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Mountain City First Church Dedicates New Building

On Sunday, October 6, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mountain City dedicated a new 600 seat sanctuary. The auditorium and educational space in the new building adds up to a total of 17,000 square feet. Brother Frank Woods, pastor of this church for the past twenty years, was joined by Tennessee State Corrections Commissioner Donal Campbell, Northeast Correctional Center Warden Howard Carlton, Mountain City Mayor Todd Grayson, Johnson County Executive George Lowe, State Representative Ralph Cole and State Representative candidate Jason Mumpower for this memorable service.

The dedication was even more unusual by the fact that 95 percent of the labor was donated by a twelve-man work crew from Northeast Correctional Center. This crew consisted of a state licensed electrician, block and brick masons, drywall workers, carpenters, and heating and air-conditioning installers. In fact, 95 percent of the labor was done without cost to the church, by the inmates. The building materials cost approximately \$350,000. It is estimated that the inmate labor saved the church between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

First Church, Mountain City, is the largest congregation of worshippers in Johnson County. This church was begun in 1958 in the home of John and Molly Horne. Eleven members were present for the first meeting. The church has over 400 members today. The first building was a frame structure. In 1972, the original building was enlarged and



bricked. In 1984 an additional wing was added to the building. The new facility, which is connected to the former building, was begun in July 1995 and completed in September 1996.

At the dedication service, Commissioner Donal Campbell said, "This sanctuary is what the Department of Corrections Offender Community Work Program is all about. If we can help communities with our policy requiring inmates to work, then I consider the program a big success." The present facility is the biggest one that has been done by Northeast Correctional Center.

The Offender Community Work Program is a program that provides offender labor and skills for projects by government agencies and nonprofit organizations statewide. Nineteen of the 21 adult facilities participate in the program that has saved Tennesseans approximately \$4.1 million in labor costs from November 1995 through July 1996. Over one million hours of labor have been completed by offenders in this same time period.

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Treasurer's Report • Sept.-Nov. 1996

INCOME

<u>Appalachian Assn.</u>	
Grace	\$93.70
Mountain City First	200.00
Keensburg	50.00
Appalachian Assn.	57.26
<u>Central Assn.</u>	
Faith	50.00
<u>Cumberland Assn.</u>	
Ashland City	177.03
Bethel	110.32
Bethlehem	180.00
Brandon's Chapel	551.44
Calvary	236.59
Cross Timbers	125.00
Cumberland Assn.	701.24
Donelson	632.64
Dunbar Chapel	75.00
East Nashville	75.00
Friendship	45.00
Goodlettsville	200.00
Good Springs	165.30
Horton Heights	25.00
New Hope	100.00
Oakwood	75.00
Pardue Memorial	50.00
Richland	40.13
Trinity	67.57
Waverly First	75.00
Woodbine	150.00
<u>Liberty Assn.</u>	
Cookeville	150.00
Liberty Assn.	213.04
<u>Northeast Assn.</u>	
Union Street	150.00
<u>Union Assn.</u>	
Bethany	30.00
First, Church Hill	700.00
Doran Addition	75.00
Fellowship	150.00
Forest Grove	75.00
Limestone	75.00
Loudon	25.00
Oak Ridge	188.31
Shady Grove Sunday School	150.00
Union Assn.	506.59
West Greene	75.00
<u>Toe River</u>	
Berea	17.00
Sugar Hollow	20.00
<u>Others</u>	
Keystone	45.00
Valley Forge	215.82
Individuals	630.00
State Assn. Fees	6,725.00
State Assn. Registration Fees	525.00
State Assn. Offerings	672.93
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,721.91
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,592.41

Thank you for your gifts to support the State Association work. All checks should be made payable Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists and sent to E. B. McDonald, P.O. Box 685, Ashland City, TN 37015.

