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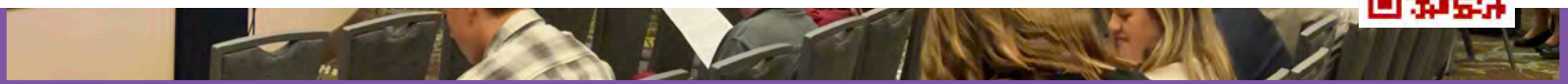








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70 Isn't A Bad Number

June 6th marked the 70th time around the sun for me. Brenda surprised me with a card shower, and many of the cards reminded me of some of the ills of seven decades. "You're not getting old and bossy, maybe just old and mossy." Some of the cards gave me a good belly laugh. Thanks to all of you. One good friend sent me three cards with the promise of a gift, but then told me his wife nixed that idea. We had our three youngest grands visiting, so the entertainment was great. A Dairy Queen ice cream cake from close friends who stopped by is always welcome.

Seventy is an interesting number. To quote AI, which was dealt with in an article in the last issue of the GEM, "in the Bible, the number 70 generally symbolizes completeness, totality, divine order, and spiritual perfection." I can't claim those attributes, but they certainly would be true when God places His hand on things.

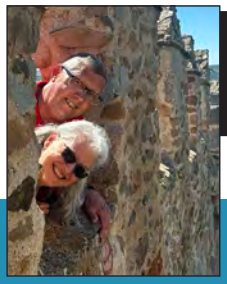
- Symbolizing the totality of humanity, Noah's descendants are listed as 70 nations.
- 70 members of the Jacob's family went down into Egypt, establishing what would be the foundation of the nation of Israel.
- Jethro helped Moses appoint 70 elders to assist in decision making.
- Jesus sent out the chosen 70 to preach and disciple their hearers.
- The Babylonian judgment and restoration lasted 70 years.
- Limitless forgiveness is called "seventy times seven."
- The Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible was called the Septuagint, VXX, or Seventy for the 70 translators.
- Psalm 90 tells us that 70 years is the normal human lifespan. (Let's not dwell on that one!)

Seventy is a good number. So was sixty-nine, and I assume seventy-one will be as well. What makes a number good? God thinks about numbers. Consider just a few of the times God mentions specific numbers in the Bible. Seven days of creation; 12 sons of Israel, 300 soldiers with Gideon, 750 false prophets of Baal, Jonah's three-day getaway as fish bait (that one is a biggie), 120 in the upper room, 12 disciples, 7 years repeatedly, and the wonderful third-day resurrection.

I have been blessed to serve God in a more formal way since I was 19 years old. Fifty-one years alongside Brenda, my beautiful bride. There are many things I would change if I could. I would like to erase some offenses, decisions, attitudes, hurtful & unbiblical remarks in sermons…. I could go on for a while on that list. But dwelling on the past is only helpful if we learn from it, because it can help us reshape our vision for the future and mature in our faith. Yes, I would do some things differently. Many things I would repeat with a few adjustments. I would pastor the good folks of the Verdella FWB Church again many times over. If I could clone myself 1000 times, I would return to Panama every time, then clone each clone 1000 times for all the other places that have gripped my heart with a need for the Gospel. I would spend more time in discipleship and mentoring, beginning with my wife and children. I would happily serve the MOFWB State Association again multiple times, if permitted.

Every decade in life seems to open the door to new seasons and prompts us to reflect on the last. The 20's bring family beginnings and careers, 30's raising children and establishing the career, 40's raising adolescents and teens, 50's brings the empty nest, 60's retirement and grandparenting, 70's the grandiose thought that "I can still do that, but a lot slower & with more aches later", BTW, when's my next Dr. appointment?

Do we desire that every decade of our life be our most spiritually productive and growing? That's what I want. I want to look back at my 70's and be able to honestly say that decade was the best yet. And I don't want to get old and bossy or old and mossy. Can you believe that one friend called me an "old coot?" The nerve! Wait till his birthday comes around. I might send him a case of Geritol. Whatever your age, make it the best yet!



from the Missions Director, Steve Reeves

Missouri Missions Endowment

Missouri Missions recently received a generous $25,000 gift from a couple here in our state. I want to thank them for their generosity and their investment in the Lord's work. They have asked that the money be placed in an endowment for the future work of Missouri Missions.

What is an endowment? It is funds that have been given to an organization for (in our case) future ministry. The principal is invested and allowed to grow over time so that the earnings can be used for future needs and purposes. The principal is invested but never spent.

An endowment is forward thinking. It is planning for the future. As Brent Patrick says "It is planting a tree so that future generations can enjoy the shade."

Is there a Biblical case for an endowment?

While the Bible does not mention a modern endowment fund, several principles can support one:

Wise stewardship of resources entrusted by God – The parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30); The parable of the minas (Luke 19:11-27)

Providing for future generations (Proverbs 13:22).

Planning ahead rather than consuming all resources immediately (Proverbs 6:6-8).

Scripture emphasizes that resources should serve God's purposes and people rather than merely accumulate wealth. Any endowment should be viewed as a tool for ministry and stewardship, not as an end in itself.

Don't we need to be planting churches and send missionaries now?

Yes, and Missouri Missions will continue to do this as you give to CO-OP, the Show Me Plan, etc. The Great Commission is in effect until Jesus returns and we must do all we can to share the Gospel with those who are at risk of entering eternity without Jesus. An endowment will not keep us from sharing the Gospel, it will help us to prepare to share the Gospel with those who will need Jesus in the future.

How can I give to the Missouri Missions Endowment?

You can give by sending your gift to the state office earmarked for Missouri Missions Endowment. You can give as the Lord leads you to give. The couple who gave the initial gift gave from an inheritance left to them. You might want to include the endowment in your estate planning. You may just want to make a one-time gift to the endowment. However you choose to give, we will never spend your gift, only the earnings.

Our generous couple has extended a challenge to Missouri FWB's to match their gift. Please pray and ask the Lord if He would have you contribute to this fund. Then be obedient to Him.

Back in 1941 Missouri FWB's began a program called unified giving (CO-OP). It began with a small gift that has now grown to exceed $1 million annually. I'm sure they would be blessed and humbled to see what their vision has become. Many of us will be heaven before this endowment becomes all that God has planned for it, but future generations will plant churches and share the Gospel because of what we do today.

May the Lord bless you as you give! As always, thank you for all you do to support missions and to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.



