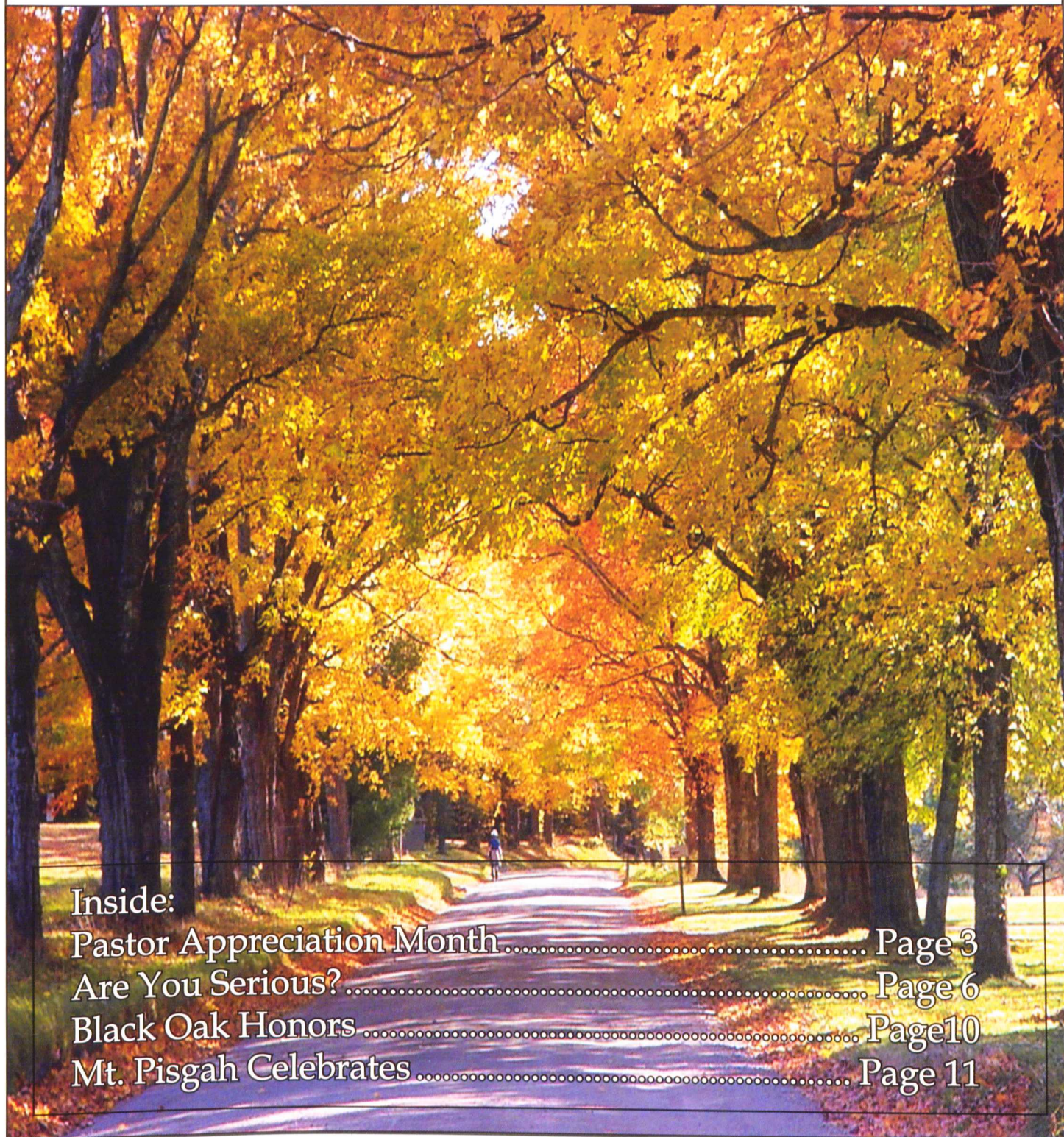




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from the Editor



Giving God's Man His Due

October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

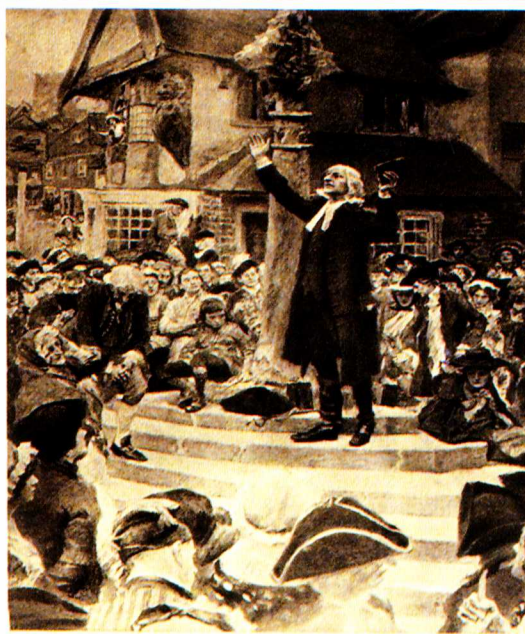
It's a time we have set aside to say "Thanks." I recently read a quote from an article by Ken Sande which said that 1,500 pastors leave their assignments every month in the United States because of conflict, burnout, or moral failure. In a comment on the article, another author said "There are many reasons why a pastor's ministry might be long or short. But the congregation that doesn't say, Thank you, in practical ways will almost guarantee limited success."

