Youth Camp Development |                 |
| Myrtle                 | \$55.00         |
| United                 | \$300.00        |
| Oak Hill               | \$15.00         |
| West Plains 1st        | \$25.00         |
| Ozark 1st              | \$65.00         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$460.00</b> |

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Youth Ministries Board |                 |
| Book Store             | \$140.00        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$140.00</b> |

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| YWAM         |                |
| Belton       | \$20.00        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$20.00</b> |

**Total May Giving**  
**\$117,437.51**  
**Cooperative Fund**  
**to Date**  
**\$481,689.68**  
**Show-Me Fund**  
**to Date**  
**\$201,172.40**





CHI PRHO Student Ministries Presents

# Catch the Fire of God's Living Water

Saturday, Sept. 27  
at 6:30p



Featuring  
**Stained Red**  
(Seen at the FWB State Meeting)

&  
**Dennis  
McGinley**

(Student Pastor of United FWB  
of West Plains, MO.)

For More Information call (417) 581-5246.

**Ozark 1st Free Will Baptist Church**

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