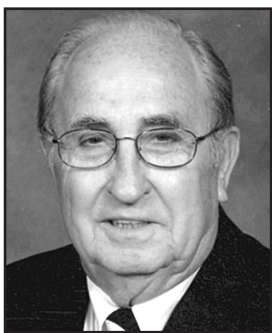


Remembering our past, living in the present, looking to the future

The seventy-fifth annual session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists will meet March 17-18 at the First Will Baptist Church in Albany. Len Blanchard will moderate the two-day business sessions which will begin at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 17th. During the two days of business, reports will be given by the state office, state boards, national agencies, state and national Women Active for



Mance Cason

Christ, and our children's homes.

For those who arrive early, there will be a worship service Wednesday evening at 7:00. The speaker will be Mance Cason former Executive Secretary of the Georgia State Association. The annual preachers' conference will be held Thursday morning at 9:00. Matt Pinson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee will be the speaker.

Worship services will also be held Thursday evening with Keith Lloyd as the speaker, Friday morning Chris Rumpfelt will be the speaker and Friday night Billy Hanna will be the speaker. During the Friday night service we will celebrate our seventy-fifth session as a State Association. A complete schedule can be found on page 3 of

the *Promotional Bulletin*.

The Georgia Women Active for Christ will begin their meeting Thursday morning at 9:00. Registration for the GWAC will begin at 8:30 a.m. Janice Wallace, the wife of missionary Ron Wallace will be the speaker for the GWAC worship service. Janice and Ron planted the Shallowford Church in Marietta and have worked the last 13 years as National Home Missionaries to Fairbanks, Alaska.

The First Free Will Baptist Church is located at 420 North Westover Boulevard ~ Albany, GA 31707. If you need directions, you can contact the church at 229-436-4021.

Janice Wallace, Sandy Atwood to headline GWAC events

The 75th meeting of the Georgia Women Active for Christ will convene at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, on March 17. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the business session will be called to order at 9:00 a.m. Our theme, "Shine," will be featured through a presentation of our history and our work. Janice Wallace, who with her husband Ronald, serves as a missionary to Alaska, will speak at the 11:00 a.m. service. Other speakers will also be featured.

Information on members who died during 2010 should be sent to Carmen McKenzie, 35 S. Wood St., Hawkinsville, GA 31036. Please include the name, church name, association and

date of death. A brief description of service to the local, district, or state WAC would be welcomed, and a photo should be included if at all possible.

The Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Norman Park, will again be the site of the GWAC Prayer Retreat, being held this year April 15-16. Registration begins at 3:00 p.m., and the concert of prayer will open the retreat at 4:00 p.m. Activities will center on the theme, Serve Eternally the Everlasting King (SEEK). Sandy Atwood will be the retreat speaker.

Each WAC group attending is asked to bring a basket of goodies for a door prize. These will be awarded during Friday night's activities.

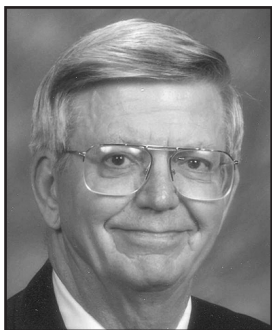
The cost of this year's retreat is \$75.00 and includes a night's lodging and three meals. The walk-on fee required by the conference center is \$15.00, and walk-on meals are \$8.50.

The deadline for registration is April 8 and the entire amount of \$75.00 is due at that time. Registration and information should be sent to: Christine Daniel, 1900 Lullwater Rd., Albany, GA 31707-3149.

Please join us for both events and experience uplifting messages, great music, meaningful worship time, focused prayer, fun, and unmatched fellowship. You'll be blessed by coming and we'll all be blessed by your presence.

Georgia Ministers' Retreat to feature Robert Picirilli

Dr. Robert Picirilli, former moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and retired academic dean at Free Will Baptist Bible College, will speak six times at the 2011 Georgia Ministers' Retreat, according to Executive Director William Smith. The April 25-27 event meets at George T. Bagby State Park in Fort Gaines.



Robert Picirilli

"This annual event is a highlight of the year for many of us," said Reverend Smith. "We expect about 40 pastors/ministers for the retreat activities. I'm delighted that our Georgia ministers will get a chance to hear one of the most respected speakers and writers in the denomination. Dr. Picirilli has done it all for Free Will Baptists—he has taught our ministers, moderated our national convention, written our books, and preached in our churches."

During the retreat, Dr. Picirilli's messages will focus on his 2007 book, *Teacher, Leader, Shepherd: The New Testament Pastor*. The 130-page, seven-chapter volume was published by Randall House Publications and has received broad endorse-

ments from educators and church leaders.

The 78-year-old Picirilli was converted at age 12 and ordained to preach in 1952. He served 44 years at Free Will Baptist Bible College, including duties as registrar (1960-1979), academic dean (1979-1998), and dean of the graduate school (1982-1986). His work with the National Association of Free Will Baptists includes four years as clerk (1960-1964), six years as moderator (1965-1971), and almost 40 years as a member of the Historical Commission (1973-).

A prolific writer, Dr. Picirilli has been frequently published in professional journals—*Biblical Viewpoint*, *Evangelical Quarterly*, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, *Baptist Quarterly* and *Review*, *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, and others.