Words do have meaning. Two of the most powerful are "Thank You." They can reach in and flip on the light switch in a darkened soul. They are two words that are easy to say and have more impact than thousands of others.

There is ample reason to say thanks to your pastor. His dedication to you and your family goes beyond what you might imagine. He hurts when you hurt. He rejoices when you rejoice. His desire is for you to be in God's favor and be used of the Lord in His service. He prays for your protection and prosperity. He approaches God on your behalf on a regular basis. His chief desire for you and your family is for you to be as close to the Lord possible. That's why he preaches and teaches at your church. That's why he spends time with you, when he can catch you at home.

So how can you let your pastor know you appreciate the things he

does for you and your family. Well, you have seen the lists. Things from the large to the small are all welcome, but often the most effective is a heartfelt "Thank You." But if you need recommendations, visit www.my-pastor.com or www.parsonage.org. Both websites offer several good suggestions for practical ways to show your pastor how much you appreciate him.



But before you rush off to buy a gift, let's look at what Paul told the Thessalonians. He said, *And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.* 1 Thess 5:12-13

We often expect the pastor to know what is going on in our lives, remember our grandkids names, that your brother lives in Topeka,

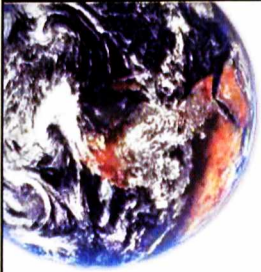
and a thousand other things about us so that he can minister to us effectively. If he should forget our birthday or some other pertinent fact of our lives, we often are offended. But Paul says that we are to take it upon ourselves to get to know the pastor. When he says that we are to "know them that labor among you," this is just what he means.

It is as we get to know the pastor that we begin to see ways that we can show our appreciation. If we know him, we will know his inordinate love for Starbucks and give him a gift card so he can pursue his mocha obsession! If we know him we will know he is a Cardinals or Royals fan and get him something appropriate. If we know him we know his favorite authors and get him a gift certificate at Lebanon Bible and Bookstore for that new release he has been wanting to read.

This passage also says to esteem him highly. God has called him to his position, we are just fortunate to be providing the place for him to carry out that service to the Lord. When a church is looking for a pastor, we speak in terms of praying for God to send us the man he knows is best for us and our church. When the Lord answers our request and the new pastor arrives we need to esteem him highly. Not because he does everything just the way we want it done, but because he is God's man doing God's work in God's church.

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Missouri Show-Me Missions



Harvest Church in Raymore

We are sooooo close to getting into our new building. Some major steps have been taken to get us closer to finally being able to use this facility. As you can see, the carpet has been laid in the sanctuary and class rooms which sure makes it feel more like a church than a work site. Having the power on so we can use the lights and ceiling fans makes a difference as well!

By the time this article reaches your home we hope to have the ceramic tile laid in the foyer and the linoleum in the bathrooms, as well as, having the septic work and plumbing completely done. Ray Vail, who attends our church, is busy making our "Break Room" cabinets. (We are graded commercial for a kitchen but if we have a "kitchen" then we have to put in industrial appliances. So he is installing cabinets in our "Break Room").

We are very thankful for all of the hard work the youth group from the Grant Ave FWB Church in Springfield did for us. They did a great job of painting and were such a blessing to us.

A mural of Noah's Ark has been painted in the nursery by another of our faithful workers, Bonnie Vail. There have been several in our church whom have put in long, hot hours at the site. I know God will bless them for taking of their time and days off work.

We are so thankful for all of the hours of labor Bro Frank (& Debbie- she brings food!) has put in trying to get our building up and running! God Bless You! Bro Terry from Troy came and put in a long hot week also- Thank You! (See sidebar, next page)

God has really blessed us here at Harvest FWB church. I know all of our delays on the building have been in God's providence because we have two families within walking distance from our present meeting place



that we may have missed out on if we had moved before now. We have a another new family that has joined us lately and they have reached out to a friend who is now coming with them. (He only lives a couple of houses down from the new site) We had one visitor who came the last Sunday in August who is at a crossroads in her life. She shared with us that she would like to be a regular attender of our church. Our Children's Church has grown and, of course, that is a good thing too.

Continue to keep us in your prayers. Maybe next time we write we will be writing about our opening service!

Servants for Him,
Gene & Sandy Howell



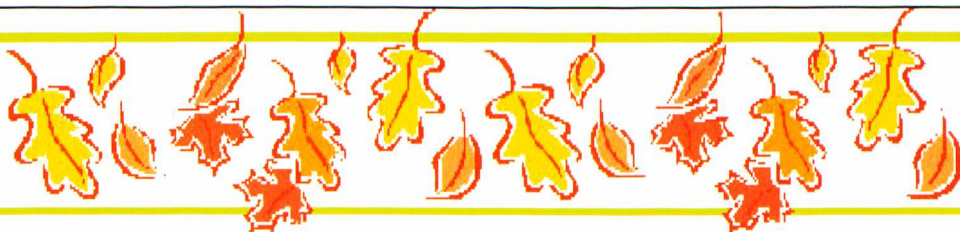
After spending some days at this building site and working with the people of your State Missions church plant in Raymore I can tell you that you can be proud of this work. Gene and Sandy have been working hard in meeting the pastoral needs of the people of this church. They also sweat alongside the many workers who spend their evenings and weekends doing what they can to get this building project completed.

