



*"The Voice of Ohio Free Will Baptists Proclaiming
The Words of Christ to a Lost World"*

The Many Hats of a Pastor

What is a Pastor?

A pastor is a man that must wear many hats. By this I mean that he must fulfill a large number of roles as he leads the church. Sometimes these roles are difficult to keep in the proper priority. Many times he doesn't know which hat to put on first! We should try to be understanding of the various roles that our pastors attempt to fill as they lead our churches. Below will give you some of the roles (but not all!) of our pastors.

He is a Preacher

His first and foremost responsibility is to proclaim the truth of the word of God. There is nothing more important than giving God's message out to both the saints and sinners. He must take the time to prepare his heart and mind for this tremendous task! The issues he addresses will have eternal implications. When the word goes out, it changes lives, families, churches and nations!

He is a Teacher

The pastor must be able to teach his congregation the wonderful truths found in the word of God. Christians need to be taught the principles of the Bible in order to have success in this life. He must take the time and effort to make the word understandable to all of his congregation from the young all the way to the senior saints! He will also apply the Bible to situations in their own lives.

He is an Example 24/7

The pastor and his family must always be concerned about the example they are giving to the church. They must be on guard to not give in to harmful habits, wrong intentions or a bad attitude. They are human, but a good pastor and his family are always aware that they have people from their flock who will follow their example. Therefore, they do their best to show the example of Christ to those that they lead.

He is a Father Figure

The pastor is like a father in many ways. He provides leadership to the congregation. He makes sure they are well-fed spiritually (and physically if need

be.) He also gives guidance to the congregation as a whole or to individuals. He is there to correct and lead in church discipline. Like a father, he is most proud when the members of the church grow and develop into mature followers of Jesus Christ

He is a Friend

A good pastor will be a friend to the people of the congregation. They will feel comfortable coming to him with questions and issues that come up in their lives. He will have a listening ear, compassion and sympathy for those he leads. His people will be able to speak to him in confidence. He will have a genuine interest in their welfare.

He is a Prod

This is an unusual role for the pastor, to be prod! A prod is an instrument that is used on animals to get them to move when they are too comfortable where they are. The pastor is always "prodding" his members to get closer to the Lord, to be faithful to attend the church, to read their Bibles, to pray and witness. There are so many times we need someone to prod us to move out of our comfort zones. Thank the Lord for the faithful pastors who do prod us on to greater heights in the Christian faith.

He is a Rumble Strip

When I am driving my car, I appreciate the white lines on the side of lanes that let me know that I am in the right place. On some roads, when you drift off too far you run over rumble strips! They really get your attention as they rattle your car and make you feel the vibration! It is letting you know that you are heading off the road and "encourages" you to get back to safety. This is what a pastor does. He lets us know by his preaching and teaching where the safe lanes are in life. When we sometimes drift too far, he lets us know like a "rumble strip" that we need to get back in the safe lane!

He is an Encourager

The pastor must encourage his congregation. There are so many things in this world that are discouraging our people. They hear depressing news at school, at



work, on the TV or internet. It has a tendency to sap our strength. But the pastor must go against this discouraging tide and present the good news of the word of God! There is no more encouraging news than to know that Christ can forgive our sins, no matter how bad they are!

He is a Leader

The pastor must lead his people from the front like a shepherd and not try to "drive" the congregation from the back! He must have the preparation, experience and confidence to call to his people to follow him. This is a great responsibility that demands that he possess the vision to take the church in the right direction.

He is a Counselor

The pastor will many times find one of his flock is in need of counsel. He must be ready to give Godly advice and counsel to a hurting soul. He must know the Bible and be able to apply it to the various situations that his people find themselves in. Think of the importance of the counsel that he gives. In some cases, it may be a matter of life and death!

He is a Reminder

It is said that the pastor does not say really anything new. His message is an old one that goes back to Bible times. But it is the life-giving message that believers need to be reminded of time and time again. The pastor is the main "reminder" in the church. He is constantly reminding his people to be faithful to the Lord and to remember where their blessings come from.

I think it is safe to say that our pastors do wear many hats! Let's do our best to assist our pastors as they attempt to wear all the hats that have been given to them. First, you can pray for them. Second, you can support them financially. Finally, you could tell them how much you appreciate all the hats they wear? Could you imagine where we would be without them?

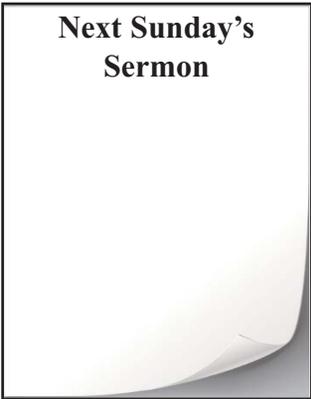
Edwin Hayes



Together We Can

Pastors Being Prepared For Preaching Their Most Important Responsibility

The Call to Preaching There is no greater call in all the world than to be chosen by God to bring His Word! Do you remember back to the day you said "yes"? Your life would never be the same! What a privilege to be called of God to carry His word! *"Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."* II Timothy 1:8-9



The Importance of Preaching- *"Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."* Acts 6:3-4 Note the reason for the early church's selection of deacons. They realized that the Apostles preparing, praying and preaching was to be paramount in their lives and ministries!

The Effect of Preaching- *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* Romans 10:17. Preaching is God's plan for calling sinners to faith and the growth of Christians. A pastor does not see accomplishments every week. What he accomplishes is for the long term!

The Power of Preaching- *"For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* Hebrews 4:12. Think of all the influences your people will face this week and the amount of time the world has to influence them! It can seem hopeless! Thank the Lord the man of God has the most powerful force in the universe-the word of God! The world is afraid of this message!

Sources for Sermon Material

All sermons ultimately come from the Lord! Here are sources that He uses to give pastors His message: *Scripture*-as you read His word, sermon thoughts will present themselves. *Devotional Time*-with devotional books, you can spend some time with the greatest preachers down through the ages. *Prayer Time*-sometimes God will speak to you when you take the time regularly with Him! *Other Messages*- many times I have received a sermon thought from another minister's sermon. *Radio*-there are several good ministers you can hear messages from on the radio. *Internet*-type "Sermons" into your web browser. Do be careful when viewing these. *Commentaries or Sermon Books, Sunday School Books or Recorded CDs.*

Layout of Sermon Outline

Scripture-This is the all-important starting point. The Scripture's message is what you are conveying-not your opinion!

Introduction-You want to draw people's attention, so you can use an illustration or a question- something that will connect the people with the Bible truths you are conveying.

Major Points-lay out the major ideas of your sermon in a clear manner. Make sure people know what the major points are and when you are moving from one to the next one. For most sermons three or four points are easy for people to remember.

Illustrations-It is good to have illustrations to help you make your points. Jesus was a "Master" at using illustrations to connect with the people.

Conclusion-You want this to be the "High Time" of your sermon where you tie everything together and call for a decision based on what has been preached. For the sinner-*salvation*, for the Christian-*consecration*.

Putting "Meat on the Bones" After I have a "loose" layout here is what I use to fill out the sermon.

The Scripture Text-You want to find out what the Scripture is saying to us-not what we may read into the Scripture. Understand the context, the book and author.

Commentaries-I write out thoughts that I may find in the commentaries that will support my major points.

Illustration books or personal illustrations-I look for illustrations that will assist in making the points I am presenting. I usually add these after I have my outline and thoughts.

Closing Thoughts

Stay close to the Lord and be sensitive to His leading. I cannot emphasize this enough! Be prepared! Be ready to deliver your message-don't waste time! Keep the message simple. May all who hear understand what you are saying. Be aware of the time. I find that when I am most

prepared, it takes less time and I am more confident. Finally, allow the Holy Spirit and the Scripture to do the work-don't try to perform their ministry! If you do these things, you will find yourself fully prepared to give to your people the timeless truth of God week after week!



Edwin Hayes, Executive Secretary

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September 10	Good Hope FWB Homecoming, Paul Peterson, Pastor
September 17	Lockbourne FWB SS & AM Service, Leon Stevens, Pastor
September 20-22	D6 Conference
September 24	Newark FWB Homecoming, Matt Bryant, Pastor
October 8	South Charleston Pastor Appreciation, Bert Alsept, Pastor
October 14	Ohio Executive Committee Meeting
October 15	Lighthouse FWB AM Service, Bobby Courtney, Pastor
October 22	Rittman Community AM Service, Johnny Castle, Pastor
October 29	Rosedale FWB AM Service, Jason Meade, Pastor
November 5	Liberty FWB SS & AM Service, Cecil Farmer, Pastor
November 12	First Dayton AM Service, Mark Long, Pastor

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Home Run in Louisville: Hitting the Highlights of the 2017 Convention

When the National Association met in Louisville in 2005, the post-convention report described the meeting as the “Grand Slam in Louisville.” In this year’s return to the slugger city, the convention hit another home run, with highlights that made the week one to remember:

Numbers up. In addition to great worship services and smooth business sessions, the 4,603 attendees (the highest convention attendance in five years) in Louisville enjoyed 83 well-attended seminars, workshops, and panel discussions on a wide range of topics.

After hearing a number of bleak financial reports during the Kansas City meeting a year ago, denominational departments (as a whole) shared a brighter picture in 2017. Randall House and North American Ministries, in particular, enjoyed complete financial turnarounds, both ending 2016 well in the black.

Celebrated 75. The atmosphere was triumphant on Tuesday night, as a stage filled with Welch College alumni led Free Will Baptists in worship as the College marked its 75th anniversary. A celebration of history and heritage, the service included a Welch College alumni choir, video tour of the new Gallatin campus, a documentary-style look at the history of Welch College and a sermon from Welch President, Dr. **Matthew Pinson**.

Organized chaos. These are the best words to describe the convention exhibit hall six hours before opening. When doors opened, however, visitors pushed their way into a well-organized display of ministry and discipleship resources. In addition, the exhibits were filled with free souvenirs, everything from foam “stress hammers” to door prizes including an Apple laptop computer, a Kentucky mandolin, and a number of thousand-dollar college scholarships.

Text-to-give. Thanks to the hard work of the Media Commission, for the first time, Free Will Baptists had an opportunity to give using mobile devices during the 2017 convention. Offerings from Saturday through Tuesday offset convention expenses while donations made Wednesday were split between International Missions and North American Ministries. “People don’t carry checks or cash much anymore,” noted convention manager Ryan Lewis. “The text-to-give option allowed both convention attendees and those watching at home to support Free Will Baptist ministries here and around the world.” During the week, 125 donors gave \$5,548, \$863 for the convention and \$4,685 for missions, while the total Wednesday missions offering topped \$30,000.

Saints in Training

As always, the convention centered around the worship services. This year was no exception as attendees enjoyed outstanding music and preachers who spoke on the theme, “*Equipping the Saints*,” based on Ephesians 4:11-12.

Tim Eaton, president of Randall University in Moore, Ok., opened the convention with a Sunday School lesson. from **Rick Dement**, pastor of First FWB Church, O’Fallon, Mo, preached the morning message.

Sunday evening, **Marshall Bonéy**, a mission church planter in Virginia Beach challenged congregants to mature ministry.

Monday evening, **Joel Franks**, pastor of First FWB Church, Glasgow, Ky, admonished listeners, “Do you want God to change you? Get in



the Word and let it equip you for the challenges of life.”

On Tuesday evening, **Matt Pinson**, president of Welch College in Gallatin, Tn, delivered an ardent case for “Equipping the Saints Through Higher Education.”

The Wednesday evening missions service placed an exclamation point on the week of dynamic worship. **Clint Morgan**, former missionary and general director of IM, concluded the convention with an impassioned plea for people young and old to commit to reaching the world, whether across the street or across the globe.

Throughout the week, convention Music Coordinator **Kevin Justice** and the Music Commission delivered an inspiring music program featuring a convention choir with more than 100 voices, an orchestral ensemble, and a praise band.

All Business

Executive Office

Executive Secretary Keith Burden celebrated a general upward trend in denominational reporting, including a solid financial picture in his own. “You’re going to hear many good things during the course of this meeting,” he noted, including a considerable rebound in The Together Way giving in 2016.

After observing that ONE Magazine continues to be well received, Burden announced an upcoming “bonus issue” of the magazine designed especially for pastors and their families thanks to a grant from FWB Foundation. He described the continued development of the ReKindle church health program under the leadership of Dr. **Danny Dwyer**.

Burden acknowledged the passing of two stalwarts of the convention this year, former convention manager **Jack Williams** and long-time convention registration volunteer **Geneva Walker**. He commended his staff and the Louisville Convention Bureau for working through logistical changes created by the recent demolition of the Louisville convention center.

International Missions

As he began his report, General Director **Clint**

Morgan was enthusiastic: “A lot of people ask how IM is doing financially, and I am thrilled to say the answer is ‘better.’” Thanks to surplus in 2016, missionary deficits were erased at the beginning of 2017, giving all missionaries a clean slate. Still, Morgan reminded listeners of the looming deadline of December 31, 2017, when missionaries whose accounts are not fully funded will be called home to begin fundraising. He urged Free Will Baptists to continue supporting missionaries financially and through prayer.

He expressed appreciation for a \$95,000 grant from FWB Foundation to fund four strategic projects: the Living Water project, Kenya (pictured below); renovations to the Miley and Lee Houses in Côte d’Ivoire; renovations to the girls’ dormitories at Pinar del Río, Cuba; and underwriting the costs of church houses in Cuba.

Morgan shared five updates on progress to the 20 by 2020 plan introduced last year: 131 additional churches gave to IM in 2016, an increase of 11.8%; cash reserves reached a high point of 23.9% in 2016; a net 2.6% increase in missionaries; a 7.5% increase of international Free Will Baptists from 25,524 in 2015 to 27,612 in 2016; and a 10.4% increase in the number of international churches, from 314 in 2015 to 346 in 2017.

The mission is proposing a name change in 2018, simplifying the name from International Missions Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc., to IM, Inc. This abbreviation will help missionaries gain entry into limited access countries, avoid raising red flags with foreign governments, and reduce the number of legal challenges the Mission encounters. He praised God for continued blessings: a 15% increase in churches in Côte d’Ivoire since 2008; a successful deep water well for the Samburu people in Kenya; and the number of baptisms doubled in Japan in 2016. He also noted that in France, hundreds of young people have heard the gospel through the efforts of the J’Pense team. Morgan pointed to former mission fields now sending their own missionaries to other nations. A Cuban doctor and her family will move to Côte d’Ivoire to work in the clinic

in Doropo. Free Will Baptists in India are planting new churches in Nepal, Bhutan, and other surrounding nations.

WNAC

Executive Director Elizabeth Hodges introduced two representatives from Free Will Baptist women in Côte d’Ivoire, President Madame Solange and Counselor Madame Deborah (pictured below). The ladies, dubbed the “Ivorian Sisters,” thanked WNAC and Free Will Baptists for their missions efforts, specifically WNAC efforts in sponsoring a national retreat for Ivorian women and underwriting the expenses of constructing a “feminine center” to provide health and education.

Hodges announced the Miley International Student Scholarship, which assists international students studying in the U.S. Deborah Trifinov (Bulgaria) and Keren Delgado (Panama) are this year’s recipients. She also celebrated the success of Shine! conferences, designed for girls aged 12 to 18. Two Shine! conferences will be held this fall, one at Randall University (OK), October 28, and another at Seffner Christian Academy (FL), November 18.

Director Hodges shared highlights from Cuban and Uruguayan women’s retreats underwritten by WAC. The retreats, which would not have been possible without assistance, provided encouragement, training, and fellowship for grateful international women.