His recent books include *Paul the Apostle* (Moody Press), *Grace, Faith, Free Will* (Randall House), *Understanding Assurance and Salvation* (Randall House), co-translator of *The Nelson Interlinear Greek New Testament* (Thomas Nelson), as well as *Teacher, Leader, Shepherd: The New Testament Pastor*. Since 1983, he has served as general editor of the

Randall House Bible Commentary series, and wrote two of the volumes—*The Gospel of Mark* and *1 and 2 Corinthians*—as well as parts of three other volumes.

Picirilli graduated from FWBBC in 1953 with a bachelor's degree. He completed two graduate degrees at Bob Jones University—the M.A. degree in Theology (1953) and a Ph.D. in New Testament Text (1963). He is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, a Fellow with the Institute for Biblical Research, and has served as president of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (now Association for Biblical Higher Education).

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Hotel accommodations available for state meeting

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- Complimentary hot breakfast, wireless internet and onsite fitness center
- In-room coffee maker, iron and ironing board

Rooms will be held until Tuesday, March 1st
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From the State Office...

The Secretary's schedule

March 2011					
16	State Executive Board meeting at First Church, Albany. 10:00 am	17-20	Marietta Preaching revival at Oaklawn FWB Church, Chapmansboro, TN	15-19	Preaching revival at Blackwelder Memorial Church, Lake Butler, FL
17	GWAC annual meeting at First Church, Albany. 9:00 am	25-27	Ministers retreat at George T. Bagby State Park, Fort Gaines	July 2011	
17-18	75 th Annual meeting of the Georgia State Association at First Church, Albany	May 2011		17-20	National Association, Charlotte, NC
April 2011		7	State CTS Competition at Double Branch Church, Hawkinsville	October 2011	
2	WV Ministers at McCorkle Church, Sod, WV	15	Preaching Homecoming at Shallowford Church, Marietta	25	Camp Board meeting at First Church, Albany. 10:00 am
10	Preaching at Shallowford Church,	June 2011		November 2011	
		5-10	State Teen Camp at Camp Echeconnee, Lizella	7-9	Senior Citizens Retreat at George T. Bagby State Park, Fort Gaines

Upcoming events

March 2011		Bible College. For information call 800-763-9222		Marietta. William Smith, speaker	
6	Well of Witness at Christian Hill Church, Rochelle. Sharon King, speaker		April 2011	15	Homecoming at First Church, Savannah. Roy Harris, speaker
7-8	Forum 11 at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee	6-8	Revival at Poulan Church, Poulan. Keith Lloyd, evangelist. 7:00 pm	22	Homecoming at Hebrew Church, Donalsonville
7-9	Bible Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee	9	Homecoming at Poulan Church, Poulan. Keith Lloyd, speaker. 11:00 am	22	Homecoming at Mt Glory Church, Quincy, FL
7-11	Revival at Corinth Church, Brookfield	9	Chattahoochee Association at First Church, Thomaston. 9:30 am	23-27	VBS at Bethel Church, Baxley
13	Well of Witness at Christian Hill Church, Rochelle	9	Georgia Union Association at Bethlehem Church, Cordele. 10:00 am	28	Gospel sing at New Liberty Church, Ellaville
13	FWBBC Choir, Colquitt Church, 6 p.m.	9	Martin Association at New Home Church, Climax	30	Memorial Day
16	State Executive Board meeting at First Church, Albany. 10:00 am	9	Twin Cities Association at Calvary Church, Columbus. 10:00 am		June 2011
17	GWAC annual meeting at First Church, Albany. 9:00 am	9	Registration deadline for State CTS Competition	5	Homecoming at White Oaks Church, Macon
17-18	75th Annual meeting of the Georgia State Association at First Church, Albany	11	GWAC Prayer retreat at Norman Baptist Assembly, Norman Park	5	Homecoming at Corinth Church, Brookfield
20	Well of Witness at Christian Hill Church, Rochelle	15-16	Ogeechee Association at Marietta Church, Lyons. 10:00 am	5-10	State Teen Camp at Camp Echeconnee, Lizella
20	Friend Day at Colquitt Church, Colquitt	16	Palm Sunday	12	Homecoming at Colquitt Church, Colquitt
20-23	Revival at Ebenezer Church, Glennville. Glenn Poston, evangelist	17	Revival at Corinth Church, Alma. Greg Ramsey, evangelist	12	Homecoming at Highway Church, Brinson
26	Gospel sing at New Liberty Church, Ellaville	17-22	Revival at Bethlehem Church, Cordele	12	Homecoming at Thompson Church, Colquitt
27	Well of Witness at Christian Hill Church, Rochelle	18-22	Good Friday	12-16	Georgia Union, Martin, Midway, and Union associations Junior Camp at Camp Tygart, Adel
27-30	Revival at Mothers Home Church, Colquitt. Steve Dowless, evangelist	22	Midway Association at Macedonia Church, Colquitt. 9:00 am	16-20	VBS at Shallowford Church, Marietta
31-April 2	Spring Welcome Days at FWB	23	South Georgia Association at First Church, Savannah. 9:30 am	19	Father's Day
		23	Gospel sing at New Liberty Church, Ellaville	25	Gospel sing at New Liberty Church, Ellaville
		24	Easter Sunday	26	Homecoming at New Salem Church, Colquitt
		25-27	Ministers retreat at George T. Bagby State Park, Fort Gaines. Dr. Robert Picirilli, speaker	26	Homecoming at Sylvester Church, Sylvester
			May 2011		July 2011
		1	Homecoming at Bethlehem Church, Cordele	4	Independence Day
		1	Homecoming at Homerville Church, Homerville	9	Chattahoochee Association at Bethany Church, Box Springs. 9:30 am
		1	Homecoming at Ebenezer Church, Glennville	9	Georgia Union Association at Christian Hill Church, Rochelle. 10:00 am
		1	Lunch to honor graduates at Colquitt Church, Colquitt. 12:15 pm	9	Ogeechee Association at Peace Church, Martinez. 10:00 am
		7	State CTS Competition at Double Branch Church, Hawkinsville	9	Twin Cities Association at First Church, Columbus. 10:00 am
		8	Mother's Day	10	Homecoming at Corinth Church, Iron City
		14	Union Association at Midway Church, Moultrie. 10:00 am	10	Martin Association at New Salem Church, Colquitt. 6:00 pm
		15	Homecoming at Shallowford Church,		

