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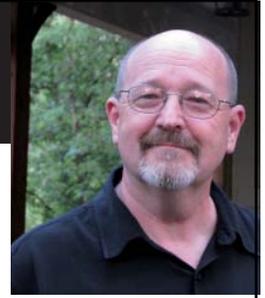
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# from the Editor



## Bug's Rights

This past January, the Bolivian government enacted legislation that would give "Mother Earth" the same rights as human beings. That means that, in Bolivia at least, the bugs, birds and trees have the same rights as people. If you travel to Bolivia, those natural denizens will have the same rights you do. And now, they have prepared a draft of a resolution to be presented to the United Nations to secure those same undeniable rights and privileges for the bugs and birds of the rest of the world. I am sure you will sleep better knowing that the folks in Bolivia are leading the way in "rights for nature!"

This would be funny if it were not so scary. The proposed action even establishes a Ministry of Mother Earth with a Minister whose job it would be to hear the complaints of nature. Of course those will be given voice by the environmental activists and others of similar ilk.

I am sure this takes no one by surprise. It has been obvious for a long time that some of the most radical people on earth are those who think it their responsibility to protect earth from the rest of us. It certainly has not caught God off guard. In fact, He predicted it long ago. In Romans 1:25 Paul says that men would trade the truth about God for a lie. They would worship and serve the things God created instead of the Creator himself! He then says that the only thing worthy of worship is God Himself.

God has created us in a fashion that requires that we give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. If we do not respond, we are trapped in lives of little or no worth. It's that drive in us that causes many

to turn to God. He is our creator and the only one that can give us worth. Many find it distasteful to turn to God. They have a better idea for their lives and it doesn't include what they perceive as the "demands" of God. Yet, that inner drive for worth is still there. They discover that just living to satisfy their desire for pleasure or security is not as fulfilling as they had hoped.

They begin to give themselves to causes.

Have you noticed how many celebrities are continually testifying before Congress or prancing before the TV cameras in an attempt to convince you and me how much they care? I have never understood the fascination we have in the opinions of those whose occupation is pretending to be something or someone they are not.

Now, causes are fine, in their place. Christians have no business putting any cause ahead of the cause of Christ. Ahead of serving Him. It doesn't matter if it is a community organization with a good purpose, little league, the latest multi-level marketing

scheme, (guaranteed to make you a millionaire from which you will tithe) or that lunker bass that has eluded you for the past two years. While I am convinced that God put all of nature here for our enjoyment, our chief end is to worship God and glorify Him. If anything is ahead of your personal relationship with Christ, it is out of place and will cause you problems. Not just you, but your family as well.

So the next time you start to swat that mosquito, just thank those good folks in Bolivia who have taken the lead and remember that bugs have rights too!

Well, maybe not mosquitoes or roaches or...



# Missouri Show-Me Missions



## What a Mess!

Gas prices are climbing, and no one seems to know why or how far. We do know that this has the possibility of sending us back into a negative spiral in our economy again. Our government can't seem to agree on spending less or not. It's not very comforting to think that we can't even agree on how to cut 4% of our total spending. I have a feeling that we fellow taxpayers could solve that problem in about 10 minutes once we saw where it all was going.

That seems pretty insignificant compared to what is happening in other places. Ivory Coast is still in chaos over who is in charge of the government there. While the stalemate is going on, thousands in Abidjan are scared to leave home to find food, medicine or other needs for fear of gunfire. On top of that, sanitation services have stopped. Information via the local media is sketchy. Gas or diesel supply is less than low, and clean water is a treasured commodity.

On the other side of the world you have the disaster in Japan. Twenty-five thousand are dead; many thousand are affected by radiation. Food supply is also affected by radiation. Electricity supply is low for many manufacturing centers which result in layoffs. The usually low number of homeless has quadrupled in major cities and is climbing.

What a mess.

Reminds me of Romans 8:22. "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. "

So, what do we do as the creation moans and groans? We remember verse 28. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love



God, to them who are called according to His purpose."

When we realize what that verse means we become part of His purpose.

That's what our missionaries in Japan are doing. They are collectively working with CRASH - Christian Relief Assistance Support and Hope. Through this they are able to supply much needed help to individuals and families who have been impacted by the disaster there. And, for the first time in many decades, the Japanese people are asking for Bibles! We have become part of His purpose.

In Ivory Coast, while many are fleeing the country, our Pastors there are actively working to unify the churches to supply what they can to those around them. Prayer groups are cropping up, and the Gospel is spreading in a war torn land. They have become part of His purpose.

We continually hear from our churches here in America that the Gospel is bringing hope to people who had once been too comfortable to listen before. Part of His purpose.

Things are a mess in many places, no doubt about that. But, it is still God's heart to reach as many as possible as quickly as possible. Let's take every opportunity we can to be a part of the working for His good purpose. As you are working in your community to accomplish that, remember that the Show Me Plan can help you be a part of His good purpose in places you can't be.

# Putting Up A Sign!

*It Only Took Twenty Years*

Dear friends and family,

In 1992, I (Matthew), was 14 years old and the Villalba Church had just purchased a plot of land with the dream of building the first free standing church in the northwestern area of Madrid. Years passed by with bureaucratic and legal battles preventing us from reaching the dream.

This last week, almost 20 years later we passed the final inspection and will now receive the paper that gives us full approval! We can now put up a sign up and in the future have an official inauguration of the building. Our architect said "we were lucky" and yet we know that we are blessed. We had to rely on God and allow Him to do the work and for this we are thankful.

I grew up watching my parents passion for His kingdom. They loved God and therefore loved people. And yet in an area known for its natural light, the spiritual darkness was prevalent. It seemed like we would take one step forward and two steps backwards. Despite the many setbacks I firmly believe that it was worth it all. Lives have been touched and individuals and groups of people continue to seek Him and worship Him as Lord. This last week was an encouraging moment and we pray that God will continue to use this community of believers in Villalba for His glory.