Auditor Terry Hill sounded a cautionary note regarding WNAC’s current financial situation. To respond to the financial challenges, WNAC has reduced expenses, offering their annual Program and Plan Book online, and reducing the number of pages in quarterly Bible studies. As Hill noted, however, “additional funding streams are needed” for the department. Hodges assured delegates she and the board would work together to address the challenges.

Welch College

President **Matt Pinson** celebrated the successful construction of and transition to a new campus in Gallatin, Tennessee, exclaiming, “This has been the craziest, most exciting, most amazing year of my 15-year presidency at Welch College.” He thanked members of his faculty and staff who accepted additional responsibilities as members of the transition team.

He announced the purchase of additional property adjacent to the campus. A portion of this property will be sold to cover the expense of the purchase, a portion will be deeded to the National Association and FWB Family Ministries, and the rest will be added to the college campus, giving the college more than 90 acres of prime real estate for expansion. He thanked former president **Tom Malone** for his vision in beginning the relocation process more than two decades earlier and invited delegates to attend a campus dedication service Sept. 29.

He celebrated donations doubling original estimates, and predicted \$3.75 million dollars in debt following the second phase of the capital funding campaign, which means only \$800,000 will be relocation debt. “It’s about more than bricks and mortar and technology,” he told listeners. “It’s about training students for their role in the Kingdom of God.”

Pinson celebrated record pre-enrollment for the fall 2017; the successful implementation of a new graduate program, which recently completed its first cohort; new dual enrollment programs in the Gallatin area; and expansion of the online learning program. He predicted continued growth, anticipating enrollment approaching 500 students in the near future.

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2017 Convention at a Glance

Registration: NAFWB attendees – 3,800 Vertical Three – 3,457
Total Attendees 4,603

Note: Many attendees register for both conventions.

Live Streaming & Media Total Visitors – 31,500 Unique Visitors – 20,200
1,480 Facebook check-ins 1.05 million views 710 new page likes

Church News



BEECH GROVE (FRANKLIN)

We are sad to mention that our dear sister in the Lord, Molly Maxine Donaldson passed away July 25th. She was our treasurer, was the head of the Women's Guild and was active in our singing group. We miss her greatly. Her work for the church included charity activity by making quilts, lap throws for the elderly and bake and yard sales for money to donate where ever the need might be.

We are in the process of building a new ramp and steps for our church.

The church would like to extend our condolences to our deacon, Roy Eckart and his wife Shirley due to the loss of her stepson to cancer.

Shirley Eckart will now be our treasurer as stand in for Molly Donaldson's position.

Joe Pinkerton, Pastor
Gloria Kidder, Reporter

TRINITY (FRANKLIN)

We have been very busy collecting school supplies and book bags to give out this month to the school kids in our area. We gave out over 100 bags and supplies.

Pastor Louie has been very busy getting this together with help from Paula Dorsey and Beth, Pastor **Paul Collins'** granddaughter. We appreciate all their hard work.

We have our homecoming Sept. 10th with special preaching and dinner afterwards. We hope to see some of our old members there. We welcome new folks too.

There have been repairs to our building which was run into a while back. Also our fence was damaged and the same fellow fixed all of it. We want to give him a shout out for the blessing his work was to us. I don't know his name, but God knows.

We are praying to get our church built back up with a lot of ideas for changes. Pray for us.

Till next time

Louis Nettleton, Pastor
Patricia Dorsey, Reporter

GERMANY HOLLOW (PINE CREEK)

Greetings from Germany Hollow.

Once again it is time for our report to the *Ambassador*. The *Ambassador* is a wonderful way to keep up with all our sister churches throughout the state.

As always, Germany Hollow has been having some wonderful services and receiving many blessings from the Lord. God has been moving in the lives of many in our little church in miraculous ways. We continue to see many visitors to our church services and hope they make Germany Hollow their home church.

Pastor Steve and his family are now back from a much needed vacation. Not only did they enjoy their time at the beach but also the marriage of Steve's daughter Laikyn to Chadd Haddox. We want to wish Chadd & Laikyn the very best as they began their life together.

While Pastor Steve was away, we enjoyed hearing several guest preachers. **Ryan Hagen,**

Chase Holbrooke and **Jared Timberlake** preached wonderful messages for us. Our church is also truly blessed to have our very own men who are able to fill our pulpit. Thank you **Tony Rogers** and **Zach Humphreys** for always being willing to preach. A special thanks as well to all those who filled teaching positions in our yearly Sunday School elections.

Our homecoming this year is scheduled for Sept. 10th with preaching by **Mike Bevins** and singing by **Dee Grant**. We invite you and look forward to hopefully seeing many visitors that day. Then we move into what is traditionally a very busy time of year. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before you know it.

Until next time, keep us in your prayers and God bless you.

Steve Luster, Pastor
Carolyn Crall, Reporter

NEW HOPE (CORNERSTONE)

We praise the Lord for a wonderful summer. The church sent the pastor and his wife to Louisville for our national convention. This is such an honor and blessing for them to get to take part in representing our church and an encouragement to them also.

We are looking forward to fall. Our homecoming services will be Sept. 24th at 10:30 with dinner following the morning worship service. Our speaker will be **Lucian Baker** and singers

Travis McKenzie Missionary to Ashland, Ohio

God's blessings keep multiplying!

As many of you know, we began having monthly worship services in our local elementary school this past February. As we approach our official launch into weekly services, the school rental situation is no longer going to work for us on a long-term basis. The main reason is that on any major holiday weekend we would not be able to have service because we would not be able to have a custodian open/close the building. Also, any time the school needs the building we would not be able to have service. While the school has been a blessing for our current need, the Lord keeps blessing our ministry!

Recently, we were blessed to sign a rental lease for an abandoned church property here in Ashland. The address is **522 Ashland, Ave. Ashland, OH 44805**. I want to thank the Lord for His supreme providence in the way He orchestrated for us to be able to rent this property. If that was not blessing enough, after we signed the lease, we knew we would need help getting this property cleaned up. Years of sitting empty and even more years of neglect had taken its toll on the building. On August 12th we hosted a work day and had over 30 volunteers show up from Canaan FWB Church, Shelby First FWB Church and of course Compassion FWB Church. We were able to get a lot more done than what we initially planned to do, and the end result was a lot better than I expected. God is so great!

As far as ministry goes, the Lord decided to bless us even further by opening the door for us to minister to the international students at the Ashland University. We feel this is going to have a major impact on our ministry. God only knows what He has in store for us!

Please pray for our church as we quickly approach our September 17th launch date. This is something that we have really been praying hard about and we just want to honor our Lord in serving Him here in Ashland. There is still much to do, but I'm confident in the Lord's providence and I look forward to His continued blessings.

I just want to say thank you to all who are supporting our ministry. You have literally helped us reach thousands of lost individuals and we look forward to reaching thousands more. For this, I know your reward will be great in Heaven. Please keep our ministry in your prayers that we may reach even more for Christ's glory!

In Christ's service,
Travis McKenzie

Pastor Changes



Bethlehem	Without Pastor
Blackfork	Without Pastor
Eifort	Without Pastor
Old Kyger	Sam Carman
Summit Station	Without Pastor
Trinity	Louis Nettleton
Union	Without Pastor
Zion #3	Without Pastor

will be the **Spiritual Echoes**. There will be no afternoon services. The church had an ice cream social this summer and had a great time of fellowship. We were blessed with the **Homelighters** singing in our morning worship services. We ask that you continue to remember our shut-ins in prayer and we are still praying for a piano player. Our conference will be at our church October 28th.

Until next time, may God bless!

Wendell F. Combs, Pastor
Linda Combs, Reporter

FAITH (CUYAHOGA-LORAIN)

Greetings from Faith. Blessings to all.

On July 9th Bro. **Bruce Sparks** and his fami-



ly were with us in the evening service. Bro. Bruce and his wife sang and then he preached. It was a very good service.

Pastor **Lester McMahan** and Bro. **Dale Channell** preached a revival in Marshville the week of July 16th. Bro. **Mike Solars** is the pastor there.

The young people went to Chuckie Cheese on July 21st and they enjoyed the trip.

Some of our people have been enjoying their vacations and camping trips.

On July 30th Bro. **Dale Channell** brought the evening message. It was a blessing to have him and his wife **Karen** in our church.

We had two messages in the evening service on Aug. 6th and after the service we had Big Spoon Sunday (ice cream). It was a good time of fellowship.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." Psalms 19:1 There is so much beauty God has given us to enjoy.

Lester McMahan, Pastor
Geradine McMahan, Report

BUCYRUS (NORTHERN OHIO)

Greetings from the Bucyrus FWB Church family. We have been truly blessed with a beautiful summer. We are all thankful for the sunshine and HIS SON shine.

A special thanks to the ministers; Pastor **Lyle Arnett, Justin Feight, Brian Amburgey and Lewis Copley** (please pray for Bro. Lewis and his wife.) He and Sister Janey still need prayers.

We are thankful for all our ministers and visiting ministers; **George Lore, Herman Copley, Kevin McCoy, Paul Parsons, Danny Dickerson, Randy Nichols, Larry Hill and Rick Pelfrey.**

We had an awesome revival. The sweet Spirit truly showed up. We are looking forward to our homecoming September 17th. Praying for souls to be saved.

Until next time keep us all in your prayers.

Lyle Arnett, Pastor
Phyllis Morgan, Reporter

High Street Honors Pastor James and Sister Brenda Webb for 45 Years of Service to the Church

On August 27th, the High Street FWB Church celebrated their 59th annual homecoming. Also on this day the church honored Pastor Webb and his wife, Brenda for 45 years of faithful service as the pastor of their church. This was a great celebration with many of Pastor and Sis. Webb's friends and family in attendance including children grandchildren and great grandchildren.



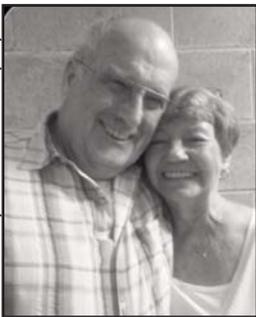
High Street Pastor James Webb and his wife Brenda

Bro. **Freddy Dutton** preached during the service with great food and sweet fellowship following. Many thanks to Pastor Webb and his wife Brenda for their great faithfulness in service to the Lord in this church for the past 45 years.

Condolences



Gary Eugene Walton, 81 of Logan formerly of Glouster; Beckley, WV; and Garnersville, NY passed away June 21st at his place of residence. Born Oct. 17, 1935 in Wellston, he was the son of the late Isaac Lamar and Ethel Martha (Armstrong) Walton.



Gary was a 1953 graduate of Wellston HS. He owned and operated Dominion Coal Company and Isaac Walton Trucking, Glouster with his father and brother. He was the co-owner of Luigi's Pizza in Logan, Athens, Pomeroy and New Lexington, as well as co-owner of Buckeye Automatic Machine Shop in Butchel, and owner of W&S Sanitation in Glouster. He owned Sinclair Gasoline Distribution Company in Athens. He was the operations manager for Central Ohio Coal in McConnelsville where he was the supervisor over the Big Muskie. He operated coalmines for Valley Coal Company in WV and Ark. He retired after 23 years as operations manager for Organic Recycling in Tappan, NY. In retirement, he worked with his son as an advisor for KAL Electric Inc. He was a former member of the Clarkstown Reformed Church in West Nyack, NY, before becoming a member of the Faith FWB Church in Logan. Gary is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Shirley Irene (Wiseman) Walton; one son, Dirk E. Walton of Glouster; two daughters, Deborah Walton-Chonko of Athens and Melissa (Bob) Jewell of Glouster; one brother, Max (Mary Ellen) Walton of Medina; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Besides his parents, Gary was preceded in death by his brothers, Forest "Bud" (Joyce) Walton, Fred Walton and his daughter-in-law, Laurie Walton.

A funeral service was held June 27th at the Faith FWB Church in Logan with Rev. Tony Vanover officiating.

Mitchell Ross LeMaster left this earth Nov. 21st to be with his Lord. He was born Oct. 23, 1963 in Mansfield at the Mansfield General Hospital. He graduated from Mansfield Senior HS. Mitchell was a thirty-three year member of the Ohio Labor



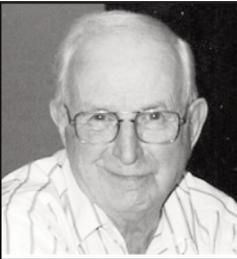
Union, Local 1216. He was a certified masonry and heavy duty equipment operator. He was a very loving family man and truly enjoyed family Sunday dinners. Mitch never met a stranger and everyone dearly loved him.

He loved to fish and travel to the Great Smokey Mountains and he enjoyed collecting antiques. He also loved gospel music and his favorite group was the Primitives. His favorite local group was the Blantons. He attended Dean Road FWB Church.

Good night my sweet child, may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.

Submitted by his mother Beulah LeMaster

Brooksie Ervin Salyer, age 90, of Columbus, passed away peacefully at his home on July 12th. He was born on May 6, 1927 in Boyd Co, KY, to the late Maude Ann Johnson and Hoadley Salyer.



Brooksie retired after 35 years with the General Motors Fisher Body Plant in Columbus. He was also a 56 year member of the Heritage FWB Church. Brooksie is survived by his wife of 66 years, Betty O'Bryan Salyer; daughters, Bettina (Gregory) Salyer Bryant of Staffordsville, KY and Kimberly (Durk) Salyer Peters of Circleville, OH; grandchildren, Erin (Matt) Bryant Bailey, Adam (Kayla) Bryant, and Kaitlynn Peters; great grandchildren, Connor Bailey, Wade Bailey, and Maddox Bryant; brother, Edgell (Maxie) Salyer of Dayton, OH; many nieces, nephews, dear friends and loved ones.

His service was held a Heritage FWB Church, July 15th with Rev. David Boggs officiating.

Augusta Stanley, 96, of Clyde, died Monday, July 10th at The Willows at Bellevue. She was born January 26, 1921 in Lackey, Ky to Sam and Ruthie (Reynolds) Terry.



Mrs. Stanley was a member of FWB Church in Clyde. She had worked at GE until her retirement. On June 24, 1939 she married James Arthur "Art" Stanley. He preceded her in death January 14, 2002.

Survivors include her six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, daughters-in-law: Marie Stanley of Marietta and Thelma Stanley of Fremont; and a former daughter-in-law, Carol Claar of Fremont.

Mrs. Stanley is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sons: James Adrian Stanley in 2016 and Larry Joe Stanley in 2014; and fourteen siblings.

Her funeral service was on July 15th at the First Clyde FWB Church with Pastor Roger Rollins officiating.

Kristin Renee Young, age 31 died July 16th, at UAB Hospital in Birmingham. She is preceded in death by her grandparents Clifford and Helen Combs; grandfather, John Edward Nicholson and her father in law Rodney Young.



Kristin is survived by her husband, Rev. Riley Young (Originally from the Westerville FWB Church) of Northport; daughter; Mackenzie Renee Young of Northport; sons, James Rodney Young and Grayson Edward Young both of Northport; brother, Jason Scott Nicholson (Ashley) of Tuscaloosa; parents, John Edward Nicholson, Jr. and Susan Jane Combs Nicholson of Brookwood; and grandmother Ora Jean Nicholson of Brookwood.

Kristin was a loving wife, mom, daughter, and sister but her first love was her Lord and Savior. She was extremely active in Northport FWB Church in various ministries. As a teacher at Northport Elementary School, she used her gifts and talents to share God's Grace and Knowledge with all of her students. She is loved by everyone that knew her. Even though her time was brief on earth, her impact was enormous and will be felt for Eternity. She truly exhibited what it means to follow Christ. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Services were held on July 21th at Magnolia Chapel Funeral Home North with Rev. Tim Baumgarten officiating.