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The Promotional Bulletin encourages the submission of news items and announcements relevant to Free Will Baptist life, thought, and ministry. Such items must be submitted no later than the first day of the month prior to which they are intended for publication. The Bulletin also welcomes the submission of unsolicited manuscripts of appropriate articles on Christian themes. Manuscripts must be brief and will not be returned. Please submit to the above address.

Ministers' retreat, from page 1

Robert and Clara Picirilli have been married 57 years. They have five children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. When He is not writing or editing, Dr. Picirilli spends time fishing and stamp collecting.

Deadline to register for the 2011 retreat is March 25. The \$125.00 registration fee includes two nights lodging and six meals. Registration form can be found on page 3 of the Promotional Bulletin.

Georgia State Association to convene 75th session

Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.
March 17-18, 2011

Convening at the First Free Will Baptist Church
Albany, Georgia

Theme: Remembering the Past, Living in the Present, Looking to the Future

Speakers

Mance Cason is a retired pastor and former Executive Secretary of the Georgia State Association.

Matt Pinson is president of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Keith Lloyd is pastor of Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Millwood.

Chris Rumsfelt is pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Hayesville, NC.

Billy Hanna is pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Albany

Prelude – We would like to invite you to come early each night for special singing. The singing will begin at 6:40 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.

Prelude: Colquitt Praise Team

Presiding: Rick Cason

Speaker: Mance Cason

Appointment of Committee on Committees by Moderator

Bible Conference - Thursday 9:00 am

Presiding: Benjamin Miller

Speaker: Matt Pinson

Thursday Afternoon Session - 2:00 pm

Song & Prayer

Seventy-fifth Annual Session of the *Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists* officially declared in session by Clerk, Rev. Keith Lloyd

Scripture Reading: Len Blanchard
Recognize Standing Delegates (Minister, Deacons, Board Members, Missionaries)

Report of Credentials Committee
Seating the Elected Delegates



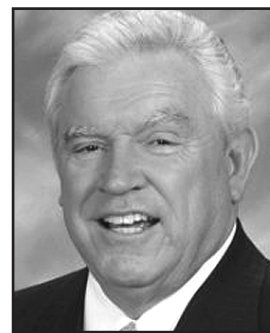
Matt Pinson



Keith Lloyd



Chris Rumsfelt



Billy Hanna

Recognize Corresponding Messengers
Welcome to our Visitors

Thursday Afternoon Session

Report of Committee on Committees

Report of the Executive Board

Report of the Executive Secretary

Report of the National Executive Office & *One Magazine*

Georgia Women Active for Christ

Women Nationally Active for Christ

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Thursday Evening Service - 7:00 pm

Prelude: The Roddenberry Sisters

Presiding: Randy Jackson

Speaker: Keith Lloyd

Friday Morning Session - 9:00 am

Song & Prayer

Scripture Reading: Wayne Miracle

Reports of State Ministries

Board of Trustees

Board of Camping

Board of Christian Education

Board of Missions

Nominating Committee Report

Elect Delegates to the National Association

Friday Morning Worship - 10:45 am

Presiding: Len Blanchard

Speaker: Chris Rumsfelt

Friday Afternoon Session - 1:30 pm

Song & Prayer

Scripture Reading: Keith Lloyd

Reports of State and National Ministries

National Agencies Report

Retirement

Master's Men

Home Missions

FWB Foundation

FWB Bible College

Randall House Publications

International Missions

Alabama Children's Home

Tennessee Family Ministries

South Carolina Children's Home

Resolutions Committee Report

Miscellaneous Business

Nominating Committee Final Report

Announcements & Benediction

Friday Evening Service 7:00 pm

Prelude: Sounds of Praise

Presiding: William Smith

Speaker: Billy Hanna

Music demos available

Anyone who would like to join us in the choir at the state meeting and would like a demo of the songs the choir will sing, please send your home address by e-mail to markwalker1@bellsouth.net. This will cut down on the time of learning the songs.

Registration Form

Georgia State Ministers Retreat ~ April 25-27, 2011

George T. Bagby State Park • Fort Gaines, Ga.

Robert Picirilli, Speaker

Registration Deadline – March 25, 2011

Name _____

Phone (_____) - _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Roommate _____

Registration fee: \$125.00. This fee will cover your hotel room and six meals. Send this form along with your \$100.00 registration fee to:

GAFWB ~ PO Box 507 ~ Colquitt, GA 39837.

Make all checks payable to: GAFWB.

