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Tim Campbell honored for dedicated service on the Executive Committee.



Did anyone check out that middle seminar?



"Okay, where's the business meeting?"



"You can do it, Brother Johnny!"



Brian Kesterson: "Am I really ready for this?"



Better move aside, Jana Ray and the kid are coming through!



Wow! Are these some of the same kids who spent three weeks at Camp Beaverfork?!



The most interesting pastor in Arkansas-- Ben Gibson: "I don't always wear a tie, but when I do ..."



Just a sampling of Arkansas' young talent.



More Arkansans headed to the exhibits!



ARKANSAS WAC RETREAT

September 16-17, 2016

Camp Beaverfork, Conway

“Keep Calm and Carry On”

Psalm 46:10

Friday Evening

Registration & Meal: 5:45-7:00 pm

Welcome

Fun Time

Worship in Song

“Keep Calm and Pray On”--Speaker: Kim Landers

Offering

Break

Worship in Song

“Keep Calm and Worship On”--Speaker: Debe Taylor

YWAC Jewelry Party after Service:

Young Ladies 18 & Under

Saturday Morning 9:00 am

Missionary Update

Worship in Song

“Keep Calm and Focus On”--Speaker: Kim Landers

(YWAC session in kitchen--Speaker: Jill Collins)

Break

Worship in Song

“Keep Calm and Carry On”--Speaker: Debe Taylor

Closing

Cost: \$15.00; children 15 and under are free.

Ministers' Retreat

The 2016 Ministers' Retreat has a new date on the calendar, but remains at a familiar place. This year's retreat is scheduled for **September 19-21, 2016** at Lake DeGray Lodge in Arkadelphia. The retreat cost is \$95.00 per person (no meals included).

This year's featured speaker is Rev. Roy Harris.

The pastorate has great satisfaction, but it also has its share of stress. Pastor, the minister's retreat is your opportunity to “get away,” to fellowship with your contemporaries, to be nourished spiritually, and to be refreshed.



Church members: encourage your pastor to attend. Pay his way. Show your pastor you care as much for him as he does for you.

Mark your calendars, and plan on attending this year's retreat.

Note: scholarships are available to anyone who absolutely cannot afford to come on their own. All scholarship inquiries will be kept confidential. Simply call David Taylor at the state office.

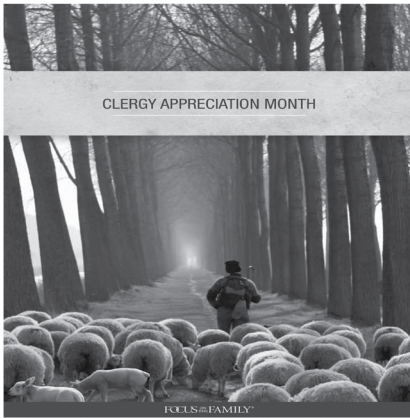
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Hands Held High
A Ministry of Encouragement

- Church Planting
- Church Revitalization
- Cross Cultural
- Chaplaincy
- C.E.L.F.
- Master's Men

“And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed...But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side.” Ex. 17:11-12 KJV

Mission North America Offering 11.20.2016



October--Pastor Appreciation Month

Since 1992 the month of October has been designated as National Clergy or Pastor Appreciation Month. It was established by the Hallmark Corporation as a means of uplifting and encouraging pastors,

missionaries, and religious workers. Focus on the Family offers some very practical ways of expressing appreciation for pastors (see media.focusonthefamily.com/pastoral/pdf/CAM_guide).

Make plans to honor and show appreciation for your pastor and his family during October.

IMPORTANT **NOTICE!** **DEADLINE:**

The deadline for this year's
Ministers' Retreat is
September 7th.

Be sure and call the State
Office and register before the 7th:
800.468.4435

This year the registration fee is
\$95.00, and it may be paid when
you arrive at the retreat.



RANDALL UNIVERSITY

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A new era begins at Hillsdale College in Moore, Oklahoma with a name change: Randall University. But this new era remains firmly connected to the school's long standing Free Will Baptists beliefs and core values. Randall offers a full complement of Undergraduate and Graduate degrees **Online**. Undergraduate degrees offered include: Associate in Arts, Business Leadership, Christian Ministry, and Multidisciplinary Studies. Randall Graduate School offers two degrees: Master of Arts in Ministry and Master of Public Administration. Classes start every five weeks.