William "Bill" "Jumper" Rapp, 74, passed away suddenly July 26th. Born December 18, 1942 in Columbus to the late Mary (Leopard) and William Rapp. As a young 17 year old, Bill joined the US Marine Corp and served in active duty for 30 years, including 5 tours in Vietnam. When he retired from the Marines, he later moved back to Columbus to reunite with his high school sweetheart, Gayle (Keener) and they were finally able to be married on March 25, 2000. Bill used his talents in carpentry to do home repairs and remodeling for many friends. He worked at the Columbus Expo Center for special events. Bill was not happy if he wasn't active and staying busy. His love for people is shown in his death by the donation of his eyes to Life Line to give someone their sight.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents and stepson, Carl Raftery. He is survived by his wife, Gayle, brother Roger (Andrea) Myers, children, daughter, Michelle "Lani" Rapp, sons Michael (Karen) Rapp; , Stephen (Melissa) Yeldell, step-daughters, Lynn (Brian) Manville, Lisa (Phil) Stearns; daughter-in-law Susanna (John) Banche, 11 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, a host of friends, extended family and military comrades. Sincere thanks to Gayle's nephew, Michael Crawmer, who has been a great caregiver for Gayle and special friend to Bill.

His service was held July 31st with Rev. Paul Keener officiating.

Harold L. Stout, age 81, went to Heaven July 27th. He was born April 2, 1936 at Clinchco, Va to Ira T. and Emma Perrigan Stout who preceded him in death. Harold was a member of the Cornerstone FWB Church, and retired in 1992 after 35 years as a dedicated employee at Mansfield General Motors.



He is survived by his wife, Betty E. Campbell Stout who he married March 24, 1956; three children, Brenda L. (Dennis) Rine, Rev. Tim W. (Tobianne) Stout, and Linda K. Stout; grand-

children, Bryan (Danelle) Barnes, Jennifer (Tim) Cline, Nathan (Fawn) Barnes, Tony (Daphne) Stout, Stephen (Lauren) Stout, Sarah (Mike) Ellis, Kayla Aungst, and Tommy Gordon. He is also survived by sixteen great-grandchildren; his sister, Loretta Keenan; brother-in-law, John Miu; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Victor, George and Robert Stout; and sister, Lou Miu.

The family will greet friends at the Cornerstone Free Will Baptist Church 1602 Walker Lake Rd. from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 30, 2017. Funeral services were July 31st at Cornerstone FWB Church with Dr. Bill Crank and son, Dr. Tim W. Stout officiating. Burial will follow at Mansfield Cemetery with Dr. Lucian Baker and Dr. Freddy Dutton officiating.

Pastor Paul J. Thompson Survived by precious daughter Barbara Mason; son Phil Thompson and his wife Terese; daughter-in-law Cinda Thompson. Paul is survived by seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He



also is survived by his Yorkie Bodie, his stray cat Barbara, and a handful of wild ducks. Family that made it to heaven before Paul include his wife of 60+ years and partner in all he did, Marilyn Blackburn Thompson (2013), his son Timothy (2002), his parents Roscoe and Bessie, and his 10 brothers and sisters.

Pastor Paul has had such an incredible life that if we tried to write a novel about him it would be hard to confine to the pages of any one book. He touched thousands of lives directly and indirectly. Paul is a true man of God who lived to serve Christ and be a witness to everyone that he met. From a small church at Welch Avenue to the Heritage in Columbus, he faithfully served the Lord. Then he felt that God was calling him to Arizona to start a church. He told Marilyn that he felt that they needed to go to Arizona and, being the perfect partner, she just asked when they were leaving. They came to Gilbert in 1983 and with the help of faithful friends and family started Heritage FWB Church and then Heritage Preschool and Academy. He retired in 2014. Heritage, now known as Compassion Church, is still the jewel of the Southwest.

Pastor Paul will be remembered for pioneering and preaching whenever and wherever he could. His kindness and sense of humor will be greatly missed here on earth. But to everyone who was married by Paul, was baptized by Paul, had Paul hold their children in the hospital, had Paul as a pastor, had Paul as a teacher, worked in his daycare or school, was supported by money he donated to the mission field, was visited in the hospital by Paul, called Paul at anytime day or night to pray for a need.

This is not good bye. For we will see Paul again. He is waiting for us in a place that is promised to us in the Bible; a place where there is no sadness, no tears, and the sun always shines.

The celebration of his homecoming was held at Compassion Church in Gilbert, AZ July 15th.

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**Remember to show your pastor and his family
your appreciation for their faithfulness
and labor for the Lord!**

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Rev. **Jimmy Aldridge**, former missionary to Côte d'Ivoire, entered his eternal home late Sunday evening, July 9. The 79-year-old, who entered hospice a couple of weeks earlier after a serious fall, battled Alzheimer's for several years. Born January 18, 1938, he accepted Christ as Savior at the age of 13. After graduating from Welch College in 1960, he attended Columbia Bible College for one and a half years. Appointed as missionaries in October 1962, Jimmy and his wife Janie, an R.N., departed in July of 1963 for language school. Once in Ivory Coast, they served primarily in the Bondoukou area.

Jimmy and Janie shared responsibilities in the French-speaking Bible institute in Bondoukou. Jimmy worked to establish preaching points throughout the area, while Janie used her training as a registered nurse to help the many hurting people at the small medical clinic. The couple served in Ivory Coast four terms for a total of 22 years. During their stateside assignment in 1984, Jimmy was offered the newly established position of overseas secretary for the Mission. The role included counseling, advising, and troubleshooting for the various mission fields. For 15 years, the Alabama native made Nashville his home as he served in the Mission office. He retired in 1999 and returned to his home in Alabama.

Jimmy leaves behind his wife Janie as well as extended family members. The funeral was held in Jasper, Alabama, July 12th.

Betty Chamberlin died on Aug. 19th. Preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Gene "Gino" Chamberlin. They were long-time members of Antioch Church. They were wonderful Christians, worked in the church, taught Sunday school and sang for the Lord.

Rev. **Thomas McCullough**, former missionary to France, entered his heavenly home around 7am, Aug. 11th. After a long, hard-fought battle with pancreatic cancer, the 66-year-old achieved victory.



Appointed as missionaries in May 1979, Tom and his wife Patty departed for France in August 1980. After language school, they began their work in Rennes, France, with Joe and Barbara Haas. When the Haas family returned to the States for furlough (stateside assignment), the McCulloughs continued in Rennes. While there, the McCulloughs began a student ministry at the University of Rennes.

Later they moved to St. Nazaire to sustain that work while Jerry and Barbara Gibbs were on stateside assignment. The McCulloughs returned to the States in 1991 when Patty was diagnosed with cancer. Patty's battle with cancer led the couple to resign in 1995. Though embattled with recurring cancer and MS, Tom and Patty yearned to be involved in missions. Tom taught missions at Welch College, impacting the lives of hundreds of students.

Tom returned to his home church, Central FWB, in Royal Oak, Michigan, to pastor. In 2004, the National Association of FWB elected Tom to the Board of FWB International Missions. Tom served faithfully until 2016.

At age 51, Patty's physical battles ended when she met her Savior in December 2004. Tom continued to pastor, mentoring young men to take the reins of both Central Oaks and Riverside Fellowship in Clinton Township.

Tom leaves behind his son Ian, mother Grace,

and sisters Peggy, Beth, and Debbie.

A celebration of Tom's life and ministry was held at Central Oaks Community Church August 16th.

Rev. **Kimble Copley**, 86, of Fort Gay, WV went to be with the Lord August 9th at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, WV. Kimble was born March 28, 1931 in Webb, WV a son of the late Arvel and Gladys Sammons Copley. Kimble was a retired machine operator for Norfolk and Southern Railroad. He was a member of the Fort Gay FWB Church where he pastored for several years, Kimble was a member of the Vinson Lodge #66 AF&AM, Fort Gay, WV.



Survivors include his loving wife, Alberta E. Napier "Vicy" Copley of Fort Gay, WV; children, Janet (David) Sams of Parkersburg, WV; Larry Joe (Rhonda) Copley of Fort Gay, WV; Linda Joyce (Michael) Taylor of Fort Gay, WV; Allen (Trena) Copley of Fort Gay, WV; Richie (Carla) Copley of Louisa, Ky.; brothers, Rev. Lewis (Janey) Copley of Bucyrus, Ohio; Rev Herman (Gaye) Copley of Mansfield; Don (Beverly) Copley of Ohio; Daniel (Bonnie) Copley of Grayson, Ky.; Kenny Copley of Ohio; sisters, Helen Richie of Crown City, Ohio; Thelma Garling of Florida; Della Werner of Ohio; Evie Wilson of Florida; Lillie (Don) Johnston of Ohio; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held August 13th.

Molly Maxine Donaldson, age 87, of Wilmington, passed away July 25th at Clinton Memorial Hospital in Wilmington. She was born October 22nd, 1929 in Jackson, to the late Walter D. and Josie (Henderson) Yinger. She is survived by one grandson, Andre Levi Donaldson, of Salem, Oregon; great-grandson, Fox Levi Donaldson of Salem, Oregon; sister, Mabel M. Maloney of Jackson; sister-in-law, Sadie Mercer of Jackson; as well as several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.



In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carl H. Donaldson; son Richard Thomas Donaldson; brothers: Delmar Yinger and Ernest Yinger; and sister-in-law, Helen Yinger.

Molly was a member of Beach Grove FWB Church of Wilmington. She and her husband, Carl enjoyed traveling and camping over most of the United States for over eleven years. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, and other crafts; as well as her flowers and working in her church. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Her services were held July 31st in Jackson.

Margaret Pearl 87, of Springfield, went to be with Jesus on July 29th in her home. She was born in Springfield, June 24, 1930, daughter to the late Steve Snyder and Margaret Martin Snyder. She was an



active member of First FWB Church of Springfield for 43 years. Pearl is survived by her husband, Ivan Sparks of Springfield; two sons, Rick Boswell of St Petersburg, Florida,

Duane Boswell of Springfield; three stepsons, Ray and Michael Sparks of Olive Hill, Kentucky and Bobby Sparks of Columbus, Ohio; 14 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, and 22 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. Sons, Don and Tim Boswell also preceded her in death.

A celebration of her life was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, August 5th.

Golden M. Clay, 96, Following a full life of selflessness, stewardship and humility, our beloved dad, grandpa, great-grandpa and great-great-grandpa, answered his Savior's gentle call to come "up home" May 8th. As happy



as we were to have him to ourselves, we wish you could have known him too! Born April 5, 1921, in Cove Gap, Lincoln County, W.Va., a son to the late Nathan and Laura (Adkins) Clay, dad was a proud but humble US Army veteran having served in World War II. He met and married mom, Lorene (Dyer) Clay and they shared 65 years together before her passing in 2013. They lived in Massillon and he retired from the former Enduro Division of Republic Steel Corp. in 1978. He loved the outdoors and in the garden or hunting or fishing or camping. He enjoyed music – playing and singing, especially in church. Mom and dad were among the founding members of United FWB Church – a faith community they truly loved and supported with their time, talent, treasure and prayer.

Predeceased by his parents and our mom, Freda Lorene Clay; two grandchildren; three brothers and five sisters, Golden is survived by his children, Jimmy M. (Jill) Clay, of Orrville, Sheila J. (Gary) Boggs and Dennis (Kelly) Clay, all of Massillon and Lisa G. (Russ) Patterson, of Canton. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter; his sister, Mrs. Loraine Jenkins; brother, Ray (Maxine) Clay and brother-in-law, Carl Truax.

Services were held May 13th, in Massillon with Pastor Randy Keffer officiating.

Marsha K. Beitel 56 of Massillon, went home to be with the Lord Aug. 18th at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on August 6, 1961 and was the daughter of Peter and Eva (Radick) Kovatch.



Marsha was a homemaker and a faithful member of United FWB Church. She was preceded in death by her mother Eva Kovatch, her father Peter Kovatch and her brothers, David Kovatch and Dennis Kovatch.

She is survived by her husband Donald S. Beitel, whom she married on May 13, 1978, her daughters, Misty Spidell, Dawn (Ricky) Beckham and Amanda Beitel, her grandchildren, Kassandra and Kristen Yarnell, Paige and Aaron Spidell, Makayla and Ricky Beckham, Madison Ritterbeck and Brayden and Caylynn Howard. Also surviving are her brother Donald (Patricia) Kovatch, Susan (Terry) Noble, Terry (Tammy) Kovatch and Samuel Kovatch and her mother-in-law, Mardella Beitel.

Funeral services took place Aug. 22nd with Pastor Randy Keffer officiating.

Maryetta Sebastian, 81, of Springfield, passed away August 14th in her home. Maryetta was born December 8, 1935 in Nippa, KY. She was a member of Sunset FWB Church. Survivors include her husband, Elmer; four children, Dwayne (Cheryl) Sebastian, Patti (Brian) Goffe, Karen (Mike) Kobak and Bethany Sebastian; 11 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; four siblings, Nancy Littrell, Janice Stir, Ruth (Ernest) Preston and Phyllis (Jerry) Cochran; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eperson Daniel and Mabel Crutcher.



Funeral service as held August 17th with Pastor John Wallace officiating.

MAIN STREET (LAWRENCE)

Hello and God bless from Main Street. We pray all is well with our brothers and sisters.

We would like to report Bro. **Jimmy Creameans** preached our homecoming July 30th. Brothers **Paul Bartrum**, **Danny Lemaster**, **Walter Depriest** and Sister **Kathy Depriest** all did a great job of singing. Dinner was enjoyed by all. God is so good.

We would like to invite all to our Tuesday night services at 7pm and our youth meeting also.

As we push to another season with all the leaves of yellow and bright orange, may we always thank the LORD for the beauty our eyes see.

Let's continue praying for our lost loved ones. I have so many lost in my family and I pray that I always show the love of Christ in my life that they will see the change in me since I came to know the LORD as my Savior. And that my home reflects that of a child of God. "choose you this day whom ye will serve;...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

Paul Bartrum, Pastor
Judy Layman, Reporter

PLEASANT HILL (CENTRAL OHIO)

"God is good, all the time, God is good!" This has been the abundant theme of our church. We give all praise and glory to God for the moving of the Holy Spirit in our services! We are being blessed with new people attending our church services too.

Our pastor has been preaching with the unction of the Holy Spirit. The church people have been bringing testimonies and praises during our services helping to uplift others at the service.

We had VBS with a good response from the children in attendance in July.

We had a yard sale for the ladies aid. They were blessed with a great attendance and people were buying and they ended up with a nice profit from the sale.

We had our homecoming Aug. 6th. Rev. **Mike Gillen** brought the message and the **Agape Singers** presented the music. We had nearly a house full for the service. After the service, we had a grand dinner and fellowship in the basement.

On Aug. 23rd **Hope Clark** came and spoke about her missionary work. What a blessing to hear about her missionary journey.

Come visit us when you can. God bless you all!

Robert Franklin, Pastor
Marjorie Abrams, Reporter

Youth Conference Goes Vertical

Vertical Three Conference | Louisville, KY | July 16-19, 2017

The 2017 Vertical Three Conference (VIII) returned to Louisville, Kentucky, and hit a home run for all attendees. Over 3,400 registered participants experienced an incredible week of CTS Ministry Expo events, seminars, service opportunities, and worship services sponsored by Randall House through its Vertical Three department. Highlighting the boldness our hope in Christ brings, the VIII Conference aided attendees in exploring feelings of inferiority, strategies for sharing faith, and the work of God's Spirit in taking the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Batting lead-off for the teen service speakers, **Michael Smith**, pastor of Heritage FWB Church in Ashland, Kentucky, delivered a powerful message on the confident hope all believers possess in Christ. His message revealed how hope in Christ does not put us to shame, but shapes our lives as we serve God.