MMB SHOW ME plan Updates

- STATE -

Grace Fellowship - Cape Girardeau: The church is having many first-time guests attending. They have several summer outreach events planned. Please continue to pray for them as they become a self-supporting church in 2027.

Mosaic – Rolla: They have had some obstacles arise in purchasing the land they have been trying to buy for the last two years. Please pray for God to remove these obstacles or provide them with other options.

Freedom Point – Florissant: Matt and Justine are expecting their 4th child later this year. Pray for Justine as she goes through this time of pregnancy.

Esperanza Church – Grandview: The church received a donated van from our church in Florissant. They have already used this new vehicle to get kids to Camp Niangua this summer.

Bradley and Madison Mercer, University of Missouri: During the 2025-26 school year, they saw 7 international students make decisions to follow Jesus.

- NORTH AMERICAN -

Websters (The Villages, Florida): Please continue to pray for Frank and Debbie, and for Connect Church, as they raise funds and build a new facility. Frank and Debbie led an ETEAM to Bulgaria in June.

Brazil (Hawaii): The new church in Hilo continues to prepare for their September launch date. They continue to have get acquainted meetings and launch team meetings. They are also very busy with outreach events this summer.

Smiths (Sumter County, Florida): Layton and Stephanie, and family are super busy raising funds and preparing to move to Florida. They hope to be able to be in their new home by this fall.

- INTERNATIONAL -

Baileys (Japan): Ken and Judy have announced their retirement from mission service. They will be returning to the USA in March 2027. Please pray for them as they go through this transition in their lives. Praise God for over 40 years of faithful service.

Speer (Japan): Please pray for Kate, who is part of a Gospel Choir in their city. Pray that this will open many doors for witness.

Provow (Bulgaria): The church in Novi Pazar now has a new place to meet and worship. Pray that they will be a light to their community.

Turnbough (Spain): God has provided Matthew and Brooke with a new place to live. Ask God to use them to impact their new neighborhood with the Gospel.

Duncan (Ecuador): Adam and Carol will be in the USA during August and September as they help Moriah get settled at St. Louis University, where she will be studying this fall.

Baptisms



Ozark Family Church

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
Greg Smith baptized Brandon and
Ashley Hall

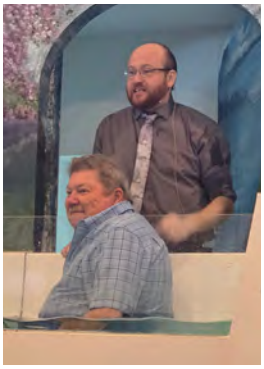


Baptism at Fellowship

Sunday, May 31, 2026
Kaitlyn Litton, River Spensberger,
and Miles Spensberger

Richwoods

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
Pastor Matthew McElyea
baptized Buck Hayes,
Kimberly Ann Hayes,
and Emeiliya Flaxe







Dedications



Seymour FWB

Sunday, May 3, 2026
Pastor Matt Ogle (far left) pictured with 5 families who dedicated their 6 children to the Lord

MOSAIC CHURCH

“Mosaic Church in Rolla enjoyed a very special day recently. The morning service was a Spirit-led time of worship, then in the afternoon, the South Central Association met at Mosaic and ordained Josh Chapman and Nicholas Lewis from Mosaic Church to the Gospel Ministry. It was a precious moment when the ordained men in the congregation prayed over them, surrounded by the Mosaic Church and the South Central Association. Praise God, He is still calling men to preach the Gospel!”









A NEW SEASON FOR OZARK FAMILY CHURCH

On April 19, Ozark Family Church officially welcomed Pastor Kevin Barnett and his wife, Jennifer, into their new role as Lead Pastor and First Lady of the church. Their appointment marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter filled with faith, vision, and a heart for people.



Pastor Kevin and Jennifer recently came to Ozark Family Church from Sutton Free Will Baptist Church in Pocahontas, Arkansas, where Pastor Kevin faithfully served in ministry and leadership. Their transition reflects both a continued commitment to God’s calling and an excitement for the opportunities ahead at OFC.

The Barnetts bring a deep love for God, a passion for ministry, and a genuine desire to serve families and individuals at every stage of life. Known for their caring spirit and approachable hearts, they are committed to helping people grow in their relationship with Christ while building a strong, Christ-centered community.

As they step into leadership at Ozark Family Church, their vision is centered on biblical teaching, authentic worship, discipleship, and reaching the community with the love of Jesus. Together, Kevin and Jennifer are excited to see lives transformed and families strengthened through the ministry of the church.

We welcome the Barnetts to MO and will be praying for Pastor Kevin and Jennifer as they begin this new journey and continue answering God’s call to serve.

CARTHAGE FWB

Deacon Ordination
John and Emily Brinkoff
May 31, 2026





And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
Mark 16:15 (KJV)

In Loving Memory



Steve Boyd

Steven E. Boyd, son of Marvin and Bonnie (Perkins) Boyd, was born February 23, 1964, in Springfield. Missouri. On May 5, 2026, at the age of sixty-two years, surrounded by his dearest friends and family, he left the troubles of this world behind and was greeted at heaven's gates by his darling wife Lisa.

He was raised in the Lebanon area most of his youth and attended Lebanon High School. On April 30, 1982, Steven was united in marriage to Lisa D. Jemes in Grovespring, Missouri, at Mt. Zion Cuba Church. Together, they shared forty-three years of love and laughter while raising their five children: Craig, Chad, Ashley, Harley, and Charlie.

At a young age, Steven accepted Christ as his Lord and Personal Savior. He, Lisa, and their family attended Mt. Zion Cuba Free Will Baptist Church. For nearly twenty years, he humbly shared the gospel of Jesus Christ, calling sinners to salvation and encouraging Christians to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and to always put God first. He pastored the Macedonia (Niangua) FWB Church and the Liberty FWB Church in Phillipsburg.

Steve's last message he left with his congregation, taken from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. "Our life is a time and a season. That God is in control, we have to listen. Everything moves forward and changes. However, the enemy wants you to keep looking back. Jesus died to make a way for us, and that the things of God are forever, eternal. Everything has a time and season, even God calling you to Salvation is a season, don't put it off too long. A time and a season, face them all with God."

