

# ECHO

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## PERSONAL NOTES

**In October I celebrated my one-year anniversary as your State Director. Since stepping into that ministry, Rebecca and I have experienced many firsts in our ministry.**

I spent sixty nights away from home for ministry, even with a 16-week COVID-related hiatus from my field work. Two months into the position, my dad, Jennings, met my mom at the feet of Jesus, following a 25-year battle with Parkinson's Disease. My youngest son, Andrew, married his sweetheart, Erika, the week of Christmas. My oldest son, Philip, and his wife, Molly, were reassigned to Fort Benning after a 3-year stint at Rose Barracks, Germany. Then, at the end of July, my mentor in chaplaincy and dear friend, Eddie Young, also entered his eternal reward at the age of 85.



**The most difficult change, however, was learning to worship apart from Rebecca after nearly 30 years serving the same congregation.** Since my first Sunday at Peace Church, I was on the platform and she at the piano.

Somehow, she always knew what I was thinking during the music and her expression gave me instant feedback during the sermon. With a single look, I knew whether to move on quickly, try to explain that point again, or hammer it a little harder. In November, following the State Meeting, Rebecca looked at me and said, "I've missed us leading worship together." I couldn't agree more.

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## PASTORAL CHALLENGES

There have, however, been a lot of firsts for everyone in the last twelve months! **Our pastors and churches have been pushed like never before.** Yet tornadoes, social crises, civil unrest, economic recession, a worldwide pandemic, a presidential election, and the challenges of reaching a socially distant community did not deter them.

- In 2020 our pastors temporarily exchanged their suits and Bibles for blue jeans and chainsaws to provide relief for tornado victims.
- In 2020 our elders became the face of calm and reason, as they soundly and biblically addressed the hot button issues facing our country.
- In 2020 our preachers took to their parking lots, empty auditoriums, studies, kitchen tables, ironing boards, and recliners to preach messages of hope to their congregations during a time of great anxiety.
- In 2020 our spiritual leaders adapted and overcame the challenges of ministering the Gospel to the lost and dying through social media, virtual meetings, and FM transmissions.

Few, if any, had any advanced training to address the issues they faced. Few, if any, had read any books on the problems they encountered. Few, if any, had an emergency plan in place to address the unknowns of COVID-19. **Yet they studied, read, consulted, and prayed to settle on solutions and best practices for their congregations.**

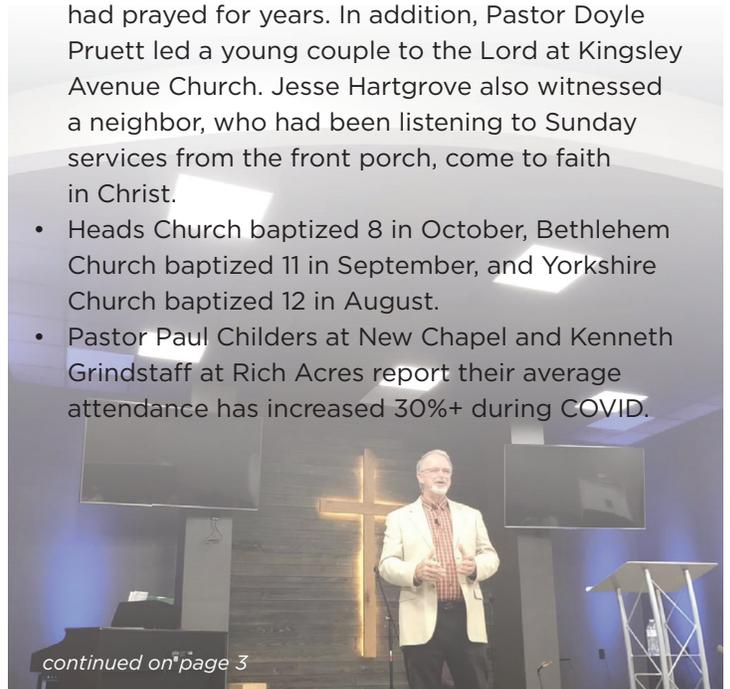
I know the challenges you faced. I lived them with you. I walked alongside of you on this uphill journey. I listened as you described the heartbreak of not being able to minister to a dying saint. **I heard you pray over the phone, knowing you wanted to be there in person.** I watched as you reached out from a distance, understanding your desire to embrace the hurting and touch those in your care.