Brandon Roysden, director of the conference, followed on Sunday evening, encouraging students from around the country to find and prioritize their "why" for the goal of reaching people for Christ and giving God supreme glory. On Monday evening, **Sam McVay**, director of mobilization for International Missions, challenged students to be bold for the gospel, allowing its absolute truth to reorient their attitudes and actions. **Zane Black**, senior high minister at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, hit clean-up for the teen service speakers and did not disappoint. His passionate message targeted how boldness through Christ compels believers to live out their faith in the ever-shifting culture. He motivated students to spend time in prayer and to put their faith into action by reaching out and meeting the needs of others.

The conference also gave the youngest Free Will Baptists the chance to worship through age-specific services. **Katie Greenwood** led 106 preschoolers in fun crafts, exciting games, and truth-filled Bible lessons each night. **Johnny Miller** guided 276 first to third graders in Kids Worship, with great music and exciting teaching featuring the theme "Off To Seek the Savior."

Over in *456 Worship*, **Steve Greenwood** engaged with 307 energetic kids and discussed characters from the Bible who lived a bold life for God. Pastor Steve positioned those in *456 Worship* to see how they too can live boldly for God just like Moses, Esther, and Jesus.

Kids' Corner returned this year and was a huge hit. It provided children with an opportunity to expend a little energy during the conference and meet other FWB children. **Johnny Miller** and his staff managed these fun activities for children on Monday through Wednesday. Children additionally had an opportunity to sing with the first-ever all-ages choir during the Wednesday night missions service.

Under the leadership of **Jane Parker**, *Reach That Guy* re-launched this year in Louisville as *Serve the City*, with many eager participants. This service-oriented ministry provided conference attendees with an opportunity to give of their time and effort to help meet the needs of the host city. Through 23 different service opportunities, 170 conference attendees gave over 2,000 hours of service to the city of Louisville. Participants thoroughly enjoyed their service projects, particularly sorting books and organizing clothing to help meet the needs of the homeless in Louisville.

In addition, 32 pints of blood were received from attendees during the annual convention blood drive. Overall, *Serve the City* proved a wonderful opportunity for church groups to give back through service while attending the National Association. If you are interested in participating next year, please contact Jane Parker: jane.parker.1stfreewillbaptist@gmail.com.

Attendees also gave back during the Tuesday evening Buck-A-Week offering. The year proved to be record setting, as over \$11,600 was collected to benefit **Rufo** and **Maria Gomez**, North American missionaries in Kentucky, and **David** and **Myriam Reeves**, missionaries to France. Coin banks and online giving options are available (www.verticalthree.com) for those deeply concerned about FWB Missions. The 2018 Buck-A-Week offering will help support Josh and Ashley Bennett, missionaries to Tifton, Georgia, and Anthony and Lea Edgmon, missionaries to Alpedrete, Spain.

The GPS (Global Purpose Seekers) Experience guided 280 participants through missionary booths to meet and interact with Free Will Baptist missionaries. This experience allows visitors to hear missionaries share God's call to take the gospel to unreached peoples. The hope is the experience

will give students a fully-orbed global missions experience, where they not only learn about God's desire for the nations, but also see what Free Will Baptists are doing to follow Him in spreading the hope-filled message of the gospel.

If you were unable to attend the Vertical Three Conference in Louisville, please make plans now to attend the 50-year celebration of VIII in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 22-25. Next year, the conference will explore the theme "Unseen" from Hebrews 11:1, as Vertical Three helps students stand in a culture often hostile to their Christian faith. For updates throughout the year, visit www.VerticalThree.com.

Vertical Three Snapshot

Registration: 3,457 Truth & Peace: 144 participants
Competitive Entries: 953

Serve the City: 170 volunteers, Over 2,000 hours, 23 projects

Buck-A-Week Offering: \$11,600

Youth Worker of the Year - **Allen Hood (OK)**

Youth of the Year - **Whitney Moody (MS)**

Youth Group of the Year - **Ina Impact (IL)**

STONEY RUN (PINE CREEK)

Greetings in the name of **Jesus** from Stoney Run FWB. Our church is blessed in every single way. July 23rd our homecoming was a welcomed reminder of our journey home to be with our Savior. A great spiritual message was provided by **Chris Oiler**. Also, **Teresa Jeffries** ignited our faith with her beautiful voice and message of hope. We are so very thankful they were able to be a part of this celebration. A dinner was provided with good country cooking and fellowship; catered in part by Mcmanus Catering and our lovely ladies. We can't forget to thank all the men of our church for making sure there were no left-overs. We love you gentlemen, thanks for all the labor donated to keep our church beautiful.

In August our youth group leader, Krista

Klaiber, organized a trip to Tecumseh outdoor drama in Chillicothe. Our church provided tickets, transportation, and a dinner at Fred's Pizza to all our faithful members. It was a great experience and awesome fellowship. Only through God is all things possible and we are humbled by all his gifts.

Sept. 11-16th we are having a revival. We invite everyone to attend the revival and be welcome to the word of God. It is expected to be a week of great messages and beautiful music. We request your thoughts and prayers for all those in Texas; the victims and volunteers. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" Matthew 5:16

Craddock Frye, Pastor
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Randall House

After reporting a loss of more than \$450,000 for 2015, Director **Ron Hunter** celebrated a financial turnaround in 2016, ending the year with a \$224,000 surplus. He noted this was “a \$650,000 turnaround in just eight months.”

The goal of Randall House, Hunter observed, is to partner with churches to help disciple church members both at church and away from church. “I think we have been doing church pretty well,” he observed, “but the question is how we take that into the home.”

Because Randall House only produces 12 books a year, Hunter announced the launch of a new website, FWBAuthors.com, which will feature titles from any Free Will Baptist author, no matter the publisher, as long as the books meet the criteria set forth by Randall House.

He applauded the efforts of Vertical Three, including the Vertical Three Conference (previously the National Youth Conference); the CTS Expo, with competitive activities that continue to give young people an opportunity to develop their talents; and the D6 Conference. “These events are not about the next generation,” Hunter noted. “These events are about every generation.”

He encouraged delegates to attend the 2017 D6 Conference, in Dallas, Texas, September 20-22, and announced international D6 conferences in Singapore, South Korea, and Malaysia in 2018, in addition to the D6 Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Board of Retirement

Despite a transition in leadership, Director **John Brummitt** described 2016 as a record-setting year for the board, with 124 new enrollees in the retirement plan, an all-time high. Brummitt additionally announced a complete overhaul of the department’s website (Boardofretirement.com) that allows participants to monitor their investments online via a secure login. In addition, the website provides general financial advice, education, and tools, making it an excellent resource for every Free Will Baptist, even those not enrolled in the retirement program.

Brummitt encouraged denominational employees to establish a retirement account early, to contribute faithfully, thereby making time the “best friend” of retirement. The Board now offers a number of investment options—conservative, regular, and progressive—to give participants the opportunity to customize their accounts according to their investment strategy.

Free Will Baptist Foundation

Although total assets in the Foundation increased by \$5.3 million in 2016 to more than \$68 million, Director **David Brown** acknowledged a slight loss in the return on endowments for the year. In addition, a number of estate-planning cancellations since 2013 created a net loss of \$328,000 (\$80,000 in 2016). In spite of these losses, Brown reported a net income of \$114,619 for the year and pointed to exciting growth in 2017, with assets increased by \$2.3 million in the first half of the year, taking the Foundation to nearly \$71 million.

More than 400 people signed up for new estate plans in 2016, and 153 so far in 2017, with an estimated \$16 million going to FWB ministries in the future as a result.

Brown celebrated the successful implementation of a grant program. In 2017, the Foundation awarded a half million dollars to a wide range of FWB ministries. According to Brown, the program will continue indefinitely, barring an

unexpected turn in financial markets. “We thank God for the way He has made these grants possible,” he shared, “and we humbly ask that He would continue to bless these efforts in the future.”

Brown honored **Dotty Moore**, who retired August 1, for 13 years of work in the Foundation office. He posthumously honored **Rick Locklear**, who passed away March 28, after 12 years on the Foundation Board. “Rick was my friend,” said Brown, “and we are going to miss him.” He additionally honored **Melvin Worthington** and **Waymon Fields** for multiple terms of service on the board.

North American Ministries (NAM)

Director **David Crowe** thanked God for 89 churches (both English-speaking and Hispanic) now affiliated with North American Ministries. He pointed to several new adventures for the department this year. Team Hawaii departed for the islands, a number of revitalization works are underway, and two new chaplains were commissioned, **Hal Jones** and **Amir Ashoori**.

After reporting significant losses in 2016, Crowe celebrated a significant financial turnaround this year, finishing \$322,927 in the black. He thanked the denomination for gifts totaling more than \$5 million in 2016. Crowe additionally thanked the denomination for their prayers after he suffered a stroke earlier this year. He commended missionaries, chaplains, and office staff for their work during his absence, noting “They know what they are doing, and they know it well.”

Board Chairman **Jeff Jones** recognized **Bob Thebeau** for his years of service on the NAM Board. Director of Chaplain Support, **Kerry Steedley** (COL, RET) honored recently retired chaplain **John Kerry** for his stellar career as a U.S. Army chaplain.

Commissions

Media Commission. Outgoing Chairman **Travis Penn** highlighted several 2017 convention accomplishments. More than 20,000 viewed convention services via live streaming. For the first time, services were available to online viewers in Spanish as well as English. The Media Commission also made it possible for attendees to give online through a text-to-give option. The commission also honored Penn for nine years of service, with many milestones achieved during his tenure.

Music Commission. Chairman **Doug Little** indicated the commission has been “watching how quickly and dramatically worship has changed in our churches.” He admitted he doesn’t have an answer to frequent inquiries regarding the production of a new hymn book. “We don’t know if a new book is the best thing for the denomination,” he noted. The question we need to answer right now is “Where will our churches be in 10 years when it comes to worship?” He announced coming polls and ques-

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tions from the commission to help it determine how to best serve the denomination.

Commission for Theological Integrity. **Matt Pinson** pointed to the importance of the commission in light of an increasingly complex and confrontational culture. The commission continues to address challenging issues facing the denomination. The 2017 Theological Symposium will be hosted on the new Welch College campus, October 23-24, 2017. Pinson encouraged paper submissions.

Historical Commission. It was a year of transition as the Historical Collection moved from its long-time home at Welch College Library in Nashville, Tennessee, to the new Welch College campus in nearby Gallatin. A \$25,000 gift from the commission helped equip the new historical room with shelving and storage designed for rare volumes, with periodicals and records stored in the library’s easily accessible compact shelving. The commission continues to add to its digital archives, using equipment made possible by a grant from FWB Foundation.

As business came to a close, delegates approved two resolutions. The first offered a standing vote of thanks to the Kentucky State Association for hosting the meeting in Louisville. The second resolution extended “heartfelt thanks and a standing ovation” to President **Matthew J. Pinson** and the entire Welch College family that “worked tirelessly and sacrificially in seeing through the sale of the old campus and the building of the new.”

With that, the body adjourned and turned its attention to the 2018 convention, when the **82nd session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists returns to Little Rock, Arkansas, for the fifth time, July 22-25.**

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It was very exciting to see a family of five join us for a recent service. When I asked them how they heard about us, the husband responded, "We came to your Block Party a couple of weeks ago!"

Please continue to pray for the contacts we have made and the people we will be following up with in the near future. We truly want them to see and sense the love of God and the message of the Gospel whenever they think about Flagship FWB Church!



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While in Virginia for the Annual Memorial Service, I was greatly honored to baptize two of my cousins on Saturday evening. Also, we were privileged to attend the annual revival with Pastor **Jason Meade** and the Rosedale Free Will Baptist Church. We were greatly blessed with The Holy Spirit being with us in this revival. We will remember these meetings!

We are looking forward to the fall weather and the beauty it brings. Also, we are looking forward to being with you in services in the coming days. Please pray for us as we travel and go where we are called to minister and share the glorious gospel with others. We appreciate all you do for us and being a part of our ministry of evangelism. As you serve Him, may God richly bless your ministries and your visions for the Lord's work.

For Revivals, Conferences, Homecoming and other special services, please contact me at the above address.

Greetings from the
**Ohio Women Active for
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News and Upcoming Events

OWAC Retreat...It's almost here! October 13-14th are the dates! I am so excited. Your registrations are due in to Jeannie Sargent **by September 14, 2017**. Because I can't possibly tell you everything here are 12 reminders! Please contact me with questions jessicamusetti2@gmail.com

In honor of the 12 day of Christmas song...here are the 12 things you need to prepare for/know for this years' retreat...

- 1) We will have an O.C.C. **packing party**. Please bring enough items to pack a shoebox.
- 2) **"The Greatest Gift"** is this year's theme; after all Jesus is the greatest gift we've every received.
- 3) Friday night we will have an **Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest** during fun time.
- 4) **Vendor tables** are available for ladies groups who would like to sell goodies.
- 5) A retreat must...**Basket Giveaways**...we encourage each church to bring a basket for these door prizes.
- 6) Have some books you'd like to donate, we'd love to add them to our donation **book sale**. All proceeds go to our 2019 National Fund.
- 7) Last year churches completed a giant coloring page, we have another **group activity surprise** planned for this year.
- 8) The hotel does have an **indoor pool** available.
- 9) Saturday afternoon we will have a prayer partner **ornament exchange**. Please bring an ornament of \$5 value wrapped with you.
- 10) **Please plan on staying until 3pm Saturday!** We have lots planned in the afternoon we'd hate for you to miss.
- 11) As always we will have **fun time** with games and snacks Friday night. Please bring your favorite game or goodies to share.
- 12) **September 4th** is the deadline for BOTH the registration form and your money.

Purse Auction and Ice Cream Social will be held November 4, 2017 from 2-4pm at Harrison Free Will Baptist Church! Be there!

Your sister in Christ,
Jessica Musetti, OWAC Secretary

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Rev. Tyler Penn

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2017 Fall Retreat

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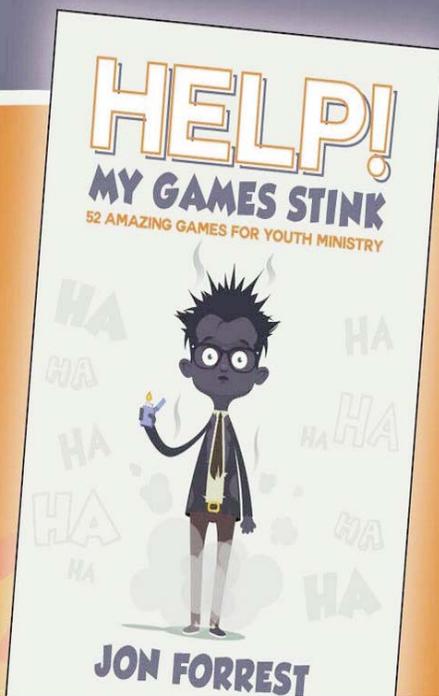
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Hello again from First FWB Church. We can't believe that the summer is over and that school is back in session but the Lord has been good to our church.

During the months when there are five Sundays, our church has a special singing service. For July, we had the church members sing. Our church is blessed with many talented singers. Thank you all who sang for this service. Afterwards we enjoyed a dinner prepared by the church.

August also had five Sundays, so we invited **Chris Oiler**, who is from the Portsmouth area, to come sing for us. He is a great singer. We appreciate that he came out and sang for us.

The **Silver String Dulcimers** also came and played for this service. They played hymnal songs on their dulcimers, which came out beautifully. We would like to thank them for coming to play for us as well.

We have a couple of events planned for September that we would like to share. On September 23rd, we are planning to have a "Family Fun Day" from 12 - 5 p.m. It will be held at our church and we will be having inflatables for the kids and food for everyone. All are invited to attend.