You may read the entire obituary at: https://www.shadelscolonialchapel.com/obits

In Loving Memory



Helen Lydia McAllister

Helen Lydia McAllister, the daughter of John Albert and Ora Caroline Schlopper Seibold, was born on July 22, 1936, in Napton, Missouri, and passed away on May 29, 2026, in Lebanon, Missouri, at the age of eighty-nine years.

She was married to James "Jim" McAllister on June 30, 1956, and they lived almost seventy years of life and ministry together. She worked as a secretary for twelve years at the Christian school while Jim was Pastor of Farmington Freewill Baptist Church. They moved to Fresno, California, in 1985, and she was a secretary for California Christian College. In 2008, they moved back to Missouri, where Jim was Pastor at Green Hills Baptist Church. Most recently, they had attended First Freewill Baptist Church in Lebanon.

Helen enjoyed gardening, singing, making candy, and baking cookies. She loved to crochet and had made all the grandkids special gifts by hand. For many years, she was children's church director and was such a blessing to generations of children. She was a faithful servant and a wonderful helper for Jim.

Helen is survived by her husband, James McAllister; children: Tammy Petrie and husband Roger of Fresno, California; Jennifer Petrie and husband Lance of Farmington, Missouri; and Stacia Crump and husband Mike of Lebanon; 9 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

Those preceding her in death include her parents; one son, James Gregory McAllister; brother, Wayne Seibold; sister, LaVerne Tennill; and one infant granddaughter, Leah Janelle Hawkins.

Helen was dedicated to her family and loved them deeply. She cherished her grandchildren and spoiled them all as much as she could. She will be sorely missed by all those who knew and loved her.

In Loving Memory



Rev. James William "Jim" McAllister

Rev. James William "Jim" McAllister, the son of John and Ruby Biggs McAllister, was born on October 29, 1936, in Lebanon, Missouri, and passed away on June 4, 2026, also in Lebanon, at the age of 89 years.

He was a graduate of Lebanon High School. He answered the call to ministry early in his life and was a faithful and devoted pastor for many years. He served in Kansas City, Marshall, Monett, Farmington, Fresno, California, at Green Hills Baptist Church in Lebanon, as well as churches in Ozark and Springfield. While in Fresno, California, he was the president of California Christian College. He was married a few days short of 70 years to Helen Seibold, who preceded him in death on May 29, 2026.

Jim enjoyed playing the piano and became the church pianist at the age of 10. He enjoyed sports of all kinds, was an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan, and had a sweet tooth. Helen always kept him in supply of candy and cakes, which he always enjoyed. He liked to travel and was a basketball coach while at California Christian College. More than most anything, he loved his family and especially his grandchildren, seeing them as often as possible. He, as well as Helen, will be deeply missed by all their loving family and friends.

Jim is survived by his children: Tammy Petrie and husband Roger of Fresno, California; Jennifer Petrie and husband Lance of Farmington, Missouri; and Stacia Crump and husband Mike of Lebanon; 9 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; one son, James Gregory McAllister; brother, Jack McAllister; and one infant granddaughter, Leah Janelle Hawkins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Farmington Freewill Baptist Building Fund, and may be left at or mailed to Shadel's Colonial Chapel, PO Box 948, 1001 Lynn St., Lebanon, MO 65536.

2026 MOFWB STATE CONVENTION

Raising the Bar:
Pursuing Christian Excellence

On Monday evening, June 1st, State Clerk Justin Lawson called the 2026 Missouri State Free Will Baptist Convention to order with State Moderator Jackson Watts gaveling the meeting into session.

Worship each night was led by Naman and Amanda Dement, along with their sons, who serve as worship leaders of the Farmington FWB Church.

NCLL Attorney David Gibbs spoke very engagingly of the topic of *"Excellence in Leader Integrity."*



Tuesday morning started off with a very interesting panel discussion of *"Excellence in Preaching\Pastoring."* Dr. Gibbs once again spoke during the Tuesday afternoon breakout session on the topic of *"Various Threats (Legal & Otherwise) facing our Churches,"* which was very well attended and informative.

Sandwiched between the Tuesday seminars was the 10:30 Missions Celebration Service. Recently installed WNAC Director Kristi Johnson updated attendees. MMB missionary (Cape Girardeau), Carley Paxton, led worship, and MMB church planter (Florissant), Matt Fleming, brought a challenging message.

Jacob Jones skillfully presented the Word on Tuesday night on the topic of *"Excellence in Family Life."*

The Wednesday morning business session attendees heard reports from all state and national ministries and agencies. The following motions were approved:

- Bless the NAFWB Pastoral Counseling ministry with a donation of $13,595.75 to be taken from the MOFWB Pastoral Care Fund.
- Send a gift of $50,000.00 from the Executive Trust Account to the National Executive Office toward financing future National Conventions during this time of financial constraints.
- That each MOFWB affiliate church include a $50 annual fee to cover the cost of hosting the future convention in Missouri. (This would be in addition to the National Representation Fee)
- That all District Associations comprised of a single church unite with another association between now and the 2027 State Association.
- We amend the D6 Ministries Commission projected income disbursement percentages by reallocating funds to provide 35% for the Ministers' Wives' Retreat and 20% for the Scholarship Fund.
- The merger of the Youth Camp and Youth Ministries Boards into a single 7-member board.
- The Missouri Mission Board transitioned from a 9-member board to a 7-member board beginning in 2026. Each board member will now serve a 5 year term.
- Elected to various boards were:
    - Retiree Ministry – Don Anderson
    - Randall University Trustee – Lyle Hoover

2026 MOFWB STATE CONVENTION CONTINUED

- Youth Camp – Tim Hodges
- Youth Ministry – Seth Romines, Luke Tyler
- Missions – Curt Gwartney, Aaron Pontious
- Christian Education – Jackson Watts
- Historical Commission – Gary Fry
- MOFWB State Officers
    - Rick Dement – Moderator
    - Melvin Haas – Asst. Moderator
    - Clerk – Justin Lawson
    - Asst. Clerk – Faron Thebeau
    - Members at large: Curt Gwartney, Faron Thebeau

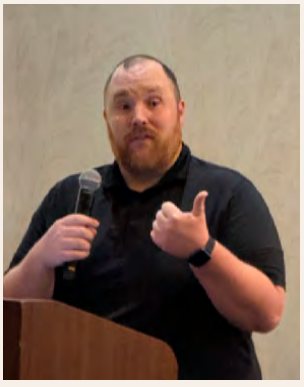


The convention concluded with the new FWB Foundation CEO, Brent Patrick, effectively sharing the Word on the topic of "Excellence in Stewardship."