You will not be considered registered until the office receives your form and \$125.00. If you have questions you may contact the State Office toll free at: 866-758-8900.

Registration Form

GWAC Prayer Retreat

April 15-16, 2011 • Norman Park, Ga.

Speaker: Sandy Atwood

Payment deadline – April 8, 2010

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Church _____

District Assn. _____

Request a roommate _____

• Cost is \$75.00. Send the entire amount no later than April 8, 2011.

This is a non-refundable fee after April 3.

• There is a walk-on fee of \$15.00 (payable at the retreat) Meals for walk-ons are \$8.50 each.

Make check payable to GWAC and mail to:

Christine Daniel • 1900 Lullwater Rd. • Albany, GA 31707

Missions in the news...

Burkes express thanks for prayer, financial support

This is it!! By the time you read this article, we will have had our first preview service!! It's hard to believe how time has flown as we have prepared for this service! Our core group is very excited and we have had multiple meetings to plug our folks into their areas of ministry. We have spent the last month preparing the theatre for services. Thank you to all of you who have supported our work here, as the last few months have been very expensive. The costs of "setting up shop" are pretty heavy! But, how do you put a price tag on changed lives? This is why we are



Susan and Donnie Burke



Brandon, Tyler and Katie Burke

here! Pray with us that God will use us to find the many lost coins here in Castle Rock. We hope that many of the folks who have not joined us for our Bible studies will visit with us during these preview services. We would like to add three or four more families to our core group during the next few months. Our church needs to be able to offer nursery, toddler's church, and children's church when we launch, as well as the adult worship service needs. As you know, this takes a good group of workers to pull off! We have most of the places filled, but we still need a



few more helpers.

We are also thankful for the many new friends that have been made during the church planting process—not just among our core group, but in our community as well. Susan has also been able to start helping at one of the local elementary schools as a volunteer Spanish interpreter. We are praying that her contacts will lead to Spanish services at our church.

Thank you for keeping us in the Acts 1:8 budget for this new year. We know that tough financial times have forced many cutbacks in the state budget, and we are grateful to be kept in the plan. We will do our very best to be worthy of your support as we work hard to build Truth Free Will Baptist Church here in Castle Rock. Please make sure to visit our website when you get a chance. Truthfwb.com

May God bless you in your work for Him!

Donnie Burke and Family

Criticism — Who needs it?

By Roy W. Harris

Criticism is part of life. It may come from those who love us most or those who may not even like us. It may arrive like cold water poured on the flames of a great success or like stinging salt in the open wound of a setback. Have you ever seen a name pop up on your Caller ID and think, "oh no, what is it this time?" It almost seems that some people have the *gift* of criticism and feel they should *exercise* it at every opportunity.

Regardless of whether it is justified or not, receiving criticism is not normally a pleasant experience. How should we respond when we are criticized? Criticism offered with the right attitude and done in the right way can be a good thing. Criticism, when done in a constructive way to help us, may actually suggest ways to save us problems and create better situations for us.

While serving in my first pastorate, our church was growing and we desperately needed more room. Our church had a pre-school and we were in the process of expanding into a full-blown Christian school. We formed the appropriate committees and made plans to construct a new educational building and cafeteria/fellowship hall. One committee member failed to attend any planning sessions and showed up at the final session shortly before the plans were to be presented to the church. After he'd looked over the plans, I asked him; "how do you like the plans?" He responded; "I don't." My young pastoral fervor got the best of me and I snapped back; "what don't you like about them?" It upset me that he failed to attend a single planning session and now he wanted to criticize the committee's work. He then showed me a major flaw in the plans. The restrooms were where the offices needed to be and vice-versa. He was absolutely right. We changed the plans and built the new building. I learned a valuable lesson from that experience

about the value of criticism.

In Exodus chapter eighteen Moses' father-in-law Jethro brings Moses' wife and two sons to join him on his journey to the promise land. After a great time of celebration, Jethro observes Moses handling his daily leadership responsibilities. He correctly discerns that Moses is trying to do too much and will burn out quickly if something doesn't change. He truly has Moses and the children of Israel's welfare at heart. Jethro first offers the criticism in verse 14 (Roy's paraphrase) Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was trying to do and ask if he realized what he was doing to these people. He goes on to tell Moses in verse seventeen that what he was trying to do was not good. He then offers Moses a suggestion to help make the situation better. In verse 21 he encourages Moses to choose good qualified men to handle the small matters and save himself for the major issues that faced the people. Moses's response provides us with a great step-by-step way of handling criticism.

Below are *four simple steps* which may be helpful as you are confronted with criticism.

Step 1 - LISTEN to it. Moses heard Jethro out. Have you been introduced to someone you didn't know and became so busy thinking about what you should say and shaking the person's hand that you totally missed the person's name? A similar thing can happen when we hear criticism. We sometimes throw up barriers because of who is delivering the criticism or simply because we are being criticized. We need to hold our tongues and *listen* to the details of the criticism before we *speak*. This does two things: 1. It helps us gain a better understanding of what we are dealing with and 2. It provides an opportunity for others to be heard. Even if we choose not to respond in the way others feel we should, they will feel that they've had a hearing. Many times just letting folks get it off

their chests is all that is needed.