It has been a pleasure to work side by side with the dedicated people of Harvest FWB church. I echo Gene and Sandy's words of appreciation for those I have gotten to know. Like Leonard Pearce whom with his wit, experience and laughter makes working in hot conditions a lot of fun, Mike Dority who is absolutely tireless, his wife JoAnn is a sweetheart that isn't afraid of glistening in the heat, and John Howell – how can you not like to work with someone who can work and laugh at the same time? There are more, whose names I do not know, who have spent precious time working for the Lord through this church's ministry. May God bless them all.

One of my favorite memories of helping in this project was when Terry Burke, State Missionary in Troy and Dennis Moore, State Missionary in Blue Springs were working with Gene in the sanctuary on the carpet. Three State Missionaries working together, sharing stories and just encouraging each other as they wiped sweat from their brows is a memory I will have for a long time.

Please keep praying for this good church as they step into the blessings the Lord has in store for them.

Frank Webster
MOFWB Missions Director



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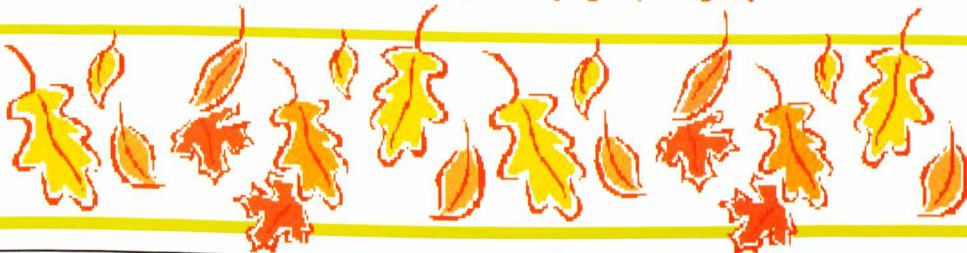
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Are You Serious?

This is an odd title for a report on a mission trip, I know, but I don't think that I can fit all the details into this one article. I could tell you about how we experienced the grandeur of God's Creation in the Rocky Mountains. I could tell you about the excellent job done by our church, our youth, and our chaperones. I could tell you about how the group from O'Fallon First Free Will Baptist church got kicked off the go-cart track for causing too many wrecks. I could tell you how our whitewater rafting trip became a conflict management illustration. I could even tell you of how we pranked Bro. Chad Kivette, the pastor of Westgate FWB in Grand Junction, CO, so that we could leave our mark. However, most of it you had to be there to see with your own eyes. Still, I would like to share with you what I gained from this experience. And if you can't guess, it directly relates with a question which continued to haunt me throughout the planning and the actual trip.

The first time this question popped into my head happened after we had decided to take the mission trip to Grand Junction, CO. At that point, I sat down with a map and charted the distance and the time it would take to get there. I found that Grand Junction is 1,100 miles and 16 - 18 hours from O'Fallon. I had to ask "Are you serious?" A bunch of teenagers stuck in a van for 1,100 miles and two days of travel? Even for a youth pastor that can be detrimental to one's

physical, mental, and spiritual well being. It turned out to be a great experience.

The second time this question entered my mind was when the leadership team decided that the youth would do the backyard bible studies by themselves. Are you serious? Teenagers who hardly wake up before noon will be responsible to study and teach young children? Without any whining or complaining, the youth took the task on and wowed all adults present.



There were several other times this question was in the front of my mind, but I won't bore you with all the specifics. Let me share with you the last time I dealt with this question. As we were traveling home after a job well done, the question still haunted me. Are you serious? Are you as serious about reaching your community as you were about Grand Junction? Are you ready to do the same for your community? Are you ready to exert the same effort and time to make a difference in O'Fallon, Missouri? You see, mission trips have a way of bringing you to reality that other trips can't quite accomplish. I have found that mission trips help us see that we are real people serving the real God in a real world. And until we understand and feel that reality, we won't truly be serious. Allow me to explain.

There are times when we need to

experience what Rick Lawrence in his book *Jesus Centered Youth Ministry* calls "controlled crises". These are the times that we realize that we are real people. In other words, we are not sufficient. We are not capable on our own. We find that we need one who transcends our knowledge, our strength, our understanding, and our goodness. We find that God's Word is our instruction manual. We find the Holy Spirit to be our voice. We find our strength "in the power of His might." (Ephesians 6:10) We find the truth in "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord." (Zechariah 4:6) We need God, because we are only human.

Then, as we fall back into the arms of the Almighty, we begin to truly understand that we serve THE real triune God. He never fails to fulfill His promises, and we know that as we see those promises fulfilled in our lives. He gives us the strength and courage to do things that we normally might not do. He gives us the patience to deal with 20 screaming, crazy kids. He is the Creator of the mountains and the barren wasteland that is Kansas. He is with us wherever we go, from the interstate to almost drowning in the Colorado River. He is a God who must punish sin. He is the one who died for our sins. He sympathizes with the brokenhearted and comforts the one in great need. Most of all, He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9) He died not only for me, but also for every person I see or talk to today. Suddenly, as we look through the eyes of the Gospel, we see that we live in a real world.

Gas prices are outrageous. Our country is in real trouble mor-

ally. Our choices in this election are rather poor. War is all around us. According to the media, we will destroy ourselves with pollution if we do not change our lifestyle. If we are not careful, our desire is to withdraw from this dark world of evil and lies. We must see that we live in a real world full of people just like you and I who have real hurts, real needs, and real insecurities. Some families now have to choose between driving to work and feeding their family. Many are trying to find a way to fill the emptiness that drives them every day, even if that means drugs, alcohol, cults, or immorality. As difficult as this war is, there are wives and sons and daughters struggling everyday to make ends meet and living with the reality that their husband/father may not be coming home. It is a real world with real, hurting, lost people.