If Jesus tarries, we will convene at the Oasis June 7th, 2027.











2026 Evangelism Conference

At the Niangua Youth Camp - August 21-22 till noon.
Begins with dinner on Friday at 5:30 pm.
This conference is for anyone involved in local church ministry.
Attendees will be encouraged, trained, and receive resources to help in the ministry.
There will be training for discipleship and practical soul winning.

Speakers

Ron Hunter
D6 Family Ministries

Faron Thebeau
Mosaic FWB Church

Josh Chapman
Mosaic FWB Church

Derek Altom
D6 Family Ministries

Information

Everyone is invited to attend this FREE conference!
For more information: email stan@mofwb.org or call (866) 532-6537
Register online @ MOFWB.com or QR
If you plan to stay overnight at the camp, bring bedding with you.

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MISSOURI MISSIONS

Prayerfully consider setting aside less than 24 hours to be better prepared to serve Him.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

HEIRLOOMS

More information and online registration at MOFWB.com

TELL YOUR STORY





SEPTEMBER 18-19TH

SPEAKER KRISTI JOHNSON

Thousand Hills Resort Hotel

120 Wildwood Dr S
Branson, MO 65616

Cost: $60 + room
$20 late fee after August 18th

MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTIST women's MINISTRY

DOUBLE THE IMPACT FOR MISSIONS!

A $25,000 Challenge Gift Has Been Given

An anonymous donor has stepped forward with a generous $25,000 donation to the Missouri Missions Board to establish an endowment for missions — and now they are challenging YOU to match it! This is an opportunity to make your giving go twice as far and help spread the Gospel, support missionaries, and reach lives around the world.

Our Goal: $25,000 Matching Fund

Every dollar you give brings us closer to unlocking the full challenge gift.
$1 becomes $2 - $100 becomes $200 - $1,000 becomes $2,000
Together, we can make a powerful difference for the Kingdom.

Will You Help Us Meet the Challenge?

By check: Mail your check to MOFWB, 202 West Commercial St., Lebanon, MO 65536
In the memo, please write: $25,000 challenge
Online at: MOFWB.com/online-giving (enter the amount, click on other, & write $25,000 challenge)
Questions? Steve Reeves: 573-808-4454 Stan Bunch: 417-718-7717

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel…" Mark 16:15
Your gift today can help change eternity.

2026 Retiree Retreat

Monday, October 26 thru Wednesday, October 28

at Lodge of the Ozarks in Branson

Attendees are responsible for their own lunch on Tuesday.

Hotel check-in begins at 3pm on Monday.

Single $155/person **Triple $105/person**

Double $110/person **Quad $100/person**

$75 deposit per person required with registration.

ALL pastors are welcome to attend!

Registration payment may be made by check (payable to MOFWB Sr. Board) or cash.

Special Music & Speaker:



the Lesters



Rev. Ken Simpson

NOTE: If, AFTER YOU HAVE REGISTERED, you find you cannot attend, please let Bro. Ron know as soon as possible:

(417) 257-9723 or Ronblindafb@gmail.com

Registration Form

Deadline: Monday, September 28th – no room guarantee after deadline.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Church: _____ Pastor: _____

List all persons staying in a room:

_____ _____

_____ _____

Special needs: _____

Mail to: Ron Blanks • 9172 County Road 6990 • West Plains, MO 65775

CTS MINISTRY PARTICIPANTS

Congratulations to these students for working so hard to develop their ministry skills. If your church is not involved in promoting CTS with your students, please contact Ryan Akers or the State Executive Office for information. D6 Ministries can also provide information: +1 (800) 877-7030

ENTRY	CHURCH NAME	COMPETITION CODE	PLACE
Henry Cravens	Hartville	0.K5-Bible Memorization-Kindergarten	1st
Gage Zimmerman	Verdella	0.K5-Bible Memorization-Kindergarten	2nd
Henley Ann Rogers	Calvary Chapel	0.01 - Bible Memorization -Grade 1	1st
Deakyn Moon	Hartville	0.01 - Bible Memorization -Grade 1	2nd
Myla Cryer	Hartville	0.02 - Bible Memorization - Grade 2	1st
Lucy Cravens	\	0.02 - Bible Memorization - Grade 2	2nd
Brynlee Moon	Hartville	0.03 - Bible Memorization - Grade 3	1st
Piper Nisbett	First Lebanon	0.03 - Bible Memorization - Grade 3	2nd
Kaylee Dedmon	Wolf Creek	0.04 - Bible Memorization - Grade 4	1st
Hadley Myers	Bethel	0.04 - Bible Memorization - Grade 4	2nd
Lukas Garrison	Wolf Creek	0.05 - Bible Memorization - Grade 5	1st
Gloria Vinnicova	Ozark Family	0.05 - Bible Memorization - Grade 5	2nd
Brandon Garrison	Wolf Creek	0.06 - Bible Memorization- Grade 6	1st
Trenton Nisbett	First Lebanon	0.07 - Bible Memorization - Grade 7	1st
Raelynn Goemaat	Bethel	0.07 - Bible Memorization - Grade 7	2nd
Kenzie Pettus	Wolf Creek	0.08 - Bible Memorization - Grade 8	1st
Grace Brittenham	Jones Chapel	0.08 - Bible Memorization - Grade 8	2nd
Dylan Myers	Bethel	0.09 - Bible Memorization - Grade 9	1st
Colton Nisbett	First Lebanon	0.11 - Bible Memorization - Grade 11	1st
Joy Brittenham	Jones Chapel	0.11 - Bible Memorization - Grade 11	2nd
Smash	Macedonia	0.K5g - Group Memorization - Kindergarten	1st
Dovey and Brooks	Calvary Chapel	0.01g - Group Memorization -Grade 1	1st
Calvary Kids	Calvary Chapel	0.03g - Group Memorization - Grade 3	1st
Hartville 3rd Grade Duo	Hartville	0.03g - Group Memorization - Grade 3	2nd
Shaw and Colton	Calvary Chapel	0.04g - Group Memorization - Grade 4	1st
Paislyn and Shaylyn	Calvary Chapel	0.05g - Group Memorization - Grade 5	1st
Morgan Twins	First Lebanon	0.08g - Group Memorization - Grade 8	1st
Alexa & Colton	First Lebanon	0.11g - Group Memorization - Grade 11	1st
Copper Mines Millionaire	Copper Mines	0.40 - Bible Millionaire - Grades 4-6	1st
Hinton Moon	Hartville	0.44 - Bible Sword Drill - Grade 4	1st
Adyliegh Moon	Hartville	0.55 - Bible Sword Drill - Grade 5	1st
Blake Boro	Calvary Chapel	0.66 - Bible Sword Drill - Grade 6	1st
Elizabeth Brownwood	Ozark	0.66 - Bible Sword Drill - Grade 6	2nd
Ozark Tic Tac Toe	Ozark Family	0.70 - Bible Tic Tac Toe	1st
Ozark Bible Bowl	Ozark Family	0.80 - Bible Bowl	1st
Adelia Grado	Copper Mines	1.10 - Vocal Solo (Age A-B)	1st
Olivia Hodges	Hazel Creek	1.10 - Vocal Solo (Age A-B)	1st
Lincoln Pontious	Rejoice	1.20 - Male Vocal Solo (Age C-D)	1st

