

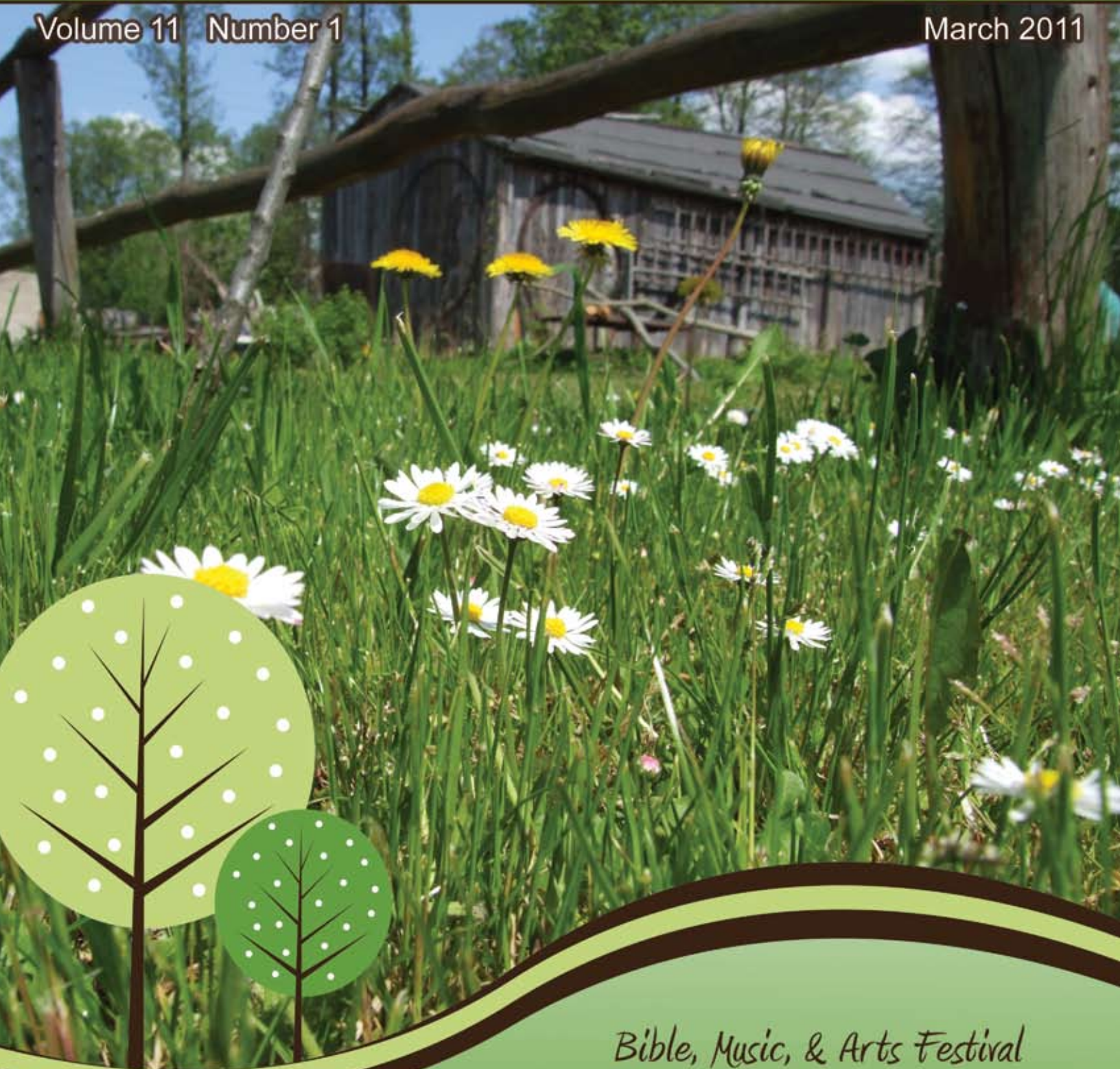
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Another Soldier Has Gone Home



Pastor Carl Joseph Cooper, age 78, of Milton, WV, beloved husband of Nelma Young Cooper, and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, was called to his heavenly home on February 9th following a time of brief illness.