Until we truly understand and feel the gravity of this reality, we may never get serious. Are you ready to admit your need for the Savior? Are you ready to see through His eyes? Are you ready to confront the problems that real people have with the Truth of the Gospel? I'm ready, and I'm serious. So.....Are YOU serious?



Author Scott Collins is the Associate Pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church of O'Fallon. He and his wife Elona have two children, Esther and Nathaniel.

Missouri Life....

Samantha Bevis Travels to Bulgaria



Samantha (second from left) with group

Samantha Bevis from the Neosho FWB Church went to Bulgaria this past July to take part in the International College Missions Program. She joined Missionaries Tim & Lydia Awtrey and other college students from across the United States and England at their Annual English Language Camp. Each Christian student not only helped the Bulgarian students improve their English skills, they were also paired up with a non-believer in hopes that they could see how each student lives out their faith.

Homecoming at Hopewell

Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church in Tunas recently celebrated their 31st annual Homecoming services. Lunch was followed by special music in the afternoon and a history of the church given by Eva Marie Glor.



Front Row: Deacon Carl Button, Former Pastor Tony Butcher, Pastor Nathan Ruble. Back Row: Deacons Bill Bishop and Quinten Bishop



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Music Guest:

Michael Gungor Band

All I Need Is Here

The Michael Gungor Band's debut, is titled *All I Need Is Here*. Michael wrote or co-wrote all 12 selections and is characterized by his impassioned lead vocals atop an organic, often experimental, rock style.

Living out their message close to home, Michael and the band have begun a series of outreach events in the Denver area called "Bloom." Also, the Michael Gungor Band is frequently on the road, leading worship at churches and events around the country. They've been featured at various Teen Mania "Acquire the Fire" youth conferences. "I love worshipping with youth," Michael says. "They're at a very formative time in their lives of figuring out for themselves who God is. With every service, our end goal is not just to play our songs, it's to experience the love of God and perhaps see who He is a bit more clearly, and discover ourselves more clearly in Him," Michael relates.

Comprised of Michael, his wife Lisa, as well as friends Michael Rossback, Brad Waller, and Brad Nyght, the Denver-based ensemble is anything but a stereotypical worship band. Rooted in the progressive worship vein of David Crowder*Band or Hillsong United, the Michael Gungor Band's unique musical identity is further shaped by such diverse influences as Pete Dinklage, Sigur Ros, and Chris Thile, among others. The group's creative pulse alone has earned them a respected platform from which to share their message.



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Guest Speaker: Zane Black

Getting high, girls, and alcohol, describe how Zane tried so hard to find satisfaction without Jesus Christ in his life. It was not until after High School that Zane discovered that following Jesus is the greatest adventure in life. Zane is passionate about sharing the new Life and purpose that he has found in Jesus with students around the nation. Zane currently works for Timberline Lodge, a Torchbearer Bible school in Winter Park Colorado as the "Director of Careless Activities," teaching at the school and hanging out with students.

Zane was featured in the Dare2Share series "The Gospel Journey" and was guest speaker at the Dare2Share Survivor Tour. An extreme sports enthusiast, Zane loves to skateboard and snowboard. Zane will also be one of the featured speakers with the 08-09 Dare2Share Invincible Tour.

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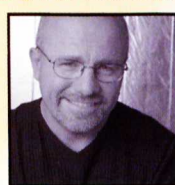
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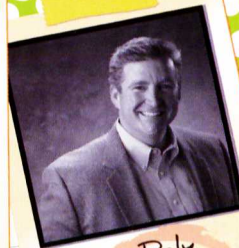
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Black Oak Honors Jack and Freida Day

A lot can happen in forty years. Just ask Bro. Jack Day, pastor of the Black Oak Free Will Baptist Church just outside Marshfield. He has seen many things come and go in his years of service to the Lord and the church. His congregation honored Jack and his wife Freida recently with a special day to celebrate. Here is how they described what happened that day:

When services began on August 3, 2008, the congregation recognized Bro. Jack and Freida Day for 40 years of dedicated and continuous service to the Black Oak Church. "Power in the Blood" and "Amazing Grace", two of their favorite hymns were sung. It was requested that Bro. Jack and Freida sing "Where the Roses Never Fade." Carolyn Preston, their daughter, played and sang the first song she sang at Black Oak entitled "Little One Room School House." She was accompanied by her grandson, Josh Morgan on the guitar. Josh also sang a song he had composed for his grandparents.

Randy Clair presented Bro. Jack with framed resolutions from Senator Dan Clemens of the Mo. State Senate and Rep. Mike Cunningham of the House of Representatives for his many years of faithful dedication.

A video compiled by Kelly Talent and Billy Young was presented, showing events and happenings from the past 40 years. The Deacons, Jerry Raider, Rex Vestal and Billy Young, on behalf of the church, presented Bro. Jack and Freida with an eight day Sunnyland bus tour of Niagara Falls, Canada, New York City, and other points of interest in the New England states.

Leota Clair presented Carolyn with a money gift in appreciation for her faithfulness in playing the piano through the years.

The service was then turned over to Bro. Jack who preached from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 which was the passage he preached in his first message at Black Oak 40 years ago.

There was an open house and reception held in the afternoon with several hundred people attending. Bro Gary Fry presented Bro. Jack with a plaque of appreciation from the State Association for his years of service.



