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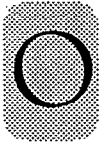
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On Sunday, November 8, Faith FWB Church of Johnson City, Tennessee celebrated its 25th anniversary. Pastor Ermine Butler started the work in 1967 in a home and continues to pastor the church. Facilities now include a lovely auditorium that will seat in excess of 300, Sunday School rooms, a large fellowship hall, and a paved parking lot. The church is situated on a choice tract of land on State of Franklin Road in Johnson City.

Charles A. Thigpen, Promotional Director for the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists, was the guest speaker for this special occasion. The history of the church was presented, together with many testimonies of blessings received through the ministry of Faith Church and Pastor and Mrs. Butler.

FAITH CHURCH CELEBRATES 25 YEARS



"ONE OF THE BEST STATE MEETINGS"



This was the way that many spoke about the recent 55th annual session of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists. The preaching was excellent. Someone said, "There was not a 'dud' among them." Fred Hall, pastor of East Nashville FWB Church, brought the keynote message on Monday night. He spoke from Jeremiah 2:11-13, on "My Bucket's Got a Hole In It." Terry Boyd, Pastor of Ashland City FWB Church, spoke on the need to have a Biblical view of sin in order to understand God's provision of reconciliation. His text was 1 Timothy 1:15. John Gibbs spoke on "The Miracle of Multiplication" from John 6. Gene Deaton, pastor of First FWB Church, Johnson City, spoke on the words of Christ in Matthew 6, "O Ye Of Little Faith." Willie Justice, pastor of East Side FWB Church, spoke on the "one anothers" of the New Testament. His message was entitled, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

Registration total was 219; this included 80 ministers, 10 deacons, 13 delegates, and 116 visitors. Various musical groups sang, including the Cookeville Church Choir and Rejoice, from Free Will Baptist Bible College. Dr. Charles Hampton served as Music Coordinator for the entire meeting and led the singing, assisted by Kevin Justice. The musicians were Winona Riggs and Pam Rogers.

Business transacted included asking the National Association to consider having the business transacted on Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday. Also, a request that each board or agency of the national set up a "resource committee" to search out a pool of responsible ministers, laymen, and laywomen to suggest to the nominating committee.

THANKS

TO THE COOKEVILLE CHURCH

The 55th annual session of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists was hosted by Cookeville FWB Church, November 9-11, 1992. The facilities of the Cookeville church provided ample space for board meetings, the Woman's Auxiliary meeting, the Bible Conference, the Woman's Auxiliary banquet, room for exhibits, and the state meeting proper. The pastor, Bro. David Crowe, and the people of the Cookeville church are to be thanked for their gracious Christian hospitality. All of us enjoyed the delicious refreshments that were provided. It was a joy to meet again at the Cookeville church for a session of the Tennessee State Association.

Our heartfelt thanks to you, Bro. Crowe, and to all of your people. You really made us feel welcome.

PLEASE NOTE

A file is maintained in the Promotional Office on pastors and others seeking church positions. Please write or call 615/383-1340 or 615/297-0327 if you need assistance.

LETTER TO TENNESSEE FREE WILL BAPTISTS FROM THE ELLISONS



Walter & Marcia
Ellison

As you pray, do remember our financial situation. We are in the **RED!** You know the only way we can continue holding forth the Gospel here is for you to attend to this need there. We are counting on you. Please give prayerful consideration to giving a special offering to our account. Thank you. Here is a bit of news:

* The city church celebrated her ninth anniversary this month.

* This semester, Marcia is teaching English Literature classes at the Uruguayan-American High School. Repeatedly she has had the opportunity to share God's Word with the students and faculty. For most of the students, this has been their only contact with the Sacred Scriptures. We praise the Lord for the joy of being able to share the Gospel with them, most of whom are from homes of diplomats or businessmen.

* We thank the Lord for His faithfulness in watching over Pastors Mario and Gerardo, who went to Panama and Cuba. Did you know our church members raised the funds to cover the trips for both of them? Everyone is excited, hearing them relate their experiences, as they visit each FWB church in Uruguay.