After beginning his preaching ministry in December of 1964, Pastor Cooper served faithfully through evangelistic work, Pastor of several churches, active involvement in local, State, and the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Pastor Cooper served as a Home missionary to Wheeling, WV. He authored a book entitled *Two Covenants* and taught numerous Bible studies, many of them on the subject of *The Wilderness Tabernacle* using a scale model that he constructed.

In addition to his life in ministry, Pastor Cooper was a builder by trade and former owner of White Oak Lumber Company. Pastor Cooper was preceded in death by his parents, Pastor J.W. Cooper and Ada Leslie Nugen Cooper, and his brother Pastor Lloyd Cooper. He is survived by his faithful and loving wife of 59 years, Nelma Young Cooper, brother, Ezra Cooper, sister, Lorene Rooper, sons, Wesley Edward Cooper (Debbie), Pastor Daniel Joseph Cooper (Sandie), Paul Keith Cooper (Sandra), and daughter, Julie Cooper McCoy (Pastor Dale), seven wonderful grandchildren, and two very special great-grandchildren. Pastor Cooper was extremely proud that all his children and their families are faithfully serving the Christ he so loved and proclaimed.

Although parents are involved in sports, homework, and hygiene, many parents find it challenging to connect with their children when it comes to their faith in Christ.

D6 stands for Deuteronomy 6:5-7 which talks about dads and moms taking the opportunity to impress God's Word upon the hearts of their children. If you are not doing this already, find creative ways to interact with your children to transfer your faith in Christ to them. D6Family.com will show you how!

This website offers simple resources that can help you make an impact on your family, such as inspiring and entertaining D6 Stories, D6 Curriculum that connects church and home, Splinks – Simple

ways to link your family together (a free, weekly resource), D6 Devotional Magazines for the entire family, D6 Books, streaming video from today's leading family experts, and the upcoming event that will change the face of the American family, the D6 Conference.



West Virginia WAC

Women Active for Christ

2011 Spring Luncheon | Kilsyth Free Will Baptist Church
April 9, 2011, 10:00am

Speaker: Sandy Burdette

THEME: MISSION IMPOSSIBLE | MISSION PROJECT: KILSYTH FOOD PANTRY

2011 Convention | Cornerstone Free Will Baptist Church
May 21, 2011 | Registration begins at 9:30am

Theme: What If I Gave All

Mission Project: Bibles, Tablecloths, & Table Decorations
for Dana & Betty Booth - Missionaries to Rochester, NY

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Fayette Conference March for Missions Revival

DATE	CHURCH	SPEAKER
Monday, March 14, 2011	Salem Road FWB	Rev. Duane Peyatt
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Skelton FWB	Rev. Wayne Peters
Wednesday, March 16, 2011	<i>Churches attend their local congregations</i>	
Thursday, March 17, 2011	Summerlee FWB	Rev. Dale Preast
Friday, March 18, 2011	Bradley FWB	Rev. Doug Burdette
Saturday, March 19, 2011	Price Hill FWB	Rev. Eric Dangerfield

Upper Ohio Valley March for Missions Revival

DATE	CHURCH	SPEAKER
Monday, March 7, 2011	Good Hope FWB	Rev. Rick Bowling
Tuesday, March 8, 2011	Bonds Creek FWB	Rev. Rick Bowling
Wednesday, March 9, 2011	Hope FWB	Rev. Rick Bowling
Thursday, March 10, 2011	Beech Runs FWB	Rev. Rick Bowling
Friday, March 11, 2011	Mt. Hope FWB	Rev. Rick Bowling
Saturday, March 12, 2011	Maple Lane FWB	Rev. Rick Bowling
Monday, March 14, 2011	New Life FWB	Rev. Rickie Holstein
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Veto Lake Tabernacle	Rev. Doug Burdette
Wednesday, March 16, 2011	Emmanual	Rev. Burt Hall
Thursday, March 17, 2011	Evergreen Hills FWB	Rev. Josue Rivera



Rick Bowling has joined the Home Missions team as part of the cross-cultural ministry. Bro. Rick served as pastor of the Northside Free Will Baptist Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky and the Martin Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Booneville, Mississippi. Rick, his wife, Linda, and their family served successfully as foreign missionaries in Uruguay for seven years. Rick and Linda have a burden to work with the Hispanic ministry. They bring a wealth of knowledge and ability to apply "know-how" in working with the Hispanic people. Bro. Rick is serving as Director of Hispanic Ministries for the United States.