Step 2 - LOOK at it. Moses looked at the details of the plan Jethro had suggested. Once you've heard the criticism, thank the person for bringing it to your attention and tell them that you will certainly give it some thought. Then seriously examine the criticism/suggestion. Look at the merits of the criticism. Is this a valid criticism? Is there a problem that should be addressed? Are there changes which should be made? Is this person's suggestion the right way to go? You will then know if you should accept or reject the criticism.

Step 3 - LEARN from it. Moses recognized that Jethro was right and implemented his suggestions. If you determine the criticism to be a valid one and the suggestions for change good ones, then don't let your pride hinder you from doing what your *gut* tells you that you should. Make the changes. Move in another direction. Implement a new procedure. Stop this or start that. We never reach the place that we cannot learn from others.

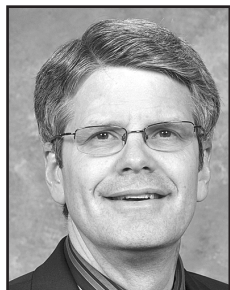
Step 4 - LIVE above it. After you've LISTENED to it, LOOKED at it, LEARNED from it and the criticism is unjust or not valid, what should you do? Choose simply to LIVE above it. Sometimes the best response is not to respond at all. Do not spend a great deal of time rehashing the matter. Move on with life. File the criticism in the back of your mental filing cabinet and leave it there. Take the *high road* and continue doing what you're doing.

CRITICISM – Who Needs It? Criticism is part of life. It will come in times of great success and also great disappointment. It can be valid but it can also be bogus. It can be helpful and also hurtful. However it may come, we should do our best to handle it well.

Missions in the news...

Forlines resigns as IM General Director

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.



James Forlines

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).

McPeak resigns as deputy director

Mark McPeak, deputy director of stateside operations, submitted his resignation to General Director James Forlines on January 19, 2011. "Regretfully, I accepted Mark's resignation...after asking him to give it further consideration," stated Forlines. "Mark has maintained a key role in his years here. He came at a strategic time and helped the Mission work through critical issues. He has been an advisor and friend."

McPeak indicated several circumstances brought him to the point of tendering his resignation. He had been asked to shoulder the responsibility of development tasks—a role for which he felt ill equipped. With the reduced office staffing, he expressed his firm belief that a development director is a more immediate need than a deputy director during this financially challenging time. He struggled with the implications of this reality and, "After much prayer and consideration,"

McPeak determined, "the unsolicited offer of another position seemed a providential opportunity from the Lord."

"From my human perspective," Forlines acknowledged, "this is a real loss, but God knows what He is doing." Temporarily, Clint Morgan will join the stateside team for six to nine months. He will return to the States February 10 and will spearhead fundraising efforts. Morgan will initially concentrate on coordinating the World Missions Offering in April.

"Working at IM has been one of the most



Mark McPeak

gratifying and enjoyable experiences of my life. I will greatly miss the home office staff, the leadership team, our missionaries, and our national partners," McPeak declared. "I will be praying for and supporting the work of IM."

McPeak's tenure as deputy director with IM will end on February 15, 2011. However, he desires to stay connected with the Mission and will join the Advisory Council. "He has also graciously agreed to consult with me as needed," stated Forlines.

Mark will join a marketing and communications firm in middle Tennessee. He joined the International Missions staff in April 2005 as director of communications. In April 2008, his role expanded to deputy director of stateside operations.

McVays return stateside for special assignment

Sam and June McVay, missionaries to Spain, will return to the States on February 17, 2011, to assist the International Missions staff. Scheduled for a six-month stateside assignment beginning in June 2011, the couple was asked to return to the States early. Sam will focus on promoting the World Missions Offering over the next few months. June will supplement the reduced office staff with her organizational and clerical skills.

"The McVays' flexibility and readiness to be used where most needed is a tremendous asset to the Mission," stated Interim General Director Clint Morgan. "Initially, I was to fill the role Sam will occupy. I, personally, am grateful for Sam's

willingness to put aside his plans and assist the Mission at this critical time."

The ambassador team set the goal for the 2011 World Missions Offering (WMO) at \$650 thousand. "The grave financial situation facing the Mission necessitates a healthy WMO," according to Director of Financial Operations Rob Conley. "Obviously, this can only occur with concerted effort and direction."

"I look forward to augmenting the work of the ambassadors as they represent the Mission throughout the denomination," Sam declared. "Their diligence and tireless efforts have led to substantial increases in the WMO in recent

years. I hope to come alongside them, reach churches they cannot, and extend their ongoing endeavors."

The annual World Mission Offering is scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011. "The Free Will Baptist denomination is comprised of a great group of people. I am confident our churches and people will rise to the present challenge and keep our missionaries on task in their countries of service," Morgan said.

Sam and June will tackle their temporary roles on February 18. Following the April offering, the McVays will transition into their stateside assignment. They plan to return to Spain on January 3, 2012.



Sam and June McVay

In the news...

Alton Loveless releases book

For years many have asked me why I had not written a book about the many places I had been, the people I have met, and the friends that I have made over the course of my life.

I did not regard my life as being sufficiently significant to write one and thought to do so would have seemed pretentious.

For many years I kept a journal of the places I had been and the events that I enjoyed. I have preached, led seminars, or was used as a consultant for 69 denominations while traveling in 48 of the 50 states, all but five of the Canadian provinces, and 38 foreign countries. (Some countries as many as 19 times.)

This book will have only a few of these trips because I have published two other extensive books of my travels.

