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# IN PERSPECTIVE

*with the promotional director*



Jeremiah writes in chapter eight and verse twenty, “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” How relevant that statement is even today, some 2,600 years later. Until

the church abides by the promise found in 2 Chronicles 7:14, we may never see a real revival again: “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

With that said, God has called us to minister to the people of our generation. We Free Will Baptists have our small state in which to preach the gospel and bring those that are truly saved to maturity (spiritual adults) in Christ. I pray that we will take our calling serious and be found good stewards in what God has called us to do.

Since our Association met at the Oceana Free Will Baptist this past June, we have seen Brother Josue Rivera and his family move into the Huntington area to begin a new Hispanic Free Will Baptist work. Please pray for them as they make this transition.

The Ministers/Deacons/Wives retreat held

at the Twin Falls State Resort was truly a blessing to all in attendance. The four classes offered by Sister Alice Smith, Rev. Thomas Hoffmaster, Rev. Earl White and myself will be available soon on a disc. All who were in attendance seemed to really enjoy each of the classes.

I would like to remind all of our churches that October has been designated as “Co-op Month” by our state association. The Co-op plan of giving is the best way that our churches can support all of the “ministries” of our state. All offerings will be greatly appreciated regardless of the amount.

I look forward to visiting your particular conference and the opportunity to report what is happening in our state association as well as some of the things we are planning in the future, if the Lord tarries His Coming.

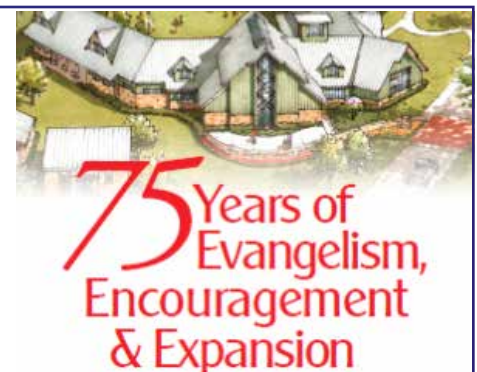
Please continue to pray for our safe travel and that God will bless all of our efforts to build up our state association whereby we may serve Him better.

Rev. Carl Lilly  
State Promotional Director



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# Message from the Moderator

**G**reetings to our churches of the beautiful State of West Virginia. I trust we're all busy in the work of our Lord while we await His coming. Jesus left us with these instructions in Luk\_19:13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. What a privilege it is to be "laborers together with Him" in the Kingdom of God's Dear Son. I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that October has been designated by our State Association as Co-op Month. Co-op is taken from the word cooperative, which Webster defines as: involving two or more people or groups working together to do something. The "something" that we are trying to do is to encourage God's people and take the gospel to the ends of the earth. None

of us can do this alone, but cooperatively (Co-op) and with the blessings of the Lord, we can. I don't think that I can say it any better than it's already been said; 2Co 8:13 For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: 2Co 8:14 But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality: 2Co 8:15 As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack. If each of our churches in the state would do something for Co-op in the month of October, I am sure with the good Lord's blessings, it will be enough.

**co-operative**

Rev. Earl White  
WV State Moderator

## Upcoming Conference Dates

**Beckley:** Oct 31 & Nov 1

**Greenbrier County:** Oct 11

**Mingo #1:** Sept 13

**Brotherhood:** Oct 11

**Greenbrier Nicholas:** Oct 25

**Trinity:** Oct 31 & Nov 1

**Christian Fellowship:** Oct 25

**Guyan Valley:** Nov 15

**Tug River:** Nov 8

**Eastern Panhandle:** Nov 8

**Huff Creek:** Nov 15

**Unity:** Oct 24 & 25

**Elk River:** Nov 15

**Kanawha:** Nov 14 & 15

**Upper Ohio Valley:** Oct 25

**Fayette:** Oct 25

**Liberty:** Oct 24 & 25

**Wayne:** Nov 8

**Freedom:** Oct 17

**Logan:** Nov 1

**Wyoming:** Oct 31 & Nov 1

## Report From Rev. Luther Morgan General Board Member to the National Association.

Texas gave us a very warm welcome and maintained that warmth during our stay. (Average temperature was over 100 deg.) We had a good convention; preaching, singing and fellowship. Six-Thousand or more in attendance. MASTERS MEN merged with Home Missions and is now governed by them. WNAC was accepted into the National Association as a board and will receive a percentage of the National budget. The budget

of all boards and reports were accepted. All officers were reelected for the coming year. Texas sent us home with a hot goodbye bidding us God's blessings. Thank you for allowing me to be your General Board member. It is an honor for me to represent West Virginia Freewill Baptist.