All services start at 7:00pm and there will be a freewill offering each night. The monies from the offerings will go to missions. Pastors are asked to have the devotionals. The minister(s) are scheduled for each church. There will be plaques given to the top three churches and youth groups that raise the most money for the month of March. *Food, Fun and Fellowship Night* will be Saturday, April 9, 6:00 pm at the Bonds Creek Youth Center. Meat and potatoes will be furnished - door prizes will be given. Everyone is asked to please bring a covered dish. Come and join the fun and fellowship!

Dear Family and Friends,



My belated Happy New Year wishes come to you from the cold and snow-covered Mountain State, Wild and Wonderful West Virginia! Though previously scheduled for January 16th, I arrived home on January 6th and have pretty much been in hibernation. Coming from the extreme heat of Africa into the extreme cold of eastern U.S.A. has been quite a shock to my body. Brrr! I just can't seem to get warm. Drinking hot tea is helping me to survive.

Needless to say, my mother (91 years old on January 14th) is very happy to have me home. In addition to being her caregiver during the week, I will be attempting to visit supporting churches and conferences on the week-ends. You can also expect me to "visit" with you through letters, e-mails, and telephone calls. I want to communicate to you my sincere appreciation for your faithful prayer and financial support since I began working for the Mission in 1975. The good Lord willing, I'll be busy right up until I officially retire from overseas service the end of July 2011. I know that I can count on you to rechannel your support to other Free Will Baptist missionaries after I retire. After all, you aren't supporting a personality. You are partnering with your denomination's Missions Department in taking the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. May the Lord's richest blessings be upon your continued obedience to the Great Commission.

I know that Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire) was in the news for awhile after the contested presidential election on November 28th. Though nothing is being reported at this time here in the States, the political standoff, accompanied by

violence and killing, still exists. I read several articles on the internet each day. The news is very troubling and I grieve for the Ivorian people. Please pray for God's intervention in that situation. Pray for the resolution of the serious problem of two men claiming to be president of the country. Pray for an end to the violence and killing, especially in Abidjan where a large number of our church members live.

My co-workers, Verlin and Debbie Anderson are also in need of your prayers. Verlin's father, Earl Anderson, recently went home to be with the Lord. Verlin was able to come to the States for the funeral on January 22nd and hopes to return to the field on the 27th. He and his family hope to be able to return to their ministry responsibilities at Bondoukou shortly after his arrival.

I've so much more to share with you but will stop for now. Please ask the Lord to help me as my heart is burdened for the plight of our Christian brothers and sisters in Ivory Coast. My greatest comfort is knowing that God is in control. Ask the Lord to help me to be able to adjust to life in the U.S.A., especially to the cold

Love and prayers,
Your missionary,
Alice F. Smith
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NEWS around the state

Fayette Conference - At its January 2011 meeting, the Fayette Conference brought in two men of God. Rev. Jim Mitchell from Beckley was accepted back into the conference. Rev. Mitchell spent some time pastoring Heritage Free Will Baptist Church in Kentucky. After feeling the call of the Lord to come back home, he is now faithfully working in the Southern WV area. Brother Adam Trzicak took the step toward ordination and was licensed. Brother Trzicak is a young man with a passion to see souls saved. Please pray for these 2 men as they work for the Lord.



Sharples, WV - Rev Wayne Runyon from Lenore, WV recently held a two week Revival at Monclo Free Will Baptist. Praise the Lord for the 31 souls saved! Pastor Gary Joe Lane wishes to thank the surrounding churches for their prayers and support. Pastor Lane says "we truly thank them and pray the Lord's rich blessing on each of them."



Williamson, WV - Nolan Free Will Baptist recently opened Nolan Christian Academy, a satellite school of the Eastern Panhandle Christian Academy. NCA is growing and the kids are learning. According to school faculty, "the advantage of having a small enrollment is that the staff is able to learn what works and what doesn't in a Christian school environment." The school recently had a fieldtrip to The Clay Center in Charleston which was a great learning experience for the students. The school also sponsors "Library Day" where the students are taken to Belfry Library.



