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New Church Building Dedicated: Faith Church, Manchester

Pastor Wendell Trussell and the members of Faith Free Will Baptist dedicated their new sanctuary on July 9, 1995. Evangelist John Gibbs brought the dedication message. This is one of the loveliest church auditoriums in the denomination. It is well-designed and well-appointed and its spaciousness will accommodate the present congregation with adequate space for expected growth.

The present pastor, Brother Wendell Trussell, is completing fifteen years at Faith Church. This church was begun in 1967 with 21 charter members. It was in this very church that Brother Trussell was converted (1971), answered the call to preach (1972) and was ordained to the gospel ministry (1974). He attended Upper Cumberland Bible Institute and Caribbean College of the Bible. All his pastorates have been in Georgia and Tennessee. He is a very effective and successful pastor.

Brother Trussell has served as Moderator and Assistant Moderator in the Central Association. He presently serves as Youth Camp Director for the association. He also serves as a member of the Tennessee State Home Missions Board. He is married to Wanda Puckett. They have one son, Robert, and a daughter, Connie Trussell Brown, who went to be with the Lord in 1990. They also have a granddaughter, Lindsay Suzanne Brown.



An Outstanding Layman: J. R. Dunbar, Sr.

J. R. Dunbar, Sr. was an outstanding Christian layman. He served as teacher and principal in the public school system for more than fifteen years. He held such important public offices as City Recorder for Erwin and Chairman of the Unicoi County Commission.



He was a dedicated man of God. He was elected chairman of the Board of Deacons at First Free Will Baptist Church in Erwin, a position that he held for more than thirty years. Through most of his adult life, he served as youth leader for his local church.

Brother Dunbar's daughter, Jewell, said of her father: "Most every minister who served our church during my father's lifetime said that he was always their friend. Many of them said that he was like a father to them and was a great encouragement and help as they served as his pastor."

At the passing of Brother Dunbar, the Retired Teachers of Unicoi County, of which he was a member, composed the following eulogy:

The passing of this good man, who was a combination of teacher, leader and moral philosopher, will prove a great loss to all the people of this area.

He was a man who possessed the full confidence and understanding of the many young people whose lives he touched. In dying he has left to them a very wonderful legacy in the form of friendship and good will toward men.

We, who knew him best, were very often touched at the strength and depth of his religious faith. One may aptly say that he, at all times, kept fully in tune with the Great Master of the Universe.

Therefore: We, the members of the Retired Teachers Association of Unicoi County, express to the family and friends of the late professor, Jacob Ross Dunbar, our heartfelt sympathy.

Brother Dunbar passed away December 2, 1968.

Tennessee Association of Free Will Baptists Treasurer's Report

December-February 1996

INCOME

Appalachian Assn.

Grace	\$140.00
Keensburg	75.00
Union Street	150.00
Watauga Valley	165.00
Appalachian Assn.	45.46

Cumberland Assn.

Bethel	118.34
Bethlehem	180.00
Brandon's Chapel	563.51
Cofer's Chapel	100.00
Cross Timbers	62.50
Donelson	676.06
Doran Addition	75.00
Dunbar Chapel	75.00
East Nashville	75.00
Friendship	45.00
Head's	137.49
Horton Heights	25.00
Loyal Chapel	330.00
New Hope	100.00
New Life	70.00
Pardue Memorial	125.00
Richland	29.72
Trinity	58.74
Waverly First	50.00

Liberty Assn.

Cookeville	150.00
Liberty Assn.	192.48

Union Assn.

Bethany	20.00
Church Hill	330.00
Fellowship	150.00
Forest Grove	75.00
Limestone	75.00
Loudon	25.00
Union Assn.	516.56

Toe River Assn.

Berea	12.00
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Other Churches

Valley Forge	721.40
Free Will Baptist Family Ministries	225.00
Individuals	100.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$6,064.26**
EXPENDITURES **\$6,109.74**

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 sent to E. B. McDonald, P.O. Box 685, Ashland City, TN 37015.

Tennessee Women Active for Christ Convention Proceedings

by Anne Worthington

A total of 43 registered for the 50th Annual Tennessee Women Active for Christ Convention, November 14, 1995, at Keystone Free Will Baptist Church, Johnson City, Tennessee. Speakers Jim and Karen Cowart, missionaries to Brazil, developed the theme "Lighting Up Darkness." Eighty-six attended the fellowship banquet.