Deacon Jerry Raider presents Bro Jack and Frieda with trip.



It's great to see men of God stay put. Too often we bolt at the first sign of trouble. Bro. Jack has seen his church up and down during those years, but his faithfulness, the faithfulness of his congregation and most of all, the faithfulness of God has made Black Oak Church a beacon in their part of the world

Congratulations Bro. Jack and Sister Frieda, may the Lord give you forty more!

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Interestingly, this verse provides one of the best ways we can show our pastor our appreciation for his labor among us. We are told to be at peace among ourselves. A willing heart to get along and work for the Lord's kingdom is a joy to any pastor. He needs to spend his time in prayer and study to prepare to hear from God

and then share it with us. When his mind is pulled away by the infighting that typifies too many churches today, he is ill equipped to hear from God. He is distracted from that quiet place in which God speaks and he hears. You want to show your pastor how much to love and appreciate him and his labor, adopt this goal. Cooperation in love is a powerful force that Satan cannot

defeat and the pastor will appreciate forever!

So sometime this month, tell your pastor "Thank You." Give him something tangible to reinforce your worlds of thanks. Most of all, esteem him highly in love for his works sake and be at peace among yourselves.

Mt. Pisgah Celebrates 80th Anniversary

Awesome may be an over-worked word these days but it seems appropriate to describe the 80th year anniversary celebration on August 31, at Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church, six miles northeast of Cabool. The weather, the large group that gathered, the spirit and enthusiasm, the recognitions, the preaching, fellowship dinner and the singing—all of these were AWESOME!

Church Clerk Jim Wake gave the 80th anniversary tribute pointing

Mt Pisgan also recently hosted their annual Men's Rally with over 130 in attendance. A great meal was followed by Rev. Zach Williams challenging the men with a great message. Ray Bradley led the music that featured the Countrymen Quartet. Bro. Paul Wade organized the event.

out the dedication and commitment of many Christians through the years to bring Mt. Pisgah to this special day of celebration. He sited the Revelations judgment of the seven churches and likened Mt. Pisgah to the Philadelphia Church who was called, "faithful."

Pastor David Carroll presented Judy (Sullivan) Ice and Neil Hamilton with certificates of appreciation for 50 years of faithful service. They both joined the church on August 8, 1958 when Ezra Butts was pastor. Judy said that she trusted Christ as Savior in Vacation Bible School and followed with baptism and church membership. Her great grandparents, grandparents and parents had been faithful to attend Mt. Pisgah. She expressed appreciation to all those in the church who have encouraged and strengthened her through the years.

Neil said he came to Mt. Pisgah because of "Beth," now his wife. He said most of their dates were going to church because it "was the right thing to do." Later as they came to church they also brought neighborhood children with them because it seemed "the right thing to do." He concluded that the 50 years is an accumulation of choices made because it was "the right thing to do."

Don Wells, Representative of the 147th District to the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, prepared and presented a resolution of congratulations to Judy Ice and to Neil Hamilton commemorating their 50-year church membership record.

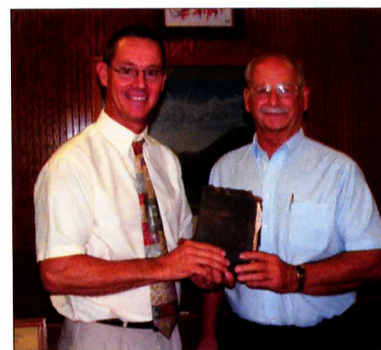
Frank Plunk, great grandson to Milton Barr and John Plunk, the two men who helped establish Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church in 1928, presented Pastor David Carroll with an heirloom Bible. This Bible had been given as a gift to Milton and Mary Barr in 1918 from their children—Vivian (Barr) and Arthur Plunk (son of John Plunk).

The Countrymen were the featured group at the Fifth Sunday Singing following the morning worship service and fellowship dinner. The Countrymen, popular singers, for almost 25 years disbanded their group about 12 years ago but were persuaded to come together again for the 80th anniversary of the church. They sang to an overflow crowd who enthusiastically applauded each Southern Gospel, 4-part harmony song they sang and gave them a standing ovation when they concluded.

Milestone celebrations are always a



State Representative Don Wells honored Judy Ice and Neil Hamilton for their 50 years of church membership.



Pastor David Carroll accepts a gift of a family Bible from Frank Plunk.



Front row: Max Walker (Mtn. Grove) sings baritone, Modene Smith (Mtn. Grove) plays the piano, Hubert Darter (Cabool) sings lead. Back row: Wilburn Thompson (Cabool) plays bass guitar, Neil Hamilton (Cabool) sings bass, Steve Willhite (Waynesville) sings high tenor and Paul Knaak (Cabool) plays lead guitar.

time to look back and perhaps even relive the earlier days of history. The Mt. Pisgah family experienced such an occasion. Because of lightning damage there was no water and the PA system had been affected!

-Carolyn Brandt

Samantha Williams Awarded Hillsdale's Senior Psychology Scholarship

Hillsdale is proud to announce that Samantha Williams of Carthage, MO, has been selected as the recipient of the Hillsdale Senior Psychology Scholarship for the 2008-2009 school year.

Samantha came to Hillsdale in the fall of 2005 and has been a great asset, not only to the psychology program, but to all of Hillsdale's campus life. Samantha has assumed leadership roles in the dorm, has been active in the EEL/GET society, has been involved in several community service projects, and has excelled in her program of study at Hillsdale.