Mount Hope, WV - Courtney Fink was chosen by her peers at Collins Middle School to be a leader in Fellowship of Christian Athletes for the 2011-2012 school term. In April, she will attend FCA Camp where she will learn how to be an effective leader. In 2005, Courtney was reached by the Vacation Bible School outreach of Kilsyth Free Will Baptist. Having been saved in 2007, she is learning to be a teen-leader in her church. This year, Courtney will be given the opportunity to participate in the preparation for Kilsyth's Vacation Bible School. Director of VBS, Maranda Williams, said "It's amazing how God brings things in life full-circle and Courtney is evident of this very thing."

Conference Dates

Beckley: April 29 & 30

Brotherhood: April 9

Christian Fellowship: April 23

Eastern Panhandle: May 14

Elk River: May 14

Fayette: April 23

Freedom: May 21

Greenbrier County: April 9

Greenbrier Nicholas: April 23

Guyan Valley: May 14

Huff Creek: May 14

Kanawha: May 13 & 14

Liberty: May 27 & 28

Logan: April 30

Mingo #1: May 7

Trinity: April 29 & 30

Tug River: May 14

Unity: April 23

Upper Ohio Valley: April 23

Wayne: May 7

Wyoming: April 29 & 30



WV Bible Music & Arts Festival


Saturday, April 30, 2011 • Parsley Bottom Free Will Baptist
Registration begins at 8:00 am • www.wvfwb.org for info

Pastor Mike Smith and the Parsley Bottom Church are proud to host the 2011 WV BMAF. A light breakfast will be served at 8:00 am. Competitions will start promptly at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided.

Please submit your registration form to Jim Hutchison by Friday, April 15. You may download your registration form by going to our website: www.wvfwb.org. Please mail your form to the following address:
Jim Hutchison, 527 Lower Terrace, Huntington, WV 25705

You may also visit our website for a link to Randall House to purchase your competition materials.

Parsley Bottom Church is located on Redemption Drive on Rt 65 in Lenore, WV

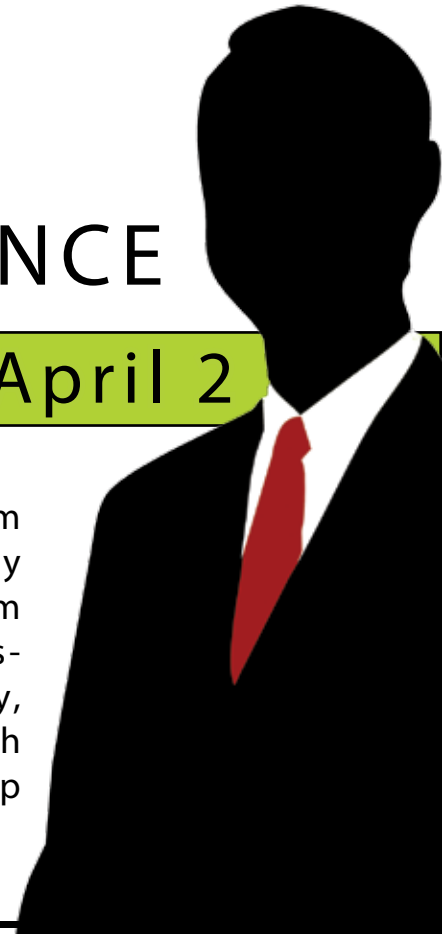


But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. -2 Peter 3:18

PASTOR'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

McCorkle Free Will Baptist | April 2

Deacons and other church leaders are invited. Rev William Smith is from West Virginia but has been in Georgia for many years. He serves as Georgia's Promotional Director. Rev. Tim Campbell is the Executive Secretary for the Arkansas State Association where he has been for the past 9 years. Previously, he worked at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville. Both William and Tim were presenters at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville in December 2010.



9:00 - 10:15	Hurting Churches	Rev. William Smith
10:30 - 12:00	Hurting Pastors	Rev. Tim Campbell
12:45 - 2:00	Pastoral Leadership	Rev. Steve Williams & Dr. James Cox
2:15 - 3:00	One Call & GROW Team	Rev. Russell Wright & Bub Anderson
3:00 - 3:30	ETA Courses	Rev. Earl White

Every minister/pastor is encouraged to attend this conference. It is common knowledge that many churches and pastors are hurting in various ways. You will certainly benefit and enjoy from the presentations of William Smith and Tim Campbell.