Never has there been a time like this. **So, please, hear me, pastor. You are appreciated!** You are loved and valued. Your work and ministry have not been in vain. Your sacrifices have been noted. The extra time you invested has not been overlooked. Therefore, I pray the Lord will abundantly reward you with blessings more than you are able to imagine or think.

## POSITIVE NEWS

Despite the challenges – and in some cases, because of them – the Lord continued to bless the work of Tennessee Free Will Baptists. Here are just a few highlights from recent months:

- Pastor Stacey Holt and the folks at McGlammery Church in Collinwood made and delivered 140 Thanksgiving plates to their community.
- The Union Association's Northern Quarterly Meeting has reopened a 120-year-old church on Brown's Mountain.
- Harmony Church, where Brandon Young pastors, distributed 2400 food boxes to needy families in their area.
- The Grove Church fed 80 officers and dispatchers at the Smyrna Police Department.
- Pastor Tommy Swindol reports 40 former inmates worshipping in their Men of Valor ministry.
- Two families in the Sparta Church, who were having marriage struggles, were restored.
- FWBFM reopened our drug and alcohol treatment program for males ages 12-18, received a 3-year CARF accreditation, and was able to pay down their debt by \$500,000.
- More than \$100,000 was donated to the 24/7 Church through the Smoky Mountain Miracle Offering, allowing the congregation to begin meeting in the Fall.
- Mike Hollis was able to win to the Lord two individuals for which the Good Springs Church had prayed for years. In addition, Pastor Doyle Pruett led a young couple to the Lord at Kingsley Avenue Church. Jesse Hartgrove also witnessed a neighbor, who had been listening to Sunday services from the front porch, come to faith in Christ.
- Heads Church baptized 8 in October, Bethlehem Church baptized 11 in September, and Yorkshire Church baptized 12 in August.
- Pastor Paul Childers at New Chapel and Kenneth Grindstaff at Rich Acres report their average attendance has increased 30%+ during COVID.



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# PLANS FOR 2021

For me, 2020 has also been a time of learning, observing, and planning to address areas where we can do better. As a result, I have committed myself to several state-wide initiatives:

## DEVELOPING BETTER COMMUNICATION.

Building on Br. Poston's excellent work, we are continuing to improve our communication, reducing the distance between Mountain City and Memphis.

- **Echo, our quarterly publication**, is developing into a resource by and for Tennessee Free Will Baptists. In 2020, our nearly 9,000 subscribers have received information focusing on church health, leadership, small community ministry, social crises, discipleship, etc.



- In addition, we are enlarging our presence on **social media through**

**Facebook**, increasing our followership 1000% in the last 12 months. If you are not already connected with us, please search for **TNFWB** and like our page.

- Then, in partnership with The Foundation and D6, we are now offering **Echo Weekly, an email resource** that contains relevant articles, current news from our churches and denominational agencies, snippets of church history, and (((Resound))) - Words Worth Repeating. My goal is to have at least one-third of Tennessee Free Will Baptists receiving this weekly update in the next 3 years. If you would like to receive this free resource, simply text your name and email address to (423) 523-2887.



## PROMOTING UNITY IN DIVERSITY.

It is no secret that our nearly 200 churches are as unique as the covered dishes at a homecoming dinner. We are diverse in our music preferences and preaching styles, yet **we are unified on the fundamentals of the faith and our historical**

**theological distinctives**, such as the doctrines of the conditional security of the believer, the washing of the saints' feet, believer's baptism, and open communion. It is in that unity that TNFWBs are rallying around the mantra **Better Together**.

- Consider **Free Will Baptist Family Ministries**, our largest denominational agency. With over 200 staff members and a budget exceeding \$14 million, there is no way one church or district association could fund such an auspicious ministry.
- Consider that **Tennessee has over 25 missionary units** functioning either internationally or domestically. How could a single congregation or WAC support even one unit, much less 25?