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

<i>January:</i>	Enlistment and Support
<i>February:</i>	Foreign Student Scholarship Fund
<i>March:</i>	State Project (\$2,500 furniture - FWBBC lounge)
<i>April:</i>	Foreign Missions (Pre-Easter offering)
<i>May:</i>	Optional
<i>June:</i>	Tennessee State Home Missions
<i>July:</i>	WNAC Indebtedness Offering
<i>August:</i>	WNAC Emphasis
<i>September:</i>	WNAC Endowment Fund/Rest of the Family Offering
<i>October:</i>	Free Will Baptist Family Ministries (Trula Cronk Home for Children)
<i>November:</i>	National Home Missions (Pre-Thanksgiving Offering)
<i>December:</i>	Free Will Baptist Bible College Welch Library Offering

In further business, delegates voted to give from the treasury \$1,000 to Jim and Karen Cowart, Leroy and Fay Forlines and FWBBC for lounge furniture (a total of \$3,000).

Delegates also voted to give a \$100 honorarium, plus the morning offering of \$281.22, to Jim and Karen Cowart.

Delegates also voted to continue raising money for the women's lounge furniture at Free Will Baptist Bible College as the 1995-96 state project. All money is requested to be collected by May 31, 1996.

Treasurer Gladys Gragg reported that receipts for the year totaled \$40,161.73. Of that amount, \$13,573.15 was designated for foreign missions, \$7,149.36 for home missions, \$1,482.00 for Free Will Baptist Bible College, \$774.00 for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, and \$10,109.91 for WNAC. Tennessee women ranked first in the 1994 top ten contributors to WNAC in Co-Laborer Offerings and total contributions, and third in Emphasis Offerings.

Delegates elected the following officers for 1995-97:

President	Dawn Sweeney
Vice President	Rebekah Pugh
Secretary	Anne Worthington
Treasurer	Gladys Gragg
Members-at-Large	Varnell Gorenflo Margaret B. Hampton Gladys Haney Mary Ruth Wisehart Patti Hollifield Debbie Mitchell Myrtle Reeds
Historian	
Field Workers	

25th Anniversary Celebration: Cross Timbers Church

On January 21, 1996, Cross Timbers Church of Nashville celebrated its 25th anniversary. Brother Jack Stone, first pastor of the church, brought the message. Ralph Hampton related the events of "Twenty-five Years Ago." Dr. Garnett Reid spoke about "Fifteen Years Ago" and Brother Daryl Ellis gave insight about "Ten Years Ago." Concluding remarks were made by the present pastor, Dr. Paul Harrison.

The musical presentations for this event were moving and outstanding. Leader of the music was Greg Ketteman; Debbie Mouser was the pianist and Carol Reid was the organist. Other musical instruments were strings, flute, and brass. There were solos, quartets, ladies ensemble, and many choir numbers.

Former pastors and interim pastors present were Jack Stone, Ralph Hampton, Garnett Reid, Terry Booker, Daryl Ellis, and Charles Thigpen. Serving along with the present pastor, Dr. Paul Harrison, is Steve Phillips, Youth Minister.



Former Pastors and Interim Pastors of Cross Timbers Church

Front Row (LR): Paul Harrison, Ralph Hampton, Jack Stone
Back Row (LR): Charles Thigpen, Terry Booker, Daryl Ellis, Garnett Reid

Forlines Book To Be Published in Russian

Biblical Systematics, a Free Will Baptist theology textbook written by F. Leroy Forlines, is being translated into Russian! Free Will Baptist Sunday School students are being challenged with the opportunity to be partners in publishing the valuable book on Arminian theology.

When the Baptists in Russia and Ukraine discovered the book by Mr. Forlines, they considered it urgent that they have this book translated and printed in the Russian language. Since most available theological materials in Russia and Ukraine are Calvinistic in nature, this book will provide a solid basis for grounding and encouraging them in their Arminian persuasion.