Rev. Luther R. Morgan  
General Board Member

# “STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS” - Messenger Devotional

with Assistant Moderator, Bro. Mike Smith



Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matthew 26:41 KJV

In our walk in this world we daily have a warfare taking place in us. We have the Holy Spirit that has quickened us, leads us in the way of righteousness, guiding us in the way of truth. We also have the flesh that is drawn away by the desire of carnal things of this world. One thing we all know is that there is the promise of life and blessings if we walk in the spirit, having fellowship with God through His Son Jesus Christ, but death if we walk according to the course of the world giving in to lustful desires.

In the book of Joshua, God had given commandment to Joshua concerning the victory of Jericho and Joshua had faithfully instructed the people what God had said. The children of Israel did as God had commanded - the wall fell flat and Jericho was taken. Something had happened, though, during this great victory; Achan the son of Carmi had taken of the accursed things of Jericho and hidden them in the earth in the midst of his tent. Israel was unable to stand against their enemy and the sweet victory of Jericho had turned to defeat at Ai. The things that Achan desired brought defeat during the battle and death to him and all his family. There is absolutely no room for hidden things in our life, they will bring

the same outcome for us as they did for Achan and that is death.

Paul said, “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” 1 Corinthians 10:13 KJV

Jesus said to watch and pray. While we are in this world, we will always have temptations to deal with. When they come we need to quickly rely on the power of the Holy Spirit- it will rescue us when our flesh is reaching out to things that will bring death to our soul. Jesus never said that the flesh was only weak sometimes, He said it was weak. Jesus said to watch. The victory of Jericho was near the end of the journey for the Children of Israel - the travel had been long and the end in sight. How sad for Achan, he traded what God had promised for something he never got to use. Temptations will try us all along the journey they will be there at the start and will trouble us in our flesh until the end. Jesus said “but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.” Mark 13:13

Rev. Mike Smith  
Assistant Moderator



# NAFWB 2014 Youth Competition

Submitted by: Sister Linda Hutchison



They say everything is bigger in Texas. While attending the National Association of FWB in Fort Worth this July, I found that to be true. The Convention Center, where the activities were held, was like a hike from one end to the other. Of the 997 young people that participated in 957 different areas of competition; 252 were bible entries, 436 music entries and 269 arts entries. WV was well represented by McCorkle and 5&6 Holden churches in 8 different areas of this competition. I personally worked with bible memorization where 147 individuals or groups recited 3 passages each. That is a total 441 passages recited. Can you imagine that 95 percent of the participants knew every passage without being prompted. The other 5 percent recited with a little help. I wonder how many of the readers of this article can recite the entire passage of Psalm 32 or the books of the Bible? I have been working in Bible Memorization for 30 years and it still blesses my heart year after year. I encourage you to get your youth involved in this program. It will give them a vast knowledge of Gods word and help prepare future church workers. If you are interested or need help getting started call one of the members of the WV State Christian Education Board.

Here are a few pictures of our WV folks in Fort Worth.



# Short - Term Mission Trip to Bulgaria

**Brother Jody Foster - Pastor Sunshine FWB**

“Dear Lord, please increase my faith.” This was the biggest part of my prayer life as an opportunity arose for me to go on a short-term mission trip to Bulgaria. Our church had the pleasure of meeting both the Awtreys and the Postlewaites while they were stateside. Prior to Jonathan and Amy Postlewaite leaving to fulfill God’s call on their lives to go to Bulgaria, Jonathan came and preached for us at our church. We fell in love with him and his family. When Tim and Lydia Postlewaite were stateside, we had the pleasure of Tim preaching for us and we just enjoyed that time of fellowship. Brother Tim Awtreys and I had Skyped several times prior to his stateside visit and meeting in person just further solidified that fellowship. Tim told me now that he came to see me I would need to come and see him someday.