Indeed, **we are better together, and together we can do more!** That's why I have called on the Nominating Committee to offer nominees which represent all of our district associations on our boards and commissions, as much as is feasible, and extended an invitation to the TWAC to come under the umbrella of the Tennessee State Association.

In addition, we will continue to encourage our churches to become a part of the Unified Ministry Plan. The UMP allows churches to support every state and national ministry with a single gift. Therefore, **I am pleading with every Tennessee Free Will Baptist Church to budget at least 5% of their regular income to the UMP.**

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## ASSISTING STUGGLING CHURCHES.

Statistics reveal that **85% of churches in the U.S. have either plateaued or are declining.**

Free Will Baptists are not exempt from that unsettling indicator. Recently, NAFWB Executive Secretary Dr. Eddie Moody reported that 70 of our

congregations closed its doors permanently in 2020! Barna Research projects that 1 in 5 churches will close its doors in the near future.

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The fact is, if something is not done soon, we will continue to see churches across our state forfeit their part of Christ's Kingdom work. We contend that this is not so much a church growth issue as it is a **church health** issue. You see, the church growth models of the past have, according to Dr. Danny Dwyer, left our churches "a mile wide and an inch deep." I, along with several other key leaders within Tennessee, have trained with Dr. Dwyer, the administrator of Rekindle (the NAFWB's church revitalization program) to **unapologetically rediscover and return to a biblical model of doing church**. The program is not about creating hype (artificial growth) but restoring health (genuine maturity). My goal is to have a trained coach in every Tennessee district association within the next 6 months and to begin positively impacting at least 9 churches in the next 12-18 months.



#### ENCOURAGING YOUNG MEN IN MINISTRY.

We are witnessing the "greying" of the American pastorate. With 55% of our pastors having reached or are approaching retirement age and only 4% being under the age of 30, how are we expected to survive as a denomination? It has been said that "a lot of young leaders seem to think other kinds of work are more important than vocational ministry." Personally, I believe the Lord is still calling young men to ministry, but they are, generationally speaking, sending Him to voicemail. We are approaching a crisis. If nothing changes, **Free Will Baptist churches will have two options: voluntarily merge congregations or embrace a circuit-riding model of pastoral leadership.** So how do we address the problem? I am fostering several ideas:

- First, we need to create an environment at home and church where it is easy for young men to hear and respond to the call of God (1 Samuel 3:1-4).
- Second, pastors need to train up their preacher boys theologically and practically, giving them opportunities for ministry and providing loving feedback as they learn through their successes and failures (2 Timothy 2:2).

- Third, churches need to encourage young ministers, remembering that they can either make or break their future spiritual leaders as they learn to serve (Acts 18:25-27).
- Fourth, associations need to intentionally create cross-generational ministry teams, in which seasoned pastors involve and mentor young preachers as they engage and serve the denomination (Titus 2:1-8).

#### BEING A PASTOR TO PASTORS.

I believe firmly that **all pastors, regardless of tenure, need a pastor**. Why? Because the work is arduous and the consequences eternal. A recent survey revealed that 84% of pastors desire to have close fellowship with someone they can trust and confide in, yet 70% of them report not having someone they consider to be a close friend. No wonder, only 1 in 10 pastors will retire as a pastor.

As a veteran pastor, I repeatedly learned this lesson, but never more powerfully than when our 21-year-old godson, Preston, suicided three years ago. Quite honestly, I did not know who to talk to and who would keep my confidence. By that event my life has been forever changed; **yet through that event the Lord prepared me for this role**. That's why, within the bounds of the law, I pledge to you my unconditional confidence and unrelenting prayers.

Of all my assigned duties, **I count serving as your pastor my highest honor and greatest responsibility**. It is for that reason that I am also seeking, with the expertise of The Foundation, to endow the State Director's office through estate gifts, so that our pastors will perpetually have a pastor. If you would like more information on establishing such a trust, please contact me at (423) 523-2887.

Friends, we are doing well, and by God's grace we will do even **Better Together**.