Why choose Randall University? Randall University is a Christian institution of higher education committed to the intellectual, spiritual, social, moral, and physical development of its students. It seeks to prepare students to serve the Lord Jesus Christ, both in the church and in society at large.

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Begin your application today by going online at www.randalluniversity.org/apply.

First Church, Star City in Puerto Rico

By Sandy Forman

A team of ten from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Star City, consisting of Pastor Tim Forman, his wife Sandy, Charlie and Marian Baggett, Jammye Owen, Caitlin Moncrief, Maelyn Donaldson, Grayce Powell, Carly Shepherd and Heather Michalski traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 7-12, 2016. The Free Will Baptist Church in San Juan is called Conquerors of the Kingdom, pastored by Bro. Jose Correa, wife SuHey, and two children, Diana and Jeremy. They are Hispanic Free Will Baptist Missionaries.



Upon arrival, the Star City contingent attended the graduation service of the Gwen Hendrix Bible Institute Satellite Program with around 15 graduating to be pastors and workers. The Gwen Hendrix Bible Institute is stationed in Bartlesville, Oklahoma and trains Hispanic people from all over the world. On Friday, July 8, the Teens along with their female sponsors conducted Vacation Bible School with songs, crafts, and games at the 2nd Conquerors of the Kingdom Church in Caguas, Puerto Rico. Pastor Tim Forman brought a devotion that evening for the closing of VBS which concluded a week long Bible Camp. While the group did VBS during the day, Bro. Tim and Charlie also



rewired the church sanctuary and put up several ceiling fans to help with the cooling. On Sunday, the teens and ladies taught Sunday School, and Children's Church. Charlie Baggett, taught adult Sunday School. The teen girls led in worship music for the Sunday Service and Bro. Tim also preached on Sunday morning. Sunday evening, the Arkansas group distributed New Testament Bibles (donated by Lincoln County Gideons), pamphlets, and salvation book marks on the streets of Old San Juan. The church in Puerto Rico played Gospel music and sang (on the sidewalks) while the Star City folks witnessed and placed Bibles, pamphlets, and book marks in the hands of over 300 people.

This was a wonderful experience for Star City Church, and the lives of those on the mission team were forever changed. The trip was the culmination of a dream to take teens on a mission trip to see first hand how missionaries live and work. We pray that this will open our eyes to send more young people to spread God's word. It is so wonderful to be apart of another culture and see that God's Word is simple enough that any language or tongue can understand. The love of God goes far beyond what we can even comprehend.

*Join us as we celebrate the
150th Anniversary
of our Church!*

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
Morning Service: 10:00 AM
Lunch & Fellowship: 12:00 PM
Reconvene: 1:00 PM

*Bring pictures of past church events and
good memories to share!*

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Union Grove Welcomes New Staff

Pastor Scott Warren and the Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church welcomed Clayton and Adriana Brixey to their church staff. Clayton serves as Student Pastor. Clayton grew up in Casa, AR and his wife, Adriana, grew up in Oklahoma City, OK. The two met at Randall University (formerly Hillsdale FWB College). Clayton studied Pastoral Ministry, and Adriana studied Business. The couple married April 30th of this year.

Growing up, the Brixeyes were active in their respective churches, in children and teen programs. They plan to use their gifts, abilities, and shared experiences to teach and disciple the youth at the Union Grove Church, and impact Atkins and the surrounding communities for Christ.

We welcome Clayton and Adriana to Arkansas.



Arkansas Association's Yearly Revival

The nine churches of the Arkansas Association held their yearly revival at the Freedom FWB Church in Waldron, July 28-30. Executive Director David Taylor preached the four-service revival. Coinciding with the Association's regular July district meeting, Moderator David Williams led the association through business.