On September 24th, we will be having our homecoming. The service starts at 12 p.m. We will be meeting downstairs to eat and the service will follow afterwards. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Please pray for our church as we have lost loved ones recently. Even though they went home to be with the Lord it's still hard for those that are left behind.

Until next time, God bless!

Mitch Salyers, Pastor
Shana McGoye, Reporter

MCGUFFEY (NORTH & WESTERN)

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Ps. 118:24

Greetings from McGuffey FWBC. Fall is coming and as we bid farewell to summer, we rejoice and marvel at the beauty of the next season.

In August we attended the North and Western Conference which was held at the Lima FWB. After the business meeting, there was lots of good singing and the preaching of God's word was done by Bro. **Jim Webb** and Bro. **Arnold Eldridge**.

On August 19th we had a very busy day. We had a funeral dinner for the family, after the passing of our beloved sister in Christ, Roberta Moore. Her daughter is our pastor's wife and we will surely miss her! That same evening we were blessed in song and preaching by Bro. **Randy Nichols** and his family.

May God bless all the children as they return to school. Have a wonderful fall!

Don Webb, Pastor
Sue Smith, Reporter

GRACE

Hello and greetings again from us here in Cleveland, at Grace FWB Church. We trust all have had a great summer. Even in times of sorrow or hard times we can still see God's beauty all around us if we are willing to just open our heart to Him.

Seems like summer just flew by and the kids are back to school and college. We should all remember to pray for all our young people. The world is a rough place for them these days. We need to always be there for them, to show them love and support or there are plenty of people and things in the world that will and will take them far away from the Lord.

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2018 Camps

(Dates to be Announced)

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We pray all of your churches are doing well and prospering in the Lord. We keep you all in our prayers and ask that you keep our church in your prayers as well. Please pray for our young Christian Bro. Nick. his parents, Tammy and Bill and also his little sister Brittany. Please remember Bro. Art and Sis. Kathy and her mother also, Bro. Bill and his family. Bro. Dewayne's mother, Lou has been very sick and in the hospital and in need of a lot of prayer, please remember her. Also our own Sis. Wanda still needs lots of prayers as well as Sis. Elaine for several medical issues. I know the Lord knows about each of our problems, but He likes to hear us ask Him for His help.

We don't ever want to forget to give the Lord thanks and praise for our pastor Bro. **Ed Purdy** and his wife **Linda**. They are very special to all of us and to God. Bro. Purdy always preaches us the truth and Linda is always there if you need someone to talk to. Please pray for them, they both have health issues and Sis. Linda is worried about her parents who are getting older.

As always lets pray for our wonderful country and our leaders, pray this country finds it's way back to God. Blessings from Grace FWB.

Ed Purdy, Pastor
Elaine Booth, Reporter

COLUMBUS FIRST (FRANKLIN)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Fall is quickly approaching, one of God's most beautiful times of the year. We have decided not to have homecoming this year. We just simply don't have enough help to prepare for it.

We are still working on OPERATION MAILBOX and getting out invitations to come Columbus First for worship in every mailbox. We are making slow but sure progress. We are also starting to gear up for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. We are excited to see what everyone has to pack for these children and enjoy wrapping it up.

Continue to pray that we grow. God Is good.
Billy W Parson, Pastor
Sue Parson, Reporter

ZALESKI

"To every thing there is a season and a time of every purpose under the heaven." Eccl. 3:1

Only **Jesus** knows the amount of time anyone is given before their life is over. So, we need to make each count for **Jesus**. We can see all the things that are happening in the world that the Lord's return is getting so close. Are you ready for His return?

We'd like to thank the Lord for all His answered prayers and blessings in our church. We were truly blessed at our homecoming when almost 100 of our friends attended. We were fed by the special preaching of **Mark Rosser** and blessed by the singing of "**Borrowed Tyme**". A good time was had by all.

We wished our pastor, **Mark Rood** and his wife **Teresa** a happy 8th anniversary Sept. 3rd. They are truly a blessing to us. They work hard for the Lord and the church. We love them both.

The church went together with the Zaleski Methodist Church and passed out between 60-70 bookbags and school supplies to the youth in the community. It was a very rewarding project.

Please remember the youth and teachers as they have started back to school. Pray for the teacher for wisdom and guidance from the Lord.

We just completed studying the book of Revelation. It was very interesting.

Please continue to lift up **Nancy Rood** in your prayers. She's very special to us and we love her.

We are praying for revival.

Remember your grandparents on Sept. 10th and do something special for them. Please keep our seniors, nursing home ministry, the nation, our leaders, the military and their families in your prayers.

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Mark Rood, Pastor
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Thought for the Month

“This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.”

I Timothy 3:1 Editor's Note: May we pray that young men will hear the call of God to preach His word!



UNITED (CAPITAL CITY)

Hi from United FWB in Massillon.

We have had a very busy past few months. In July some of our church members went to Crossville, TN where Bro. **Mike McCoy** is pastor, to their camp meeting and that was an amazing experience. Our Pizza Prayer and Movie night which was held at the end of the month was again a great blessing to us and the community. Our children ages 3-10, jr. church sang during our service. Our jr. church leader Bro. Jesse Millard and his teachers Bro. Ronnie Thornberry, Sis. Danielle Thornberry and Sis. Tasha Millard are doing a wonderful job.

The ladies meet Thursday evenings for their prayer shawl ministry that benefits the shut-ins. This ministry is directed by Mrs. Kelly Clay. Caring Hearts a ministry for parents who have seen their children move on to glory, meet the first Monday monthly with guest speakers. This ministry provides such great compassion and care for those parents.

Our revival held in August was such a blessing with Pastors **Jason Meade, Travis McKenzie** and Bro. **Jim McComas** preaching and special singers **The Representatives Quartet, Paul James Sound, Jim McComas** and Bro. **James Swank**. We had altar responses each evening with four folks rededicating. The last night of revival was extremely inspiring as we have seating for 65-70 chairs normally and we had to set out many more chairs as we had a count of 101 people in attendance. (Please pray with us God leads us to a larger church in the future and to bless our church building fund.)

We had very sad death in our church, Mrs. Marsha Beitel, a member and neighbor of our church has gone home to be with the Lord after a long battle with cancer. Please pray for the family as many are members of our church.

God bless you all with fall coming on and lots of events being planned.

Randy Keffer, Pastor
Faye Griffith, Reporter

CENTERBURG (CAPITAL CITY)

We want to thank the Lord for another day of life, and the many blessings he has bestowed on our church. God never ceases to amaze us! As the seasons change, and fall approaches, let us only change for the good. And not be in that number of the falling away. We have witnessed two more souls saved. Let's continue to pray for each and every new convert, not just at home but around the world.

August 11th, our brother in Christ, Dennis Bradford, went home to be with the Lord. Remember his family in your prayers, for continued peace.

Several at our church went to the "Ark Encounter" on August 7th. Such an awesome experience!

We had our yearly fish fry and mini auction on August 26th. We had a wonderful turn out. All money raised went to the ladies auxiliary for help inside the new church. The Lord's church should be completed sometime in September. Let us not lose sight that all things accomplished, is for the glory of the Lord!

Our annual yard sale will be October 5th and 6th. It's not for the money we raise, but for the

witnessing to the lost in our community.

In our morning service, Aug. 27th, Pastor Mark gave a sermon on "God must increase, I must decrease". John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease. We should always live our lives in a way that the Lord shines through. Not that we are the center of attention, look at me look at what I did, but what HE does. For without Him, we are nothing!

Until next time, if the Lord should tarry.

Mark Tuggle, Pastor
Sandy McDowell, Reporter

FIRST SPRINGFIELD (FRANKLIN)

"The Lord is with us do not be afraid of them."
Numbers 14:9

Hello everyone.

Summer is almost gone and seem like it just started That reminds me how quick it can happen to be here one day and not the next. That's why our faith in the Lord needs to strengthen everyday.

We lost one of our long time members Pearl Sparks went to her Heavenly home July 29th. We will miss her very much but she is where she longed to be, with her Lord and Savior.

We are so proud of Shardonay Johnson. She came in 2nd at the youth National and she has been accepted to Ohio Christian University.

We have had a lot of visitors to our church and we pray that they will come back.

We pray for our country more than ever now. But God is still in control.

May the Lord Keep you in His loving arms

Mark Rucker, Pastor
Linda O'Neal, Reporter

BEATTY (LITTLE MIAMI)

Greetings from Beatty FWB Baptist Church.

To God be the glory. We are so thankful for His wonderful love. Our church is doing well. We thank God for that. We had one baptized. On July 9th Bro. Paul McKenzie was baptized. He had been coming to church a long time and decided he wanted to follow the Lord's command.

We still have a lot of members who are unable to attend church. Please pray for them all.

We lost one of our dear sisters. She went home to be with Jesus. Sister Loray Carter went home on a beautiful Sunday morning, August 6th just two days before her 80th birthday. We are missing her a lot. She always sang in church and never complained about her disability.

In the next few weeks the churches around are having a COMING TOGETHER REVIVAL. Our night at Beatty will be on Friday, September 15th. Everyone is invited. Pray that someone will be saved for our efforts.

Until next time, God bless.

John Wallace, Pastor
Barbara McKenzie, Reporter

HAMILTON GLADES (PORTER)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! I apologize for missing the last deadline. We've had a busy summer. We celebrated Mother's Day in May with a mother/daughter brunch.

Bro. Bill Walk was ordained in May, with his son **Justin** preaching the ordination service. Hamilton Glades hosted the Porter Conference

in May with **Chris Oiler** preaching. Our new sister Sheila Gray was baptized in May and we presented three graduates with Bibles.

We went "Over the Moat" in June for a successful VBS. Our homecoming was held in August. **J.B** and **Barb Spencer** sang for us and Bro. **Danny Campbell** brought the message. We all enjoyed the Porter Conference revival hosted by the Harrison church. **David Crowe** did an outstanding job bringing the message nightly. A big thank you to the Harrison church for their hospitality and providing a nice meal after the Sunday evening service.

Bonnie Mullins organized our secret sister reveal on August 26th. It was a fun evening of Christian fellowship. Pastor Jim preached a continuing message two weeks in a row from Galatians chapter five about keeping the weeds out of our gardens and the fruit of the Spirit.

We have an old-fashioned service planned for October 8th with **Hamilton Glades Bluegrass** playing and singing and **Brian Munyon** preaching. Until next time, blessings from the little white church in the cornfield.

Jim Dummitt, Pastor
Jenny Dummitt, Reporter

COMMUNITY SOMERSET

Hello and happy autumn.

The children blessed us with their singing on

July 2nd and on July 9th. **Talo Teo** filled in for our pastor while he was on vacation. **Jarry Barr** did the evening service. Bro. Barr came back and preached both services July 16th. Rick Tanner from Putnam Jamfest in Zanesville gave his testimony! Wow! What a message. No matter who you are or what age, when you fall, the Lord will pick you up.

On July 30th, our church picnic was enjoyable with good food and great fellowship.

We have started a jr. church during our morning worship services for ages 2-10 years.

Our outreach programs are continuing as our church serves the LORD in all things.

We had special singing by the children on Aug. 6th. What a joyful noise! On August 26th our **Ethan, Emily** and **Emma** sang at the Zanesville 3rd Annual Putnam Jamfest, along with other Christian bands and singers who come in the name of the LORD to rejoice and sing His name.

The Salvation Army provided foodboxes for the homeless, plus an open prayer tent, free hot-dogs, chip, cookies, water and registrations for prizes and so much more.

Pastor Scott preached a revival at the Ole Time FWB Church in Lockbourne on Aug. 25th. He also preached their homecoming two days later.

Patrick Blevins preached Aug. 27th in both services. We enjoyed **Raymond Brown** and **Henry Baldwin** play and sing.

Sept. 9th a war veteran resident at the Somerset Nursing Rehab Center got the honor to travel on "Honor Flight, out of Columbus" to Washington D.C. to see the Veteran's Wall. God bless our veterans!

On Oct. 9th we have our homecoming with Bro. **Don Estep** preaching.

Until next time, yours in Christ.

Scott Hutchinson, Pastor
Donna Barr, Reporter

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Coming from around the United States, Southeastern's 32 new students arrived with excitement on Monday, August 21. From California, Ohio, Alabama and many states in between, these students have surrendered to the leading of the Holy Spirit to come to Southeastern and prepare for what God has for their future. It was a joyous time as moms and dads, grandparents, pastors and youth pastors shared in their student's journey. It is a rare occasion that a freshmen class has the opportunity to mark the beginning of their college career with a solar eclipse.



Student prayer captains, society leaders, ensemble members, youth camp representatives and student government members all came together as student leaders on August 16-19 for the Annual Student Leadership Summit. This year, the summit was held in Colonial Williamsburg at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. A combination of events ranging from team building games, prayer meetings, leadership book reviews, student group planning sessions all contributed to students being equipped and excited to lead the 2017/18 student body in the Christ-centered direction that Southeastern is known for. **Timothy Sexton** (Omega president) stated, "This summit has been special to me because it has equipped me in the areas of leadership that I need to learn now and for the rest of my ministry."

This school year has already shaped up to be exciting! Some of it may be due to being accepted by TRACS and finding ourselves on the path to full accreditation. But, much of the excitement has to do with our student leaders. Our Director of Development, **Steve Berry** and his wife **Cindy** sponsored our student leaders to Williamsburg, Virginia for the annual Student Leadership Summit. The trip is designed to train our student leaders in areas of leadership and team unity. When they returned, I sensed their enthusiasm for the school year and our incoming Freshmen class. Praise the Lord for a great group of student leaders! I am excited to see how the Lord uses them on and off campus!" - President **Jim Marcum**

Masters Men Update Ridge Church

A Masters Men work crew, led by NAM Director of Men's Ministry **Kenneth Akers**, has been in New Durham, New Hampshire this week as part of their ongoing maintenance efforts at the Ridge Church.

Ken and his crew did some scraping and painting of the church building and bell tower, and also cleared some dead trees and brush from the property.

The Ridge Church was built in 1819 and is considered as the "mother church" of the Free Will Baptist movement. North American Ministries is proud to lead the way in helping to preserve this important piece of Free Will Baptist history.



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HIGH STREET (NORTH & WESTERN)

On July 15th we had our summer picnic out at our church. Fun was had by all.

July 26th we had the pleasure of having **Kevin Spencer** along with his dad, **J.D. Spencer** in concert. All who came out to hear Bro. Spencer were blessed and encouraged in the Lord.

God laid the idea of having a weekly Bible study on the hearts of our pastors and so on Thursday, Aug. 17th they started it. We have started in John and all are enjoying being able to hear the word during the week.

Within the past two months we have seen God move even more within our church so much that we all have been in awe and humbled at just watching God's hand move through our congregation. In having salvations and baptisms we just want to praise God openly amongst you all our brothers and sisters and to encourage you all in the Lord to keep moving forward no matter what may come. Know our God is still God and He still reigns on high. Keep making a difference!

Our youth meetings began again on August 20th. The kids are learning from the word of God and having fun.

On August 27th we had our 59th Homecoming service. Bro. **Fred Dutton** and his wife **Terry** came to share the Gospel with us. Along with the **Moore Family Singers** that shared the gospel with us through song. That same day we had our contest of verse memorization of John 3:16, in which case the adults won.

We also celebrated the 45th year of Pastor **Jim's** and his wife **Sis. Brenda Webb's** service to our church. We thank God for the both of them and their sacrifice they make each day in their personal life to make sure our church and the members are well taken care of.

James Webb, Pastor
Wendy Wolford, Reporter

REYNOLDSBURG (FRANKLIN)

The summer has flown by and we are headed into a beautiful fall! We have stayed busy these past couple months with activities at the church.