My wife, Kim, and I had talked about “someday” going to Bulgaria. I am not sure how it is with you, but for me too often “someday” never comes. I always get busy with other things. With the Bulgarian mission fresh on my heart, God began to speak to me in various ways. I learned about an upcoming mission trip through the Hannah project to Bulgaria. The team would be doing English camps and teaching Basketball. I had been coaching Upward Basketball for several years in my son’s age group and I thought to myself that I could maybe help. I finally got the nerve to send an application in to see if I could be of help to the mission team. It seemed like no time until the response came, I was accepted. “Dear Lord, please increase my faith.”

There were a lot of things to get ready: funds to go on the trip, luggage, passports, etc. I had never been out of the country. There were also several things I had to wrestle with. I don’t like to fly! I am a little shy and, so, I feel awkward around people I don’t know. I don’t like to eat in front of people. At this point you might be saying, then why did you even apply to go. Trust me, I thought that several times myself. “Dear Lord, please increase my faith.”

Others knew of my trepidations about the trip. Not only am I not good at hiding things, I tend to be

overly honest about my feelings at times. I knew people were praying for me. I knew that God was leading me. I had a good friend, Julius, who was aware of my concerns – especially the flying. Before I was scheduled to leave, Julius wanted to share a devotion and have prayer with me. Julius shared with me Isaiah 43 which partly states “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned”. I wish you could have heard that devotion. After that time in God’s Word and prayer I told my friend that I knew God was going to use that devotion to help me during my trip. “Dear Lord, please increase my faith.”

It was time to leave and my wife had taken care to make sure I had everything I needed. I was getting ready to board the plane, which if I didn’t mention yet – I don’t like to fly!, but I honestly did not have an anxiety about it that day. I left Charleston, WV and landed in Atlanta, GA where I met up with the rest of the Hannah Project Team. There were eleven of us all together and they were so inviting and welcoming – it was like I had known them for a long time. My first meal came on the plane from Atlanta, GA to France, and how I cannot vouch for the quality of the meal, it was food and I was eating beside some stranger from Africa (our mission team did not have seats together on the plane). “Dear Lord, I am beginning to see you at work”

I will have to say that the entire mission trip was a great blessing. Once we got to Svishtov, Bulgaria (where our Bulgarian missionaries are located) we had a day to breathe and then the work began. There were questions about what kind of response there would be for the mission work we were going to do. Would there be any interest? We had the maximum amount of children that we could have for the English camps (sixty children). Most of the children, and a few more, came back in the evenings for our sports camps. Several parents, more than expected, came to marriage seminars that were being held in the evenings while sports camps were

ROCA DE SALVACION FWB.  
HUNTINGTON WEST VIRGINIA  
RIVERA FAMILY

being conducted. "Dear Lord, I am seeing you at work".

Every evening our mission team met to discuss the day's events. It is during one of our first evening debriefings that I learn about a song the mission team was going to sing. Every year the mission team learns a song and sings for the congregation at the FWB church in Svishtov, Bulgaria. The song that was chosen was one I had never heard before. It was called "Even if I Fall" by Mike Cowart. I was so focused on trying to learn the words and hear the tune that I didn't pay much attention to the song, until I went to bed that night. I listened to the song over and over, just trying to learn it...and then I actually heard it. The first verse says "I may pass through the waters, one thing I know, you are with me. And I may walk through the fire, one thing I know, you are with me. And though my way seems uncertain, in you I will put my trust." I am not a shouter, but that night in Svishtov, Bulgaria I could have shouted. God was using the devotion Scripture from my friend to show me His presence. "Dear Lord, thank you for increasing my faith."

I did not go on a mission trip because I am a super strong Christian. I went because I felt the Lord nudging me because my faith was weak. I realize that not everyone has the opportunity that I had. However, we are called to evangelize the world. What is God nudging you to do? I just want to testify that God is faithful. He can do so much more through us as believers, if we will allow Him to show us just exactly what He can AND will do. Is it possible to get so comfortable that we think we can predict what God will do? Scripture says that God is able to do abundantly more than we can think or even imagine (Ephesians 3:20). So, where do we begin? In prayer...."Dear Lord, please increase my faith."

Dear friend,

These past few months have brought big change to us, but we are excited and eager to start this new chapter in our lives here at Huntington West Virginia .