*Pastor Chris Dotson is the State Director for Tennessee Free Will Baptists. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman University and Bob Jones University Seminary. Currently Dotson is pursuing an Executive MBA degree. He and his wife, Rebecca, make their home in Morristown.*



# FROM RHETORIC TO RELEVANCE: KEYS TO MEANINGFUL MINISTRY

PART ONE OF A FOUR-PART SERIES

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“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine” (II Timothy 4:1-2).

“And of some have compassion, making a difference” (Jude 22).

In these two passages of Scripture, we see two clear Bible commands. One, to boldly and uncompromisingly stand and proclaim the principles of the Word of God. The other, to show compassion to those to whom we minister to make a difference in their lives. Two individual commands from the Word of God. Obviously, because we know that the Bible does not contradict itself, we know that neither can be ignored and that both can and should be carried out by God’s people.

As Free Will Baptists we have done a fine job of staying true to the truth of God’s Word. If I didn’t believe that I wouldn’t be a Free Will Baptist! However, I don’t think we’ve done a very good job of delivering that message to a needy and hurting world with caring, heartfelt concern, and compassion. Instead, I believe we spend a lot of time “singing to the choir” instead of reaching out to the world around us.

This is why I love Free Will Baptist Family Ministries. Truly, we are on the front lines of meaningful ministry to the most broken and vulnerable among us. Bill Gaither in his song “Songs That Answer Questions” addressed the

issue of relevant ministry in a vow that should be the heart cry of every one of our churches:

*Don't want to spend my life preaching  
sermons that give answers  
To the questions no one's asking anywhere;  
When there's so much pain and hurting  
there's no time to be searching  
For the needles in the haystacks that aren't there;  
I want to spend my time wearing  
myself out for Jesus  
With the news a cure's been found  
to heal our land;  
Instead of making lists, inventing creeds that aren't  
concerned with people's needs,  
I'll show them how to touch the nail scarred hand.*

I don’t believe I am exaggerating the importance of this subject when I say that the very survival of our ministries, churches, and even our denomination may hinge on us getting this right. In a series of articles this year, I will be sharing practical ways that we can move past rhetoric to relevance in ministry and how FWBFM tries to put this into practice in all we do.



*Jim McComas is the president and CEO of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries. He is also a singer, evangelist and church revitalization expert. He and his wife, Beth, make their home in the mountains of East Tennessee.*

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The Tennessee International Missions Board strives to get the gospel to the lost before it is eternally too late. One way we do that is to ensure that our Tennessee IM missionaries are sufficiently funded. Two new Tennessee missionaries are presently sharing their hearts in our churches. They are anxiously working to get to the unreached people groups to which God has called them to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. They need your help!



My name is Annabelle Ellis. I'm from Nashville and my home church is New Hope located in Joelton. I am a recently appointed missionary with IM, Inc. I will be joining the Hope Alive Church in Tokyo, Japan! The Japanese people are the second largest

unreached nation on earth, so our mission is to reach them with the Gospel and lead people toward experiencing freedom, purpose, and fulfillment in Jesus Christ. I am currently 90% funded and am praying to be fully funded soon! You can receive ministry updates through my emailed newsletter or through my Facebook group: Annabelle Ellis in Japan. You can partner with me financially by your designated to TNFWB. Thank you for praying for me and the Japanese people!

“And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.” - Jesus



Our names are Josh, Bethany, Grayson and Georgia. As this verse says, we are pursuing a reward that cannot be lost. We will be joining the Diez42 Outreach Center in Southern

Spain. There, we will help North African immigrants and refugees with their needs. They have moved to Spain looking for a better place for their families. Our goal is to “Bring Help, Hope, and Healing” to this impoverished population. The center distributes food to over 200 families every week, teaches language courses, gives homework help, and offers a sewing coop which allows us to teach women a new skill. Of course, a reward that cannot be lost is an eternal one, the glory of God. If He is glorified in the lives of North Africans, we have been successful. Will you too pursue a higher reward? We are in need of monthly supporters. We have about 35% of what we need to get to the field. Visit <https://bit.ly/JoshBethGive> to fill out our online commitment card and set up your monthly gift. You may also email me at [josh@hannaproject.com](mailto:josh@hannaproject.com) to set up a meeting with your church or small group.