—E. B. McDonald, Treasurer

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church Breaks Ground for New Building



October 6, 1996 was a two-fold great day for Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Nashville. It was their annual Homecoming Day as well as the day on which they broke ground for their new building. The church sold their old facilities in June. They are worshipping in rented facilities in Joelton, Tennessee until their new building is built. Pictured is Dr. Roger C. Reeds turning the first shovel of dirt. Others pictured are former pastors of the church, Dr. Homer Willis, Rev. Levy Corey, and Rev. Billy Brown. The land is slightly over five acres and is located at Old Dickerson Pike and Lowes Lane in Nashville. The contract for the new building has been let and construction is to begin soon. Dr. Reeds is the present pastor of the church. Rev. Corey was the speaker for the Homecoming service.

McVays Appointed to Service in Spain



Sam and June McVay, long-time youth workers at Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, were appointed to missionary service in Spain by the Board of Foreign Missions. The couple, who have served at Cofer's Chapel since 1976, hope to depart for the field in June of 1997.

Sam graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1978. Following graduation, he assumed full-time responsibilities at Cofer's Chapel, serving as both youth and assistant pastor, until his appointment to missionary service. Sam has also been active in the Truth & Peace Leadership Conference, serving as co-director since its inception in 1984. June has actively assisted Sam in his ministries at Cofer's Chapel and in the Truth & Peace Leadership Conference. She attended Free Will Baptist Bible College and in 1992 earned a B.A. from Trevecca Nazarene University. She is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Picirilli. The McVays have two daughters.

The McVays plan to form a church-planting team with Jeff and Susan Turnbough in the Madrid area of Spain.

For information or to arrange a service, the McVays may be reached at 3915 Franklin Road, Nashville, TN 37205, 615/298-9288 or 615/876-0013.

1997 Associational Meetings

Tennessee State Association: November 10-12
Cookeville Free Will Baptist Church, Cookeville, TN

APPALACHIAN ASSOCIATION

January 18 Canah Chapel
April 4-5 (Annual Session) Grace
July 12, October 18 ... (location not selected)

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

January 10 McMinnville First
April 11 Crossville First
July 11 Victory
October 10 (Annual Session) Smithville

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

October 11 Dunbar's Chapel

Northern Quarterly

January 11 Good Springs
April 12 Oakwood
July 12 Ashland City
October 4 (location not selected)

South Central Quarterly

January 4 Murfreesboro First
April 5 Berean
June 28 New Life
October 4 Loyal Chapel

Southern Quarterly

January 10 Woodbine
April 11 West Nashville
July 11 Calvary
October 3 Trinity

Western Quarterly

January 11 Miller's Chapel
April 12 Oak Grove
July 12 Pleasant Hill
October 4 Pleasant Ridge

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

January 24-25 Community
May 16-17 Sparta First
Sept. 26-27 (Annual Session) Monterey

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION

January 4 Macedonia
April 5 Magnolia
July 12 Parker's Chapel
October 4 (Annual Session) Union Street

UNION ASSOCIATION

August 12-14 Roan Street

Central Quarterly

February 8 Bridgeport
May 10 Shady Grove
August 9 White Pine
November 8 (location not selected)

Eastern Quarterly

January 10 West Park Street
April 11 Boones Creek
July 11 Erwin First
October 10 (location not selected)

Northern Quarterly

January 25 Upper Room
April 26 Van Hill
July 23 Cedar Chapel
October 25 (location not selected)

Western Quarterly

February 1 Oak Ridge First
May 3 Loudon First
August 2 Forest Grove
November 1 Wooddale

TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION

February 7 Dry Creek
May 17 Buffalo Valley
August 15-16 Odom's Chapel

WEST TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION

December 6 North Memphis
March 7 Grace
June 6 Liberty
Sept. 6 (Annual Session) North Memphis

Aycocks Appointed to Service in Brazil



David and Annette Aycock, who have ministered at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, SC since 1989, were appointed to short-term missionary service in Brazil by the Board of Foreign Missions. The couple hopes to depart in mid-1997.

David, who is the son of missionaries Bobby and Sue Aycock of Brazil, graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1986. He then spent two years as assistant pastor at Bloss Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Arlington, VA. In 1989 he assumed the pastorate at Fellowship and served there until his appointment to missionary service.

Annette, who is also a 1986 graduate of the Bible College, has actively assisted David in his ministries at Fellowship and has participated in Women Nationally Active for Christ. She is the daughter of William Hal and Rose Carter of Greeneville, TN.