Lovingly, but **IN THE RED,**

Walter & Marcia

CHRISTMAS RUNS THROUGH JANUARY AT FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

The annual Paul J. Kettelman Memorial Christmas Fund Drive includes all gifts made in December to Free Will Baptist Bible College. But Christmas doesn't end December 26, at least where the Christmas Drive is concerned. All January gifts **that are earmarked for the Christmas Drive** will also count toward the goal.

This year, Bob Shockey, Public Relations Director for the college, has set a goal of \$250,000 for the drive. (A \$300,000 **Hallelujah Goal** is projected if gifts exceed \$250,000.) The college family has been at work to raise \$100,000 toward the final goal.

The current need is critical. Gifts to the Bible College this year are running well behind previous years, creating an urgent need to meet the \$250,000 goal. FWBBC Treasurer Tom Sass projects that this could be one of the college's worst years financially, unless churches and individuals respond to the Christmas Drive.

So you can make it Christmas in January at Free Will Baptist Bible College by designating a special gift to the Paul Kettelman Christmas Drive. If you have not given already, please give now. If you gave earlier, perhaps you could make a second gift.

Please mark your gifts for the Christmas Drive and send them to the Bible College by Jan. 31, 1993.

TENNESSEE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

Anne Worthington, Recording Secretary

A total of 62 registered for the 47th annual Tennessee Woman's Auxiliary Convention, November 10, 1992 at Cookeville FWB Church, Cookeville, Tennessee. Speakers were Susan Bumpus and Rebecca Pugh. Rebecca Gorenflo and Candace Shelley developed the theme, "The Grace of Giving."

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

January: Enlistment and Support—\$5 per auxiliary (\$2 for state and national minutes and \$3 for TWAC support)

February: Foreign Student Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 scholarship to Silvestre de Silveira of Brazil)

March: State Project—\$1,500 (Knoxville Land Fund)

April: Foreign Missions (Pre-Easter Offering)

May: Free Will Baptist Bible College

June: Tennessee State Home Missions

July: WNAC Indebtedness Offering

August: WNAC Emphasis

September: Memorial Student Loan Fund

October: Tennessee Home for Children

November: National Home Missions (Pre-Thanksgiving Offering)

December: Optional

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Mary Wisheart reported that a total of \$9,394.42 has been received for the WNAC office furniture, leaving a balance of \$5,655.08.

In further action auxiliaries were challenged to make greater efforts to support WNAC through the Emphasis Offering, Co-Laborer Offering Fund and the Endowment Fund. Delegates at the 1992 WNAC in Indianapolis voted that each local auxiliary send a minimum of \$10 monthly to support the national office.

Dr. Wisheart also commended the TWAC for its faithful giving. Tennessee gave a total of \$34,716.55. That is \$7,803.13 more than 1990. She reported that Tennessee was 1st in giving to the Co-Laborer Fund and the Emphasis Offering. She also reported that \$23,206.88 came through the WNAC office for the Laura Belle Barnard World Missions offering. The goal is \$40,000.

The following items are needed in the provision closet: stainless steel flatware (sets of 8), cookware, twin size mattress covers, and bedspreads and comforters of all sizes.

Delegates were challenged as Roger Hood reported that \$39,000 was received in May for the emergency shelter needed at the Tennessee Home for Children. Delegates voted to promote and encourage local auxiliaries to participate in the May 9, 1993 "Mother's Giving for Children" offering. A goal of \$50,000 has been set.

In final business, delegates elected Ruth Ann Hall as treasurer. District treasurers are to send all monies to her.

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1992 SEXTON WALK-A-THON FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Tennessee State Foreign Missions Board presents the following list of churches which participated in the 1992 Sexton Walk-a-Thon along with the amount that each raised. We thank you and congratulate you for your effort. The total received from churches and individuals as of December 3 was \$113,541. May our Lord richly bless each of you for your faithfulness and love for His work.