New tools for your ministry will be offered during this conference. "One Call" is a phone system used by many churches to make announcements to church members. GROW is an effective visitation program in reaching people for salvation and church attendance.

Registration Fee: \$50 - (includes materials & lunch)
Make checks payable to WV State Association of FWB

McCorkle Church is located on McCorkle Road just 1/4 mile off Corridor G about 12 miles south of South Ridge. Coming from Charleston, turn right.

Local Effort to Preserve Coal Town Church

BY SUZANNE HIGGINS • WV PUBLIC BROADCASTING



Queen Schoolfield now lives in Beckley, but her heart belongs to the Raleigh County coal town of Tams and its New Salem Baptist Church.

The inspiring gothic structure with bell tower and arched windows was built for the town's black community in 1924 by coal operator William P. Tams, who was known as Major Tams. Schoolfield says the church was the center of the black community.

"We'd have programs at the church, Easter programs, bible study, and we always had prayer meeting on Wednesdays," said Schoolfield. "We always had to sit on the front seat, keep quiet and watch our P's and Q's!"

Tams is one of 27 coal towns that thrived in the Winding Gulf Coalfield of Raleigh and Wyoming Counties. The area is named for the nearby Winding Gulf Creek, a tributary to the Guyandotte River.

Only pieces of these towns remain today. The New Salem Baptist Church is the only building still standing in Tams.

"I joined the church when I was 9 years old," recalled Schoolfield. "We had such a marvelous time, I thank the Lord for that time."

By the 1970's coal mining had ended in the Winding Gulf and families moved out of town. But a handful of members, including Schoolfield, never left their church.

For decades they've traveled the winding roads to the abandoned town for Sunday worship.

Reverend Donald Cook of Beckley has

been pastor at New Salem Baptist Church for 24 years. In spite of the rising cost of utilities and maintenance, Cook says they will try to continue services.

"I do it because of the commitment of the people to come and to work to see that the church remains open," said Cook. "So as long as God gives me a word for the people, I will be there."

Schoolfield is one of those hardworking church members. For years she organized fundraising dinners.

Now throughout the warmer months, she can be found outside the Beckley Dollar Store, serving up hot dogs, homemade barbeque, and fresh fried pies. The proceeds help pay for the church's heating bills.

The church has also found support from their coal town neighbor, the Stotesbury



Queen Schoolfield and Tom Cox

Community Church, which has helped with finances and maintenance projects.

"When we were children it was the children's job to take care of the church, to keep it clean,"

said Tom Cox, Deacon of Stotesbury Community Church and lifelong friend of Queen.

"So in growing up in that time we learned to take care of the church and honor the church and be part of the community and that's what growing up there means," said Cox.

The Raleigh County Landmarks Commission and the Raleigh County Historical Society are working to have the New Salem Baptist Church listed on the National Register of

Historic Places. The designation would make it eligible to receive restoration grants and tax credits.

"We're trying to preserve and protect these structures and the stories that go with them for these folks who are really trying to stay connected with their history and to share that with the next generations," said Scott Worley, member of both organizations.

Recently an out-of-town ATV rider, while enjoying the Burning Rock trail that takes riders right by the church, was so struck by its beauty he contacted Rev. Cook and donated \$500 to paint the exterior.

Sherry Hunter of Beckley was so moved when she heard about the paint donation she joined forces with Sprague Free Will Baptist Church and the non-profit Upper Guayandotte Watershed Association, to help raise funds for a new roof for the church.

"We've heard of paying it forward," said Hunter. "We hope to enlist the help of the community and have individuals make a contribution to buy a shingle or do something to help fund the new roof."

Hunter also submitted a grant application to the Beckley Area Foundation for funding to replace the church's roof. Word is expected any day.

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries has a deep heritage, our family tree has roots grounded in God's word, with a clear vision of its mission – to serve young people and families and point them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Since its humble beginning as an orphanage in 1939, we have undergone many changes, branching out over the past 70+ years; now a diverse ministry offering various programs within our umbrella of services. Over the past 12 years, Family Ministries has witnessed over 100 children per year come to know the Lord as their personal Savior. In 2010, 126 youth made decisions to follow Christ, 10 young people rededicated their lives to serve Him, and 116 babies were born to clients served through The Hope Center. Each time you pray, give financially, you not only invest in a child's future, you make an investment in eternity. This ministry could be the last opportunity to impact their lives for Christ. Through your faithfulness, specifically through your sacrificial giving to provide Christmas for our young people, you extend a strong limb that allows us to serve hurting boys and girls during a difficult time in their lives.

