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## Moving from West End Avenue

by Roy W. Harris, Director of Advancement

It was no accident that in the early 1940s the newly formed National Association of Free Will Baptists settled on the state of Tennessee for the location of its national college. With a strong base of Tennessee Free Will Baptists as a foundation and Tennessee's strategic location nationally among Free Will Baptists, it was a natural choice to locate the college here. Thus began a partnership that has lasted almost 60 years. Tennessee Free Will Baptists have led the way by sending about one out of every three of the students who attend Free Will Baptist Bible College. Tennesseans are also number one in helping underwrite the financial support needed for those students. In the last 59 years Free Will Baptist Bible College has grown from one building on a small lot to 16 buildings on approximately nine acres in West Nashville. We are now ready to build and move to 123 beautiful Tennessee acres located in the northwestern corner of Metropolitan Nashville.

The College will realize some tremendous benefits with her new location.

### Family

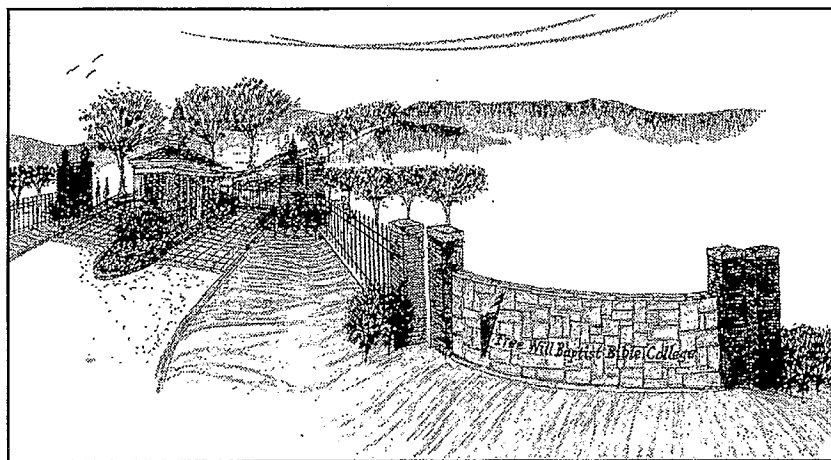
One tremendous benefit that will be realized by Free Will Baptist Bible College is its proximity to several Free Will Baptist Churches in the Northern Quarterly of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists. The Joelton community is heavily populated with Free Will Baptist people. The College will be located in an area that knows and loves Free Will Baptist Bible College.

### Friends

The Joelton community is both excited and eager for Free Will Baptist Bible College to become a neighbor. The community has stood in strong support for the college and has helped us get the rezoning we needed to move to their neighborhood. We look forward to a long and close relationship with our new friends in Joelton.

### Facilities

Another great benefit we will enjoy is brand new facilities. Many of our present buildings were constructed in the early 1900s, when insulation and utilities were of little concern. A



great benefit in our new buildings will be the savings recouped by much lower utility and maintenance costs. It should be several years before we incur major maintenance expense. This will save our denomination many thousands of dollars.

### Future Growth

Tennessee and the denomination at large will benefit by the potential for future growth in several areas.

The college is preparing for an 18% enrollment growth by the time of the move. The fully developed campus will accommodate 1,200 students.

We also anticipate a growth in our programs, both on campus and by external studies. New courses include a major in history/social studies; a composite major in English,

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science, and math for teaching certification in elementary and middle school; and a pre-law degree. Long-range strategy calls for expansion of services to non-traditional students by increasing evening and Saturday classes targeted especially toward the Joelton community. Also planned is the development of a degree completion program for adults who attended college but did not complete a degree. With the added sports fields and other facilities, we plan to have summer youth programs and to operate a pre-school and day-care facility to be used as a laboratory for Teacher Education and as a service to the community.

Online studies also are being planned right now, even an extension reaching into Canada.