We ended June with a successful church camp under the direction of Pastor Jerry's brother, Gary from the Westerville Church. Everyone had a great time and our guest speaker was **Darryl Alvis** from the Erie Church in PA.

Our pastor and his family had a great time at the National Association. We had one student, Jon Williams who attended Truth & Peace for the first time. He enjoyed it very much and

plans on applying for a second year, along with others from the church.

We had our first car show and it was very successful. We had a beautiful day for this and everyone had fun. We ended July and began August with our VBS. It's under the direction of Cathy Phillips and her daughter Charity Blair. We had a great attendance with an average of 75 or more each night.

Nathan Stepp, who graduated high school in June had enlisted in the Army. He left in July and is currently at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri. Please pray for his safety as well as all our Armed Forces. "...an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast."

Jerry Sargent, Pastor
Jeannie Sargent, Reporter

PORTER (PORTER)

Autumn is fast approaching here at Porter. We had a spectacular summer, and have several upcoming events and activities. In July, we had a dedication of our new fellowship building addition. We were able to gather to worship and celebrate this occasion. We have already utilized the rooms for VBS, Sunday school, and for our Wednesday night Porter Youth. This has been a blessing to our church.

This summer, our church was able to partner with the organization Shoes that Fit Portsmouth. We provided backpacks with school supplies for the children of East Portsmouth Elementary. Many area churches and businesses were involved in this effort that provided backpacks, school supplies, shirts, and shoes to these children. We were blessed to have the opportunity to be involved in this effort.

On Sept. 3rd we celebrated 200 years with our homecoming celebration. **Edwin Hayes** taught the Sunday School lesson and Keith Burden was our guest preacher. We are thrilled to celebrate the fact that our church has been ministering to our community for 200 years.

On September 17th, we will be participating in National Back to Church Sunday. This day is devoted to inviting people to come back to church or to even visit a church for the first time.

On October 22nd, we will be hosting our annual bean dinner and craft sale. We also have our fall festival scheduled for that morning. There will be inflatables and games. Please bring your family for a full day of fun!

Mark Price, Pastor
Tehra Clevenger, Reporter

The Ohio State Association Office and Ambassador Bookstore will be **CLOSED** September 20-24th.
We will **REOPEN** Monday, September 25th.

Hospital Update



Rev. **John Meade Jr.**, Associate Pastor of the Southwest FWB had back surgery in July. He is now home recovering.

Rev. **Johnny Castle**, pastor of the Rittman Community Church has been hospitalized in August with severe bleeding in his stomach.

Pat Daniel, wife of former Neville Pastor, Roger Daniel, is home after a long stay in rehab. She went to the Cleveland Clinic at the end of August for evaluation. It is possible that she will need a liver transplant. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Gahanna Pastor **Curtis Booth** had extensive surgery for skin cancer in July. He has been in a lot of pain, but is getting some better. After two attempts they were able to remove all the cancer. Do remember Brother Curtis in your prayers.

Former Ohio Pastor **Dana Booth** was hospitalized in July because he was passing out. He is doing much better and was able to attend the National Association in Louisville.

Nancy Reiber, *Ambassador* Reporter for the Lighthouse Church in Elsmere, Ky underwent an extensive 7 hour surgery on July 19th. She is now recovering.

Louella Conley, a member of the Westerville FWB Church broke her hip and was in Mt. Carmel W Hospital in Columbus in August. She is now home recovering.

Former Treasurer of the Ohio Mission Board, **Paul Etterling Sr.** had hip replacement surgery in August and is scheduled to have his other hip replacement surgery in September. He is also the father of Westerville Pastor Paul Ray Etterling.

Fredia Street, wife of Woodstock Pastor Russell Street has leukemia. She is in remission. She will be having a round of chemo and planning to have a bone marrow transplant Sept. 19th if all goes as scheduled.

GOOD HOPE (CUYAHOGA-LORAIN)

Greetings from Good Hope FWB Church. We thank God for his blessing on our church. Rev. **Freddie Ray** has preached for us about once a month. We enjoy him and he also sings. Our homecoming is Sept. 10th with Bro. **Edwin Hayes** preaching. We have pie and ice cream get together the last Sunday night of each month. It is a good time of fellowship and of course, we enjoy the pie and ice cream.

Our young people open the church the first Sunday of each month. They do a great job and they lead the singing. They are the church of tomorrow and we want them to have a part now.

Pray for us as we have several in the church with medical problems. We pray God's blessing on the churches.

Paul Peterson, Pastor
Mary Diamond, Reporter

TROY (LITTLE MIAMI)

Hello and Blessings from Troy FWB Church. The summer has been hot, but the church atten-

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dance has been good. On July 23rd there were two that came to the altar to be saved. On September 10th, three will be baptized.

This summer also has been hard on some of our members. Health problems prevent them from attending. Please keep them in your prayers.

Fifteen from the church went to the Ark Encounter on August 5th. They had a great time while learning about God's promise to Noah and Noah's trust in God!

August 24-26th Mary and Doug hosted a garage sale at their home for the building of our fellowship hall. \$850 was raised. Thank you Doug and Mary.

We finished a 10 week women's Bible study on "Living the Royal Life", led by Sister Lisa. We learned about how Christian woman should live and a lot about ourselves.

On September 9th, Sisters Lisa S, Mary L, Deborah, Ethel and Candi hosted a spaghetti supper to raise funds for the fellowship hall.

September 11-15th will be the Coming Together Revival. Troy FWB will host on September 14th.

September 17th will be our homecoming services. A meal will follow in the church basement.

As always Troy FWB keeps you in our hearts and prayers. Please embrace us in yours.

Till next time, God bless
Dwight Stump, Pastor
Shirley Vogler, Reporter

NEW HOPE (PORTER)

We have been enjoying these last days of summer and looking forward to beautiful fall weather. Our choir had the opportunity to sing at Bethesda FWB church during their revival services with Bro. **Edwin Hayes**. On August 17th we enjoyed a Back To School fellowship dinner in honor of our students. We pray for God's blessings on them throughout this new school year.

We had a great service with Bro. **Tim Cassity** from Porter FWB. We appreciate Bro. Tim and his wife **Kathy**. We just finished our Porter Association Revival held at Harrison FWB church with Bro. **David Crowe** preaching. We heard tremendous and challenging messages. It is always so good to get together with our fellow churches. It gives us a small glimpse of what heaven will be like when we come together and worship the Lord!

George Grice, Pastor
Lena Grice, Reporter

WAKEFIELD (PORTER)

Hello again from Wakefield. Even with the hot days I hope all of you have been enjoying the beauty of summer. The Great Creator provides so many things for us to take pleasure in.

It was so good to have Xavier, the grandson of Frank and Mary Blevins, visit from Maryland. He was a regular here until he and his mother moved there. Joy Borders was in Florida for a

visit with a cousin and while there her cousin's husband died. Sis. Joy is still missing her son Chuck who passed away a short time ago. Bro. Bob Mullett had a brother pass away recently and Bro. Andrew also has a sister pass on to be with the Lord. These families all need prayer. Helen Simmons who was a faithful member until she moved to Alabama and then Tennessee, fell and broke her wrist, hurt her ankle and badly bruised herself. Sis. Sharon Mullett has had much illness too. Seems like a lot of bad but there is also much good. Sis. Mary Legg recently got two new granddaughters, so very sweet, the one already had a little brother. Sis. Joye Risner's little baby granddaughter that had been put in a large cast to keep her hips in place is doing well and hopefully can be out of all restraints soon. All of these could use prayer.

We so enjoyed the Porter Conf. revival at Harrison Church Aug. 20-23rd. Bro. **David Crowe** was used by the Lord to help us all. The music and singing was uplifting and a good supper and fellowship was provided by the Harrison church after the Sunday service.

Homecoming is scheduled for Sept. 24th. All are invited to come and join us. Bro. **Bob Holbrook** will be preaching and we always enjoy his messages.

Until next time, God bless you with a lovely fall.

Lowell King, Pastor
Barb Conley, Reporter

OAK HILL (JACKSON)

Greetings. God is good and we're thankful for His many blessings.

We had our pastor election July 27th. Bro. **Allen Simpson** was voted back in as pastor and Bro. **Danny Boggs** as assistant pastor. We are so blessed to have two men of God who will stand and preach the word.

Our Sunday School has been growing and we are having some wonderful services, the kind of service where you can't wait to get to church to see what good things are going to happen and to hear what the preacher is going to preach.

We are thankful for Bro. Allen and Sis. Holly and their children and Bro. Danny and his wife Sis. Shirley. They are all such a blessing to our church.

Remember our church in prayer and we will remember to pray for yours.

Until next time, may God bless you.
Allen Simpson, Pastor
Sandy Clark, Reporter

WESTERVILLE (FRANKLIN)

Greetings from Westerville!
"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble." Psalm 46:1

Our church family is growing steadily. Our newest member is Adaline Joy Barnard. She made her debut on July 9th at Riverside Hospital in Columbus. Her parents are Angela and Donny. Big sisters are Lyndsey, and Isabelle. Congratulations to you!

Several families attended the national convention. Several of our youth won the competition in various categories. Those winning were Steve Wellman, Ashley Sammons, Caleb Brazzell and Kylie Etterling. If I missed anyone, please forgive me.

Our WWAC had a garage sale in August with great success and proceeds going to fill shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Aug. 17th was our yearly outing. Our meeting and dinner was at Spaghetti Warehouse. Fifteen ladies

attended and had a very good time.

VBS was held in July. We had a large attendance and the children had a great time.

On Aug. 27th we had a special visitor, Rev. **Daryl Grimes** from Erie, Pa. The Grimes family along with **Tony** and **Marie Drakulic** and family are church planters in Erie. Rev. Grimes gave an update of the progress they are making winning souls for the Lord. Aren't we thankful to the Lord for our home missionaries?

Taylor Wellman, one of our children was baptized by Pastor Paul Aug. 7th. We love our "little ones" We pray he will grow in his faith.

Our summer has been a good one. We pray for our children's safety as they return to school.

We'll be praying for all our sister churches. Please remember us.

In Christ always.
Paul Etterling, Pastor
Grace McKinster, Reporter

FREDERICK (PINE CREEK)

We are rejoicing that our Pastor Rusty finished his chemo Sept. 1st. Then when the bone marrow biopsy results come back negative in few weeks, the port comes out the same day! God is good.

Singer, Bro. **Thomas Shelton** visited us July 2nd. We always enjoy his uplifting music. We thank Tick Ridge FWB for hosting a great service and dinner at the quarterly meeting.

Our homecoming held Aug. 27th was spirit-filled. Bro. **Danny Widdig** and his wife **Clara** led singing and played piano. Preaching was brought by Bro. **Edwin Hayes** and Bro. **Tyler Breech**. We enjoyed the singing by **Covered by Love, Kevin and Faye Pistol** and the group **Unfinished**. The Holy Spirit poured out blessings all day.

Well, till next time, love and prayers to you all.
Rusty Larter, Pastor
Bobbi McGraw, Reporter

WOODSTOCK (CENTRAL OHIO)

As we see the beautiful flowers start to fade and the colorful leaves appear, be sure to worship the creator and not the creation. How many times do we marvel at beautiful scenery but never think of the one that made it for us to enjoy. Praise God in everything.

We have been having some spiritual services where the Holy Spirit flowed and people obeyed and gave testimonies and sang for the Lord! Sometimes the minister didn't even preach!

We have been plagued with many illnesses lately. Some have had cancer, heart problems and other ailments, but God has been answering prayers. We thank Him for all are getting better. Keep Sister **Fredia Street** in your prayers. She has been diagnosed with leukemia, but we thank God she is in remission. She will be having a round of chemo and should be having a bone marrow transplant Sept. 19th if all goes as scheduled. Then there will be a long road to recovery, so remember her and Pastor Street. It's very difficult for a spouse to watch a companion go through a serious illness, but they are thanking God that he is their constant companion through this "storm".

On a lighter note, we will be having a special singing event on September 16th from 11am-3 pm. **Jeremy Liles**, **Crossing Over**, **Homebound** and **Enabling Grace** will be here. We will be having a dessert auction and lunch items to purchase. There will be lots of shaded picnic tables or you may bring lawn chairs. We hope you will join us in praising our Lord.

Until next time keep pressing on for the Lord until He comes to take us home!

Russell Street, Pastor
Virginia Jones, Reporter

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Melinda Pinson Named Hospitality and Donor Relations Liaison at Welch

Melinda Pinson, president's wife at Welch College, will officially become Hospitality and Donor Relations Liaison and Adjunct Instructor at the college, according to Dr. **Jeff Crabtree**, chairman of the Welch Board of Trustees. Her part-time post, which began June 1, will also revolve around design and campus beautification. Pinson will continue volunteering over and above her part-time role.



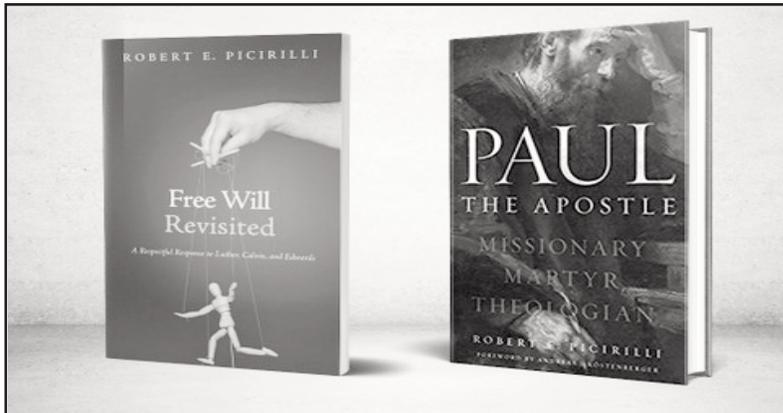
"For fifteen years Mrs. Pinson has served the college well in a volunteer capacity, overseeing high-level hospitality events, engaging in donor-relations with key college supporters, training and mentoring young women and ministry wives, consulting on design and beautification issues on campus, teaching etiquette, and more," Crabtree said.

"With the transition to the new campus, the scope of her duties has expanded, and the Board decided to formalize her existing role in this new part-time position. The Board has always appreciated the grace and excellence Mrs. Pinson brings to the Welch College community, and we're excited about giving her an official title to match the important role she has played at Welch."

A graduate of Catawba College (B.A., sociology and philosophy) and Yale University (M.A.R., sociology of religion), she has been married to Welch president Matt Pinson for 23 years. Before the birth of their children, Anna (17) and Matthew (15), Pinson served in numerous hospitality-industry roles. These included roles at Catawba, Yale, and Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds in Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and later executive director of a not-for-profit historic Victorian hotel and restaurant while she served as a pastor's wife in Georgia. Pinson has written and spoken on hospitality, biblical womanhood, and ministry wives issues in a number of venues.

Dr. Robert Picirilli Publishes Two New Books

Dr. **Robert E. Picirilli**, professor emeritus and former academic dean at Welch College, recently had two books published: *Free Will Revisited: A Respectful Response to Luther, Calvin, and Edwards* and *Paul the Apostle: Missionary, Martyr, Theologian*, according to Welch President **Matt Pinson**.



Free Will Revisited (Wipf and Stock) addresses the ever-present question of whether man has free will. Picirilli defines free will from worldview and biblical standpoints and then boldly addresses the opposing arguments of theologians Martin Luther, John Calvin, and Jonathan Edwards. Through careful analysis, Picirilli shows free will to be in full accord with scripture, from a nuanced Reformed Arminian perspective. He also summarizes the key differences between the Calvinistic and Arminian views on the doctrine of salvation.