I wanted to leave the information contained in this book as a legacy for my children and my grandchildren to read about the escapades of their father and grandfather; and by others who may find these writings interesting.

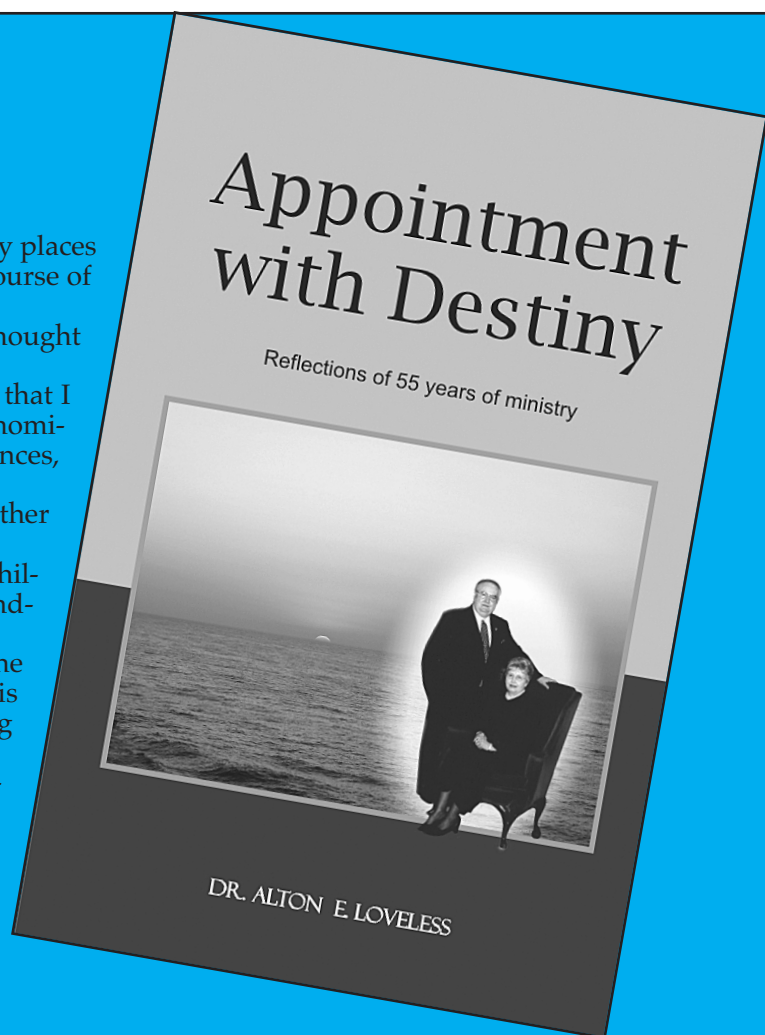
This book could not contain everything my life has shared in because of the limit of space and because my memory has forgotten so much of my life. This book was done while I still had some sense of the knowledge of my upbringing and things that governed the direction of my life.

At this writing I am 73 years of age, and sincerely appreciative for an outstanding life. I have spent 55 years in the gospel ministry, and in denominational administrative roles, and the last eight years of my working life as a publisher of our denomination.

I thank God for his many blessings upon me.

—Dr. Alton E. Loveless

My books are available from Amazon or
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FWB Families Ministries has open position

Director of Systems & Facilities

We are searching for an energetic, creative individual who is capable of overseeing and managing a popular retreat center in North East Tennessee located in the heart of the Cherokee National Forest and just outside of Knoxville.

This position will manage budgets, menus, personnel scheduling and management including the daily operations and will be responsible for the overall success of the retreat center. Bachelor's degree, preferred with 5 years experience in related field. Exhibit initiative, motivation, and creativity to both learn and instruct

others. Applicants must be outgoing, active, and friendly, with a desire to see others achieve goals and succeed. Must be team oriented and willing to work with internal and external resources in order to accomplish agency and customer goals. Qualified applications are encouraged to submit resume to scloyd@fwbfm.com. FWBFM is an equal opportunity employer.

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Georgia State Association Delegate Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Church _____

Association _____

Voting Delegate – Please Check One

☐ Ordained Minister ☐ Ordained Deacon ☐ State Board Member ☐ Georgia Missionary

☐ District Association Delegate ☐ *Church Delegate

* Churches may have one delegate for each 100 members or fraction thereof. Each church delegate must pay \$25.00 to register. Pastor or church clerk must sign Church delegate registration form.

Church name: _____

Association: _____

Members: _____

Signed by pastor or clerk: _____

Visitor – Please check one: ☐ National Representative ☐ General Visitor

Present to registration committee at state meeting. Please do not mail registration to State Office.

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.

FWBBC in the news...