We also realize that the church is not limited to or even defined by a physical edifice. His church is about something less tangible and perhaps more profound. We have several new couples and families attending our church that are searching. We ask you to pray for



these individuals that they will find in our church a Christ-centered community reflecting the light that only comes from Him.

*As Jesus said in John 17: 20-23, I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

Thank you for your prayers and support!

For Him,  
Matthew and Brooke

**Give to the Missouri**

**SHOW ME** plan  
It Works!

# Country Chaplain

## *Stuck in the Mud*

By J. Mark Vandivort

"Grandma, can you get me a jar?" asked our grandson, Collin. Most anything that hopped, slithered or flew captured his attention. In early summer he loved catching small frogs, putting them in a box, and pleading for his mom's permission to take them home with him. One of his summer evening favorites was catching a firefly in a small glass jar.

His most prolific hunting ground was the duck pond. As a four-year-old he loved spending a few hours with me, supplied with a bag of stale bread crumbs. Feeding the ducks held his attention for a few minutes. However, it was the frogs, turtles and snakes that caught his eye.

I let him take the lead as we hiked around the periphery of the several acre pond. At one point we encountered a small section of tall grass. Collin saw something, and raced toward the pond's edge. My heart jumped into my throat! A large snake, lying camouflaged in the grass sunning itself, had caught his attention.

Even though I was dedicated to maintaining a visual account of his small creature-hunting activities, in the midst of a thicket with low-hanging boughs, I lost sight of him for a few seconds! That was long enough for him to follow a frog's lead into knee-deep thick, black gooey mud. Thankfully I was able to coax him back to firm footing--minus one of his new sandals. Obviously he didn't understand the gravity of the situation. His failure to clutch his hands around that frog was uppermost in his mind.

Meanwhile, I was in charge of a muddy boy with one sandal on and one sandal off. Finding a long stout stick, I probed and dragged through that black goo to no avail.

Some people go through life "missing a sandal" or some other more serious special need over which they have little or no control. There are Bible scholars who speculate that the Apostle Paul was afflicted with failing eyesight (see Galatians 6:11). At any rate, he suffered a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). Three different times he begged God to remove the "thorn". Note how God answered his prayer: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness". Paul acknowledged that in his weakness the "power of Christ" would rest upon him. He wrote, "For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities, for when I am weak, then I am strong"

If somewhere along life's journey you get "stuck in the mud", and lose something valuable, follow Paul's example and ask God to fill you with His mighty strength and grace, enabling you to accept what you can't change, and the courage to change what you can.

("From the Pastor's Pen", Cleveland County Chronicle, PO Box 634, Noble, OK 73068, 7/3/09).



# Lebanon 1st Hosts Volleyball Tournament for Missions

After participating in a similar tourney the Indian Creek Association hosted in October of 2010 the people of the Lebanon 1st church decided that they too could put on an mission fund raising event that included some fun with volleyball.

Pastor Andy Rains, Marty Robertson, along with some promotional help from Mission Director Frank Webster, began designing the one day event back in November of 2010. Many from the church helped with scoring, line judging, snack shop, brackets and overall organizing. All who participated thought the day went very smoothly.

The April 2nd tourney resulted in 15 teams playing, \$1000.00 raised for FWB Missions and a lot of fun for those working the event and playing for the trophies. Having two indoor courts to play on made for a fast-paced day that started at 9 AM and ended at 2 PM.

Nate and Jenna Altom brought a team from Greensburg, PA that consisted of Nate, Brandon Miller, Royal Ferry and Mandy Jones. Debbie Webster stepped in to fill the two girl requirement too. The team got to play in three rounds before being ousted by the stiff competition.

The top three finishers were: Thayer; First place, Springfield 1st; 2nd and Lebanon 1st; 3rd. A Christian Sportsmanship Award was given to the Grant Avenue FWB church for their kind participation in the event.

The church does plan to repeat the co-ed volleyball tourney again next Spring, so start practicing!



Thayer,  
First Place



Springfield 1st,  
Second Place



Lebanon 1st,  
Third Place



Greensburg  
group



Lebanon 1st  
score keepers



## Monett First Enjoys God's Blessing

First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, MO has been having the goodness of God blessing it. A long time drug addict and tatoow parlor owner was saved and then his family. An alcoholic for twenty years was wonderfully restored to Christ. Souls continue to be saved. We praise our Lord for his goodness.

About two years ago Barry Lenhart was delivered from drugs. Today he is successfully leading our youth. The alcoholic, Whitney Branch, is sharing his testimony with other churches as he is growing in the depth of God's Word.

The blessings continue to flow. Sunday February 27th, 2011, 9 were baptized and 11 joined the church. Surely we can say, "Thank you Lord Jesus!"