### **Conclusion**

Tennessee Free Will Baptists and our entire denomination will reap many benefits from Free Will Baptist Bible College's construction and move to a new campus. This dream is about to become a reality. *September 1 is a crucial date.* We are in final negotiations with a local Nashville college that plans to purchase our present campus. We must be assured that our present campus is sold and we must be assured by September 1 that we have sufficient additional funds from our constituency to pay for the new campus in order to complete the move. Tennessee Free Will Baptists can be a great help. There are several ways in which you can be part of this great endeavor.

- Pray and ask God what He would have you to personally commit to give over the next three years.
- Pray and ask God what role your church should play in helping to provide the funds needed.
- Pray for the bid process that is set to begin July 4, 2001.
- Pray for the Lord's continual blessings on the entire construction process.
- Write or call the Advancement Office of Free Will Baptist Bible College and let them know what God has impressed you to do. (This is crucial by July 2001.)

You are vital to the successful move of Free Will Baptist Bible College to her new campus. Tennessee students will benefit more than those of any other state due to the college's location and the dominant Tennessee student population presently at the College.

Please stand with us as we step forward. *We are trusting God and believing He will bring this miracle to pass.* Do what you can to help and God will bless you for it. If we all work together, this great task can be completed.

Thank you, Tennessee, for what you have done and will do.

## **Please Support the National in Memphis**

In July of 2002, the National Association of Free Will Baptists will convene in Memphis. The state of Tennessee's portion in underwriting this meeting is \$25,000. Several individuals and churches were listed in the last *Echo* as committing to give \$200 each toward this responsibility. We need a total of 125 individuals or churches to give \$200 each. Here is a list of the additional ones to commit (or have already given) \$200 each. By the way, all of this is needed before the State Association, Nov. 12-14, 2001.

Those who have committed or given since the last *Echo* are:

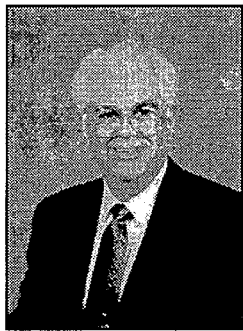
**Brandon's Chapel  
Bridgeport Church  
Bristol First Church  
Canah Chapel Church  
Cookeville Church  
Cross Timbers Church  
East Side Church  
Fellowship Church-Kingsport  
First Church-Hixson  
Forest Grove Church  
Harris Memorial Church  
Rev. & Mrs. Joe Hurst  
Johnson City First Church  
Kingsley Avenue Church  
Liberty Association  
Limestone Church  
Mountain City First Church  
New Hope Church  
Newport First Church  
Open Door Church  
Reidtown Church  
Roan Street Church  
Smithville First Church  
Sparta First Church**

We yet need 77 churches or individuals to give \$200! Will you please send your check or your commitment to me today: C. A. Thigpen, 3606 West End Ave., Nashville, TN 37205.

### **Dates To Remember**

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|-------------|--|
| April 27-28 | <b>CTS State Competition</b> , Donelson Church, Nashville  |
| May 13      | Every church is asked to receive a special offering for <b>Free Will Baptist Family Ministries</b> |
| May 13      | <b>Baccalaureate Service</b> , FWBBC, 7:00 p.m. <i>Speaker:</i> Dr. Charles A. Thigpen             |
| May 17      | <b>Graduation</b> , FWBBC, 10:00 a.m. <i>Speaker:</i> Dr. LaVerne Miley                            |

## Rufus Coffey, Former Executive Secretary, Passes Away



**Brother Rufus Coffey**, who served as Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists (1967-1979) and prior to that as a member of the staff of the Foreign Missions Department, passed away on Feb. 12, 2001 at Marstons Mills, Mass. He was a retired minister, having served congregations in Tennessee and South Carolina. He was 74 years of age—his ministry spanned 54 years.