CTS MINISTRY PARTICIPANTS CONTINUED

ENTRY	CHURCH NAME	COMPETITION CODE	PLACE
Desmond Pontious	Rejoice	1.20 - Male Vocal Solo (Age C-D)	1st
Lydia Rushing	First Lebanon	1.30 - Female Vocal Solo (Age C-D)	1st
Madeline Brown	Hartville	1.30 - Female Vocal Solo (Age C-D)	1st
Moon Duo	Hartville	2.20 - Duets	1st
Lincoln & Desmond Pontious	Rejoice	2.20 - Duets	1st
Hartville Trio	Hartville	2.30 - Trios	1st
Hartville Quartet	Hartville	2.40 - Quartets	1st
Addi Mitchell	Ozark Family	3.10 - Woodwind Solo	1st
Brady Parker	Thayer	3.20 - Brass Solo	1st
Piper Nisbett	First Lebanon	3.40 - Plucked String Solo	1st
Trenton Nisbett	First Lebanon	3.40 - Plucked String Solo	1st
Colton Nisbett	First Lebanon	3.40 - Plucked String Solo	1st
Jentri Cover	Ozark Family	5.10 - Keyboard Solo	1st
Kellie Ash	Macedonia	6.11 - Individual Sign Language	1st
Thomas Smith	Macedonia	6.30 - Illustrated Storytelling	1st
Kellie Ash	Macedonia	6.30 - Illustrated Storytelling	1st
Macy Garren	Macedonia	6.30 - Illustrated Storytelling	1st
Macy Garren	Macedonia	6.51 - Individual Drama	1st
Deakyn Moon	Hartville	7.10 - Painting	1st
Adyliegh Moon	Hartville	7.10 - Painting	1st
Amber Christopher	Copper Mines	7.20 - Drawings	1st
Matthew Gunter	Copper Mines	7.20 - Drawings	1st
Peyton Evans	Ozark Family	7.20 - Drawings	1st
Gabriella Hanstein	Copper Mines	7.30 - Mixed Media	1st
Koda Hoskins	Hartville	7.30 - Mixed Media	1st
Lilly Morgan	First Lebanon	7.43 - T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Design	1st
Cooper Booyer	Bethel	7.51 - Single Photo	1st
Bella Bowman	Copper Mines	7.51 - Single Photo	1st
Erica Jo Gunter	Copper Mines	7.51 - Single Photo	1st
Macy Garren	Macedonia	7.51 - Single Photo	1st
Bella Bowman	Copper Mines	7.52 - Photo Essay	1st
Lydia Rushing	First Lebanon	7.52 - Photo Essay	1st
Kensley Gipson	Copper Mines	7.62 - Needlework	1st
Kellie Ash	Macedonia	7.63 - Fabric Art	1st
Kellie Ash	Macedonia	7.71 - Sculpted Clay	1st
Kellie Ash	Macedonia	7.80 - V3 Theme	1st
Macy Garren	Macedonia	7.80 - V3 Theme	1st
Aleah Grado	Copper Mines	8.50 - Devotion	1st
Eli Mitchell	Ozark Family	9.10 - Video Production	1st
Molly Banks	Jones Chapel	9.20 - Slideshow Presentation	1st
Macy Garren	Macedonia	X.10 - Preaching (C-D)	1st
Macy Garren	Macedonia	X.20 - New Ministry Idea	1st

GUIDELINES FOR POLITICAL PROCESS ENGAGEMENT

In the realm of political engagement, churches hold a unique position where they must balance their freedom of expression with the legal restrictions tied to their tax-exempt status. While religious institutions are primarily focused on proclaiming the gospel and shepherding the saints, they also face the challenge of understanding the limits of their involvement in political matters.

Prohibited Church Activities

Churches are prohibited from engaging in certain activities related to political campaigns at all levels—federal, state, county, city, town, village, or borough:

1. Distributing voter guides that suggest readers vote for specific candidates.
2. Using the church's website or links to endorse or oppose any candidate.
3. Utilizing the pulpit to endorse or oppose a particular candidate, though preaching on important issues related to a campaign and mentioning candidates associated with those issues is allowed.
4. Making cash contributions from the church treasury to a candidate's political campaign.
5. Placing signs on church property that show support for a particular candidate.
6. Giving preferential treatment to certain candidates by allowing them to speak at church-sponsored events, unless they do not use the opportunity to campaign.
7. Distributing statements prepared by the church or others that advocate for or against a particular candidate.
8. Making contributions from the church to a political action committee (PAC).
9. Providing the church's mailing list or directory free of charge to a particular candidate for mailing or fundraising purposes.
10. Taking an offering as a fundraiser for a candidate.

By avoiding these activities, churches can stay within the "political safe zone" and maintain their tax-exempt status.

Permitted Church Activities

Churches can still participate in the political process in ways that do not endanger their tax exemption:

1. Allowing candidates to use church facilities under the same conditions as other community groups.
2. Distributing voting guides or "scorecards" that cover a broad range of issues without showing preference for any candidate.
3. Hosting candidate forums where all candidates for a particular office are invited and given equal opportunities to speak.
4. Introducing candidates who attend services without endorsing them and allowing them to preach or give testimony without campaigning.
5. Spending a small portion of their budget on lobbying efforts, either by direct communication with government officials or by encouraging members to contact their representatives regarding specific legislation.
6. Encouraging members to get involved in political races independently, as long as they do not represent the church in doing so.