With over seven decades of ministry, our commitment is to continue – with your help – until Christ returns. Ways you can assist throughout the year:

Participate in our 20/20 Vision giving plan. We need partners willing to give \$20.00 per month...less than 70 cents a day...in efforts to offset our annual operating budget.

Consider a Mother's Day gift. We encourage our churches to receive A special offering during the month of May in honor of what mom represents in our lives.

Invest in eternity through your Estate Giving, Endowments or Annuities.

For more information, contact us at 423.639.9449



Bert Tippet, FWBBC Leader, Dies at age 70



NASHVILLE, TN — Reverend Bert Tippet, long-time publications editor and director of church relations at Free Will Baptist Bible College, died Wednesday, January 5, after a nearly three-year struggle with prostate cancer. He was 70. He and his wife Dianne joined the FWBBC staff

in 1965 and served in numerous roles until his retirement in August 2009.

Best known for his skills as a journalist, editor, and photographer, Reverend Tippet enjoyed an extraordinary pulpit ministry, first as a pastor in New Hampshire (1963-1965) and then as an interim pastor in Middle Tennessee, and 10 years as campus pastor at FWBBC. He delivered the opening address at the 2010 Free Will Baptist national convention in Oklahoma City.

Former FWBBC president Dr. Charles Thigpen said, "When Bert was campus pastor, I don't know how many times I heard students say, 'I just can't wait until Wednesday night to hear Mr. Tippet.' One thing stands out to me, when students had hospital stays and doctors were reluctant for them to return to dormitories, the Tippetts opened their home to them. I know of no other family who performed such a ministry."

Tippet answered the call to preach in 1961 as a 20-year-old English major at FWBBC. He was ordained to the ministry in 1964. Following a brief New England pastorate, he returned to his alma mater where he invested almost five decades in the students and educational mission of the college.

Between 1965 and 2005, he published 230 issues of Free Will Baptist Bible College Bulletin, the college's official publication. He served 15 years (1970-1985) as advisor of the college yearbook, the Lumen, and launched

Alumni News in 1975. He was one of the architects of ONE Magazine, official publication of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

"Bert was an All-Pro news hound," said Jack Williams, FWBBC's director of communications. "He got the facts straight and squeezed them into a bang-bang format. He became the voice of reason that FWBBC students heard every Wednesday night, the eye behind the camera that captured history, and the face of journalism that was trusted by editors across the denomination."

Mr. Tippet's expertise as a photographer eventually resulted in Secret Service clearance to "shoot" the President of the United States. He had a stage pass to photograph performers at the Grand Ole Opry. He served 20 years as official photographer for the Free Will Baptist national convention.

President Matt Pinson said, "We thank God for Brother Tippet and his faithful ministry at FWBBC. He was a true friend, an example of Christian maturity, and a trusted colleague in the Lord's work. I know of no person more loved and respected than Bert Tippet. He demanded the best from himself and encouraged the best from others."

During his senior year at FWBBC, Bert served as Student Body president, sang bass in the college quartet, performed with the College Choir, and was named Most Outstanding Student. He graduated in 1962 with a B.A. degree.

The college honored Bert and Dianne Tippet on June 4, 2009, when more than 250 people gathered on campus for an event called The Celebration!

At that time, Dr. Robert Picirilli, retired academic dean, said: "Bert and Dianne began to rise above the crowd even when they were students. Both of them offered up, on the altar of this ministry we call Free Will Baptist Bible College, the sweet-savor sacrifice of excellence. They exemplified how to love God and submit to His bidding."