# Men's Retreat

## Mt. Pisgah FWB Church

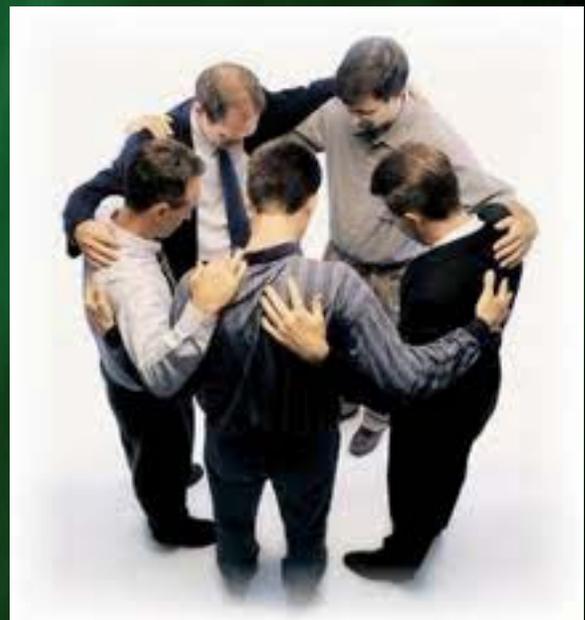
August 27th

Meal 5:15

Service 6:30

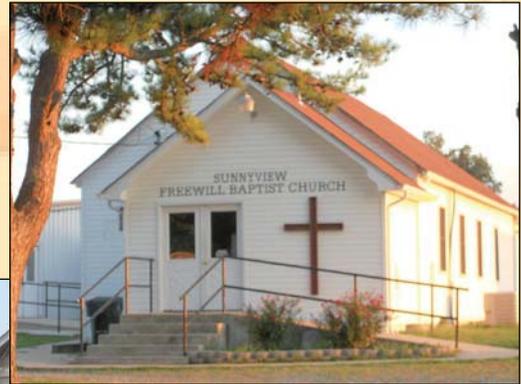
## Melvin Moon Speaker

For more information call Paul Wade at  
417-576-3699



# Sunnyview Builds

The old Sunnyview Freewill Baptist Church, built in (abt) 1920, was torn down in September of 2010. It had seen countless numbers of people give their lives to God. It was a difficult decision to tear it down, but God's plan was for something bigger.



The new Sunnyview Freewill Baptist Church took only 10 weeks to complete from start to finish. I believe this to be a miracle straight from God. The whole congregation pulled together to see the job done and there were no helpers to old nor to small.

Since our 1st service in the new church we have had 3 people rededicate their lives, 3 have given their lives to the Lord and 1 person has joined the church. We are being blessed beyond compare.



Sadly, one of our elders was never able to see a service in our new church. Teddy Starnes, his wife Judy, and their grandson Tyler were involved in a car accident the morning of our 1st service in the new church, which Teddy was going to preach. Teddy departed this life on December 15, 2010. He has been sorely missed by all of his church family. Brother Teddy has been buried in the Sunnyview Garden of Memories Cemetery est. 2010.



# Jones Chapel Goes To Alabama



During the month of February, eight people from Jones Chapel visited the FWB Alabama Children's home. We had a great time and felt God definitely had a hand in leading us to help this home.

There were 21 kids at the home – 13 boys, and 8 girls. Their ages ranged from 5-19. We were very impressed with the home, which has been there for many years, and we were especially impressed with the staff & home parents.

There were 3 separate houses that were run like individual homes. The "parents" had 8 to 10 kids in their home and treated them as they would a family. Some of the children had been there up to 12 years. There was an obvious love towards the kids in these homes. There were 4 houses total on the property, but 1 is waiting for some repairs to make it accessible for children with physical disabilities. If you or your church would like to help in that area, I'm sure they would appreciate it.

After 9 hours of driving, eight of us arrived at the home around 4:00 Friday night, ate dinner with the kids, then played "Minute-to-Win-It" games & had a party with them. We had a lot of fun connecting with the children, and Pastor Brian enjoyed showing the older boys that he could still give them a run-for-their-money at basketball.

Thanks to Indian Creek Association Churches & their



generous donations, we were able to give each child & house parent, (a total of 26 people), a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card as well as balls, blankets, and toys for all the kids. We also had \$175 left to give the home as a love-offering plus all the extra breakfast supplies not used Saturday.

Saturday morning we got up & fixed breakfast for the kids & staff. We performed a skit & had a devotion then cleaned up after ourselves and tried to make the visit enjoyable for all the staff there. We also got to visit for a little while before leaving around 11:00 a.m.

The trip was inspiring & fun. We made a lot of connections with the children, and we want them to know that we are thinking of them & praying for them throughout the year. As if the blessing of meeting the kids & giving to them wasn't enough, a personal highlight for us was getting to meet the director, Mike

Corley, (former missionary to Russia), and his wife. They were a true delight and made the trip well worth it. (As did the house parents we got to visit with as well).

We hope to go back this fall with school supplies & new clothing. If you would like to "adopt" one of the children for

this trip or if you would like to send them things throughout the year, we can give you their address, with the children's names, ages, & sizes. We will also be glad to take

anything with us that you would like to send to the home for school around August. If anyone would like to make the trip with us, please let us know that too!

Brian Brinkhoff  
Pastor Jones Chapel FWB Church  
For contributions please contact (417-638-5642)

# Camp Niangua News

When God blesses He often does so in as fashion that leaves no doubt that it is from Him! Camp Niangua is the scene of one of His latest.

We have all rejoiced over the last few years as we have seen His hand in the construction of our new Tabernacle/ Multi-Purpose Building, our Boy's Dorm, and our latest addition, our Girl's Dorm. But He was not finished. Even as the Girl's Dorm is still being finished, He provided two fantastic gifts from Missouri Free Will Baptists who have a vision of what our camp can be.

Richard and Teresa Wallace of Alton and Mencil and Shirley Smith of Mtn. Grove have given gifts with a potential total of almost one half million dollars for the construction of a new Dining Hall Complex.

Featuring a Dining Hall/Kitchen that will accommodate up to 600 at a time, the 100'x200' building will also include a new snack shop, laundry facilities and a nurse' station as well as other needed space.

As you can see from the photos, construction is under-way with a goal of having the dining area and kitchen useable by camp time this summer! Pray all goes well and the weather cooperates. By the time you read this, the building should be taking great shape.



## Dr. Ken Riggs Publishes Book

Dr. Ken Riggs, former professor at FWBBC, youth pastor, family conference speaker, teacher and educator, has written a book and would like to make it available to you. The title of the book is *They Call Me Doc*.

Perhaps Dr. Robert Picirilli, retired Dean of FWBBC says it best in his endorsement of the book. *"Listen as you read this book and you'll hear the heartbeat of a true teacher. You'll also hear what it takes to be a good teacher, only you'll find the qualities illustrated rather than explained in dull prose.*

*Ken Riggs draws from his own experiences and from teachers he's known and you can't miss what makes them effective. If you're a teacher or thinking about becoming one, or even if you like to watch good teachers at work, this book is for you. And, for good measure, Ken tosses in a revealing dose of his philosophy of education and commitment to Christian education. Here's my recommendation!"*

Anyone desiring to order a book may contact Dr. Riggs by email, [kennethriggs2001@hotmail.com](mailto:kennethriggs2001@hotmail.com), by phone (615) 382-7843, or by writing him at 3829 Hwy 49-W, Springfield, TN 37172.