"Free Will Revisited is a must-read book for those interested in the Calvinist-Arminian debate," Pinson said. "In it we see Picirilli at his best, using his keen intellect and broad background in theology to reflect on the thought of the three best-known stalwarts of a non-libertarian approach to free will. The unique thing about his response to these thinkers is that he is much more 'Reformed' in his Arminianism than many proponents of libertarian free will (worlds apart from semi-Pelagianism), and this brings nuance to his critiques that will surprise many readers. As always, Picirilli writes in a clear, readable, and irenic manner that Calvinists and Arminians alike will find refreshing."

Paul the Apostle (Moody) is a newly updated edition of Picirilli's 1986 publication. It provides a comprehensive understanding of Paul's life, ministry, and writings while striving to be accessible for the serious theology student.

Picirilli taught New Testament and philosophy at Welch College, where he is now professor emeritus and curator of the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection. He is author of *Discipleship: The Expression of Saving Faith, Understanding Assurance & Salvation*, and *Grace, Faith, Free Will*, as well as numerous other works and journal articles. Picirilli is also the editor of the *Randall House Bible Commentary* series.

Copies of *Free Will Revisited* and *Paul the Apostle* can be purchased through **Wipf and Stock Publishers** and **Moody Publishers**, respectively.

Three Ohio Students Make President's A Honor Role List

Scott Wisniewski (Sophomore) **Jacob Lute** (Senior) and **Rae Mahaney** (Senior) all made the President's A Honor Role List. This was for the spring courses that ended in May. For all Welch students thirty-five made all A's and were placed on the President's List—20 seniors, 8 juniors, 5 sophomores and 2 freshman. Sixty students earned a 3.25 GPA and all A's and B's were placed on the Provost's list—31 seniors, 16 juniors and 13 sophomores.

HERITAGE (CAPITAL CITY)

Summer has come and gone and we are looking forward to an exciting fall season!

We have a new kid's program that will run throughout the school year. It's call Kidsquest! Our kick-off was August 30th and what wonderful time! We saw many new families and some familiar faces too! We will concentrate on not only memorizing Bible verses but digging in and learning what they mean and how to apply them to our lives. There will also be lesson, craft/music, and game times. We are looking forward to the great things God will do through this program!

Our fall revival will begin Sunday, September 17th through Wednesday, September 20th with **Bob Thebeau**, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in DeSoto, MO. We will enjoy singing, fellowship and great preaching! Please pray for these services and plan to attend.

Please keep praying for our church as we seek to find a music minister.

Tim W. Stout, Pastor
Stephanie Wolfe, Reporter

ROSEDALE (CAPITAL CITY)

As the seasons change, you can see God's handiwork all around. His seasons are absolutely beautiful.

We just finished our revival in August. The church was packed each night, so great to be in services with dear friends we don't see often. We were blessed to have Rev. **Russell** and **Fredia Street** attend the revival. Such a blessing to see how God is working in their lives.

God blessed us with some of the most dedicated singers and preachers. Rev. **John Meade** was scheduled to preach on the last night but God had other plans. He didn't have to preach, the service was amazing. Thankful for a pastor who trust God's ways and not our ways.

We are gearing up for our annual hog roast Oct. 12th, at 5:00pm. Please come join us. We'll have tons of food, hay rides, bon fire and smores! Our intention with starting this tradition years ago was to invite lost families. It's always a great way to introduce them to the family of God and hope and pray that they see something in us that they would turn their lives over to Him.

One of our members has a daughter, Stephanie (Toney) Rutan who is battling cancer. She is the daughter of Curt and Francis Toney. Please remember this family in your prayers.

We've have recently had two people saved. Thank God for them and pray they stay strong.

We are moving ahead on our building project, God has blessed our pastor and assistant pastor with a vision and we are very excited for this to

start taking shape. We will have a facility where we can invite all kids in the community and surrounding community to come be a part of something great.

Keep our pastor, his family and our associate pastor and his family in your prayers. They do so much behind the scenes. We pray for strength to sustain them on a daily basis.

Jason Meade, Pastor
Bev Fraley, Reporter

FAITH (SOUTH CENTRAL)

Greetings from Faith FWB Church!

Summer is coming to an end and we will start seeing the beauty of God's colors in the form of autumn. God is the ultimate artist.

We had our VBS on July 17-21st. We had 17 souls saved! Praise God! This year we decided to have a Family Night instead of a program. The parents and children enjoyed refreshments and playing games together. A special "thank you" to Sis. Angie Vanover for all the time and effort she has put into making VBS successful.

We were privileged to host the South Central Conference August 12th. Pastor **Tony Vanover** brought the message. It is always good to get together with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We had a perfect weather day for our first annual Sunday school picnic on August 20th. We had Sunday school and worship service at Kachelmacker Park. Food and games were enjoyed by all following the worship service. Thank you to **The Family of God** and Sis. **Sherry Mosley** for providing the singing.

The Ladies of Faith had a bake sale on September 9th at Lancaster Sales. All proceeds went to this year's Christmas baskets.

We are thankful for God's blessings on our church and in our lives. We ask His blessings on all of you.

In His service.

Tony Vanover, Pastor
Teresa Gibson, Reporter

State Ministry Offering Update

Since the last issue of the *Ambassador*, we received gifts from the following churches for the annual State Ministry Offering:
Cornerstone-Mansfield, First Chillicothe, Reynoldsburg and Troy.

The offering now totals
\$6,428.00.

Sylvan Park FWB Church in Nashville Requests Information for Their Upcoming 75th Anniversary Celebration

Sylvan Park FWB Church, Nashville, TN is assembling a "spiritual history" of its ministry for our upcoming 75th Anniversary Celebration. We know that many students of FWBBC/Welch College and others who attended Sylvan Park Church while living in Nashville are now serving in many other places.

If you attended Sylvan Park Church, were involved in its ministry, or had a spiritual or ministerial milestone here, would you send us a brief description of that and the year(s) of your time here? We would like to rejoice in the ongoing extended ministry of our church and include you and your work in our prayer support ministry. Please send your response to: **75th@SylvanParkChurch.org or 4701 Wyoming Ave., Nashville, TN 37209.**

Thank you,
Frank Owens, Mike Bell, and Brenda Griggs

NORTHBRIDGE

Blessings from Northridge FWB Church! As summer ends, we would like to reflect back on a couple of things that took place this summer that created special memories we will cherish forever. Our youth were revived in a mighty way at our Holy Ground FWB Youth for Christ Camp in Hillsboro this summer and have grown closer to God and to each other. What a blessing to see how enthusiastic they are about their walk with the Lord! Several men from our church went on a mission trip to Columbia in August, witnessing to people in the street and going door-to-door to tell people about Christ. They even witnessed to several people in a doctor's office. Over 600 people that they witnessed to gave their life to the Lord. The harvest truly is plentiful!

We look forward to fall and the things we have planned, such as our homecoming Sept. 10th, a day of devotions for the ladies of the church, and a Harvest Party for the youth. God is good ----- all the time!

Please pray for the youth as they go back into the classrooms that God would bless them and protect them from the many things Satan will throw at them. Please also pray for all new Christians, that God would put a hedge of protection around them while they grow in the Lord.

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." James 4:8

Please tune in to our weekly radio ministry on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. (Station WGNZ 1110 AM and 104.3 FM)

Please join us in service on our church web page – www.northridgefwbc.org and click on live streaming.

In His service.

Tim Hamilton, Pastor
Corky Coomes, Reporter

MOUNT HOPE (PINE CREEK)

Greetings from Mount Hope FWB Church. We are very thankful for the watchful eye of the Lord and so thankful for His love, mercy and amazing grace!

We would like to invite you to our homecoming Oct. 1st at 9:30 am. Bro. John Hemmings will be teaching the Sunday School lesson, Bro. **Steve Luster** will be preaching and there will be special singing for the morning services. A meal will follow the service.

We would also like to invite everyone to our annual Fall Festival Oct. 29th. We will gather at noon at Joe Belford's farm and eat around 1:00. We will have church service after we eat. Then we will play and have fun and games.

Please continue to remember our church members who are sick in your prayers: Sisters Lena Ruth, Gwen Cooper, Flo Loop and Bro. Bob Branningan.

Our services are Sunday morning at 9:30 am and Sunday evening at 6:00 pm. We have Bible Study on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. We started a new lesson in Bible Study on the twelve gates of Jerusalem Sept. 6th with Bro. Dale Henson teaching.

Until the next time, may the Lord keep you and bless you.

Gary Selby, Pastor
Karen Charles, Reporter

WELLINGTON (CUYAHOGA-LORAIN)

Hello from your friends at the Wellington FWB. Homecoming Sept. 10th features the preaching of Rev. **James Caudill**. We have distributed door hanger invitations throughout the community with the hope that some new neighbors will come to know the saving love of our Lord through **Jesus Christ**. Be much in prayer that the efforts will see results.

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There is never a shortage of things to pray about. We are glad to serve a God who hears us when we pray. The summer has had its share of ups and downs. Pray for Mary and Rudy Chambers, Ginny Shipley, those who are fighting illness, coping with loss, and for those who are in a season of trials.

Wednesday evenings we are studying in Revelation. All are welcome to come and learn more about what this prophetic book of the Bible has to say. Pastor **Jeff Isaacs** is leading us through this in depth examination. The youth have been engaging in study under the direction of Charissa Isaacs, with help from Clay Isaacs.

An incentive program has been put in place in the Intermediate Sunday School classroom to promote the cultivation of daily prayer, Bible reading and just plain drawing closer to God.

Several youth had a great time at the "Water War" event July 14th. Charissa Isaacs organized an all-out water balloon fight in the midst of a game of 'Capture the Flag.' There was a brief Bible study after the games and prior to a pizza party. Please see the Facebook page for more details about upcoming youth events your youngsters would not want to miss!

The pastor reminds us we are required to pray, invite and tell. Let us all be renewed with energy to fulfill the Great Commission.

Congratulations to Deacon John and Dee Holbrook on celebrating 63 years of marriage!

Jeffrey Isaacs, Pastor
Margaret DeWitt, Reporter

MARYSVILLE (CENTRAL OHIO)

"And blessed be his glorious name forever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; A-men and A-men." Psalms 72:19

The **Lindsey Family** from Greensburg, Ky was with us July 9th. God has blessed their family with a lot of talent.

God's Messengers were with us August 6th. We always enjoy having them. They will be with us on homecoming day, September 24th at 10 am. Dinner will be served after the service.

Our fall harvest party will be Oct. 21st at 4 pm at the Woodstock Community Building. There will be a bonfire, hay rides and crafts for the children. **God's Messengers** will be singing for us. Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Nov. 5th at 10 am, Rev. **Freddy Dutton** will be preaching for us in the Veteran's Day service. **God's Messengers** will provide the music.

God bless you in the coming months.

Paul Bogenrife, Pastor
Helen Murray, Reporter

SHELBY (NORTHERN OHIO)

Just a few quick updates...Shelby survived another week of Vacation Bible School in July. The theme was *Superheroes*, and the kids had a great time with it! The youth also kept busy

this summer with an outdoor movie night and several bonfires, in preparation for fall. The adults were starting to get jealous but finally were able to have some fun in August, when the ladies auxiliary hosted an end-of-summer ice cream social.

As the book of Daniel tells us, *"And He changeth the times and the seasons..."* The youth group will be taking their annual autumn trip to Malabar Farms on Saturday, October 14th. It's always a great day for hiking, fellowship and just enjoying the changing leaves; and, a great way to celebrate God's amazing landscape! We hope everyone has a wonderful fall season.

Matt Pond, Pastor
Heather Brown, reporter

LIGHTHOUSE (TRI-STATE)

Greetings to all my fellow Free Will Baptists. It is a pleasure to write this report and we are praising God as always.

We had a great crowd at our VBS this year. We had a lot of volunteers to work with the youth. We had activities inside and out and a great time was had by all.

On August 26th, we went on a lunch cruise on the B and B Riverboat. The lunch was delicious and we had a great time of fellowship. We had around 23 members go on the cruise.

We have been having a Sunday morning singing service every other month. In August **Timothy Shelton** came and sang for us and we were greatly blessed. A few months ago **Randy Wallace** came and sang.

We have also been having Wednesday night Bible study, with movie night the first Wednesday of every month.

Bobby Courtney, Pastor
Nancy Reiber, Reporter

HILLSBORO (CORNERSTONE)

Hello again from the Hillsboro FWB Church. It is hard to believe we are heading into fall. God has blessed us with a beautiful summer.

There has been a lot going on here. We have had church camp for a few weeks where good things happened with the youth. We had two kids baptized in the pond: Jacob Crusie and Zeke Rumme. These are great young men who love the Lord. Keep these boys in your prayers that they will always remember that day.

Then we had the pleasure of seeing two young ladies, Emma and Ella Luke be baptized. God is moving in our church, young people are seeing the need and we give Him praise for that.

We had our homecoming and **Family Heritage** sung for us. What a blessing it was.

We are looking forward to our Old Fashion day, Oct. 29th with the **Southernaires** and dinner on the grounds.

In closing we wish you all a great fall and enjoy all of God's beauty. I have this Bible verse I have been reading over and over that really fits

everything that has been going on in our country it is Exodus 14:14 *"The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."* How wonderful to know... God is always on our side.... Be still and know I am God! Praise the Lord! You all pray for us and we will pray for you!

Richard Burns, Pastor
Vicki Johnson White, Reporter

COMMUNITY (CENTRAL OHIO)

The summer is coming to an end, we are gearing up for the fall activities. Our VBS was a big hit. It is always fun to watch the children do their program on the last night of VBS. It is enjoyable to see their crafts and fellowship over yummy snacks. Thank you to all the teachers and behind the scene folks. You did a great job.

Our first event for fall is a couple of work days. We will have a Friday night work, Sept. 30, and Saturday, October 1st.

The church will be ready for our homecoming Oct. 8th. This is a great service and time of fellowship. It is so nice to see all the visitors to celebrate with us on homecoming. We will be having a guest speaker and singers. Come enjoy this special service with us and a great meal afterwards. The next Sunday, October 15th will be our communion and feet washing service.

Our annual bonfire will be on Saturday, October 22nd from 5-7 pm. If it were to rain, our rain date will be Oct. 27th. This event is always a lot of fun and good food.

The youth group will be having a rummage sale Sept. 15-16th. Friday it starts at 10am and on the 16th at 9am. The sale will continue on September 22-23rd. The times will be same as the week before. The donations will go toward the youth group's mission trip. The youth group will be going to TN for the Adoration Conf. Sept. 30th. Please pray for their safety of travel and a blessing for all who attend. The young people are also starting practice for their Christmas program. The program this year is *Go and Tell*.

Bro. Jerry and some of the men will begin construction on a shelter building. Monies have already been donated for this project. We thank the Lord for all His blessings on our church. We pray to be a blessing to our community.

Jerry Newman Pastor
A. Friend Reporter

SPRINGFIELD (LITTLE MIAMI)

"And he said, The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence."

2 Samuel 22:2-3

Hello from Springfield. We thank God for being that rock that will always keep us in good times and bad. One of our dear sisters went home to be with the Lord. Maryetta Sebastian passed from this life on August 14th. Please pray for her husband Bro. Elmer and her family.

On Saturday, Sept. 16th @ 7 p.m. It will be our night for the Fellowship Revival. Our Sunday School picnic will be Saturday, Sept, 23rd @ 12 pm. We will be meeting at Beatty FWB Church. We thank them very much for letting us use their shelter for the day.

Please pray for our pastor, Bro **Charlie Crider** and his wife, Sister **Brenda**. They both have been having some health problems. Neither of them complain, they just keep on keeping on for **Jesus**. We love them dearly and appreciate all they do.