We will start our First service this month of September at Sunshine FWB . Every day we are going out to invite folks to church and to let them know that a Hispanic church is here. We are starting to passed out invitations. We are excited to see this new church plant. We are trusting in the Lord as we do our part for Him to bring the increase. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. Please continue to pray for the Hispanic work at Charles Town West Virginia and continue to pray for the New Pastor Alejandro Flores And His family as they take over the Hispanic work.

Please pray for:

- The growth of the Hispanic church
- Wisdom.
- The growth of new converts.
- Please pray for our first service

Thanks again for allowing us to be here. We love you

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# 20 Year Anniversary

## Cornestone Freewill Baptist Church



On August 4, 2013, Cornestone Freewill Baptist Church celebrated their 20 year anniversary. Associate Pastor RD Tolliver shared with the congregation how the church was started. A Sunday school class referred to as the Family Growth Class put seats in a circle, kids and toys in the middle and God at the center. Class members began inviting new people to Sunday School. Filled with a class of mostly twenty somethings, God began a work that has continued to grow for two decades. God led the small class to start a new ministry work and Cornerstone Freewill Baptist was born. Twenty-six people excited about being saved and offering the same good news to others began to meet on back porches, in fields and at homes. Pastor Roger Tolliver informed the modest group that this was a serious and full time commitment. He asked each member if they were willing to do whatever it took and promise to give their all and not run at the first sign of trouble. Thankfully all accepted his challenge and efforts were made to find a permanent home.

Pastor RD shared slides of the early years and continued growth of the church. There was a special cer-

emony recognizing each founding member as well as singing by some of those original members. After the service, we enjoyed dinner, bouncy houses, a balloon release, fellowship and other games.

Cornerstone was founded with an ambitious goal; "To be the most successful soul winning and spirit led church in the world." The numbers have never grown to mega church status, but there are thousands of people whose lives, families and eternities have been changed by the ministry that would claim Cornerstone was successful in its mission.

What a fantastic day to celebrate the courage of a few that led to the life change of many. As a church we are so thankful for that minute group of members that faithfully accepted the calling God had on their lives. What started 20 years ago with an excited (and I'm sure scared) Sunday School class has developed into a vital tool God has used to chisel the world's effects off of people and to make a difference for the cause of Jesus Christ.

Thank you Pastor Roger and Loraine Tolliver for your dedication and obedience to the Call.

### Huff Creek Conference

The Huff Creek Conference convened March 14 & 15 at the Hunt Tabernacle at Man WV. Friday night the Grimmites sung such a great job, Bro. Jackie Grimmitte preached a dynamic message from God's word and one precious soul came forward and was saved by grace through faith. Thank God he is still in the saving business! Saturday morning we were honored to have our promotional director, Bro Carl Lilly who chalanged us with a great sermon from the word of the Lord. I thank God for these two brothers. They have truly been a blessing to our churches in WV. Thank God for the Love and Fellowship of the brethern, "PROUD" to be a Freewill Baptist!, if you are not you should be! Please join us at arou next conference, every one is welcome. Rev. Joe Lane

*(The 20 year anniversary articals was sent in by Sister Jeanie Bowman in 2013, but since that was a transition point for The Messenger this artical was late making to print, and the same for the Huff Creek Conference artical, it was mailed in and late gettin to print.)*





## GREAT COMMISSION NEW 3

Greetings to all,

How nice it was to see many of you at the State Association meetings, so wonderfully hosted by the Oceana Free Will Baptist Church – warm hospitality, delicious meals, powerful preaching, sweet fellowship, heavenly music, peaceful business sessions, and encouraging reports from across the denomination. – can't get much better than that, huh? Come the next time and see what you've been missing!

Perhaps you, like me, weren't able to travel to Fort Worth, TX for the National Association meetings. However, I've gleaned lots of news from those who were privileged to go and that's what I'd like to share with you – reports and good news from home and abroad, plus some praise items and prayer requests.

**HOME MISSIONS:** This denominational department is celebrating 75 years of existence this year. Free Will Baptists contributed a total of \$4.4 million in 2013. Dr. David Crowe, the new general director, announced that the department has a new name.