Samantha's dedication to the Psychology program continued throughout the summer of 2008. Samantha said, "One of the highlights of my summer program was being able to go back to

my home church, the Carthage Free Will Baptist Church, to complete my psychology practicum. I thoroughly enjoyed being able to put into practice the knowledge and skills that I have acquired during the past three years at Hillsdale."

Samantha will be graduating in May of 2009 and is looking forward to the future, so she can serve the Lord, using her Hillsdale Education.

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FWBBC Finalizes Purchase of New Campus Site

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College officials closed on a \$2.96 million contract August 15 to purchase 66 acres for a new campus site in Middle Tennessee's Sumner County, according to President Matt Pinson. The action came nine months after the college initiated an agreement to secure the land, pending Gallatin city approvals and due diligence studies. The property is a 26-minute drive from the current campus on West End Avenue and is within the Greater Nashville area.

Pinson said, "This is an important and essential step toward our dream of relocating the college. We were delighted to complete the transaction to purchase this prime property. The site meets all the criteria the college set at the beginning of its land search—close to a limited access freeway (Vietnam Veterans Boulevard), near educational and medical resources and job opportunities for students, and adjacent to a rapid economic growth area with shops, malls, restaurants, and affordable housing."

The Gallatin property is more than seven times the size of the current FWBBC campus, which means the college will not have to cap enrollment or curtail new academic programs. There is room to construct adequate buildings for instructional needs and to house students. The larger campus site permits building outdoor sports facilities for students, and provides adequate parking for students, staff, and guests.

Dr. Pinson confirmed that the college has two immediate relocation goals—(1) fund the land purchase and (2) continue marketing the current campus to potential buyers.



Seated (L-R): Nancy Zoretic, Senior Vice President, Pinnacle Financial Partners; Matt Pinson, President, Free Will Baptist Bible College; Tom Powell, Senior Vice President, National City Bank.

Standing (L-R): Jon Forlines, Vice President for Student Services and Dean of Students; Greg Kettelman, Provost; Colonel Mark Johnson, Campus Relocation Project Consultant; Milton Fields, Vice President for Institutional Planning; Tom Sass, Vice President for Financial Affairs; David Williford, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Attorney Charles Grice, Stites and Harbison; Attorney Jack Stringham II, Bone McAllester Norton.

FWBBC gives special thanks to the faithfulness of God's people in the 1990s who believed in the vision of a new campus for a new generation and bought land in Joelton. That asset more than tripled in value by the time it was sold in 2006. The invested proceeds grew to be worth nearly one-third of the \$2.9 million purchase price when the Gallatin contract closed. Subsequently, \$865,000 is dedicated toward the purchase of the Gallatin property.

"We are in the process of contacting a number of FWBBC donors and friends, inviting them to partner with us in funding the new property purchase," Pinson said. "This will give us momentum as we move forward with relocation plans."

Colonel Mark Johnson, FWBBC's relocation consultant who spearheaded the property search, said, "This is a great day for FWB-BC. We looked at over 100 potential

sites before settling on this beautiful land in Sumner County. Gallatin city officials, as well as business and educational leaders, welcomed us to the community while we worked with Mr. Dan Downs, the property owner, to satisfy contractual agreements. We've assembled an excellent relocation team that guided us through this long purchase process, and we're now ready to take the next step."

Although a start-up date to begin construction cannot be determined until arrangements for the sale of the existing campus have been finalized, the college has secured Hastings Associates, LLC, a Nashville firm, to design the new campus.

The FWBBC Board of Trustees committed to relocate the 66-year-old college in June 2006 following a six-month feasibility study.

Financial Report

Coop Disbursements

August 2008..... **\$50,543.48**

19.00% St HM\$9,603.26
17.00% Exec. Office.....\$8,592.39
3.00% Gen. Fund.....\$1,516.30
8.50% Youth Camp.....\$4,296.19
2.50% Youth Min.....\$1,263.58
2.50% CE\$1,263.58
2.50% Senior Adult.....\$1,263.58
9.00% Mo Retirement...\$4,548.96
3.00% ShowMe Plan\$1,516.30

33.00%\$16,679.34
National Ministries
Hillsdale\$1,869.75
Total\$50,543.48

Coop Plan

Amity.....\$48.10
Aulsbury Chapel.....\$190.96
Bailey.....\$196.00
Bailey Chapel.....\$125.00
Beacon.....\$1,500.00
Belton.....\$315.87
Berean.....\$185.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs.....\$152.15
Bethel- Marshfield.....\$671.19
Black Oak.....\$618.33
Byrd.....\$311.05
Cabool 1st.....\$280.49
Calvary Chapel.....\$943.63
Christ Chapel.....\$562.00
Clifton.....\$38.71
Copper Mines.....\$471.61
Cornerstone.....\$563.08
Crossroads- Wentzville.....\$713.00
Cuba.....\$446.00
De Soto 1st.....\$1,380.00
Farmington 1st.....\$2,808.85
Fellowship.....\$1,625.00
Fordland.....\$526.29
Fourth.....\$163.00
Frederickton 1st.....\$350.00
Freeman Chapel.....\$417.00
Generations.....\$741.92
Gospel Light.....\$200.00
Grant Avenue.....\$1,039.37
Hannibal.....\$593.00
Hannon.....\$1,558.00
Harmony.....\$1,822.62
Hartville.....\$1,032.00
Hopewell.....\$480.00
Houston 1st.....\$313.70
Hurryville.....\$435.60
Jackson.....\$208.59
Kings Way.....\$721.50
Koshkonong.....\$190.00
Lead Hill.....\$215.68
Leadington.....\$489.00
Lebanon 1st.....\$1,470.68
Macedonia- Niangua.....\$135.20
Marshfield.....\$246.91
Merls Chapel.....\$208.12
Mill Creek.....\$417.91
Mine La Motte.....\$104.60