Surviving are his wife, Maude Felder Coffey; sons, Rev. Raymond Coffey of Cape Cod, Mass., missionary R. Steve Coffey, Lyon, France; daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Pugh, Millington, Tenn.; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 15, 2001 at Bowman Southern Methodist Church in Bowman, S.C. (Mrs. Coffey's home church). Those officiating were Rev. Raymond Coffey, missionary R. Steve Coffey, Dr. Gwyn L. Pugh and Dr. Charles A. Thigpen. Interment was at the Bowman Cemetery, Bowman, S.C.

These are some of the statements of reflection and remembrance made about Brother Coffey at the funeral: "He truly loved God, loved his family; his calling and people. He was a dedicated soul winner. He loved to preach, he loved to pastor." Another said, "He really loved life. His warm, jolly personality was always so pleasant. He always felt comfortable with children. I loved being with the Coffeys." A close family friend said, "He did pranks all the time. He was a very affectionate person. He was a sweet, good man. You always felt loved by him." And yet another said, "He was a lot of fun. He was a tenderhearted man—he seldom preached a sermon when he did not weep. No one related as well to children as he did. He did as much for the cause of Foreign Missions among Free Will Baptists as any one man."

The following was included in one of the prayers of the funeral: "Brother Coffey has been truly a choice servant of the Lord. We look upon him as a man after Your own heart—not one who was perfect, but one who loved Thee supremely—one who knew how to repent—one who, like Jonah of old, worshipped Thee as the God of the second chance."

## Bible College Hosts "Jonathan Thigpen Day"

by Jack Williams, Editor, Contact Magazine

Free Will Baptist Bible College honored one of its most notable alumni by declaring December 1, 2001, "**Dr. Jonathan Thigpen Day**" on campus.

The 1973 alumnus has had a rich ministry in evangelism, youth ministry, writing and education. He currently serves as executive director of the Evangelical Training Association based in Wheaton, Ill.

For the last four years, Jonathan has battled ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) that has left him increasingly weakened physically. "ALS may kill my body," he told students and scores of guests, "but it cannot kill my soul!"

Long-time friend Rodney Whaley spoke of his relationship with Jonathan as a student and of the evangelistic campaigns they conducted during the 1970s, with Vernon Whaley, as *The Conquerors*.

Jonathan's sister, Mrs. Ann Maines, described him as the kind of brother who made life eventful as they were growing up together.

Dr. Jonathan Thigpen's message to students and guests was one of courage and hope. It was a chapel to be remembered, noted Bert Tippet, the college's public relations director.

At the close, President Tom Malone announced that the college has inaugurated a scholarship in Dr. Thigpen's honor and invited contributions from those whose lives have been enriched by Jonathan's life. Contributions to the scholarship may be made by sending funds to:

The Jonathan Thigpen Scholarship  
c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3606 West End Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37205

## From My Heart

by Dr. Charles A. Thigpen, Editor

All of us really need to give far more financial support to Free Will Baptist Bible College. *Every church* should plan and set up a three-to five-year special program of giving to the college. This must be in addition to what you presently do for regular college support. This should be for relocation needs.

Some churches should commit to give \$50,000, some \$25,000 over a three-year period. There is hardly a church that could not give \$10,000 over a three-year period. This would mean giving \$65 per week, which would be \$280 per month and would amount to \$3,333.34 for a year. How wonderful it would be if every Free Will Baptist Church determined to give the college at least \$10,000 over a three-year period!

With this kind of support, the college could do so much more for the denomination. Already, hundreds of pastors, church workers, home and foreign missionaries and Christian school teachers have been trained by FWBBC. Look at the directors of the National Departments: seven of the nine were trained at FWBBC. Look at the foreign missionaries: 74 of the 94 were trained at FWBBC.

Please believe me, *now* is the time to respond to this worthy cause.

## FWBBC Selects "Who's Who" Seniors

The names of 19 FWBBC seniors will be included in the 2000-01 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, according to the publisher. Students are recommended for the honor by their teachers, who consider such criteria as grades, spiritual maturity, extracurricular activities and potential.