## If Only...

If only, we could pull onto the church parking lot, and see tents set up all around the grounds. Tents filled with people that have waited for days, just to be among the first getting into the building for service.

If only, cars were lined up in rows of three, long lines of cars just waiting to find a place to park. Traffic jammed in every direction. But no one is unhappy, they will soon get to the church. All the car radios are tuned to the same station, listening to the play by play action on the LORD's day.

If only, there were throngs of people, elbow to elbow on the church grounds, pushing and shoving as politely as one can, all laughing and cheering, rejoicing because it will soon be their turn to enter into worship.

If only, in the midst of all this crowd, there was a saxophone player and a trumpet player ushering in the multitudes of worshippers with their own rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In". Then suddenly in the crowd voices join into song, at first just a few, then more and more join in until suddenly you have a flash mob of people that's been turned into a large Alleluia Choir.

If only, this was not a fantasy, if only, Jesus could be loved this much. If only, in this city of St. Louis, this could be.

But, hey! How about those Cardinals?! Got your attention.

Exodus 20:5, "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy GOD am a jealous GOD ..".

A. Dale Cochran

**Dale** is the pastor of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Bridgeton, MO and a Cardinals baseball fan! -ED



## Cross Roads Baptisms



Bro. J.D. Coffey, pastor of Cross Roads FWB Church in Laclede County baptised Michael and Johathan Nelson of Springfield, MO and Genice Phillips of Arkansas. They were baptised at Hull Ford with Deacon Dennis Jones assisting in the service.

# The Bivens Report

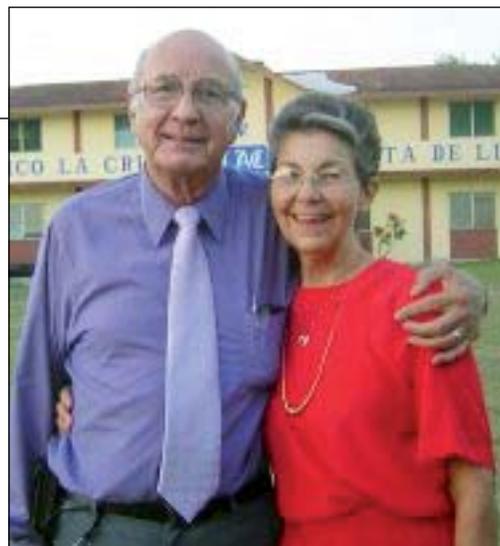
Greetings from Pharr Texas.

Yes, we are still here. Our plans have changed two or three times since we got here April 1st. I believe I wrote about Bud getting sick. It must have been food poisoning, and a strong bug it was. He faded on me on Saturday April 2nd and was not able to eat solid food until the following Thursday. He is still not back to full strength, runs out of energy pretty fast. Monday the 4th he got up out of his bed and went to see a skin specialist about a wart-looking thing on the back of his left upper arm. It was one reason we came back to the border. The doctor clipped it off and sent it off, and burned three or four skin cancers off the top of his head and his right hand.

He had to go back to the doctor this past Monday, the 11th for followup. Then we got the news that there was cancer in the biopsy and he would have to return on Wednesday for more extensive surgery. So, today we were back at the dr's office at 8. They warned us that the whole process would take three to four hours. And, it did. The surgery did not take long, but, we had to wait while they did frozen sections of the tissue to make sure they got it all before they called him back to close the little hole with stitches. He is to go back on the 29th to get the stitches out.

Meanwhile, the situation with the drug war in Tamaulipas state has continued to degenerate. In the San Fernando area, about half way between the border and Altamira, 128 bodies have been uncovered in mass graves since last Wednesday- and there are claims that there are more. After we got home, by bus, we learned that buses were being stopped and the men forcibly removed- in broad day light. There was an assault a couple of days before we came out and nothing appeared in the news until after we got home. Our bus was an hour late that day, and we missed a shootout in San Farnando because of it! All bus service between Victoria and the border has been suspended. I believe 16 people have been arrested.

Bud recently found a bank that will transfer money directly to our IBLAC account in Altamira so, we don't plan to go back until in May before graduation. We will fly down and stay until after the



E-TEAM leaves then fly back out. We plan to go up to the orphanage tomorrow and help John and Paulina for a while.

The whole situation just breaks my heart. We have so much stuff here at the house, things that we have collected and that others have brought, that would be so useful there, but we will not be able to take it in a suitcase on the plane. I checked with UPS to see what it would cost to ship a couple of small guitars down and just brought them back home with me.

The Bible Institute student mission trip has been cancelled because of the danger in the area where they were planning to go. So, several of them will be on campus during their Spring Break. At least they are safe there.

Please make Mexico a special item on your prayer list. We have lost the Mexico we have known and loved for so long. We really miss the students and being in on their daily lives. John and Paulina have been having some very difficult situations with a couple of the young teen boys. Please pray for them to have wisdom as they confront new problems every day.

Thank you for your prayer and support. We could not do this without you.

God bless you in your every day ministry.

Ruth Bivens  
Make me a blessing to someone today.

# Missouri SCM (CTS) Bible and Arts Festival

June 5-6, 2011

Clarion Hotel  
3333 S. Glenstone Ave.  
Springfield, MO  
(417) 883-6550

The SCM (formerly CTS) Bible and Arts Festival is a program designed to encourage the learning of scripture and the using of gifts of young people in our Free Will Baptists Churches. The Missouri State Youth Board follows the guidelines of the National Youth Conference. All coaches should have a copy of the guidelines. The guidelines are available at the Lebanon Bookstore (417-532-9516).

Registration and Fees: See the fee schedule on the attached official registration form (located on the bottom, left-hand side). The registration form must be postmarked by May 11, 2011. Send registration and fee to: Youth Ministries Board, 27312 Quince Rd, Stella, MO 64867. Coaches will receive registration confirmation by email or mail (if email is not available) prior to competition. Questions concerning competition, contact Board Chairman Brian Brinkhoff at (417) 638-5642.