Monett 1st.....\$559.64
Mt. Pisgah.....\$519.00
Myrtle.....\$248.78
Neosho 1st.....\$615.60
Nevada.....\$265.28
New Hope.....\$297.00
New Life- Licking.....\$378.84
Number One.....\$132.16
Oak Grove.....\$285.70
Oak Hill.....\$397.00
O'Fallon 1st.....\$2,204.36
Ozark 1st.....\$2,372.47
Palabras De Vida Eterna.....\$52.25
Pleasant Hill- Thayer.....\$107.73
Pleasant Home.....\$425.30
Pleasant Ridge- Alton.....\$71.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....\$111.00
Potosi 1st.....\$185.62
Rejoice.....\$1,343.47
Republic.....\$471.58
Republic.....\$408.48
Rock Chapel.....\$453.00
Rolla 1st.....\$288.00
Salem.....\$30.00
Seymour.....\$774.00
Springfield 1st.....\$1,481.21
St. Francois Association.....\$82.50
Stonebridge.....\$400.00
Thayer.....\$1,409.00
Trinity.....\$351.49
Union Grove.....\$598.00
Union Light.....\$153.00
United.....\$1,428.51
Unity.....\$560.00
Verdella.....\$684.03
Viburnum.....\$369.00
Victory- Alton.....\$587.17
Waynesville 1st.....\$423.08
Willow Springs 1st.....\$100.00
Wolf Creek.....\$692.52
Total\$50,543.48

Show-Me Plan

Barker, James.....\$30.00
Beacon.....\$529.34
Belton.....\$178.00
Berean.....\$80.00
Berry, Roberta.....\$15.00
Bethel- Festus.....\$45.00
Black Oak.....\$180.00
Brown, J.....\$15.00
Burns, Jack.....\$110.00
Cabool 1st.....\$105.00
Calvary Chapel.....\$4,919.00
Chrisman, Mona.....\$30.00
Coon Creek.....\$98.50
Copper Mines.....\$230.00
Cornerstone.....\$456.00
Crossroads- Wentzville.....\$50.00
Cuba.....\$121.50
De Soto 1st.....\$777.50
Eastern Gate.....\$30.00
Faith- Fair Grove.....\$298.86
Farmington 1st.....\$665.00
Fellowship.....\$721.21
Fordland.....\$250.00
Fourth.....\$90.00
Frederickton 1st.....\$180.00

Freeman Chapel.....\$720.00
Generations.....\$295.30
Gospel Light.....\$1,000.00
Grant Avenue.....\$320.00
Grantham, Judy.....\$30.00
Gregg, James.....\$15.00
Hannon.....\$629.00
Happy Hill.....\$60.00
Hartville.....\$240.00
Hopewell.....\$30.00
Houston 1st.....\$189.00
Hurryville.....\$511.00
Jackson.....\$50.00
Leadington.....\$318.00
Lebanon 1st.....\$90.00
Macedonia- Purdy.....\$1,000.00
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 Cooperative Plan.....\$1,516.30
MO WAC.....\$430.94
Monett 1st.....\$50.00
Mt. Pisgah.....\$165.00
Mt. Zion- Thayer.....\$30.00
Myrtle.....\$75.00
Neosho 1st.....\$460.00
New Home- Hartville.....\$210.00
New Hope.....\$150.00
New Life- Licking.....\$76.00
Number One.....\$60.00
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove.....\$157.00
O'Fallon 1st.....\$130.75
Ozark 1st.....\$34.00
Palabras De Vida Eterna.....\$15.00
Parkway.....\$30.00
Pinkerton, Jerry.....\$45.00
Pleasant Hill- Thayer.....\$45.00
Pleasant Home.....\$600.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....\$50.00
Porter Chapel.....\$363.05
Rejoice.....\$25.00
Richwoods 1st.....\$45.00
Rock Chapel.....\$225.00
Rolla 1st.....\$30.00
Springfield 1st.....\$185.00
Stonebridge.....\$40.00
Thayer.....\$375.00
Trinity.....\$450.00
Union Light.....\$225.00
United.....\$450.00
Unity.....\$75.00
Verdella.....\$744.03
Viburnum.....\$85.00
Waynesville 1st.....\$470.00
Willow Springs 1st.....\$45.00
TOTAL\$24,139.28

State Home Missions

Berean.....\$15.00
Bookstore.....\$540.00
Crossroads- Wentzville.....\$50.00
Eastern Gate.....\$100.00
Fordland.....\$10.00
Gospel Light.....\$80.00
Grant Avenue.....\$76.97
Jones, Micheal.....\$50.00
Macedonia- Purdy.....\$200.00
Myrtle.....\$85.00
Neosho 1st.....\$25.00
Oak Hill.....\$15.00
O'Fallon 1st.....\$115.75
Ozark 1st.....\$10.00

Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....\$20.00
Republic.....\$25.00
Republic.....\$25.00
Thayer.....\$75.00
United.....\$25.00
Unity.....\$70.00
Waynesville 1st.....\$50.00
Total\$1,662.72