They join an elite group of students from more than 2,300 colleges and universities in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and several foreign countries.

The following are from Tennessee:

**Bethany Crowson**, Nashville

**Alyssa Hampton**, Nashville

**Jack Ketteiman**, Nashville

**Steven Lewis**, Nashville

**Jeremiah Riggs**, Pleasant View

## 21 Principles To Live By in the Ministry

by Rev. Alfred Cutshall, Pastor, Limestone FWB Church

1. Lead with honesty and truthfulness.
2. Do not betray confidences.
3. Lead by example.
4. Strive to have a good reputation.
5. Love the people.
6. Leave a good influence for your successor.
7. Do not be so dogmatic you can't back off (exception doctrine).
8. Never make a spectacle of your people.
9. Finish what you start.
10. Never ram a plan or project, allow your people to catch up with you.
11. Be open to change.
12. When there is a disagreement, your attitude may need changing.
13. When faced with a hard decision, just do the right thing.
14. Be compatible to whole Scripture.
15. Do not be a copycat—be yourself.
16. Read all that you can and you will glean some good thoughts.
17. Work behind the scenes to bring change.
18. Be sensitive to the circumstances around you.
19. Never get in a fight with your people from the pulpit.
20. Treat everyone alike.
21. Do not be overly friendly with the opposite sex.

## Northern Quarterly Rally a Great Success

The churches of the Northern Quarterly, Cumberland Association, held their 19th annual rally for Free Will Baptist Bible College on Sun., Feb. 25, 2001. Their goal was \$30,000.

Nineteen faculty/staff of the college, as well as students, scattered among the 24 churches on Sunday morning to preach, teach, sing and promote the college. That evening, some 700-800 people met in the Pleasant View Christian Academy gymnasium to combine their offerings and to enjoy *My Utmost For His Highest*, a stirring musical program by the college choir. Several responded to the invitation.

So far, the college has received approximately \$36,000 in gifts for student support, relocation and scholarships. Rev. Roy Harris, FWBBC's Director of Advancement, says, "We have not heard yet from all of the churches. I believe the total will go over \$40,000 when everyone responds."

He added, "All in all, I believe this was one of the best rallies we have ever had."



## New Book by Leroy Forlines Released

Randall House Publications has released *The Quest for the Truth: Answering Life's Inescapable Questions*, by F. Leroy Forlines, professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The book is a rewrite and an expansion of *Systematics*, written in 1975. It is more than twice as long and contains five new chapters. Mr. Forlines says, "*Systematics* was written to address a modernist culture. *Quest* is written to a postmodernist culture."

This is the fourth book Randall House has published by Brother Forlines. His other releases include *Biblical Ethics* (1973) and his commentary on *Romans* (1987).

Copies of *The Quest for Truth* are available from Randall House Publications. Call toll-free 1-800-877-7030 to order.

# "Changing America's Families One Child At A Time"

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries is dedicated to caring for hurting children and families through meeting their emotional, physical and spiritual needs. As your family crisis servants, this is the time of year that they ask churches to consider receiving a special offering for Mother's Day (above and beyond your current giving). Please consider what you can do towards this special Mother's Day appeal. For more information, call 423-639-9449. Pastors, they also have Mother's Day posters they can send you for your bulletin boards. Mark your donations "Mother's Day Appeal," send to the following address:

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries  
90 Stanley Lane  
Greeneville, TN 37743

Thank you for your support. Your gift will reap eternal blessings.

## Minister Celebrates 50 Years

**Rev. Elmer Carter** celebrated 50 years in the ministry at the end of December 2000. Valley Falls FWB Church in Spartanburg, S.C., hosted the ministerial celebration for the 73-year-old pastor.

Rev. Carter's son David has pastored the Valley Falls church 21 years. His grandson Travis, also a minister, serves as the church's youth director.