## Projected Schedule:

Sunday, June 5

Evening Service 6:00 PM

Competition 7:30 PM

Monday, June 6 (Subject to change based on final registration numbers)

Competition 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Awards Ceremony 4:00 PM

Final schedule and details will be based on actual entries and will be available at competition. The only time in the schedule that will not change is the Sunday evening service that begins at 6:00 PM.

The following hotel is blocking rooms for the SCM Festival. You must request the special rate for Missouri Free Will Baptists and reserve by May 15.

Clarion Hotel  
3333 S. Glenstone Ave.  
(417) 883-6550

In order to avoid state tax charges, the room must be charged to your church and a tax exempt letter must be presented to the hotel. Make sure you let the hotel know that your room is tax exempt upon registering.

## Competition Codes

### AGE CODES

A – Grades 1-3                      B – Grades 4-6  
C – Grades 7-9                      D – Grades 10-12

### BIBLE COMPETITION CATEGORIES

0.01 – 0.12 Bible Memorization Grades 1-12  
0.21 – 0.22 TruthQuest Grades 7-9; 10-12  
0.30 Bible Millionaire Grades 4-6  
0.40 – 0.60 Bible Sword Drill Grades 4-6  
0.70 Bible Tic Tac Toe Grades 7-9  
0.80 Bible Bowl Grades 10-12

### MUSIC & ARTS CATEGORIES

#### Category 1 – Vocal Solo

1.10 – Ages A-B  
1.20 – Male (Ages C-D)  
1.30 – Female (Ages C-D)

#### Category 2 – Vocal Ensemble

2.20 – Duet  
2.30 – Trio  
2.40 – Quartet  
2.50 – Ensemble (5-12 members)  
2.60 – Choir (13 members or more)

#### Category 3 – Instrumental Solo

3.10 – Woodwinds  
3.20 – Brass  
3.30 – Bowed Strings  
3.40 – Plucked Strings  
3.50 – Pitched Percussion

#### Category 4 – Instrumental Ensemble

4.10 – Duet, Trio, or Quartet  
4.20 – Five or more members

#### Category 5 – Keyboard

5.10 – Manual/Electronic Solo  
5.20 – Keyboard Ensemble

#### Category 6 – Communication Arts

6.10 – Famous Speech  
6.20 – Christian Literature Recitation  
6.30 – Illustrated Storytelling  
6.4x – Drama (6.41; 6.42; 6.43)  
6.5x – Puppetry (6.51; 6.52)  
6.6x – Sign Language (6.61; 6.62)

#### Category 7 – Creative Arts

7.10 – Painting  
7.20 – Drawings  
7.30 – Mixed Media  
7.4x – Computer Generated Art (7.41; 7.42)  
7.5x – Photography (7.51; 7.52)  
7.6x – Textiles (7.61; 7.62; 7.63; 7.64)  
7.7x – Ceramics (7.71; 7.72)  
7.80 – Conceptual Art

#### Category 8 – Creative Writing

8.10 – Short Story  
8.20 – Essay  
8.3x – Poetry (8.31; 8.32)  
8.4x – Play (8.41; 8.42; 8.43)  
8.5x – Comic Strip (8.51; 8.52)  
8.60 – Bible Study Lesson

#### Category 9 – Instructional/Promotional Media

9.10 – Commercial  
9.20 – Infomercial  
9.30 – Evangelistic Tract Design  
9.40 – PowerPoint Presentation  
9.50 – Web Page Design

#### Category X – Exhibition Events

X.10 – Preaching  
X.20 – Group Bible Memorization  
X.30 – Extemporaneous Translation  
X.40 – Creative Missions Fundraiser  
X.50 – Creative Sunday School Campaign  
X.60 – Praise Band  
X.70 – New Ministry Idea

### Competition Event Entry Fees

\$25.00 per single entry category  
\$45.00 per group entry of 2-4  
\$75.00 per group entry of 5 or more

# Competition Event Entry Form

District — State — National

**20** Age Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Comp Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Entry \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Participants \_\_\_\_\_

Digital File / URL \_\_\_\_\_ Category \_\_\_\_\_

Forms attached \_\_\_\_\_ Language (X.30) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Association \_\_\_\_\_ Church Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Director/Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Complete the following information for each participant in this entry.

1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

3 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

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19 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

20 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

### Participant's Pledge (to be signed by the individual participant or by the director/coach of a group.)

I certify that the information on this form is correct and that I (or each group member) have read the competition guidelines and meet the requirements for competition indicated above as stated in the *Competition Guidelines*, and I promise to conduct myself (or group) in a manner becoming to a Christian and representative of my church, district, and state. I also understand I am responsible for registering to attend the National Youth Conference and paying the related conference fees.

Signature of Participant or Director/Coach \_\_\_\_\_

### Be sure to attach the following forms as needed:

Communication Scripts  
Sermon Notes / Photo Details  
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# Free Will Baptist Bible College



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## FWBBC 'Holds the Line' on Tuition Costs

NASHVILLE, TN—In a bold move geared to help parents and students struggling with the economic downturn afford a college education, Free Will Baptist Bible College announced a tuition freeze for the 2011-2012 academic year, according to President Matt Pinson. The college's decision to "Hold the Line" on tuition and all other basic costs (room and board, miscellaneous fees, and more) keeps the sticker price within range of families balancing the realities of financial stress in the worst economic crunch since the Great Depression.

"Our current and prospective students and their parents are taking a hard look at the financial bottom line," President Pinson said. "While we can't change the recessed economy our Free Will Baptist families face, we wanted to take a positive and bold step to make a difference where it mattered most—tuition and other expenses. And we did! This is an important move for all of us. The Board of Trustees and the college administration are making every effort to keep the cost of an FWBBC education as affordable as possible."

This marks the first time in almost 50 years that no increase in tuition or other expenses has occurred at FWBBC. With families becoming more rigorously selective in choosing a college for their children, freezing tuition costs for a year will spotlight the student-friendly atmosphere of FWBBC.