Limestone	\$8,265	First, Mt. City	1,200	Oak Hill	367
Valley Forge	4,500	Unicoi	1,130	Fairview,	
Community		Marbleton		Heiskell	364
Chapel	4,000	Community	1,100	Goshen Valley	362
Faith, Knoxville	3,420	New Hope	1,066	Pyburn	357
Southside	3,416	First, Sparta	1,050	Valley View	357
Parker's Chapel	3,240	Portland	1,020	Middle District	323
First,		Union Hill	1,001	Upper Gap	
Johnson City	3,040	Keensburg	1,000	Creek	320
First,		Oak Grove,		First,	
Church Hill	2,740	Charlottc	1,000	Elizabethton	310
River of Life	2,500	West End	1,000	Lowe's Chapel	307
Eastern Star	2,453	Liberty,		Jackson	
North Memphis	2,269	Millington	900	Memorial	300
Fellowship,		Carlisle	892	Young's Chapel	300
Kingsport	2,261	Lick Creek		Magnolia	281
Glamorgan		Valley	873	Bethel	246
Chapel	2,052	Dumbar Chapel	862	Little Doe	237
Shady Grove,		Macedonia	859	Limestone Cove	232
Whitesburg	2,015	Garner	825	Dry Creek	221
Wooddale	2,000	Bethlehem	807	Charity Hill	205
Victory	1,833	Piney Grove	750	Christian Bend	204
Fairview,		Roan Street	723	Pierce Chapel	200
Hampton	1,765	Phipp's Bend	708	Van Hill	200
Union Chapel	1,752	Shady Grove,		First,	
Sunset	1,710	Clarksville	708	Murfreesboro	198
Piney Flats	1,650	West Knoxville		Horse Creek	195
Johnson City	1,644	Mission	665	Odom Chapel	189
Mt. Carmel	1,610	First, Dickson	660	Canah Chapel	184
New Home	1,573	East Greene	606	West Park	155
Milligan	1,547	Boone's Creek	564	Betsy Layne	150
Midfield	1,527	United	562	Bridges Chapel	101
First,		Head's	550	Cedar Chapel	100
Greenville	1,513	Burbank	500	Pine Grove	100
Keystone	1,509	Eastside	500	Vale	100
Ashland City	1,501	First, Erwin	500	Mountain Dale	80
Forest Grove	1,500	Island Road	500	Grace, Memphis	67
Randall		Burl's Chapel	488	Cross Timbers	60
Memorial	1,450	Wooby Chapel	429	The Y	57
Peace	1,400	St. Paul	415	Pathway	50
Richland	1,316	First, Fall		Nidiffer Chapel	45
Low Gap	1,300	Branch	402	Calvary,	
Bethany	1,287	Friendship	400	Nashville	30
Good Springs	1,255	Grassy Creek	398	First, Marietta	10
Faith,		Grace,			
Johnson City	1,213	Johnson City	397		

COMING EVENTS-

Mark Your Calendar

Executive Committee Meeting at FWBBC	January 11-12
FWBBC Bible Conference	March 7-11
Welcome Days, FWBBC	April 1-3
State CTS Competition, FWBBC	June 4-5



TENNESSEE FINANCIAL REPORT
September, October, and November 1992

Appalachian	A	45.53
Bethlehem	C	171.50
Bethany	U	15.00
Brandons Chapel	C	439.10
Calvary	C	699.25
Church Hill First	U	100.00
Cookeville	L	225.00
Cross Timbers	C	50.00
Cumberland Assn.		1,160.74
Donelson	C	255.03
Dunbar Chapel	C	75.00
East Nashville	C	25.00
Faith	Central	100.00
Faith	U	378.75
Forest Grove	U	75.00
Friendship	C	45.00
Good Springs	C	237.35
Grace	W	100.00
Heads	C	91.29
Home for Children		225.00
Johnson's Chapel	U	125.40
Keensburg	A	75.00
Hillcrest	U	100.00
Liberty Assn.		121.29
Limestone	U	150.00
Monterey	L	50.00
New Hope	C	50.00
Richland	C	56.91
Sparta First	U	36.38
Trinity	C	78.00
Watauga Valley	A	150.00
M. Worthington	C	25.00
Union Assn.		430.39
Union Street	NE	150.00
Valley Forge		25.00
Youngs Chapel, NC		175.25
Individuals		115.00
State Assn. Annual Dues		2,910.00
State Assn. Offerings		702.66
State Assn. Regist. Fees		428.00
FWB Foundation-Benevolent Fund		301.29
Total		\$10,769.14

Thank you for your support. All checks should be made payable to Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists and sent to:

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