FWBBC Trustees Propose 'Welch College'

During a called session September 23-24, 2010, the Board of Trustees at Free Will Baptist Bible College voted unanimously to broaden its earlier directive for a name-change feasibility study by selecting "Welch College" as the contingent new name for the college, according to President Matt Pinson. The proposal came as the 68-year-old flagship denominational institution prepares to launch a study to determine if it is feasible to change the college's name. The study could result in a formal name-change recommendation to the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Dr. Pinson said, "The college will be conducting a careful study over the next several months to determine the feasibility of changing its name to Welch College. If the study indicates a climate conducive for a name change, results will be presented to delegates at the 2011 national convention, along with the recommended name change and a motion to lay the proposal on the table for one year."

A legal issue prompting the Board of Trustees to identify a specific name is the matter of trademark law, which keeps corporations from using names that other corporations with a similar corporate purpose or market

are already using. The application process with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to register Welch College as a trademark is a procedure that could take several months, and Trustees felt that it was best to initiate the search process now.

The name "Welch College" arises from the life and ministry of Reverend John L Welch and his wife Mary. Welch was the first moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and a 12-year-member of the Board of Trustees. He pastored 53 years at Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville. John Welch championed education among Free Will Baptists and embodied the ideals of Christian ministry, combining serious biblical preaching and a concern for doctrine with vibrant spirituality, an evangelistic heart, and a practical approach to ministry and the Christian life.

Mrs. Mary Welch served faithfully as a secretary at the college, spent nearly 60 years as a pastor's wife, and was a leader in the denomination's women's movement. For almost five decades, there has been a building on campus named in honor of John and Mary Welch, the historic Welch Library.

College Choir Sets Spring Schedule



NASHVILLE, TN—The 22-voice Free Will Baptist Bible College Choir will give seven performances March 10-15 in a six-day tour through Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee. Dr. James Stevens, choir director and chairman of the FWBBC Music Department, invites area churches to join with host congregations for the vocal presentations as the College Choir travels south for its annual spring tour.

Spring Tour Schedule

Thursday	March 10	6:30 p.m.	Tupelo FWB Church—Tupelo, MS
Friday	March 11	7:00 p.m.	First FWB Church—Northport, AL
Saturday	March 12	7:00 p.m.	Piney Grove FWB Church—Chipley, FL
Sunday	March 13	10:30 a.m.	First FWB Church—Dothan, AL
Sunday	March 13	6:00 p.m.	Colquitt FWB Church—Colquitt, GA
Monday	March 14	7:00 p.m.	White Oaks FWB Church—Macon, GA
Tuesday	March 15	7:00 p.m.	Cookeville FWB Church—Cookeville, TN

2011 Convention Internship Program



Applications are now being accepted for the 2011 Convention Internship Program. The Convention Management Internship is held in conjunction with the Free Will Baptist National Convention, July 17-20, 2011, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The internship is open to any college student in the Free Will Baptist denomination. Interns are given an up close, personal look behind the scenes of the national convention as they participate in various duties throughout the week. Areas of responsibility include registration, press relations, production, stage management, and others. College credit is available for the internship. Interested applicants should email Ryan Lewis, convention manager, at ryan@nafwb.org. Applications must be submitted by April 15, 2011.

Forlines Resigns as General Director of FWBIM

ANTIOCH, TN– James Forlines tendered his resignation as general director of Free Will Baptist International Missions on February 10, 2011, in agreement with the board, according to Chairman Danny Williams. “After carefully considering the challenging circumstances we are facing, the board believes a change in leadership is necessary,” asserted Williams.

Forlines has a long and fruitful relationship with International Missions, as a leading supporting pastor, board member, and as general director since 1999. During his tenure, the Mission experienced rapid growth, structural reorganization, and financial development. Under Forlines’ oversight the Mission has seen extraordinary overseas growth in conversions, baptisms, and churches planted. An emphasis on partnering with national leadership around the world has been a hallmark of Forlines’ tenure.

Forlines has led the Mission to refocus its efforts from single-church plants to facilitating church planting movements. The Hanna Project, a non-governmental organization which conducts humanitarian projects bringing help, hope, and healing to at risk areas, was founded in 2004, and has proven extremely successful. A set of eight core values was adopted which guided the Mission’s development during Forlines’ tenure.

Williams expressed the board’s gratitude to Forlines and respect for his passion, integrity, and tireless efforts. “He accomplished some things no one else could have done,” stated Paul Creech (GA). “As long as Christian missions exists on earth,” Robert Morgan (TN) declared, “his contributions will be remembered.” Randy Wilson (OK) affirmed, “We have nothing but the highest admiration and respect for James’ passion and vision for world missions.” His wife, Anita, has made countless sacrifices in support of James and the Mission, and the board extends special honor to her.