David Williford, FWBBC's vice president for institutional advancement, said, "Thank God for the faithful support of our donors whose financial commitment to the mission of FWBBC makes this decision to flat-line tuition for 12 months a possibility. It needed to be done, and I'm so glad the Trustees made the decision, but it would not have happened without the generous gifts of our donors."

The college's enrollment services staff will be pushing the word out nationwide this spring and summer to prospective Free Will Baptist students and parents regarding FWBBC's cost freeze on tuition.

Rusty Campbell, director of enrollment services, said, "We plan a news blitz as soon as possible with post cards, emails, letters, phone calls, website updates, chapel announcements, and more. This is a unique moment, and we want to spread the good news as far and as fast as we can. The 'Hold the Line' decision on tuition costs may well be the deciding factor for a number of prospective students and their parents."

FWBBC began charging tuition for the first time in 1948. While the college operated from 1942 until 1948 without tuition fees, economic conditions in post-World War II America plus rising costs to maintain an expanding curriculum and a professional faculty placed FWBBC on the same page with other U.S. colleges as a tuition-driven institution.

# Financial Report

**Please note: The amounts listed are for two months, Feb-March '11**

## Coop Disbursements

Feb-March 11..... **\$121,195.13**

19.00% St HM .....\$23,027.13  
 17.00% Exec. Office.....\$20,630.23  
 3.00% Gen. Fund..... \$3,645.87  
 8.50% Youth Camp.....\$10,301.62  
 2.50% Youth Min.....\$3,029.89  
 2.50% CE .....\$3,029.89  
 2.50% Senior Adult.....\$3,029.89  
 9.00% Mo Retirement.\$10,907.60  
 3.00% ShowMe Plan ....\$3,635.87

33.00% .....\$39,994.49  
 National Ministries

**Total .....\$121,195.48**

## Coop Receipts

Amity..... \$111.50  
 Aulsbury Chapel ..... \$394.45  
 Bailey..... \$451.00  
 Bailey Chapel ..... \$307.00  
 Beacon ..... \$2,210.00  
 Belton ..... \$777.20  
 Bethel- El Dorado Spngs.. \$528.19  
 Bethel- Marshfield.....\$917.24  
 Black Oak ..... \$1,074.51  
 Cabool 1st ..... \$670.50  
 Calvary Chapel..... \$1,637.02  
 Cape Girardeau 1st ..... \$1,282.00  
 Central.....\$2,897.52  
 Christ Chapel.....\$1,729.00  
 Clifton ..... \$73.50  
 Copper Mines ..... \$777.45  
 Cornerstone.....\$1,407.20  
 Cross Roads - Lebanon.... \$688.33  
 Crossroads- Wntzville....\$1,732.00  
 Cuba.....\$1,417.00  
 De Soto 1st.....\$3,295.00  
 Faith Chapel ..... \$957.56  
 Faith- Fair Grove ..... \$354.15  
 Farmington 1st.....\$4,894.38  
 Fellowship.....\$2,720.00  
 Fordland ..... \$975.00  
 Fredericktown 1st ..... \$643.00  
 Freeman Chapel.....\$954.00  
 Generations ..... \$1,623.08  
 Gospel Light ..... \$400.00  
 Grace.....\$5,535.42  
 Grant Avenue.....\$1,808.93  
 Hannon ..... \$1,453.00  
 Harmony.....\$595.17  
 Hartville.....\$2,863.00  
 Hopewell.....\$847.00  
 Houston 1st ..... \$1,305.97  
 Hurryville.....\$1,136.26  
 Jackson ..... \$342.54  
 Koshkonong.....\$507.00  
 Lead Hill.....\$191.50  
 Leadington.....\$1,049.00  
 Lebanon 1st.....\$2,445.28  
 Lebanon Green Hills.....\$1,196.26  
 Macedonia- Niangua ..... \$440.01

Marshfield ..... \$466.37  
 Merls Chapel ..... \$290.83  
 Mill Creek.....\$820.26  
 Mine La Motte.....\$162.41  
 Monett 1st.....\$836.63  
 Mountain Grove 1st ..... \$5,533.77  
 Mt. Pisgah.....\$1,223.00  
 Myrtle.....\$1,303.00  
 Neosho 1st ..... \$2,624.00  
 Nevada ..... \$352.16  
 New Hope.....\$622.00  
 New Life- Licking ..... \$1,224.18  
 Number One ..... \$1,379.00  
 Oak Grove- Mtn Grove .... \$496.15  
 Oak Hill ..... \$1,007.00  
 O'Fallon 1st ..... \$3,521.73  
 Ozark 1st ..... \$4,405.72  
 Palabra De Vida Eterna.... \$351.50  
 Park Hills 1st.....\$1,409.36  
 Parkview ..... \$1,084.00  
 Pleasant Hill- Thayer ..... \$303.95  
 Pleasant Ridge- Urbana ... \$172.00  
 Potosi 1st.....\$2,059.33  
 Rejoice.....\$591.75  
 Republic.....\$1,304.19  
 Rock Chapel.....\$1,125.62  
 Rolla 1st.....\$524.00  
 Salem ..... \$60.00  
 Seymour ..... \$1,649.00  
 Smyrna ..... \$175.00  
 South Fremont.....\$880.00  
 Springfield 1st.....\$2,739.71  
 St Francois Assoc.....\$70.50  
 Stockton.....\$296.70  
 Stonebridge ..... \$630.00  
 Thayer ..... \$3,635.00  
 Trinity.....\$1,157.00  
 Union ..... \$165.00  
 Union Grove ..... \$1,120.00  
 Union Light ..... \$267.00  
 United ..... \$3,828.39  
 Unity ..... \$820.00  
 Verdella.....\$549.24  
 Victory- Alton ..... \$1,378.58  
 Virburnum ..... \$448.00  
 Waynesville 1st ..... \$1,373.96  
 West Plains 1st.....\$2,969.00  
 Willow Springs ..... \$630.27  
 Wolf Creek.....\$1,544.00  
**Total .....\$121,195.38**