How long will they have to wait to hear this news of salvation, will it get there in time?



WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING

**WMO**

The World Missions Offering (WMO) is one means of funding the purpose of the Mission—planting churches overseas. The National Association of Free Will Baptists has designated the last Sunday in April for churches across the denomination to receive a significant offering for International Missions.

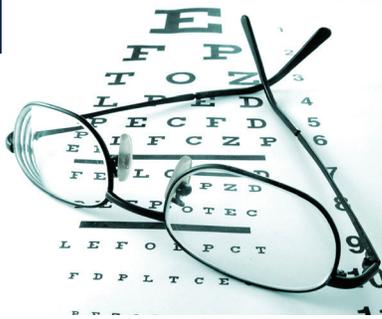
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## 20:20 AND PRIORITIES

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What does that phrase mean when referring to our human eyesight? Why should we go to the optometrist or ophthalmologist? Why do we even care that we can see clearly?

I don't know about you, but I really want to know that my eyes are healthy. It is horrible not to be able to see clearly the things around me. It affects my whole body. I have had contacts since I was 16 and glasses since 4th grade. It was affecting my performance in school and therefore became a priority. When I got my glasses, I could see the board and when I got my contacts, I could see even better. The corrective lenses were right on the surface of my eyes and that smoothed out any deformities that would cause my eyes problems and hinder my vision.

As the years have passed, I would like to tell you that my vision has improved. Now, I struggle with other eye issues. I have monovision (left eye-farsighted lens, right eye-nearsighted lens). Another eye diagnosis about 15 years ago was Chronic Progressive External Ophthalmoplegia (CPEO). This means that I have a genetic disease involving the muscles in the eyes and eyelids. I have to use eye drops on a regular basis because of "dry eye." Just recently, the ophthalmologist told me that I am now growing cataracts. As you can see (pun intended), my human eyes continue to be a priority to help them maintain 20:20 vision.

With that analogy in mind, how are your spiritual eyes? Have you received those eyes by asking Him into your heart? How are they focusing on God as a priority? Are your spiritual eyes seeing clearly God's priorities so you can honor Him?

I challenge you to be in the Word and prayer. Make it a priority. Also make fellowship with other believers a priority. Get involved in your local church. Ask God to give you a ministry. Be a part of your church women's ministry. If you do not have an organized group, maybe it is time to organize a group where Bible study, prayer, and fellowship are a focus and a priority.

Ladies, there is work to do! Therefore, I am issuing the call to get focused on God and His work in 2021. Let's strive for 20:20 spiritual eyes in 2021 to keep our priorities on our Savior, Jesus Christ.

## TWAC REMINDERS

### Tennessee State Project (2019-2021):

24/7 Church, Sevier County (\$5,000)

### Laughter and Latte and The WNAC Celebration Service:

Hosted at the National Association in Memphis, July 2021 (\$4,000 of \$15,000 still needed ASAP)

### TWAC Retreat:

September 16-18, 2021 at the Music Road Resort, Pigeon Forge (watch for more details)

### Contributions May Be Mailed To:

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## NEW ADDRESS

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## LEWIS RETIRES; Mahler Selected



After 20 years serving as the treasurer for the Tennessee State Association, **Ray Lewis** has resigned. Lewis, a North Carolina native, previously led at Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement, where he retired as CEO after 32 years. He and his wife, Ida, will continue to make their home in Antioch for now, serve in the music ministry at Richland Church, and spend as much time as possible with their grandchildren. “Ray has managed the affairs of Tennessee Free Will Baptists faithfully and with great integrity,” stated State Director Chris Dotson. “There may be others who will serve as well, but none better.”



Subsequently, **Craig Mahler** was selected as the new treasurer and will assume his responsibilities January 1. Mahler is the Vice President for Financial Affairs (CFO) at Welch College. He graduated from Tennessee Tech with a BS in Business Administration and earned an MBA from Trevecca Nazarene University. In addition, Craig was ordained to Gospel ministry by the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptists in 2002. He and his wife, Sabrina, make their home in Gallatin with their daughters.