Home Missions will now be called North American Ministries and “home missionaries” will now be called “church planters” because that is what they are sent out to do. The 2013 directory lists 50+ church planters working in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico and 8 chaplains ministering to the United States Armed Forces. Let us rejoice and praise the Lord for souls being saved and new churches being planted. Let us ask the Lord to call forth more laborers for the harvest. Let us pray that our people will pray and give so that the Gospel can go forth.

Please be faithful to pray for our missionaries and chaplains, asking the Lord to give them souls for their labor. Do not forget to pray and support our church planters working in WV (Josué Rivera and Kenneth Cooper) and West Virginians taking the

Gospel to Canada (Danny Elliott) and Buffalo, New York (Brian Williams).

**INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS:** Clint Morgan, general director, reports that Free Will Baptists have actively taken the Gospel to the unreached for 79 years. God is giving opportunities to minister in 19 countries. Praise the Lord! Even in times of financial difficulties, the work continues. Sadly, the department has been forced to make extreme cuts in spending, which included the lay off of missionary personnel for the first time in IM's history. And, missionaries stateside have had to stay home longer to raise their support. The department is working toward this being a temporary situation and has a goal of putting every missionary approved by the IM Board back on the field and keeping them there.

**A QUESTION**, please. My fellow WV FWB's, are you doing all that you can to support your denomination's efforts to take the Gospel to those who have never heard? **ANOTHER QUESTION**, please. Dearly beloved FWB pastors, are you boldly leading your flock to obey the Great Commission?

The Mission celebrated more than 900 baptisms in 2013, with 34,000 attending Sunday services in FWB Churches around the world. In 2014, pastors in Côte d'Ivoire have already baptized 105 people. Recent statistics indicate that the number of FWB Churches in Côte d'Ivoire has doubled in ten years, primarily under national leadership! **AND!** Believe it or not, the National Association of FWB's in India reported 10,000 in attendance this year. This is more than twice the number who registered in Fort Worth, TX! Praise the Lord! Brother Clint concluded his report with these words, “We see a great wind of God's Spirit moving, and FWBIM refuses to be an obstacle . . . I challenge Free Will Baptists to go until He comes, give until we drop, preach until all know, and work until He stops us.”

I close with one word, **AMEN!**

Going, giving, witnessing, working until He comes,  
Sister Alice

# The Colt

By: *Glenna Price*

*Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church*

*Reedy, WV*

How willing are you to work for the Lord? If He were to release you from your present state of affairs, could He then depend on you for work in His kingdom? If He untangled you from the web of circumstances you are presently in, would you bolt and run? Would you pause long enough to look back at your Deliverer?

Jesus sent His disciples to untie a colt in Luke 19: 28-40, "because the Lord hath need of him". No one had ever sat upon this young colt, but the King of Kings was about to ride into Jerusalem upon his back. This colt was born for a purpose! Jesus knew the very day it was born, and no one was to sit on his back. Why? Because that's the way God wanted it. No one had been placed in Joseph of Arimathea's hewed-out tomb! Hours of hard labor went into the carving of that sepulchre. Jesus knew when the last chip fell from the chisel to the ground. The tomb was then silent; prepared for Royalty to enter!

Donkeys were common beasts of burden; the very symbol of humility. Jesus would not ride into Jerusalem on a noble white steed, prancing with head held high, nostrils flared, and exhibiting a conquering demeanor. He rode a young donkey and He exhibited peace. Jesus knew where the colt was tied on the day He needed him. The disciples didn't have to chase him in the field and corral him for his capture. He stood tied and ready for the Master's service.

Strangers untied the colt and led him down the road away from all things familiar; away from the security of his mother.. Each step took him farther from home. He had every reason to balk, to bolt, and to try to escape; to kick and rear and bite in protest. But this colt was on a "mission of submission". Oh, that mankind would learn from this young donkey! He did not resist his CALL of duty even though he was led by strange men, into strange territory, in the midst of strange events happening all around him. There were no signs of rebellion nor resistance toward his assigned mission. He put one foot in front of the other even though he didn't know his destination.

The colt arrived at a noisy crowd of people. Garments

were thrown on his back and into the pathway ahead of him. Palm branches were being waved on his left and right. Miraculously, he stood quietly as the Master was placed on his back. No steps he had ever made were so carefully chosen and steady. He was fulfilling a mission of great honor. He remained calm, focused, and subjective to the Man on his back.