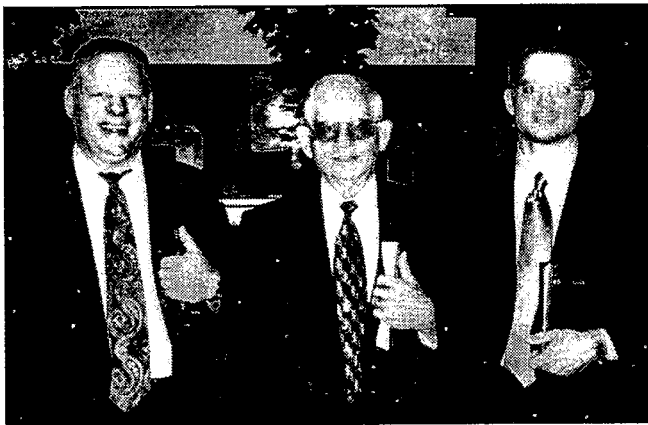
Elmer Carter, a Tennessee native, has pastored in Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. He was converted at age 21 and began preaching in 1950.

All three of the Carter family ministers preached during the Sunday morning service.

"Of course, we didn't all preach a full-course sermon," the senior Carter said. He used the same scripture to preach that he did for his first sermon a half-century ago, about believers being salt and light.

Rev. Carter said, "It doesn't seem possible that I've been in the ministry 50 years." He attends First FWB Church in Elizabethton, Tenn., and does supply preaching for area churches.

Carter's daughter, Dianna, serves as a missionary in Moscow. Another son, Bill, is a microbiologist with the state of Virginia.



*Rev. Elmer Carter,  
center; son, Rev.  
David Carter, left;  
grandson, Rev. Travis  
Carter, right*

## Volunteers Needed

*by Pastor Rex Evans, Ray, MI*

We need your help! We need all born-again believers within our denomination to commit to begin praying on a regular basis for our National Convention convening in Detroit this July. As Prayer Committee Chairman, I need your help to flood the throne of heaven with the prayers of Free Will Baptists asking God to pour out His blessings upon our meeting.

I trust you will agree with me that the most important business that will take place this year is God's business. So as we conduct God's business, it only makes sense that we have God's presence in our midst and His direction in our meetings. I believe this will come only as God sees our heartfelt desire for Him to be at the center of our meetings. The Bible says, "We have not because we ask not." I am challenging every person who reads this article to spend time on a regular basis praying for God's guidance over our meeting. I trust that your heart, as mine does, yearns for revival within our movement.

I would like to give you the late R. A. Torrey's prescription for revival: "First, let a few Christians (and they need not be many) get thoroughly right with God themselves. This is the prime essential. If this is not done, the rest that I am going to say will come to nothing. Second, let them bind themselves together in a prayer group to pray for revival until God opens up the heavens and comes down. Third, let them put themselves at the disposal of God, for Him to use as He sees fit in winning others to Christ. That is all."

We see that a vital part of the prescription deals with God's children "binding themselves together" in prayer. The Bible says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." To experience a successful National this year it must first be bathed in prayer. Now is the time to start praying for our meeting. I trust you will join with me in asking God to oversee our meeting and bless our efforts as we conduct His business. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

## Master's Men Founder Bob Hill Dies

Dr. Robert C. Hill, 71, was stricken while speaking at his mother's funeral in St. Louis. He passed away Dec. 5, 2000. Dr. Hill was born in Missouri, received Christ at eight years of age and was baptized by his grandfather, who was also a minister. He was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister at age 18, and shortly thereafter began his pastoral ministry at Berkley Free Will Baptist Church in Berkley, Mo. He later pastored six churches, and at the time of his death was Senior Adult Pastor at Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville. He graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College.

He founded and led the Master's Men organization from 1955 until 1967, when he stepped aside in order for a full-time director to be employed. All Free Will Baptists owe Brother Robert Hill a great debt of gratitude for his vision and leadership.