## EAST NASHVILLE CHURCH Establishes Legacy Trust

The East Nashville Church, which had closed its doors in February 2019, recently liquidated its assets. With the help of former State Treasurer Ray Lewis and Foundation CEO David Brown, the proceeds of the sale (\$3.4+ million) have been invested into a perpetual trust, benefiting five denominational ministries. Among those are TNFWB and FWBFM, which will each receive a fifth of the investment income. Br. Lewis estimates each ministry will receive around \$37,000 annually. Other beneficiaries include NAM, IM, and Welch College.

While the congregation of East Nashville has dissolved, their ministry will continue through the FWB Foundation. While we do not rejoice over the closing of any of our churches, we are thankful that this congregation chose to establish a living legacy to their century-long ministry.

Ray Lewis said, “It is sad to see any church have to close its doors, but... East Nashville Church is not dead. By creating this gift, the ministry of East Nashville will continue until the Lord returns.”

# Tennessee State Association

## SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 - NOVEMBER 30, 2020

### APPALACHIAN ASSOCIATION

Appalachian Association.....	\$6,325.38
Doran Addition FWB Church - Kingsport .....	360.00
First FWB Church - Elizabethton.....	900.00
First FWB Church - Johnson City.....	2,694.00
Liberty Fellowship - Johnson City.....	1,600.00
Marbleton FWB Church - Unicoi.....	2,250.00
Watauga Valley FWB Church - Elizabethton .....	125.00

### CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

Cumberland Association - Dickson.....	19,175.00
180 FWB Church - Clarksville.....	3,682.22
Ashland City FWB Church.....	3,150.00
Berean FWB Church - Fairview.....	791.00
Bethel FWB Church - Ashland City.....	8,225.40
Bethlehem FWB Church - Ashland City.....	17,533.00
Brandon's Chapel FWB Church - Bumpus Mills.....	1,341.00
Cane Ridge FWB Church - Nashville.....	3,733.28
Carlisle FWB Church - Erin.....	986.40
Cofer's Chapel FWB Church - Nashville.....	8,739.52
Corner Stone FWB Church - Murfreesboro .....	536.00
Cross Roads FWB Church - Lawrenceburg.....	900.00
Cross Timbers FWB Church - Nashville.....	9,343.73
Donelson Fellowship - Nashville.....	34,175.57
Dunbar Chapel Church - Indian Mound.....	75.00
Faith FWB Church - Columbia.....	335.55
First FWB Church - Dickson.....	5,104.58
First FWB Church - Springfield.....	690.00
First FWB Church - Waverly.....	450.00
Good Springs FWB Church - Pleasant View .....	5,411.95
Harper Road FWB Church - Joelton .....	100.00
Head's FWB Church - Cedar Hill.....	10,458.00
Hendersonville FWB Church.....	1,140.00
Hurricane Chapel FWB Church - Dickson .....	2,271.33
LaVergne FWB Church .....	2,265.00
Loyal Chapel FWB Church - Columbia.....	900.00
Miller's Chapel FWB Church - Charlotte .....	1,050.00
New Hope FWB Church - Joelton.....	19,459.99
Oak Grove FWB Church - Charlotte.....	329.00
Oakwood FWB Church - Woodlawn .....	6,253.00

Olivet FWB Church - Clarksville.....	2,007.54
Pleasant Hill FWB Church - Dover.....	768.00
Richland FWB Church - Nashville.....	1,566.11
United FWB Church - Dickson .....	3,728.51

### LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

Liberty Association .....	8,853.00
Cookeville FWB Church.....	1,800.00
Crossville First FWB Church.....	1,933.26
First FWB Church - Sparta.....	359.33

### MOUNTAIN EMPIRE FELLOWSHIP

Mountain Empire Fellowship .....	3,575.00
Evergreen FWB Church - Erwin .....	13,535.00
Fellowship FWB Church - Kingsport.....	8,775.00
Grove FWB Church - Smyrna.....	1,626.00

### NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION

Northeast Association.....	1,950.00
Parker's Chapel FWB - Kingsport.....	1,625.00