By carefully observing these guidelines, churches can continue to focus on their primary mission of proclaiming the gospel and shepherding the saints while remaining compliant with legal requirements. This balance allows religious institutions to maintain their tax-exempt status while still making thoughtful contributions to societal discussions on key issues.

Taken from the National Center for Life and Liberty (NCLL) website.

https://www.ncll.org/legal-health-checkup/guidelines-for-political-process-engagement

GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS AREN'T LIKE COLD CALLS

Faron Thebeau May 02, 2026

My stomach tightened into a knot as I fought the feeling that I was just wasting my time. I had been building to this conversation for quite a while – I just didn't fully believe that it would work.

My friend had come to the United States from a country closed to the Gospel eight years before. Neither he nor his wife were particularly interested in religion, but they had found churches to be the easiest place to make friends.

As time passed, his wife decided that Christian men made better husbands. She still did not believe, but she wanted him to attend all the Bible studies he could find.

That's how he came to me. Some weeks, the discussion would run deep. Just as often, he would veer off topic or seem completely disinterested. Was I wasting my time?

On that day, I felt compelled to press the point. After all these studies, I asked him, "Do you believe?"

He drew a pensive breath and looked me directly in the eye. He told me that he was a scientist and that he saw too much order in the universe to not believe in God. A Creator must exist. But then his gaze hardened.

"However, I cannot believe that this God cares anything about me. I can believe that He exists, but I cannot believe that there is a Jesus Who loves me and came to die for me."

There it was; my worst fears realized. He grew up in a culture that forbade talking about God. How could I ever hope to bridge that gap?

Then I felt the Spirit of God stirring within me, coaxing me to try one more time. "Let me make sure that I understand; you believe that there is a God, but you cannot believe in His Son, Jesus?" He met my gaze with a look of determination and said, "Yes, I have tried, and I cannot believe in Jesus." Suddenly, his head lowered. When he looked back up, there was a tear in his eye. Softly, he whispered, "Would you help me to believe?"

Where Did the Conversation Begin?

The conversation didn't begin when I asked him if he was a believer in Jesus. It began in the order that he saw in creation. It continued in the character that he saw in the believers that God had carefully placed around him. His wife's half-formed notion that she wanted him to act more like Christian husbands – whether he believed or not – carried the momentum forward. And it developed through weekly Bible studies.

None of these things happened in a vacuum. Providence had quietly arranged the pieces of his life to lead him to that moment.

I didn't begin the conversation. I merely stepped into the one that God was already having with him.

We Never Start at Zero

That's one of the greatest paradoxes for the believer. We absolutely believe God is in control and at work in the world. We also constantly forget that in practice. Countless hours of sleep are lost every night by believers worrying about things that God has already taken care of.

It is no different when we approach sharing the Gospel. Theologically, we know all the talking points. God created man in His image. We fell into sin. Jesus came into the world as a human to purchase our salvation. We have been sent as ambassadors of this good news.

All of this tells us that God is already at work in the world. But each time we approach a Gospel conversation, our inner voice acts as if we are starting from ground zero. We feel like the cold callers that annoy us so much. "How do I start the conversations?" we wonder. It's as if we are looking for magic words that they cannot resist. And that betrays a lack of confidence in the work of the Spirit of God.

My friend did not know that he was looking for God. He thought he was looking for friendship and seeking to become a better husband for his wife. But he was already grappling with spiritual questions that were pointing to God long before I ever came along.

People are not spiritually neutral. We live in a physical world that deals with spiritual realities. Life and death are physical, but we wrestle with the question of their meaning, and that is spiritual. Loneliness looks like it begins in isolation, but it often isn't solved by being around more people. The solution must go deeper.

Behind this inner turmoil, the voice of God is whispering: "I am here. Come to me." God doesn't need our voice. We are just privileged that He chooses to use it.

The Inescapable Questions of Life

F. Leroy Forlines dealt with this innate spiritual search of the soul in his book, *The Quest for Truth.* He says, "One of the products of divine design is what I call

the *inescapable questions of life.* Every human being, as he or she develops into adulthood, is faced with questions such as: Is there a God? If so, what is He like? How do I know what is right and what is wrong? Is there life after death? And other such questions. What is the meaning of life? How can I have a meaningful life?"[1]

God uses these questions to pull their soul toward a readiness for the Gospel. Asking someone what they think is the meaning of life taps into something they already long to discuss. It's a question that haunts their existence: Is there more than this? These questions about mortality, fairness, and origin exist inside of us, and they long for resolution.

They bubble to the surface every time they face tragedy, hardship, and loneliness. And they are the same in every corner of the world. They are present in every single culture. This stands to reason if we are all the handiwork of the same Creator. We were made to be in relationship with Him. If that relationship is missing, then it will manifest itself in the same way across cultures.

These inescapable questions are inherent to our character. They are where God is already speaking. And they are where we find entrance into the conversation.

Listening For the Conversation That God Has Already Started

The Christian world has long felt the pressure of evangelism. We feel that our efforts are inadequate. So, we have done what we always do – we have created systems.

The Church has tried knocking on doors, handing out tracts, and countless other approaches to sharing the Good News. There's nothing inherently wrong with being trained or having a plan, but our starting point must be with the conversation that God is already having with them.

This requires something that our plans and training too often overlook: relationships. We are not simply presenters of information. That's what cold calls are, and it is why they annoy us so much; they are information that arrives out of the blue that we were never seeking in the first place.

That is the way that many of our evangelistic efforts present themselves. People know why you are trying to speak with them, and they are looking for a way out before you have ever started.

Effective Gospel conversations don't despise techniques and training. But they do listen and watch for the entry points that God has already provided. True evangelism doesn't begin by trying to force spiritual questions into ordinary conversations. It begins by recognizing the fact that ordinary conversations are already full of spiritual questions.

Everybody has scars and hurts. Everybody has fears and worries. If you talk to someone long enough and take the time to care, you will begin to see these burdens that they carry. If God is working in your life, they will notice your approach to these same questions is giving you a peace that they lack.

This is the opportunity referred to in I Peter 3:15 when it says, ***"but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."***

Our defense isn't a never-ending stream of talking points and counter-arguments. It's that in our life; God has satisfied the doubts and questions that they are still struggling with today.