Dr. Hill also organized and served as director of Free Will Baptist Executive Bond program. Dr. Hill's wider ministry was in writing and editing. He served as Assistant Editor for *Moody Monthly* and Executive Editor of *Christian Life*. He founded Cross Roads Publications, *Christian Review* and *Evangelical Review*. He was a prominent author—he wrote, edited and published more than 60 books. One of his most influential efforts was the compilation of the popular newspaper columns "Why Do The Heathen Rage?" More than 470,000 copies of this book have been distributed worldwide.

His missionary zeal, along with that of his wife Georgia, led them several times to Russia, Bosnia and Croatia, where they participated in evangelistic campaigns and distributed thousands of Bibles.

Dr. Hill is survived by his wife of 53 years, Georgia Barr Hill; three sons, Terry Hill of Dayton, Tenn., Robert C. Hill II of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and Ruston Hill of Signal Mountain, Tenn.; one daughter, Sherry Camp of Peachtree City, Ga.; one sister, Norma Kennedy of Arnold, Mo.; two brothers, Rev. William Hill of Crossville, Tenn., and Dr. Don Hill of Montgomery, Ala.

The staff of Donelson Free Will Baptist Church made the following statement: "To us, Bob was counselor, encourager, mentor, and the director of our pastoral ministries. To our churchwide family, he was the one who most often visited the hospitals, called the sick and cared for those facing crises. Every Sunday he stood at the head of the aisle to receive those coming to make decisions for Christ. He often filled in for the pastor in preaching or teaching. We praise God for Bob's life and labors and offer our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Georgia and to Terry, Sherry, Rob and Rusty."

When asked to state his greatest accomplishment, he and Georgia both agreed, "Our children and grandchildren are all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, and when we make our way to church every Sunday, we know that wherever they are, they are also on their way to worship the Lord."



## James Munsey is Been Promoted

On Tuesday night, Nov. 14, James Munsey brought a message to the Tennessee State Association at Donelson Church in Nashville. His entire family played and sang for us—it was an outstanding service. A short time after this meeting, James noticed a numbness on his right side—especially his right arm and leg. After tests were run, it was determined that he had a rather large tumor on his brain. When surgery was performed, tests showed that the tumor was a fast-growing cancerous growth. After a heroic fight and many medical procedures, James Munsey was promoted to be with the Lord on Sat., Feb. 3, 2001, at 6:30 a.m. at the McAllen Medical Center, McAllen, Tx.

Brother James Alan Munsey, age 50, was a veteran missionary to Mexico. He leaves behind his wife of 28 years, Mitzi (Moore) Munsey, who was a vital partner with Brother James in the Mexico ministry. The Munseys have three children, Laura, Matthew and Rachel. The entire family worked together as a team to reach the unreached millions in Mexico.

James was the son of Rev. Howard and Mildred (Collins) Munsey of Morristown, Tenn. He leaves behind one sister, Mrs. Joe (Diane) Foister, and one brother, Tim Munsey. Mitzi's parents are Tunney and Alyce Moore of Newport, Tenn.

The funeral for Brother James Munsey was held at Manes Funeral Home in Newport on Wed., Feb. 7, 2001. Those officiating were James' father (at the request of James), Brothers Wade Jernigan of Lexington, Ok., and Berton Perry of Springdale, Ark. It was estimated that more than 1,500 people gathered to express their sympathy and condolences at the funeral home.

Free Will Baptists and the cause of Christ have lost a truly great man of God and a pioneer missionary. Here are some of Brother James' final thoughts as recorded by his colleague, Brother Jeff Cates:

"Nobody has had the privilege to have finer friends or better family. And surely no one has had greater happiness than I.

Mitzi has been my only love and it has only grown stronger over the years; we did this together.

We were unique to Free Will Baptists. At all the right times, God brought all the right people together. This work will live on.

It is only once every few lifetimes a person gets to be a part of something like this. And I got to be there."