### SMOKY MOUNTAINS

Smoky Mountains.....	3,250.00
Hardin Valley FWB Church - Knoxville .....	75.00
Valley View FWB Church - Loudon.....	3,096.78
Wooddale FWB Church - Knoxville .....	2,467.50

### TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Toe River Association.....	3,450.00
Morgan Chapel FWB Church - Hampton.....	935.00

### UNION ASSOCIATION

Union Association.....	13,975.00
Bridgeport FWB Church - Newport .....	300.00
Community Chapel FWB Church - Talbott .....	150.00
Eastern Star FWB Church - Jonesborough .....	359.00
Fellowship FWB Church - Limestone.....	100.00
First FWB Church - Kingsport .....	210.00
First FWB Church - Newport.....	200.00
First FWB Church - Surgoinsville.....	4,732.00

Grassy Creek FWB Church - Rogersville.....	273.00
Harris Memorial FWB Church - Greeneville.....	1,120.00
Jackson Chapel FWB Church - Mosheim .....	550.00
Kingsley Ave. FWB Church - Chuckey.....	400.00
Midfield FWB Church - Kingsport .....	620.00
New Home FWB Church - White Pine.....	
Oak Grove FWB Church - Greeneville.....	4,512.44
Peace FWB Church - Morristown .....	6,676.00
Phipps Bend FWB Church - Surgoinsville.....	1,389.40
Unicoi FWB Church.....	420.00
Union Chapel FWB Church - Chuckey.....	600.00
Van Hill FWB Church - Rogersville.....	1,000.00
West Greene FWB Church - Moshiem .....	

### WEST TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION

West TN Association .....	975.00
Faith FWB Church - Oakland .....	300.00
Victory FWB Church - Jackson .....	2,100.00

### OTHER CHURCHES/ORGANIZATIONS

111 Fellowship - Cookeville .....	325.00
Dodson Branch FWB Church - Cookeville .....	800.00
First FWB Church - McMinnville.....	1,597.00
Grace For The World - Dickson.....	12,200.00
Keystone FWB Church - Johnson City.....	325.00
Landmark Baptist Church - Fall Branch .....	40.00
McMinnville First FWB Church.....	325.00
Valley Forge FWB Church - Elizabethton.....	325.00
Victory FWB Church - McMinnville .....	525.00

### MISCELLANEOUS

Individuals.....	2,318.00
FWB Foundation.....	225.00
Miscellaneous.....	131.00
Re-Imbursement.....	5,000.00
TN State Master's Men .....	250.00

<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$313,583.77</b>
<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$287,312.62</b>

*Thank you for your gifts to support the State Association work. All checks should be made payable to Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists and mailed in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.*

# The Unified Ministry Plan of Support

## SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 - NOVEMBER 30, 2020

### INCOME:

180 FWB Church - Clarksville.....	\$999.00
Appalachian Association.....	150.38
Berean FWB Church - Fairview.....	716.00
Bethlehem FWB Church - Ashland City.....	2,023.00
Brandon's Chapel FWB Church - Bumpus Mills.....	581.00
Cane Ridge FWB Church - Nashville.....	412.07
Carlisle FWB Church - Erin.....	986.40
Cofer's Chapel FWB Church - Nashville.....	2,500.00
Corner Stone FWB Church - Murfreesboro .....	225.00
Cross Roads FWB Church - Leoma.....	600.00
Cross Timbers FWB Church - Nashville.....	309.88
Donelson FWB Church - Nashville .....	5,786.56
Faith FWB Church - Columbia.....	335.55
Faith FWB Church - Oakland .....	300.00
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Hurricane Chapel FWB Church - McEwen .....	2,271.33
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Jackson Chapel FWB Church - Mosheim .....	300.00
Liberty Fellowship - Johnson City.....	600.00
Loyal Chapel FWB Church - Columbia.....	900.00
New Hope FWB Church - Joelton .....	2,175.00
Oak Grove FWB Church - Charlotte.....	329.00
Oak Grove FWB Church - Greeneville.....	138.69
Oakwood FWB Church - Woodlawn .....	250.00
Phipps Bend FWB Church - Surgoinsville.....	139.40
Richland FWB Church - Nashville.....	906.71
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