Fay and Leroy Forlines

According to Jimmy Aldridge, Overseas Secretary for Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, the total cost of the project is estimated at \$20,000. This includes translation, editing and printing cost for 10,000 copies of the book. If 10,000 Sunday School pupils would provide the price of one book at a cost of \$2.00 each, the publishing costs would be covered. It is urgent that the project be completed soon, while the door of opportunity remains open.

Those interested in helping to translate and print this important book may send gifts to Foreign Missions, Russian Translation, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

(Professor and Mrs. Leroy Forlines are in Russia. He is teaching theology and she is teaching English. They went in early February and will be there through June. Please pray for them and help financially with the publication of his book. The Baptists there believe Free Will Baptist doctrine.)

Laura Belle Barnard World Missions Offering

The first of four annual *The Together Way* offerings sponsored by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the Laura Belle Barnard World Missions Offering will be held April 28, 1996. The offering is geared to help offset the annual ministry needs of the Department of Foreign Missions.

Last year Free Will Baptists gave nearly \$83,000 to the LBB World Missions Offering. That represented one of the best offerings received for Foreign Missions Month in recent years. The goal for the 1996 offering has been set at \$100,000.

"The life of commitment and service demonstrated by Miss Barnard, our first missionary, should inspire all of us to greater involvement and giving to complete the task of world evangelization," commented Fred Warner, Director of Missionary-Church Relations for the Department of Foreign Missions. "Our Lord's command in Mark 16: 15, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel...' is still our supreme responsibility."

Offerings should be designated LBB World Missions Offering and may be channeled through the district or state association, or they can be sent directly to Foreign Missions at P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

Bible College Plans 1996 Summer Camp

Free Will Baptist Bible College is already planning big things for young people who attend its 1996 Summer Camp, June 24-29.

The camp will still encompass four interest areas: Basketball, Drama, Music, and Missions. All campers will select the area in which they are interested and will spend the week honing their talents under the direction of FWBBC teachers and students. The cost is just \$175 and includes a day at Opryland USA.

For more information write or call: **Summer Camp '96, c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205, 1-800-76-FWBBC.**

Dates to Remember

- April 28 Laura Belle Barnard World Missions Offering
- May 12 Offering for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries
- May 16 Graduation, FWBBC
- July 21-25 National Association of Free Will Baptists, Fort Worth, TX

Exciting News About Mexico!

In their December meeting, the Home Missions Board approved the purchase of 25 acres of land in Reynosa, Tamps., Mexico to relocate the Seminary of the Cross. The new campus is located adjacent to the Reynosa International Airport, just four miles from the United States border. The property has a 33' x 100' concrete block building which will be renovated for use as a multi-purpose building housing classrooms, dining hall, kitchen, chapel and library. Boys and girls dorms will be built as well as housing for married students and faculty. Moving date has been set for September 1996.

The new property cost \$1,400 an acre. Several churches and individuals have already committed to buy an acre. Home Missions Director Trymon Messer has requested that the land cost be raised by May 1996, so building and renovating can begin in preparation for fall classes on the new campus. Home Missions Mexico Coordinator James Munsey reports that several church groups are planning to come help with the building program beginning in February. For more information please contact the Home Missions Department.

Pastors, please choose a Sunday in May and designate it "Mexico Day." All churches are asked to receive a special offering for Mexico on that day.

Remember Our Children on...



At the state meeting in November 1995, the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists officially designated Mother's Day as a time each year when every church in the state is asked to receive a special offering for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries in Greeneville. This offering specifically benefits the P.A.T.H. Shelter. As a division of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, the P.A.T.H. Shelter serves children in crisis situations. This one house on the FWBFM campus is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The children usually stay at this emergency shelter from 1 to 30 days until more permanent placement is found. Being a transient situation, the P.A.T.H. Shelter is able to touch the hearts of hundreds of children annually, but it is also more costly to operate. As they stay at the Shelter, every child comes into contact with the gospel of Jesus Christ, many of them for the first time. Scores of children have been saved since the P.A.T.H. Shelter was open in 1991. Please, prayerfully consider a special offering for this ministry each year on Mother's Day.

(Pastors: Please see that your church shares in this worthy cause on Mother's Day, May 12 —Editor)

National Offices Building

Tennessee's Portion — \$78,557

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Yet Needed — \$20,752

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