Brother Jeff Cates says: "I count it a privilege to know the Munsey family—there is no finer missionary family anywhere. James Munsey was a pioneer in Mexico for Christ and for some 20 years worked tirelessly to develop this field into one of the most fruitful mission fields for Free Will Baptists. He founded some 25 churches and assisted many others. The world and our denomination has lost a great man of God."

All of us who knew James can say, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors: and their works do follow them."





# Bible College Announces Top 10 Supporting Churches

Rev. Roy Harris, Director of Advancement for Free Will Baptist Bible College, says the churches listed below were the college's top 10 supporting churches for 1999-2000:

1. First FWB Church, Albany, GA
2. Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville, SC
3. Unity FWB Church, Greenville, NC
4. **Heads FWB Church, Cedar Hill, TN**
5. First FWB Church, Russellville, AR
6. **New Hope FWB Church, Joelton, TN**
7. **Donelson FWB Church, Nashville, TN**
8. Bethel FWB Church, Kinston, NC
9. Sherwood Forest FWB Church, New Bern, NC
10. Immanuel FWB Church, Durham, NC

Rev. Harris says, "We commend these churches for their generous and faithful support." He adds, "Every gift from every church is important. We are grateful for the many churches who help underwrite the education of some of God's finest young people."

(Please note that three of the ten top supporting churches are in Tennessee!)

## Churches News and Notes from Brazil

by Tom and Nancy Hughes

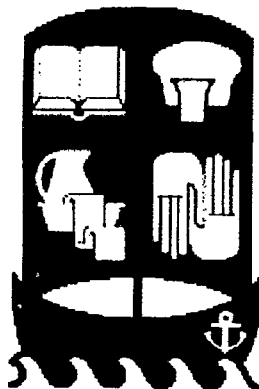
Christmas and New Year's are important holidays in Brazil and also on our church calendar. On Sun., Dec. 17, we presented Mae Fry's play "From Heaven's Viewpoint." It was presented by ladies of our church several years ago, but this was the first time in our new church auditorium. Our adult choir members were also dressed as angels and sang music that was a part of the play.

Then, on Dec. 24, the church family had a Christmas Eve dinner after the worship service. It is part of Brazilian culture for extended families to have a joint Christmas Eve midnight meal, usually with quite a bit of alcoholic beverages. We all enjoyed being together as a church family for this meal in a Christian atmosphere.

On Dec. 31 the church had a watch-night service. Three more converts were baptized, bringing our total to 14 for the year. Later in the service we observed the Lord's Supper and feetwashing. After a break for refreshments and fellowship in our social hall, we returned to the church sanctuary for a time of singing and testimonies about God's blessing during the year. With competition from exploding firecrackers and bright fireworks outside, we closed out the year 2000 and welcomed the year 2001 in prayer, asking for God's blessing for the New Year.

# The Meaning of the Free Will Baptist Emblem

(as explained on the National Association of Free Will Baptist website [www.nafwb.org](http://www.nafwb.org))



The **ship** symbolizes the Church and represents all the members pulling in one direction guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Seeking to fulfill Christ's last command to the Church, Free Will Baptists unite in one purpose with one priority—to proclaim the good news of the gospel throughout the world.

The **fish**, represented in the symbol by the space between the bottom of the sail and the top of the

ship's body, is one of the most popular symbols for Jesus Christ. Many believe it was a secret symbol which identified Christians during periods of persecution. The word "fish" in the first century Greek (ichthus) is an acrostic for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.

The **anchor** on the bow of the ship symbolizes the Christian hope of salvation, "the sure, strong and steadfast anchor of the soul."

The **cross**—The mast of the ship in the emblem forms the most familiar symbol in the history of the world, the cross—an instrument of execution and death turned into a worldwide emblem of hope and love by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The **Bible** has always been at the heart of our life as Free Will Baptists, the centrality of the scriptures. Free Will Baptists adopt the Word of God as our only rule of faith and practice. We believe the scriptures to be inspired, inerrant, infallible and immutable.