FORUM11 schedule announced

FWBBC Bible Conference / FORUM11 Schedule

PREACHING THE WORD RENEWING THE FAMILY

Sunday March 6, 2011

7:00 pm Antidote for This Evil Age - Dr. Charles Thigpen

Monday March 7, 2011

8:30 am God's '48 Chevy - Dr. Garnett Reid

9:40 am *FORUM11 Workshops*
The Culture War and How It Impacts Our Families - Voddie Baucham
Youth Ministry for the Long Haul - Curt Gwartney
Ministering to Young Adults in the Local Church - Tina Tolbert
12 Keys to Music Ministry Growth - Greg Skipper
Spiritual Disciplines for Women - Carol Reid
It's All About ME! - Motivation and Engagement in the SS Classroom - Etta Crittenden

11:00 am Intergenerational Faithfulness, Part 1 - Voddie Baucham

FORUM11 Plenary Sessions

2:00 pm Biblical and Historical Patterns for Intergenerational Discipleship - Voddie Baucham

3:15 pm Modern Expressions of Intergenerational Discipleship - Voddie Baucham

7:00 pm Intergenerational Faithfulness, Part 2 - Voddie Baucham

Tuesday March 8, 2011

8:30 am Maintaining a Christian Home in a Non-Christian World - Dr. Charles

Thigpen
9:40 am *FORUM11 Workshops*
Preaching as Listeners Like It - Dr. Haddon Robinson
Involving Parents in Youth Ministry - Curt Gwartney

More Than Music: Blending Voices in a Choir Setting - Dr. James Stevens
Christian Meditation for the College Student - Barry Raper
The Priesthood of All Believers in Modern Church Ministry - Dr. Kevin Hester
Family Financial Stewardship - Dr. Rebecca Deel

11:00 am How to Deal with Your Doubts - Dr. Haddon Robinson

12:30 pm Alumni Luncheon

FORUM11 Plenary Sessions:

2:00 pm Going One-on-One: A Biblical Model For Mentoring, Part 1 - Curt Gwartney

3:15 pm Going One-on-One: A Biblical Model For Mentoring, Part 2 - Curt Gwartney

7:00 pm How to Put the Puzzle Together When the Pieces Do Not Fit - Dr. Haddon Robinson

Wednesday March 9, 2011

8:30 am Alumni Service - Jacob Creech, Brian Tippet, and Jack Kettelman

9:40 am *FORUM11 Workshops*
Music for the Church Pianist - Dr. Linda Shipley
Peer Counseling for Young Adults - Jacqueline Rasar
Biblical Church Growth Strategies That Work - Terry Forrest

Practical Preaching From the Old Testament Narratives - Matt McAfee
Toward a Theology of Missions - Ron Callaway

Print and Web-Based Communications for the Local Church - Eric Thomsen

11:00 am The Blessed Ministry of the Holy Spirit - Dr. Charles Thigpen

2:00 pm FWBBC Name Change Question and Answer - President Matt Pinson

7:00 pm What's It Worth to You? - Dr. Garnett Reid

FWBBC needs electric golf cart

Free Will Baptist Bible College is in need of an electric golf cart, according to Sandy Goodfellow, director of plant operations.

"One of our golf carts broke down today," Mr. Goodfellow said, "and we're trying a quick-fix so that we can continue using the cart temporarily. Golf carts are valuable to us as we try to efficiently use our plant operations staff and move them around campus quickly."

Goodfellow said the college prefers an electric cart, because they are quiet, do not require gas, and create no EPA concerns.

If you know of anyone in the area that has an electric golf cart for sale at a low price or who wishes to donate a cart to FWBBC, contact Sandy Goodfellow at 615-844-5280, or email him at alex@fwbbc.edu.



Can the church help today's families?

March 7-8, 2011
www.fwbbc.edu

Forum11 is free. Register early and receive a free gift.

FORUM11
Preaching the Word
Renewing the Family

Many Christian leaders throw up their hands in despair over the state of today's family. Yet all is not lost. The Forum11 conference is designed to help students and church leaders become more effective in family ministry and intergenerational discipleship with a broad spectrum of speakers offering a wide array of perspectives and experiences.

Speakers include **Voddie Baucham**, pastor of Grace Family Baptist Church; **Curt Gwartney**, youth pastor at Locust Grove Free Will Baptist Church; **Garnett Reid**, professor at FWBBC; **Haddon Robinson**, professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; **Charles Thigpen**, former president of FWBBC; and others.

Sponsored and hosted by Free Will Baptist Bible College, the two-day event will take place March 7-8, in conjunction with the annual Bible Conference, March 6-9, 2011.