Believers Don't Make Cold Calls

There is a reason that cold calls rank so high on our list of annoyances. They come from people who don't know us and don't care anything about us. They're not concerned about improving our lives; they're trying to make a sale. If playing on our doubts and insecurities is what it takes, then that is what they do.

The Bible says that when Jesus looked on the multitudes, He had compassion on them. He calls us to have that same compassion. That requires us to do more than memorize a method. It requires more than boldness. It calls for relationships.

I didn't discover my friend. God carefully placed him into my path. I didn't make him think about God for the very first time. He had been looking into the heavens and wondering about God his whole life. He may not have realized it or articulated it that way, but he had.

I didn't create in him a desire to believe. It was already there. He wanted to believe in Jesus; he just didn't know how. I could speak to him because he was dealing with the same things through which God had spoken to me.

The question isn't whether we can talk to someone about Jesus. It isn't even a question about how. It is whether we are willing to care enough to watch and listen for what God is doing in someone's life. It's a question of whether we're willing to be honest and vulnerable enough about how He answered those questions for us. Do we care enough to listen for the conversation that He has started without us and then allow Him to speak through us? Cold calls never come from warm hearts.

[1] F. Leroy Forlines, *The Quest for Truth: Answering Life's Inescapable Questions* (Nashville: Randall House Publications, 2001), xiv.

Missouri Free Will Baptist

2026 State Calendar

July 19-22	NAFWB Convention & National Youth Conference, Columbus, OH
August 21-22	Evangelism Conference - Camp Niangua
September 18-19	MOFWB Women's Ministry Retreat - Thousand Hills Resort, Branson
October 26-28	Retiree Retreat - details on page 14
November (TBD)	E3 Conference - location to be determined
November 2	General Board Meeting - State Office, Lebanon, MO

All events & additional information, as it becomes available, can be found at mofwb.com



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Financial Report

Please note: The amounts listed are for two months, April 2026 - May 2026

COOP Disbursements

19% MO Missions..... $37,956.00
21.5% Gen/Exec..... $42,950.21
8.5% Youth Camp..... $16,980.32
2% Youth Ministry..... $3,995.37
2% Christian Education..... $3,995.37
2% Retiree Ministry $3,995.37
9% Minister Retirement .. $17,979.16
3% Show-Me $5,993.05
33% Nat'l Ministries..... $58,533.55
11.2% Randall U (.1121).... $7,390.03
Total Disbursed..... $199,768.42

RECEIPTS

COOP

Alan Kinder.....$200.00
Alton $200.00
Amity.....$197.30
Aulsbury Chapel $1,982.70
Bailey.....$1,038.00
Bailey Chapel $279.80
Belton $907.50
Bethel- Marshfield.....$1,041.00
Black Oak $2,068.28
Byrd $1,042.00
Calvary Chapel $9,682.73
Calvary Fellowship $8,171.30
Copper Mines $3,036.19
Cornerstone.....$950.00
Cross Roads- Lebanon.....$650.00
Cuba.....$1,437.00
De Soto 1st.....$3,493.00
Esperanza FWB $366.19
Faith.....$1,074.90
Faith Chapel $1,766.40
Farmington 1st.....$10,610.59
Fellowship.....$3,915.00
First Day $960.16
Fredericktown 1st $1,995.00
Freedom Point $1,114.82
Freeman Chapel.....$451.00
Friendship.....$772.00
Generations $959.98
Good News.....$873.70
Gospel Light $800.00
Grace.....$3,704.24
Grace Fellowship.....$3,145.00
Grace Pointe.....$850.00
Grant Avenue.....$1,459.68
Hannon $1,736.20
Hartville.....$5,230.00
Hazel Creek.....$3,962.74
Hopewell.....$2,201.00
Houston 1st $1,217.79
Hurryville.....$836.00
Koshkonong.....$301.13
Leadington.....$2,730.00
Lebanon 1st.....$10,990.67
Lebanon Green Hills.....$300.00
Liberty.....$257.31
Marshfield $539.14
Mill Creek.....$1,195.25
Mine La Motte.....$84.49
Monett 1st.....$1,263.50
Mosaic $3,095.80
Mountain Grove 1st $8,394.20
Mt. Pisgah.....$1,180.00
Neosho 1st $1,761.00
Nevada $1,524.01
New Hope.....$627.00
New Life- Licking $1,451.07
Number One $75.00
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove $487.40
O'Fallon 1st $5,061.06
One Accord.....$731.25
Ozark 1st - Heritage Campus $900.80
Ozark Family Church...$10,839.90
Park Hills 1st.....$1,723.00
Parkview $948.00
Pleasant Home $337.70
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana ...$682.00
Purdy 1st $2,000.00
Rejoice.....$6,776.00
Republic.....$642.20
Resolve.....$200.00
Richwoods 1st $767.00
Rock Chapel $998.10
Safe Harbor $150.00
Seymour $2,853.00
Smyrna $323.00
Springfield 1st.....$3,118.00
Stockton.....$350.50
Stonebridge $2,031.44
Thayer $4,590.00
Trinity.....$2,136.30
Twin Oak.....$1,540.40
Union Light $406.00
United $4,534.19
Unity $1,620.00
Verdella.....$1,057.32
Victory- Alton $2,075.90
Waynesville 1st.....$2,372.13
West Plains 1st.....$4,540.17
Wilderness.....$1,005.39
Willow Springs $1,672.51
Wolf Creek.....$8,149.00
Total $199,768.42