Until next time, may God bless you.

Charles Crider, Pastor
Kristen Lemaster, Reporter



Coming Events For Ohio Free Will Baptists

Central Ohio

September 10 Trinity FWB, **Homecoming** with special preaching and dinner, Louis Nettleton, Pastor
 September 10-13 Franklin Conference **Revival** w/Tyler Penn, Westerville FWB, Paul Etterling, Pastor
 October 28 Cornerstone Conference meeting at New Hope FWB, Wendell Combs, Pastor
 November 4 Central Ohio Conference meeting at Community FWB, Jerry Newman, Pastor
 November 4 Trinity Conference meeting at Eastside FWB, Jim Baldwin, Pastor

Northern Ohio

October 14 Cuyahoga-Lorain Conference meeting at Rittman Community FWB, John Castle, Pastor
 October 21 Northeastern Conference meeting at Elm Street FWB, William Smith, Pastor

Southern Ohio

September 18-22 Puritan, **Revival** w/Barry Spears NC & Jackie Grimmitt WV, Jamie Fortner, Pastor
 October 28 Jackson Conference meeting at Coalton, Tim Simpson, Pastor
 November 4 Lawrence Conference meeting at Blackfork FWB
 November 11 South-Central Conference meeting at Puritan FWB, Jamie Fortner, Pastor
 November 11 Pine Creek Conference meeting at Union FWB

Western Ohio

November 4 Little Miami Conference meeting at South Charleston FWB, Bert Alsept, Pastor

LIBERTY (CUYAHOGA-LORAIN)

Greetings from Liberty FWB Church! God has blessed us greatly over these past couple months. We are so thankful for what the Lord is doing; we are seeing souls saved, healing of the sick, and feeling His presence during our worship services.

We have some fun and exciting things happening this fall. September 5-10th we will have our annual fall revival. Bro. **Wayne Aubrey Runyon** will be the preacher. There will be special singing nightly.

On October 7th we will be having a youth rally. The theme is "No Turning Back" and Bro. **Aaron Boggs** will be our guest preacher. Registration begins at 12:30 pm (youth and youth leaders only). Lunch will be provided. Everyone (youth and adults) is welcome to attend the 6pm service. If you have any questions, please call (330)715-8403.

There is always something exciting and new happening here at Liberty just as our life with Christ should be. We should never cease to thank Him and praise Him for all that He does. May we not lose focus that it is not about us but it's all about Him! Please keep all of the upcoming events in your prayers.

Cecil Farmer, Pastor
 Chelsea Pomeroy, Reporter

ANTIOCH (CENTRAL OHIO)

"Taste and see that the Lord is good:" Psalm 34:8 How do you pick a scripture that is inspirational? They all are!!

The Lord has blessed us at Antioch as usual. On August 5th we baptized seven people and had one saved in the morning service.

August 13th was our 38th homecoming. Our attendance was 101. We had a great service with **Undivided** singing for us that Sunday. Our pastor delivered a great sermon.

We have had contractors working on expanding our fellowship hall since early May. We were able to host our homecoming dinner in the fellowship even though it was not completed. Once it is done it will serve our church in many different capacities. The dinner was outstanding as Antioch ladies are known for their great cooking. I believe I counted 16 crockpots, not counting all the desserts, salads and other dishes. "Kudos" to my family of sisters. Great job as always.

This fall our youth group will hold a spaghetti dinner as a fundraiser and an auction. The date

will be Sept. 24th. Looking forward to a great time of food and fellowship.

August 27th, the **Blankenship's** sung at the Friendly FWB church with Pastor **Alan Wright**. Pastor Jim preached a revival there from the 27-30th. We received a warm welcome and had great services. We thank them so much for the invitation to worship with them.

Prayer is needed for our country and the world. So many need Christ in their lives.

God bless all till next time,

Jim Blankenship, Pastor
 Linda Blankenship, Reporter

VICTORY (CAPITAL CITY)

As we report again for our church, the children are heading back to school and college, and they really need our prayers to face the many temptations and pressures of today. We had a great summer and enjoyed all the activities that were planned. VBS was a true adventure called, "*Ocean Commotion*." We learned about Noah's faith in God.

Our Mission Team is already planning another trip for the summer of 2018. Pray for them as they fulfill the great commission. Since our last report, we have had several people rededicate and others come to pray for a closer walk with the Lord.

We are looking forward to a Homecoming Revival starting on Oct. 12-15th, 7PM nightly. There will be a dinner following Sunday's AM service. Come join us! Everyone needs revived from time to time. "*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.*" Titus 3:5.

Until next report, we pray that everyone will have a wonderful fall season with the Lord.

Jim Thompson, Pastor
 Jean Holmes, Reporter

REDEEMER (CENTRAL OHIO)

There are so many we need to thank since the death of our pastor, Donald Hix. A special thanks to our deacon, Milton Daniel, and to **Mike Baldwin, Jim Blankenship, Kyle Chadwick, Edwin Hayes, Joe Johnson, Billy Parson, and Aaron Quinn** for bringing the messages on Sundays and to Steven Layton and Jim Storts for leading our Wednesday night Bible study.

Two new Christians were baptized recently,

Yeni Buckner and Rita Ray. A special thank to Pastor **Jim Blankenship** for baptizing these sisters.

We believe we will very soon be making a decision on a new pastor for Redeemer. There are three fantastic preachers who have expressed an interest in this position and each one of them has so many great qualities. We are blessed to have a choice but it's going to be a hard decision.

Please pray that the Lord's will be done at Redeemer when we elect our new pastor and for our continued growth during this transition. Also continue to pray for **Dottie Hix** and family.

Milton Daniel, Deacon
 Nena Dillon, Reporter

First Free Will Baptist Glasgow, Kentucky is Presently Seeking a Pastor

Present pastor, Bro. **Joel Franks** was commissioned at the NAFWB meeting as a missionary in Alabama.

The church is located in south-central Kentucky.

**If you are interested, you can
 contact Bro Ralph Creekmore at
 270-678-3955**

CLEVELAND (CUYAHOGA LORAIN)

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

Sept. 9th we had some food, fun and fellowship as we held our annual rummage sale, hot dog sale, and car wash.

Spring Valley Christian School, a vital part of our church ministry, began Sept. 6th. Please pray for Pastor Prichard, Sisters Tina Billett and Sarah Boggs and the students that are attending this school year. Pray for God's continued guidance and His hand upon His ministry.

Robert L. Prichard, Pastor
 Kimberly R. Young, Reporter

LOCKBOURNE (TRINITY)

Greetings from Lockbourne FWB. Summer

found us busy at Lockbourne with a wonderful week of VBS. The theme was *Gone Fishing* and it was exciting to see the kids learning and participating in each evenings' activities. Thanks to Jennifer Stevens and all of the teachers and helpers who made this year's Bible School so special. Everyone's participation made this a wonderful success and we enjoyed a great Open House with wonderful singing by the kids.

We celebrated Lockbourne's 49th homecoming in August with Rev. **Corey Carroll** preaching and **Covered by Love** providing special singing. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and a great meal following the morning worship service. It is always a joy to look back over the years and remember the many church members of Lockbourne from its beginning until now.

It is with great fondness that we remember our founder, Rev. **Bert Miller** who started the church in Lockbourne in 1968 and pastored the church until his death in 2001. Bro. Miller was also one of the founders of the Free Will Baptist movement in the Franklin County area in 1940 after he moved here from Blaine, Ky. We honor the memory of those who have gone on before us and who have paved the way for us to continue on this highway of holiness.

We are gearing up for lots of fall activities, including providing items for military care packages, a trip to Amish country in Sept. and participation in the Apple Butter Fest on Oct. 14th. Please pray for our church as we labor together in the Lord.

Leon Stevens, Pastor
 Janelle Sagraves, Reporter

ANTIOCH (PINE CREEK)

God's day to you all! Pray all is well. I love that song, "It Is Well, It Is Well, With My Soul"! Just a saying that assures me that I am ready to leave this ol' world.

Since the last time we got to visit, three souls have been saved and five have gone to the creek and been baptized! The ladies had a Mother's & Ladies Day banquet with around 60 attending.

In our Memorial Day Parades, we let our community know about our VBS. It was *Power Up with Jesus*. We had four "raisers" and a couple trucks and four wheelers!

Aug. 19th Sister Betty Chamberlin died. Preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Gene "Gino" Chamberlin. They were long-time members of Antioch Church. They were wonderful Christians, worked in the church, taught Sunday school and sang for the Lord. We will continue to lift the family up in prayer.

Our ladies prayer retreat in June at Sugar Creek was led by Sandy Lore and the family. We had 25 ladies attend. God blessed us to be able to have our first tent revival in June with Bro. **Garrett Fitch** preaching and singing.

Keep praying for miracles to happen in all our churches. We were blessed to attend the camp meeting with **Calvin Ray Evans** and **Brian Baer** preaching and some awesome singing!

Our homecoming was the first week end in Aug. The preacher was **Jim McComas** and special singing each service. **The Spencers** were with us on Aug. 13th. Praise the Lord for HIS goodness. We are ready to get our Christmas Shoe Boxes ready in Oct. We are blessed to send 100 to the little children over seas. We have all the fillin's and money to ship!

We will close our message with thoughts, love, hugs and prayers to each family that receives the *Ambassador*. May Jesus touch your homes and the lives of all who enter. May God's will be done for each of you.

Rick Henderson, Pastor
 Tammy Kappenberger, Reporter

OHIO TOGETHER WAY RECEIPTS

July-August 2017

	CO-OP	AMBASS	ST MISSN	ST ASSOC	OYC	SPEC MIN	NATL MINIST	TOTAL
AMBASSADOR	\$ 331.00	\$ -	\$ 331.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 662.00	\$ 1,324.00
ANTIOCH	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ 262.00
BEATTY	\$ 900.12	\$ 50.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,455.12
BETHESDA CHAPEL	\$ 150.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 430.00
BLACK OAK	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
BUCYRUS	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
CALVARY-RAVENNA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00
CANAAN	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133.34	\$ -	\$ 366.66	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 2,550.00
CANAAN LAND	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,900.00
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 630.00
CLEVELAND	\$ 169.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 799.00
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COLUMBUS FIRST	\$ 303.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34.70	\$ 338.45
COMMUNITY-SOMERSET	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00
COMPASSION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
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CUYAHOGA-LORAIN CON	\$ 300.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.97
DAILYVILLE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
EASTSIDE	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
FIRST CHILlicothe	\$ 870.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 870.47
GAHANNA	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,600.00
GARDEN CITY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
GOOD HOPE	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 115.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145.00
GRACE	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
HARRISON	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ 1,120.00
HERITAGE	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,421.00	\$ 6,746.00
HILLSBORO	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
HILLVIEW	\$ 635.87	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 640.87
JACKSON CONFERENCE	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00
LAWRENCE CONFERENCE	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
LEBANON	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 225.00
LIGHTHOUSE	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
LIMA	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00
MAIN STREET	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00
MANSFIELD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
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MCARTHUR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00
MOUNT CALVARY	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80.00
MOUNT STERLING	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
NEVILLE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
NEWARK	\$ 1,094.80	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,619.80
NEW BEGINNINGS-MANS	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 175.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 615.00
NEW HOPE-CHILlicothe	\$ 335.66	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 425.66
NEW HOPE-LUCASVILLE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
NEW ROAD	\$ 822.00	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 290.00	\$ 1,172.00
NORTH	\$ 2,366.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 527.00	\$ 2,893.74
OAK HILL	\$ 84.92	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109.92
OHIO WOMAN'S AUXILIARY	\$ -	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.66
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PINE CREEK	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.00
PINE CREEK CONFERENCE	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 275.00
PINE GROVE	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140.00
PORTER	\$ 900.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 652.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ 1,722.50
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TOTAL INCOME	\$ 24,405.20	\$ 2,344.00	\$ 5,238.73	\$ 27,867.93	\$ 260.00	\$ 5,701.73	\$ 21,322.60	\$ 87,140.19

SUMMIT COMMUNITY

Greetings from Summit Community FWB Church. We hope everyone is well and enjoying this beautiful summer weather that our Lord has blessed us with.

As for our church, it has been a trying time the last couple of months. Thank God things are getting better. We had one person take membership and have had a lot of good preaching and fellowship.

We are still looking for a pastor, one who will preach the word and is willing to help us grow our congregation in the Lord.

We are looking for preachers to fill in until we get a pastor. **Contact Harry L. Litton at 614/915-4474 to set up an appointment.**

We've had a lot of sickness and ask that you pray for the brothers and sisters in our church as we pray for you. Most of all, pray for souls to be saved. We are standing steadfast waiting upon the Lord, that He will move on our church and pour out His spirit in a way that will shine His light on Summit Station and the whole area.

May God bless each one of you. Praise God, He is so good to us all. We are all precious in His sight.

Irene Litton, Reporter

PURITAN (SOUTH CENTRAL)

Greetings from Puritan FWB Church! It is hard to believe the summer is almost over! We have been busy with summer activities.

Our church family helped Carrie Powell celebrate her 90th birthday in July and we had our Sunday School picnic on July 16th with **Family Ties** singing and a great time of fellowship.

The end of July brought the Vinton Co Fair and our church gave away free water all week and enjoyed gospel singing for the first time at the fair with our Pastor as the Coordinator of the sing.

In August, we had our quarterly conference at Faith FWB Church in Logan, and enjoyed wonderful fellowship. The same evening, we had the Virgil Goff Memorial with lots of food and fellowship at the shelter house.

Our youth have been busy with bake sales and summer activities before returning to school.

Continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. May our Lord continue to bless all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Jamie Fortner, Pastor
Rhonda Fortner, Reporter

CANAAN (CAPITAL CITY)

At Canaan the last few months we can say "Aren't you glad God is...."

Loving... He has been so kind and good in our lives to meet all our needs.

Our Maker... VBS brought lots of new folks and first time visitors to church to learn about the Creator.

Father of Rejoicing... We continue to enjoy a season of baptism.

Protector... We prayed for students, teachers, bus drivers, janitors and administrators as we kicked off the new school year, with a time of "Blessing of the Backpacks".

Giver of Hope... We've had opportunities to provide food to those who have a need and come alongside families in turmoil.

Faithful... 2017 Homecoming At Canaan can only be described as AWESOME!

Close to the Broken... We've ministered to folks who have lost loved ones and other experiencing grave medical conditions.

Sustainer... Pastor Mike's "Have We Trials and Temptations... Yes We Do!" series of messages have been exactly what we needed in such a time as this.

Aren't you glad God is... YES WE ARE!

Mike Gladson, Pastor
Lisa Justice, Reporter

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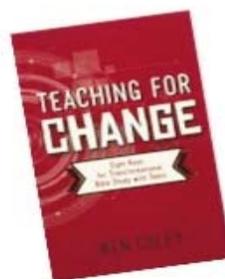


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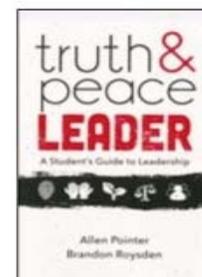
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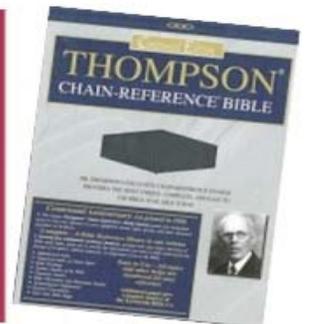
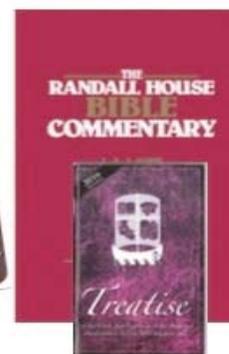
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