## Show-Me Plan

Beacon ..... \$536.00  
 Belton ..... \$393.00  
 Black Oak ..... \$360.00  
 Book Store.....\$1,080.00  
 Brown, Angela ..... \$15.00  
 Brown, James.....\$15.00  
 Cabool 1st ..... \$210.00  
 Calvary Chapel.....\$210.00  
 Central ..... \$295.00  
 Coon Creek ..... \$180.56  
 Copper Mines ..... \$465.00  
 Cornerstone.....\$782.00  
 Cross Roads - Lebanon.... \$90.00  
 Crossroads- Wentzville....\$200.00

Cuba ..... \$394.00  
 De Soto 1st.....\$1,542.00  
 Eastern Gate ..... \$60.00  
 Farmington 1st.....\$895.00  
 Farmington Messengers class.....\$90.00  
 Fellowship.....\$1,696.25  
 Fordland ..... \$400.00  
 Fredericktown 1st ..... \$360.00  
 Freeman Chapel.....\$1,440.00  
 Generations ..... \$675.20  
 Gentry, Elva ..... \$20.00  
 Gospel Light ..... \$1,200.00  
 Grace.....\$5,647.00  
 Grant Avenue.....\$487.78  
 Hannon ..... \$1,453.00  
 Happy Hill ..... \$180.00  
 Hartville.....\$330.00  
 Heritage ..... \$289.00  
 Heritage Chapel.....\$177.00  
 Hopewell.....\$60.00  
 Houston 1st ..... \$683.74  
 Indian Creek Assoc.....\$2,000.00  
 Jackson ..... \$55.00  
 Leadington.....\$460.00  
 Lebanon 1st.....\$299.00  
 Lebanon Green Hills.....\$528.87  
 Macedonia- Purdy ..... \$10,000.00  
 Maggart, Roxanne ..... \$220.00  
 Merls Chapel ..... \$60.00  
 Mill Creek.....\$280.00  
 Mine La Motte.....\$300.00  
 MO Cooperative Plan ... \$3,635.87  
 MO WAC ..... \$1,446.66  
 Monett 1st.....\$15.00  
 Mountain Grove 1st ..... \$2,353.50  
 Mt. Pisgah.....\$627.00  
 Mt. Zion "Cuba".....\$80.00  
 Mt. Zion- Thayer ..... \$60.00  
 Myrtle.....\$480.00  
 Neosho 1st ..... \$1,010.00  
 Nevada ..... \$622.17  
 New Beginning- Odessa.. \$203.70  
 New Home- Hartville.....\$420.00  
 New Hope.....\$450.00  
 New Life- Licking ..... \$168.82  
 New Life- Monett ..... \$400.00  
 Number One ..... \$600.00  
 Oak Grove- Mtn Grove .... \$193.00  
 Oak Hill ..... \$101.00  
 O'Fallon 1st ..... \$776.49  
 Olivet ..... \$175.00  
 Ozark 1st ..... \$68.00  
 Palabra De Vida Eterna.... \$60.00  
 Park Hills 1st.....\$149.99  
 Parkview ..... \$657.00  
 Parkway.....\$60.00  
 Pleasant Grove.....\$275.00  
 Pleasant Hill- Thayer ..... \$90.00  
 Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .. \$140.00  
 Porter Chapel ..... \$1,148.08  
 Rejoice.....\$115.00  
 Republic.....\$77.41  
 Richwoods 1st ..... \$97.50  
 Rock Chapel.....\$600.00  
 Rolla 1st ..... \$60.00  
 South Fremont.....\$70.00  
 Southeast Assoc.....\$90.00

Springfield 1st.....\$675.00  
 Stockton.....\$173.00  
 Thayer ..... \$1,680.00  
 Trinity.....\$140.00  
 Union ..... \$45.00  
 Union Light ..... \$700.00  
 United ..... \$950.00  
 Unity ..... \$490.00  
 Verdella.....\$1,970.82  
 Virburnum ..... \$55.00  
 Waynesville 1st.....\$1,114.65  
 Willow Springs.....\$306.00  
**Total .....\$62,990.06**

## State Home Missions

Callicott, Jackie.....\$100.00  
 MO WAC ..... \$35.00  
 Mountain Grove 1st.....\$80.00  
 Olivet ..... \$50.00  
 Ozark 1st ..... \$20.00  
 Republic.....\$75.00  
 Richwoods 1st ..... \$37.20  
 St Francois Assoc.....\$1,427.25  
 Tri-County ..... \$2,117.00  
**Total .....\$3,941.45**

## National Home Missions

Beacon ..... \$30.00  
 Belton ..... \$277.72  
 Bethel ..... \$50.00  
 Bethel- Festus ..... \$10.00  
 Calvary- Conway ..... \$67.00  
 Central ..... \$50.00  
 Copper Mines ..... \$50.00  
 Cuba.....\$236.40  
 De Soto 1st ..... \$515.00  
 Farmington 1st.....\$1,829.00  
 Fellowship.....\$311.90  
 Fredericktown 1st ..... \$100.00  
 Grace.....\$4,539.00  
 Grant Avenue.....\$455.00  
 Hannon.....\$1,000.00  
 Hartville.....\$40.00  
 Houston 1st ..... \$60.00  
 Hurryville.....\$200.00  
 Indian Creek Assoc.....\$5,000.00  
 Jackson ..... \$120.00  
 Lebanon 1st.....\$500.00  
 Merls Chapel ..... \$25.00  
 Mountain Grove 1st ..... \$392.00  
 Neosho 1st ..... \$50.00  
 New Life- Monett ..... \$100.00  
 New Testament.....\$40.00  
 Oak Hill ..... \$70.00  
 O'Fallon 1st ..... \$215.00  
 Olivet ..... \$100.00  
 Ozark 1st ..... \$200.00  
 Park Hills 1st.....\$20.00  
 Rader, Jerry ..... \$40.00  
 Richwoods 1st ..... \$60.80  
 Rock Chapel.....\$321.00  
 Rolla 1st ..... \$866.00  
 South Fremont.....\$30.00