Show-Me Plan

Aulsbury Chapel $90.00
Belton $350.00
Black Oak $360.00
Brent Emmerson.....$100.00
Byrd $50.00
Calvary Chapel.....$90.00
Cleo Reeder $60.00
Copper Mines $300.00
Cuba.....$328.80
D6 Commission $69.76
De Soto 1st.....$1,646.00
Esperanza FWB $30.00
Farmington 1st.....$1,830.00
Farmington 1st- WAC $304.18
Fellowship.....$480.00
First Day $899.30
Frank Webster $120.00
Fredericktown 1st $600.00
Freeman Chapel.....$720.00
Friendship.....$200.00
Gary Tune.....$100.00
Generations.....$181.07
Gospel Light $1,800.00
Grace.....$1,051.00
Graceful Daycare.....$670.00
Grant Avenue.....$150.00
Hannon $1,000.00
Hartville.....$350.00
Hopewell WAC $50.00
Jerry Rader.....$40.00
Joshua Provow.....$100.00
Kevin Williford.....$20.00
Leadington.....$600.00
Lebanon 1st.....$428.24
Macedonia - Purdy $3,000.00
Macedonia WAC.....$8,000.00
Mill Creek.....$140.00
Mine La Motte.....$750.00
Mosaic $350.00
Mountain Grove 1st $75.00
Mt. Pisgah.....$199.00
Myrtle.....$200.00
Neosho 1st $500.00
New Hope.....$400.00
New Life- Licking $395.63
Number One $180.00
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove $376.00
O'Fallon 1st $5,550.79
Ozark 1st - Heritage $600.00
Ozark Family Church.....$475.00
Park Hills 1st.....$200.00
Pleasant Home $400.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana ...$140.00
Purdy 1st $900.00
Rejoice.....$140.00
Republic.....$40.00
Resolve.....$200.00
Richwoods 1st $356.54
Rock Chapel $800.00
Southeast Association $120.00
Springfield 1st.....$600.00
Springfield 1st WAC $210.00
Stockton.....$120.00
Stockton WAC $120.00
Thayer $1,250.00
Trinity.....$195.00
Trisa Johnson $47.58
Twin Oak WAC $55.00
Union Light $650.00
United $950.00
Unity $490.00
Verdella.....$2,114.65
Waynesville 1st.....$1,118.00
Willow Springs $294.09
Wolf Creek.....$400.00
Total $48,270.63

Missouri Missions

Calvary Fellowship $483.33
Cuba.....$123.30
D6 Commission $441.82
De Soto 1st.....$60.00
Farmington 1st.....$10.00
Freedom Point ** $1,000.00
Grace Fellowship **.....$6,000.00
Janet Cross $190.00
Leadington.....$300.00
Lebanon 1st.....$42.42
Loretta Minney.....$25.00
Mosaic ** $11,000.00
O'Fallon 1st $1,500.00
Ozark 1st - Heritage $200.00
Ozark Family Church.....$20.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana $50.00
Republic.....$50.00
Rock Chapel $175.00
Ryan Akers $100.00
Scott Keith $100.00
Thayer $120.00
Twin Oak WAC $55.00
William Moore.....$50.00
** Salary Reimbursement
Total $22,095.87

North American Ministries

Bailey.....$200.00
Belton $291.75
Cuba.....$123.30
De Soto 1st.....$915.00
Fredericktown 1st $50.00
Friendship.....$40.00
Grace Pointe.....$175.00
Graceful Beginnings Daycare..... $160.00
Hartville.....$100.00
Hopewell WAC $50.00
Lebanon 1st.....$700.00
Loretta Minney.....$25.00
Mountain Grove 1st $180.00
New Hope.....$100.00
New Testament.....$20.00
Ozark 1st - Heritage Campus..... $200.00
Ozark Family Church.....$235.00
Park Hills 1st.....$100.00
Southeast Association $50.00
Springfield 1st WAC $150.00
Stockton.....$60.00
Trinity.....$40.00
Twin Oak Auxiliary $20.00
Union Light $50.00
Waynesville 1st.....$20.00
Total $4,055.05

International Missions

Alvin Hook $50.00
Black Oak $200.00
Copper Mines $1,200.00
Cuba.....$246.60
De Soto 1st.....$792.00
Farmington 1st.....$200.00
Fellowship.....$1,610.00
Fredericktown 1st $1,200.00
Freida Hays $50.00
Friendship.....$80.00
Generations.....$101.07
Gospel Light $1,490.00
Grace.....$728.00
Hannon $300.00
Hartville.....$500.00
Houston 1st $884.00
Leadington.....$1,200.00
Lebanon 1st.....$950.00
Mill Creek.....$200.00
Mill Creek- YAC $50.00
MO FWB MB-ACH.....$2,200.00
New Hope.....$200.00
O'Fallon 1st $2,000.00
One Accord.....$220.00
Ozark Family Church.....$1,205.00
Park Hills 1st.....$450.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana ...$100.00
Rejoice.....$3,760.00
Rock Chapel $50.00
Southeast Association $100.00
Stockton.....$150.00
Stonebridge $200.00
Thayer $230.00
Trinity.....$40.00
Twin Oak Auxiliary $130.00
Union Light $150.00
Verdella.....$2,300.00
Waynesville 1st.....$565.00
Total $26,081.67

ACM

Bailey..... $120.00
Total $120.00

Berea Ministries

Bailey..... $140.00
Total $140.00

CH-TN

Bailey.....$400.00
Belton $10.00
De Soto 1st.....$80.00
Derik Frederiksen $96.64
Grace.....$10.00

Hartville.....$50.00
Mill Creek.....$25.00
Myrtle.....$200.00
New Hope.....$50.00
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove $110.00
Purdy 1st $816.50
Union Light $50.00
Unity $150.00
Total $2,048.14

Harvest Childrens Ministry
Fredericktown 1st $50.00
Total $50.00

D6 Commission Disbursement ..
C.E. Bd $46.51
Youth Ministry BD $46.51
Retiree Ministry.....$46.51
Minister's Retirement.....$209.28
State Office GF.....$511.56
Bookstore Foundation Act $767.37
Youth Camp.....$186.03
SMP.....$69.76
State Missions $441.82
Total Disbursed.....$2,325.35

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Stockton..... $30.00
Total $30.00

Rainbow Ministries
Union Light $300.00
Total $300.00

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Farmington 1st.....$300.00
Fellowship.....$60.00
Thayer $200.00
Total $560.00

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Thayer $200.00
Desoto $120.00
Total $320.00

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Stockton Auxiliary $10.00
Twin Oaks Auxiliary $20.00
Total $30.00

Youth Camp
Belton $400.00
Cuba.....$100.00
D6 Commission $186.03
De Soto 1st.....$160.00
Fredericktown 1st $100.00
Grace.....$340.00
Hannon.....$100.00
Hartville.....$150.00
Indian Creek Association..$516.00
Lebanon 1st.....$300.00
Mt. Pisgah.....$100.00
Myrtle.....$76.00
Ozark Family Church.....$20.00
Stockton Auxiliary $30.00
Thayer $240.00
Trinity.....$80.00
Walnut Grove.....$56.77
West Plains 1st.....$80.00
Willow Springs.....$100.00
Total $3,134.00

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Total $76.78

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Thayer $40.00
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