National Home Missions

Beacon.....\$15.00
Bethel- Festus.....\$50.00
Byrd.....\$41.40
Calvary Chapel.....\$1,135.00
Copper Mines.....\$160.00
Cuba.....\$72.90
De Soto 1st.....\$250.00
Farmington 1st.....\$1,770.00
Fellowship.....\$312.23
Fordland.....\$55.00
Fourth.....\$50.00
Frederickton 1st.....\$30.00
Gospel Light.....\$80.00
Grant Avenue.....\$76.97
Hartville.....\$30.00
Houston 1st.....\$62.50
Jackson.....\$65.00
Merls Chapel.....\$25.00
Monett 1st.....\$50.00
Mt. Pisgah.....\$30.00
Neosho 1st.....\$330.00
New Testament.....\$20.00
Oak Hill.....\$80.00
O'Fallon 1st.....\$115.75
Ozark 1st.....\$255.00
Rader, Jerry.....\$20.00
Richwoods 1st.....\$75.00
Rock Chapel.....\$75.75
Rolla 1st.....\$134.50
Thayer.....\$130.00
Trinity.....\$40.00
Union Light.....\$96.00
United.....\$5.00
Unity.....\$100.00
Verdella.....\$10.00
Waynesville 1st.....\$287.75
West Plains 1st.....\$581.00
Total\$6,716.75

International Missions

Calvary Chapel.....\$712.04
Copper Mines.....\$100.00
Cuba.....\$48.60
De Soto 1st.....\$50.00
Fellowship.....\$35.00
Generations.....\$107.10
Grant Avenue.....\$15.00
Hartville.....\$45.00
Houston 1st.....\$47.50
Monett 1st.....\$1,739.48
Ozark 1st.....\$50.00
Pleasant Home.....\$82.73
Rejoice.....\$250.00
Rolla 1st.....\$128.50
Springfield 1st.....\$125.19
Thayer.....\$5.00
Waynesville 1st.....\$70.00
Total\$3,611.14

Designated Giving

Berea Ministries

Hartville.....	\$150.00
Pleasant Home	\$73.33
Pleasant Home	\$26.78
Total	\$250.11

Victor Torrez

United- Youth Group	\$200.00
Total	\$200.00

Brazil Project

Verdella.....	\$213.91
Total	\$213.91

Trula Cronk Home

Hartville.....	\$50.00
Stonebridge	\$25.00
Belton	\$10.00
De Soto 1st.....	\$55.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$5.00
Myrtle.....	\$25.00
Unity	\$50.00
Union Light	\$50.00
Hannon	\$100.00
Hannon	\$100.00
New Hope.....	\$50.00
Total	\$520.00

C. E. Board

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

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Fellowship.....	\$10.00
De Soto 1st.....	\$40.00
Thayer	\$75.00
Beacon	\$75.00
Total	\$200.00

Hillsdale

Farmington 1st.....	\$600.00
Thayer	\$75.00
Grant Avenue.....	\$25.00
Generations.....	\$78.10
Beacon	\$79.00
Total	\$857.10

Missouri Retirement

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

Senior Adult Board

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

Mile High Ministries

Verdella.....	\$352.02
Total	\$352.02

Youth Camp

Hartville.....	\$30.00
Book Store.....	\$540.00
Rock Chapel.....	\$30.00
United	\$25.00
Cornerstone.....	\$100.00
De Soto 1st.....	\$55.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	\$15.00
Rolla 1st.....	\$20.00
Thayer	\$75.00
Berean	\$15.00
Oak Hill	\$15.00
Trinity.....	\$9.00
Verdella.....	\$10.00
Indian Creek Assoc.....	\$308.20
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Total	\$1,257.20

Youth Camp Development

United	\$75.00
Myrtle.....	\$75.00
Myrtle.....	\$58.00
Republic.....	\$140.34
Hannon	\$100.00
Hannon	\$200.00
Total	\$648.34

Youth Ministries Board

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

YWAM

Belton	\$10.00
Total	\$10.00

Total August Giving
\$112,102.78
Cooperative Fund
to Date
\$532,233.16
Show-Me Fund
to Date
\$2223,795.38



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 Hannibal, Mo. 63401

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Cape Girardeau, MO
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 Don Gregory
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 or
 Dave Lane
 573-334-1106

Overland Church

Overland, MO
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 Arnold MO 63012

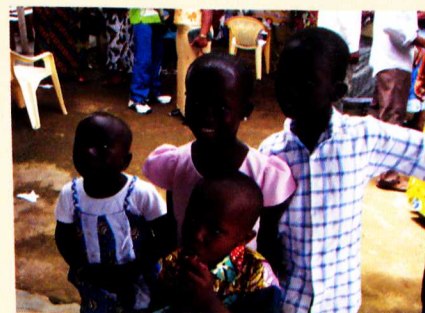
Lebanon Green Hills Church

Lebanon, MO
 Contact:
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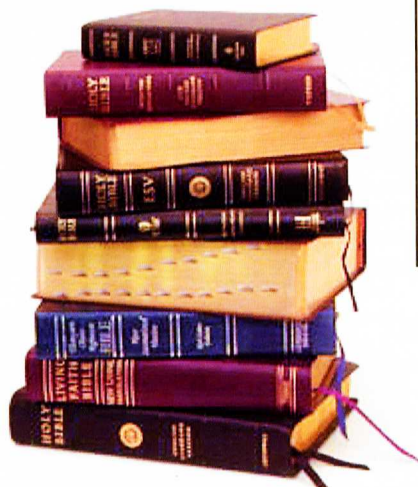
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