A Jerusalem donkey has the symbol of a cross on his back, due to darker hairs down his spine and across his shoulders. Perhaps it is to serve as a reminder of Who rode upon the back of one of their kind, and of the cross they both had to bear. Who took the colt back home? Jesus was most responsible and although the Bible doesn't record it, Jesus no doubt provided for the colt's return to its familiar earthly master. Jesus, however, would soon be in the hands of strangers; an angry, shouting mob of unruly people shaking their fists and spitting toward Him. He too, had to remain calm and focused upon His mission. He would NOT bolt and run. He would NOT resist and call for Divine help to rescue Him. Jesus, like the colt who carried Him, was submissive to the Master's will. Both were willing to be led.

In the midst of displacement, the chaos of strange sounds and events, and a weight on his back, the colt carefully accomplished his mission. Can we be as dependable and trustworthy when called into service for the Lord? Can we be led in the direction the Lord chooses, or would we resist and try to pull in the direction we wanted? Would we bow our head and gladly bear our load, or would we throw our head back and prance and think all the adoration was for us instead of the One we serve? We would think it silly for the colt to assume that all the fuss and glory was for him. Yet we think nothing of accepting praise and glory for our services, when all glory should be directed to our Heavenly Father. After all, He is the Provider of our next breath! our next heartbeat! He knows how many minutes of life we have left!

Obedience carried great importance to Jesus. He exhibited it, He taught it, He expected it, and He lived a life of total obedience to His Father. He still expects it from those who would follow Him. Let's strive to be available for the Master's service; submissive to His guiding hand; steady and focused on our journey; and quick to bow our heads to the One who deserves the adoration!

# Pierpoint Freewill Baptist Church

## First - Father/Son Banquet



Pierpoint Freewill Baptist Church had their first Father/Son Banquet on June the 11th. The guest speaker was Hank Shrewsbury who spoke on the topic: "Jesus had a sense of balancing time and his propriety." Hank quoted scriptures from the Bible which portrayed Jesus using this in reference of rising of Lazarus. Hank spoke on many topics in relation with being a Christian Father; 1. God first 2. Family second 3. Job last.

Another great point that was brought to the attention: "Pray first thing in the morning."

The last and main topic was: Always be in the will of our heavenly Father.

After the meeting the men had the pleasure of eating wonderful food that was prepared by the women of the church and gifts were handed out to several lucky men of the church.

PS! We were honored with a male choir also.

# NOLAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## SAINTS

### Dedication of NEW School Building



A labor of faith and love has come to fruition as the Nolan Freewill Baptist christened their new Christian school building on Sunday, August 3, as part of the church's annual homecoming services.

The school is entering its fifth year and classes had been held in the auxiliary building, which served as the church for many years, until the newer church house of worship was built.

The new building was built primarily by volunteers on the same site as the old Nolan Grade School.

"This school was designed as a traditional school with traditional values," said assistant pastor Earl White. "The Lord helped with this process – from digging and pouring the footers for a strong foundation – to having equipment donated during the entire process."

"When we needed something Gods people gave and paved away," White added.

He said even when the church had to pay for some of the labor that they got it at a reduced price. There was a building fund to start, but it was not enough. However, continued church offering help pay for the supplies and work.

The first day in the new school building will be August 18th, according to White.

Nolan Christian Academy can serve 100 students. They cur-

rently have about 40 enrolled.

The architect of the building, Bryson Vannorstrand of Buckhannon, West Virginia, also attended the dedication. He was very helpful during the entire process, White said.

Longtime Nolan Freewill Baptist preacher Ray Taylor had a prayer of dedication on the front steps of the building after Sunday's services were over. He was surrounded by many of the students, church members and volunteers who gathered on the porch and steps of the beautiful new building.

The school bell, which was originally housed in the old Nolan Grade School building, rang out after the official dedication. The bell was donated to the Christian school by Polly Jane (Chapman) Davis, whose family was affiliated with the original school for many years.

The new structure is a modern facility and has met all of the state codes for a school building. It is equipped with the internet and a library.

The church and its members are very proud of the new school building. They hope that it continues to educate children for many years.

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