Receipts for December 2010

Income	62,588.63	South Georgia	16,493.22	Griffin, Debbie - Japan	1,283.75
Anonymous	185.00	Alabaha	100.00	Hubbard, Heath - Spain	284.00
Chattahoochee	610.62	Baxley	540.80	Kenner, Tim - France	50.00
Thomaston	310.62	Camden	50.00	Lytle, Steve - Panama	15.00
Trinity	300.00	Corinth	907.31	McVay, Sam - Spain	55.00
Georgia Union	4,851.73	Corinth SS	22.50	Morgan, Clint - Africa	63.75
Bay Springs	250.00	Ebenezer	1,611.00	Price, Matt - France	201.25
Christian Hill	411.88	Glennville	480.00	Snow, Nathan - Japan	694.55
Cornerstone	361.00	Jesup First	862.30	Support Services	459.45
Double Branch	910.42	Liberty	371.00	Turnbough, Jeff - Spain	15.00
Eastman First	210.00	New Hope	1,366.00	Villalba - Spain	15.00
Mt Ararat	210.88	New Life Fellowship	458.25	World Mission Offering	270.25
Pleasant Hill	888.08	Philadelphia	2,260.00	Misc. Ministries	1,884.49
Warner Robins	177.12	Pine Level	1,275.00	Camp Little River	529.27
White Oaks	1,432.35	Piney Grove	997.14	GA Union Jr. Camp	50.00
Little River	3,896.53	Satilla	1,265.00	GA Union Min. Retirement	30.00
Cool Springs	780.00	Savannah First	3,180.87	GA Union Mission Board	255.44
Corinth	287.45	Surrency	336.00	Harvest Connection	84.16
Hahira First	98.02	Swainsboro	410.05	Ogeechee Williams	
Homerville	973.46	Twin Cities	3,694.58	Account	40.00
Open Door	489.00	Calvary	1,420.70	Powell, Mark - Germany	25.00
Ozias	450.00	Columbus First	1,660.00	South GA Kingsland	375.00
Solid Rock	275.00	Weems Road	179.55	South GA Mission Board	470.62
Sunnyside	482.60	White Rock	434.33	Union Association Ret.	25.00
Zion Hill	61.00	Union	3,995.56	National Ministries	5,530.76
Martin	8,201.12	Bay	312.10	Cooperative Receipts	55.20
Colquitt	3,751.53	Bethlehem	500.00	AL Children's Home	4,800.06
Colquitt WAC	221.00	Cairo	250.00	SC Children's Home	319.00
Corinth	273.20	Fellowship	276.00	TN Trula Cronk Home	356.50
Donalsonville First	300.00	Grace	274.36	State Ministries	37,185.31
Hebrew	608.00	Greenwood	100.00	Acts 1-8	14,934.71
Mothers Home	397.79	Midway	1,716.10	Camp Board	100.00
Mt Gilead	612.00	New Hope	492.00	Christian Education Board	35.00
Mt Glory	135.00	New Prospect	25.00	GA Cooperative	
New Salem	1,496.60	Poulan	50.00	Support	21,791.83
Thompson	406.00	Disbursements	62,588.63	GA Ministers Ret. Trust	50.00
Midway	14,365.09	FWB Bible College	2,781.20	Promotional Materials	48.77
Albany First	5,750.00	Home Missions	6,290.10	Trustee Board	225.00
Bellview	729.12	Bowling, Rick - TN	100.00	State Mission Board	4,386.18
Berean	121.59	Burke, Donnie - CO	846.68	Cartersville Building	
Blakely First	237.00	Byers, Tim - OH	40.00	Fund	3,525.00
Cedar Springs	4,340.00	Cheatham, Scott - CO	20.00	Crank, Bill -	
Hammock Springs	394.00	Crabtree, Jeff - Canada	105.00	Bartow County	35.00
New Light	293.38	General Fund	1,431.50	General Fund	566.18
Travelers Rest	2,500.00	Goodman &		Hollis, Jay - Harris County	35.00
Miscellaneous	828.77	Bennett - AZ	780.29	Lewis, Bill - Valdosta	25.00
Book Sales	48.77	Gwartney, Howard - AZ	45.00	Tift County	200.00
Covenant Christian		Long, Barry - CO	410.09	Georgia Coop	21,791.83
Church	225.00	Nason, Joel - NH	105.00	State Office	3,658.00
Cox, Doug	100.00	North America Offering	902.25	Promotional	500.00
First Restoration Church	200.00	Parks, Paul - CA	25.00	Executive Board	1,028.05
Mrs. Bessie Bryant	30.00	Reynolds, Bill - RI	25.00	Camp Board	1,740.46
Ogeechee Church	225.00	Smith, John - CA	30.00	C.E. Board	2,974.82
North Georgia	4,500.00	Wallace, Ron - AK	1,424.29	Mission Board	5,946.13
Cartersville	3,500.00	International Missions	4,530.59	Ministers Retirement	2,161.91
Liberty Bible	800.00	Barker, Molly - Uruguay	25.00	FWB Bible College	1,620.55
Shallowford	200.00	Bishop, Dale - Japan	265.64	National Coop	2,161.91
Ogeechee	966.41	Brazil	100.00	Georgia Acts 1:8	14,934.71
Faith Ministries	171.96	Coin Banks	130.00	Global Evangelism Fund	9,707.56
Lyons	609.45	Combs Children's Home	126.00	Josh & Ashley Bennett	597.39
Marietta	100.00	Dodson, David - Uruguay	10.00	Donnie & Susan Burke	597.39
Peace	85.00	Eagleton, Ken Jr. - Brazil	63.75	Jeff & heather Goodman	597.39
		Gainer, Mirial - Japan	25.00	Barry & Jessica Long	597.39
		Global Evangelism Fund	378.20	Ron & Janice Wallace	1,344.12
				State Mission Board	1,493.47

2011 Retreat Schedule

GWAC Prayer Retreat –
April 15-16, 2011
Norman Baptist Assembly –
Norman Park
Registration Deadline –
April 8, 2011

Ministers Retreat –
April 25-27, 2011
George T. Bagby State Park,
Fort Gaines
Robert Picrilli, speaker
Registration Deadline –
March 25, 2011

Ministers Wives Retreat –
September 2011
TBA

Senior Citizens Retreat –
November 7-9, 2011
George T. Bagby State Park,
Fort Gaines
Kent Barwick and
Billy Hanna, speakers
Registration Deadline –
October 3, 2011

2012 Retreat Schedule

Couples Retreat – February
24-25, 2012
Will Harmon Speaker

Ministers Retreat – April 2012
Terry Pierce, speaker

Ministers Wives Retreat –
September 2012

Senior Citizens Retreat –
November 2012
Randy Jackson and
Len Blanchard, speakers

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retreat or camp session spon-
sored by the State
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mail two weeks before the
retreat. If you register for a
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