Southeast Assoc.....	\$45.00
St Francois Assoc.....	\$5,709.00
Thayer .....	\$786.00
Trinity.....	\$130.00
United.....	\$20.00
Waynesville 1st.....	\$370.00
West Plains 1st.....	\$642.00
Willow Springs.....	\$50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$25,722.82</b>

### International Missions

Central.....	\$35.00
Copper Mines.....	\$100.00
Cuba.....	\$157.60
De Soto 1st.....	\$165.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$53.00
Fellowship.....	\$160.00
Generations.....	\$113.50
Grace.....	\$15.00
Grant Avenue.....	\$54.75
Hannon.....	\$5,000.00
Hartville.....	\$200.00
Merls Chapel.....	\$25.00
Monett 1st.....	\$400.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$355.00
Neosho 1st.....	\$64.00
Nevada.....	\$300.00
New Life- Monett.....	\$10.00
Olivet.....	\$50.00
Ozark 1st.....	\$100.00
Park Hills 1st.....	\$260.00
Purdy 1st.....	\$589.88
Republic.....	\$125.00
Rock Chapel.....	\$100.00
Rolla 1st.....	\$846.00
South Fremont.....	\$40.00
St Francois Assoc.....	\$4,281.75
Thayer.....	\$20.00
Trinity.....	\$50.00
Waynesville 1st.....	\$165.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$13,835.48</b>

### Designated

#### Berea Ministries

Jackson.....	\$30.00
Southeast Association.....	\$45.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>

#### Trula Cronk Children's Home

Belton.....	\$50.00
De Soto 1st.....	\$135.00
Grace.....	\$85.00
Hannon.....	\$100.00
Hartville.....	\$100.00
MO-Ark Association.....	\$1,500.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$60.00
Myrtle.....	\$78.00
New Hope.....	\$150.00
New Life- Monett.....	\$350.30
Union Light.....	\$100.00
Unity.....	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$2,808.30</b>

#### FWBBC

Beacon.....	\$71.25
De Soto 1st.....	\$80.00
Fellowship.....	\$20.00

Grant Avenue.....	\$13.50
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$495.00
Olivet.....	\$50.00
Thayer.....	\$150.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$879.75</b>

#### Hillsdale

Beacon.....	\$77.25
Farmington 1st.....	\$250.00
Fordland.....	\$30.00
Generations.....	\$341.70
Grant Avenue.....	\$13.50
Indian Creek Association..	\$258.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$510.00
Thayer.....	\$150.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,630.45</b>

#### FWB Foundation

Bible & Book Store.....	\$400.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>

#### MO CE Board

Bible & Book Store.....	\$280.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$280.00</b>

#### MO Senior Adult Board

Bible & Book Store.....	\$280.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$280.00</b>

#### MO Youth Ministries Board

Bible & Book Store.....	\$280.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$280.00</b>

#### Victor Torrez

United- Youth Group.....	\$600.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>

#### Paul Park

Fordland.....	\$20.00
Indian Creek Association	\$5,000.00
Mt. Zion- "Cuba".....	\$80.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$5,100.00</b>

#### Mile High Ministries

Verdella Lundeen Support	\$840.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$840.00</b>

#### Word Made Flesh

Verdella.....	\$602.78
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$602.78</b>

#### Getsemani Childrens Home

Marshfield.....	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

#### Harvest FWB Native American Mission

Marshfield.....	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

### Youth Camp

Cabool 1st.....	\$120.00
Cornerstone.....	\$200.00
De Soto 1st.....	\$110.00
Hartville.....	\$20.00
Bible & Book Store.....	\$1,080.00
MO-Ark Association.....	\$1,500.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$175.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	\$30.00
Nevada.....	\$90.00
New Life- Monett.....	\$350.30
Ozark 1st.....	\$20.00
Rock Chapel.....	\$39.00
Rolla 1st.....	\$40.00
Thayer.....	\$150.00
Trinity.....	\$15.00
Union.....	\$60.00
United.....	\$25.00
United.....	\$25.00
West Plains 1st.....	\$50.00
Willow Springs.....	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$4,199.30</b>

### Youth Camp Development

Generations.....	\$170.85
Hannon.....	\$100.00
Hartville.....	\$40.00
Houston 1st.....	\$120.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$300.00
Myrtle.....	\$123.00
United.....	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,103.85</b>

### YWAM

Belton.....	\$30.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

## Available Churches

### Mill Creek Church

Fredericktown, MO

Contact:

Keith Myers  
573-783-2410  
Don Smith  
573-243-8748

### South Fremont Church

Springfield, Mo

Contact:

Richard Pointer  
pointr1@swbell.net  
417-865-8117  
Gene Easterwood  
417-887-1927

### Copper Mines Fredericktown . MO

Contact:

David Hovis  
573-783-7804

### Lebanon Greenhills

Lebanon, MO

Contact:

Bill Ragland  
1-417-531-0315  
David Chastain  
1-417-650-0769

### Fordland Church

Fordland, MO

Contact:Wayne Crowe

417-767-4247





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**2011  
Calendar of Events**

May 2	Leadership Training State office
May 9-11	Senior Adult Retreat Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO
June 5-6	SCM Music and Arts Festival Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO
June 7	MOWAC State Convention Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO
June 5-8	Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO
June 12-17	Teen Camp, Group 1 Camp Niangua
June 19-24	Teen Camp, Group 2 Camp Niangua
July 17-20	National Assn.of Free Will Baptists Convention Charlotte, NC
July 24-29	Pre-Teen Camp, Group 2 Camp Niangua
July 31-August 5	Pre-Teen Camp, Group 1 Camp Niangua
September 23-24	MOWAC State Retreat Location to be announced
November 18-19	State Youth Retreat Windermere, Roach, MO

*All Dates and further information  
about events can be found on our  
State website at [www.mofwb.org](http://www.mofwb.org)*