David and Annette have four children. The Aycocks will move to Barbacena, Brazil, where David will assist in the training of men who have answered the call to full-time service. Annette will home-school the three oldest children and minister through hospitality.

Pastors who are interested in having the Aycocks for a service may contact them at 204 Dogwood Drive, Greeneville, TN 37745, or call 423/638-9366.

Pastor Available for Seminars

One of our Tennessee pastors, Brother Greg Godby, who pastors New Home Free Will Baptist Church at Newport, has become a Behavioral Consultant with the Institute for Christian Motivational Living. Brother Godby is available to provide various kinds of counseling: husband and wife, parent and child, pastor and church, pre-marital, and career planning. Brother Godby has a bachelor's degree from Hillsdale College in Oklahoma and a master's degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College. He became a Behavioral Consultant in 1993.

Brother Godby is also available to conduct seminars in local churches which will help in dealing with conflicting behavior and should contribute to better understanding and communication. The "Personality Profile Analysis" is one of the instruments administered by Brother Godby. For those who are considering a career change, Brother Godby can administer the "Successful Career Planning" program. All of this is done from a totally Christian perspective.

These programs are being used and are endorsed by the Department of the Navy, U.S. Treasury Department, Phillips Petroleum and IBM, to mention only a few.

Please contact Brother Godby if he may assist you, your church or any of your friends. He may be reached at P.O. Box 1168, Dandridge, TN 37725. His telephone number is 423/397-2703.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 9-13 Bible Conference
March 31 Roll Call Sunday
March 27-29 Welcome Days, FWBBC

1997 NATIONAL YOUTH WORKERS RETREATS

February 14-16, 1997
Branson, MO
Stonecraft Conference Center

February 28-March 2, 1997
Monteagle, TN
Jim Oliver's Conference Center

For more information, registration forms, conference fees, call the Youth Ministries Division at 800-877-7030.

Tennessee Women Active for Christ Convention Proceedings

by Anne Worthington

A total of 79 registered for the 51st Annual Tennessee Women Active for Christ Convention, November 12, 1996, at Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville. Medical missionary to Cote d'Ivoire Dr. Paul Gentuso and missionary to Japan Debbie Griffin developed the theme "Approved Workers." One hundred attended the fellowship banquet.

During the business session delegates endorsed the following Plan of Work:

- January: Enlistment and Support
- February: Foreign Student Scholarship Fund
- March: State Project (see below)
- April: Foreign Missions (Pre-Easter Offering)
- May: Medical Supply Postage Expenses (see below)
- June: Tennessee State Home Missions
- July: WNAC Indebtedness Offering
- August: WNAC Emphasis
- September: WNAC Endowment Fund/Rest of the Family Offering
- October: Free Will Baptist Family Ministries (Trula Cronk Home for Children)
- November: National Home Missions (Pre-Thanksgiving Offering)
- December: Free Will Baptist Bible College Welch Library Offering

In further business, delegates voted to raise \$3,000 as the 1996-97 state project. The money will be divided equally among missionaries Jim and Karen Cowart and missionary appointees Sam and June McVay and David and Annette Aycock.

Delegates also voted to raise money to be used to mail medical supplies to Cote d'Ivoire. An auxiliary member has free access to new and used medical supplies, but needs funds for shipping, etc.

Tennessee women gave a total of \$29,212.63 this past year.

Please observe the following retreat plans:

Tennessee Women Active for Christ Retreat

- When: September 25-17, 1997
- Where: Gatlinburg (hotel information will be sent upon receiving registration fee)
- Theme: "The Triumphal March"
- Registration Fee: \$25 (includes Saturday buffet breakfast)
- Room Rate: \$72 per room per night (plus 11% tax) (four to a room - \$39.85 each for two nights plus tax)
- Send Registration Form To:
Gladys Gragg
294 Clovernook Drive • Nashville, TN 37210
615/885-3986
- Registration Deadline: August 4, 1997 (non-refundable after this date)

TWAC Retreat Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Check # _____ Money Order # _____

Send ONLY \$25 Registration Fee to Gladys Gragg (no other money)

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