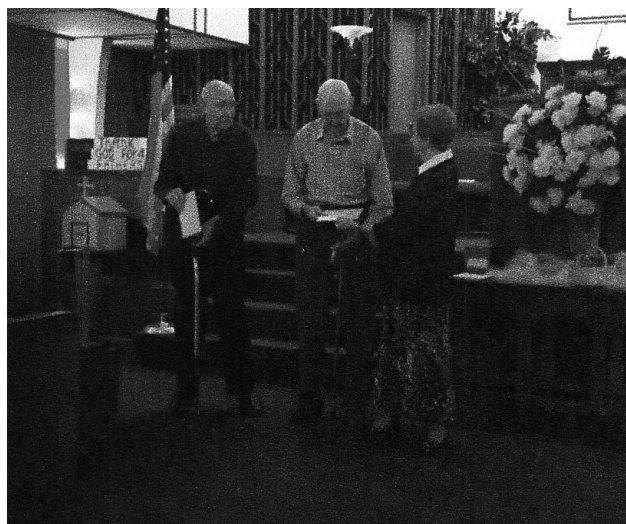
L-R: JL Bond, Mike Galinato, David Williams, David Taylor

Reverend Barry Simpson, representing the FWB Foundation shared the opportunities available to all Free Will Baptists in establishing a living trust through the Foundation.

As you would expect, the men and women of the Freedom Church provided a great lunch on Saturday.

First Crossett Honor Men

The First FWB Church of Crossett honored their two oldest fathers on Father's Day. Brother Frank Edmonson who is 91 (dark shirt), and Brother Ed White who is 90 (light shirt), received gift cards from the church.



Both men have served their church and country faithfully (World War II veterans). And both men are battling cancer: Brother Frank has colon cancer and Brother Ed is dealing with bone cancer. Please keep them in your prayers.

Arkansas Youth Placed at Kansas City National

Heidi Jackson, Mt. View FWB Church, Charleston
Second, Individual Bible Memorization, Gr. 3

God's Girls, Cavanaugh FWB Church, Ft. Smith
Third, Group Bible Memorization, Gr. 3

Lane Vinson, Mt. Bethel FWB Church, Rose Bud
First, Individual Bible Memorization, Gr. 7

Old Reyno, Old Reyno FWB Church, Reyno
Third, Group Bible Memorization, Gr. 7

First Star City, First FWB Church, Star City
Second, Group Bible Memorization, Gr. 8

Katelyn Lee, Van Buren FWB Church, Van Buren
Second, Vocal Solo, Group A-B

God's Girls, Cavanaugh FWB Church, Ft. Smith
Third, Duets, Group A

Praisin' Daises Duet, Daisy FWB Church, Kirby
First, Duets, Group B

Elisha & Kara, Cavanaugh FWB Church, Ft. Smith
First, Duets, Group D

Praisin' Daises Trio, Daisy FWB Church, Kirby
First, Trios, Group B

Centerpoint, Centerpoint FWB Church, Vilonia
Third, Quartet, Group A

Old Reyno, Old Reyno FWB Church, Reyno
Third, Choir (13+), Group D

Noah Dieter, Cavanaugh FWB Church, Ft. Smith
Third, Brass Solo, Group C

Charlie Collins, Daisy FWB Church, Kirby Second,
Bowed String Solo, Group A

Mallory Donaldson, First FWB Church, Star City
Second, Plucked String Solo, Group C

Noah Ward, Cavanaugh FWB Church, Ft. Smith
Second, Plucked String Solo, Group D

5 on 4 Ukulele Band, Cavanaugh FWB Ch., Ft. Smith
Second, IE (5+), Group D

UG Praise Band, Union Grove FWB Church, Atkins
First, Praise Band, Group D

Taylor Kelley, Daisy FWB Church, Kirby
First, Keyboard Solo, Group B

Trinity Lewis, First FWB Church, Greenwood
First, Individual Sign Language, Group B

Greenwood Singers, First FWB Church, Greenwood
First, Group Sing Language, Group C

Greenwood Singers, First FWB Church, Greenwood
Second, Group Sing Language, Group D

Corwin Morris, First FWB Church, Mountain Home
First, Illustrated Story Telling, Group B

Chloe Ray, Bethlehem FWB Church, Van Buren
First, Illustrated Story Telling, Group C