Forlines said of his time at International Missions, “I am grateful the Lord chose to use me for these years. I will greatly miss my colleagues and friends both in North America and around the world. To Him be the glory for the things that have been accomplished.”

Chairman Williams confirms that veteran missionary and current Hanna Project Director Clint Morgan has agreed to serve as interim general director. The board is confident that Morgan will provide effective leadership during the transitional period. Forlines will assist with the transition. The executive leadership of the Mission will now be comprised of Morgan as interim general director, Jeff Turnbough as deputy director of field operations, and Rob Conley as director of financial operations.

Board members attending this special session were Danny Williams (AL, chairman), Randy Wilson (OK, vice-chairman), Tom McCullough (MI, secretary), Paul Creech (GA), Nelson Henderson (AR), Jeff Manning (NC), Greg McAllister (CA), and Dr. Robert Morgan (TN). Tom McCullough was unable to attend in person, but participated in the full session via SKYPE (Internet video conference call).

National Office Building Damaged by Storm

ANTIOCH, TN — The Free Will Baptist National Office Building sustained minor damage during a storm Thursday, February 24. Although weather officials have yet to verify the presence of a tornado, a severe storm with high winds and intense lightning passed through the South Nashville suburbs at 10:30 p.m., leaving behind a widespread trail of debris.

At the National Offices Building, the high winds blew in heavy loading-dock doors, damaging the building's wiring and triggering the security alarm. In addition, the ceiling collapsed in both the men and women's restrooms on the first floor, and a security light was ripped from the exterior of the building.

"I'm just thankful," said building manager Steve Pate. "When you look around at all the other damage in the area, things could have been a lot worse. This morning, I found a small yard sign like the ones realtors use sticking straight out of the side of our building, almost like it had been placed there. Strange things happen in a storm like this!" The line of heavy storms damaged homes and businesses throughout Antioch and severely damaged two nearby churches.



Free Will Baptist National Office Building - Antioch, TN

SIMPLE PEACE

BY JEFF BENNETT

Simple but peaceful. How often do we get bogged down with life...just plain old life. Dividing our precious time between work, home, and whatever else comes our way. Taking the kids to the ballgame, making sure dinner is ready, paying the bills on time...you get the idea. So many times we burn the candle at both ends and neglect to give ourselves the "simple peace" that recharges our mental capacity.

In 1 Kings chapter 19, Elijah is fleeing for his life and running from Jezebel. Jezebel is married to the Israelite King Ahab. She helps convert Ahab from worshipping God (the one true God) to worshipping Baal (a weather god). In this scene, Elijah exposes Baal as powerless which infuriates Jezebel. She is trying to track him down to kill him. Elijah is feeling alone and scared. Probably no different than many of us when we encounter uncertain circumstances. During this escapade, Elijah flees to a cave and God confronts him. The rocks begin to tremble, the earth begins to quake, and fire begins to rage, but God is not in the midst of these destructive forces. It isn't until Elijah hears God's "still small voice" that he is settled and calmed. God reassures Elijah that he is not alone. Similarly, we need to listen to God's still small voice and realize that we are not alone. Although Elijah's circumstance may be different than ours, we can still apply this principle to our life.

In the midst of a chaotic life, slow down and enjoy life's simple peace.

CAMP JACOB

SUMMER IS COMING SOON! MAKE PLANS FOR BIBLE CAMP!

2011 Camp Week	Cost	Ages
Outdoor Adventure Camp June 15 - 18	TBD Limit 25 campers	16-21
VBS Day Camp July 5 - 9	\$60 (After June 18 - \$7)	2-11
Teen Challenge Camp July 11 - 16	\$125 (After July 1 - \$14)	12-17
Junior Adventure Camp July 25 - 30	\$125 (After July 1-\$14)	8-11

All overnight campers will have the opportunity to enjoy the following activities:

- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Volleybal
- Soccer
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Canoeing or Paddle Boating
- Game Room (ping-pong, foosball, etc.)
- Batting Cage
- Zip Line
- Evening Chapel & many Bible activities

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