The **loaf and cup** represent the Lord's Supper, one of the gospel ordinances. This ordinance commemorates the death of Christ for our sins in the use of the bread which He made the emblem of His broken body and the cup the emblem of His shed blood. Participation in this ordinance expresses love for Christ, faith and hope in Him, and serves as a pledge of perpetual fidelity and faithfulness to Him.

The **basin and towel** historically symbolize the service and outreach of the church, but for us it has an added significance of representing our practice of washing the saints' feet.

The **clasped hands** symbolize many things to us: fellowship, brotherhood and the warmth of our faith. Perhaps the most important thing symbolized by the clasped hands is our commitment to reach out to people around the world with the good news.

# Tennessee Women Active for Christ Retreat

**When:** October 4-6, 2001

**Where:** Music Road Hotel  
303 Henderson Chapel Road  
Pigeon Forge, TN  
Phone 800-429-7700  
Fax 865-908-9768

**Theme:** "Sharing Hope and Healing"

**Registration Fee:** \$35 (includes full continental breakfast Friday & Saturday)

**Room Rate:** \$99 per night (plus tax) for 1 to 4 people

**Send Registration To:** Gladys Gragg  
294 Clovernook Drive  
Nashville, TN 37210  
615-885-3986

**Registration Deadline:** August 4, 2001 (non-refundable after this date)

- Each person bring a craft item to sell. Have it pre-priced.
- Each auxiliary donate an item for a silent auction—gift basket, gift certificate, quilt, etc. Use your imagination.
- All proceeds will help fund the WNAC Memphis 2002 convention.

**Note: Reservations are to be made with the Music Road Hotel. Registration fee should be sent to Gladys Gragg (send no other money to Gladys Gragg).**

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## Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists Treasurer's Report December, January, February

INCOME:	
<b>Appalachian Association</b>	
Appalachian Association .....	\$ 89.34
Canah Chapel .....	200.00
East Side .....	200.00
Grace .....	209.26
Johnson City First .....	300.00
Keensburg .....	90.00
Mountain City First .....	200.00
<b>Central Association</b>	
Crossville .....	100.00
<b>Cumberland Association</b>	
Ashland City .....	459.37
Bethel .....	180.56
Bethlehem .....	120.00
Brandon's Chapel .....	779.24
Calvary .....	148.39
Corner Stone .....	328.00
Cross Timbers .....	75.00
Cumberland Association .....	444.81
Donelson .....	1,666.98
Dunbar Chapel .....	75.00
East Nashville .....	75.00
Fellowship .....	239.76
Friendship .....	45.00
Heads .....	194.18
Horton Heights .....	500.00
New Hope .....	200.00
Oakwood .....	75.00
Southern Quarterly .....	25.00
Stoney Point .....	200.00
Sylvan Park .....	246.66
Trinity .....	101.00
Waverly First .....	75.00
Western Quarterly .....	40.00
Woodbine .....	300.00
<b>Liberty Association</b>	
Cookeville .....	180.00
Hixson .....	200.00
Liberty Association .....	744.12
Signal Hills .....	100.00
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<b>Union Association</b>	
Bethany .....	20.00
Church Hill .....	350.00
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Fellowship .....	350.00
Forest Grove .....	275.00
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Limestone .....	75.00
Loudon .....	25.00
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James Munsey .....	75.00
Oak Ridge .....	202.79
Roan Street .....	500.00
Shady Grove .....	100.00
Unicoi .....	75.00
West Greene .....	75.00
Western Quarterly .....	25.00
Wooddale .....	155.65
<b>Tennessee River Association</b>	
Flatwoods .....	25.00
<b>Toe River Association</b>	
Berea .....	100.00
<b>West Tennessee Association</b>	
Victory .....	361.73
Individuals .....	1,220.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$13,824.86</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>\$14,618.53</b>

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