Van Buren Drama Team, Van Buren FWB Ch, Van Buren
Second, Human Video, Group D

Elijah Palmer, Cavanaugh FWB Church, Ft. Smith
Second, Individual Drama, Group B

FFWB MH, First FWB Church, Mountain Home
First, Group Drama (3+), Group A

Tyler Carter, First FWB Church, Mountain Home
First, Painting, Group A

Eric Davis, First FWB Church, Mountain Home
First, Painting, Group C

Conner Daniels, Old Reyno FWB Church, Reyno
Second, Painting, Group D

Dominique Way, Westside FWB Church, Springdale
First, Drawings, Group C

Abby Hunter, New Sulpher FWB Church, Prairie Grove
First, Drawings, Group D

Abby Hunter, New Sulpher FWB Church, Prairie Grove
First, Mixed Media, Group D

Evan Branson, Centerpoint FWB Church, Vilonia
First, T-Shirt Design, Group A

Mallory Donaldson, First FWB Church, Star City
First, T-Shirt Design, Group C

Bo Tolleson, Daisy FWB Church, Kirby
Third, Single Photo, Group A

Ali Davis, Centerpoint FWB Church, Vilonia
First, Photo Essay, Group A

Summer Doyle, Mt. Harmony FWB Church, Saffell
Second, Photo Essay, Group B

Gracie Harris, First FWB Church, Star City
First, Photo Essay, Group C

Gracie Townsend, Old Reyno FWB Church, Reyno
First, Banners, Group A

Sabrina Parks, Old Reyno, FWB Church, Reyno
First, Banners, Group B

Sophia Townsend, Old Reyno FWB Church, Reyno
First, Banners, Group C

Allie Powell, First FWB Church, Star City
Second, Needlework, Group C

Gracen White, Daisy FWB Church, Kirby
First, Fabric Art, Group A

Josie Woolard, Old Reyno FWB Church, Reyno
First, Fabric Art, Group B

Allie Powell, First FWB Church, Star City
First, Fabric Art, Group C

Gracie Townsend, Old Reyno FWB Church, Reyno
First, Sculpted Clay, Group A

Allie Davis, Centerpoint FWB Church, Vilonia
First, Molded Clay, Group A

Andrew Crabtree, Mt. Harmony FWB Church, Vernon
First, Conceptual Art, Group A

Grayce Powell, First FWB Church, Star City
Second, Conceptual Art, Group D

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--Arkansas Youth at National continued--

Dylan Woolard, Old Reyno FWB Church, Reyno
Second, Short Article, Group C

Caitlyn Moncrief, First FWB Church, Star City
Second, Personal Experience Essay, Group D

Chance Jones, Old Reyno FWB Church, Reyno
First, Interview, Group B

Mikell Edington, Old Reyno FWB Church, Reyno
First, Interview, Group C

Olivia Ward, Cavanaugh FWB Church, Ft. Smith
Third, Original Script, Group C

Frankee Bass, Cavanaugh FWB Church, Ft. Smith
First, Original Script, Group D

John Wesley Christian, Cavanaugh FWB Church, Ft. Smith
First, Devotion, Group A

Dylan Woolard, Old Reyno FWB Church, Reyno
Second, Devotion, Group C

Lindsey Dingham, Mt. Harmony FWB Church, Saffell
First, Commercial, Group D

Rachel Haralson, Union Grove FWB Church, Atkins
First, Slideshow, Group C

Sabrina Parks, Old Reyno FWB Church, Reyno
First, Web Design, Group B

COMING EVENTS IN ARKANSAS:

Sept 5	Labor Day
Sept 8-10	Embers to a Flame, Joplin, MO
Sept 10	New Hope Assn, Mt. Bethel
Sept 11	Mt. Zion Church 150th Anniversary
Sept 16-17	AWAC Retreat, Camp Beaverfork
Sept 19-21	Minister's Retreat, Lake DeGray
Oct 1	Youth Rally, Harmony (Warren)
Oct 8	Central Assn @ First NLR Little Missouri River Assn @ Hatfield Polk Bayou Assn @ Allen Chapel Social Band Assn @
Oct 15	Saline Assn @ Fairview
Oct 28-29	Antioch Assn @ Clarksville
Oct 29	Arkansas Assn @ Harmony (Waldron)