

Albany celebrates pastor's anniversary

February 21st was a very exciting day at First Free Will Baptist Church in Albany. A flurry of activities had gone on prior to this day in order to get prepared for a celebration of Rev. Billy Hanna's 25 years as pastor of the Church.

The service started as usual, but Brother Billy soon knew something had gone awry when special chairs were placed on the platform for him and his lovely wife, Beverly, to sit in. This was followed by the ushers bringing in some special guests who Bro. Billy did not know were present. These special guests included Dr. Charles Thigpen, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Mosley, Rev. and Mrs. William Smith, and Rev. Burt Hall from West Virginia. Later in the program, each person was given an opportunity to say something to and about Brother Billy.

After the special guests were seated, the congregation gave a standing ovation to honor the Hanna's and praise God for what He has done through His servants for 25 blessed years. This was a very emotional moment for everyone. Several long-time church members then spoke on behalf of the congregation. Rena Barnhill Brewer presented a mean-

ingful, yet humorous, list of "The Ten Top Reasons Why We Love Brother Billy." Next Tim Carter, who in love, took a few "shots" at Brother Billy describing a number of humorous situations involving our pastor and members of the church. Louis Hatcher spoke on how well Brother Billy has served and ministered to this congregation for a quarter of a century. Lastly, Jimmy Murphy, Chairman of the Deacon Board, presented Brother Billy with a plaque, a watch, a monetary gift for him and Beverly, and announced that a college scholarship will be established in his name. This scholarship will be presented to ministerial students at First Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee and will be named the Billy D. Hanna Pastoral Scholarship. Bro. Billy presently serves on the Board of Trustees at the Bible College.

Brother Billy has been a wonderful minister to the members at FFWBC in Albany. He has served his flock well as their pastor, teacher, mentor, friend, and visionary. His vision led to the relocation from Gillespie Avenue to a progressive, high-growth Northwest area of the city on Westover Boulevard.



Rev. and Mrs. Billy Hanna have served the Albany church for 25 years.

Brother Billy and Beverly are both from South Carolina, but Albany has been their home for the past 25 years and the majority of his ministry has been in Georgia. It was here where they raised their two beautiful children, Christie and Brad, who are actively involved in the work of God.

The entire congregation of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Albany resoundingly says: "We thank God for sending this wonderful couple to Albany, as well as the state of Georgia in 1985. And we thank you, Bro. Billy, for your dedication to the Lord, your love for the Word, your ability to deliver God's message and your patient and consistent shepherding of the flock at First Free Will of Albany for 25 years. Brother Billy is indeed a servant of Christ and His Church."

Relocating involved the construction of an educational/multi-purpose building in 1990 which served as the Sanctuary until a new Sanctuary was constructed and dedicated in March of 2001. The 15-acre campus is currently valued in excess of 5 million dollars. To God Be the Glory!

Young people participate in IM efforts

By Danny Williams

Free Will Baptist Children's Home is committed to encouraging our young people to make a difference with their lives. Two recent events are evidences of this effort. On May 15th, seven of our teens and four staff members participated in the Alabama sanctioned GO10 Walk for the World. In addition to walking the ten-mile trek, each walker enlisted financial supporters whose donations went to FWB International Missions. The walk ended at the FWB Children's Home campus where lunch was provided for the participants. After lunch, guest speaker Neil Gilliland challenged the audience to allow the Lord to give them a heart for the world.

From June 8-25, Dustin, one of our teens, was a member of E-Team 2010. After a few days of training in Nashville at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, he and E-Team St. Croix flew to the Virgin Islands for two weeks of ministering with missionary pastor Kent



Dustin stands in front of Davidson Hall during his training for E-team.

Nelson. It was a great experience for Dustin who has lived at the Home for about ten years. He is already talking about participating in summer missions again next year.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to care for our children and influence them for the cause of Christ. You are invited to learn more about our ministry by visiting our website, www.fwbhome.org.



Young people from the Children's Home participated in the GO10 Walk to raise money for International Missions.

Carol Reid to speak at retreat

Carol Reid will be the speaker for the annual Ministers' Wives' Retreat to be held September 23 - 25 at Little Ocmulgee state park in McRae.



The retreat has been moved to Little Ocmulgee due to the closure of Red Top Mountain State Park. The registration fee is \$100.00 and pays for two nights lodging, six meals and all tips. Registration deadline is Monday August 16, 2010.

Carol Ketteman Reid has been the librarian at Free Will Baptist Bible College since 1988. She and her husband Garnett have two married sons and two red-headed granddaughters with a grandson scheduled arrive in September. Carol is a frequent contributor to *Together with God* magazine and serves on the Board of Commissioners of the Association of Biblical Higher Education. She is the nursery Sunday School teacher at Cross Timbers FWB Church. Carol loves quilting, shopping, and reading.

From the State Office...

The Secretary's schedule

August 2010

- 7 South Georgia Association at New Hope Church, Jesup
 8 Preaching at Corinth Church, Alma
 9-10 Regional State Promotional Directors Meeting with International Missions at

- Hilton Garden Inn, Tifton
 15 Preaching at Cool Springs Church, Norman Park
 September 2010
 25 Alabama Children's Home advisory board meeting at Eldridge, AL 10:00 am

November 2010

- 1-3 Senior Citizens Retreat at George T. Bagby State Park, Fort Gaines
 December 2010
 6-7 Leadership Conference at Airport Marriott, Nashville, TN

Upcoming events

August 2010

- 1 Homecoming at Solid Rock FWB Church, Tifton
 1-4 Revival at Pleasant Hill Church, Vienna. Tim Hall, evangelist.
 6-7 Free Will Baptist Heritage Conference presented by the South Georgia Association at New Hope Church, Jesup. Dr. Matt Pinson, president of FWB Bible College will be the guest speaker. Services will begin Friday evening at 7:00 and Saturday morning at 9:30.
 8 Pioneer Day at Christian Hill Church, Rochelle
 14 Union Association at Fellowship Church, Albany. 9:00 am
 15 Homecoming at New Liberty Church, Ellaville
 16 **Registration deadline for Ministers Wives Retreat**
 16-18 Revival at New Liberty Church, Ellaville
 24 Homecoming at Spring Grove Church, Jesup

September 2010

- 5 Homecoming at New Hope Church, Jesup
 6 **Labor Day**
 18 South Georgia WAC Fall workshop
 19 Homecoming at First Church, Warner Robins
 19 Homecoming at Weems Road Church, Columbus
 23-25 **Ministers Wives Retreat at Little Ocmulgee State Park, McRae. Carol Reid, speaker**
 25 Gospel Sing at New Liberty Church,

- Ellaville
 26-29 Revival at First Church, Brunswick. Kent Barwick, evangelist
 27-October 1 Revival at Alabaha Church, Blackshear
 October 2010
 1 **Registration deadline for Senior Citizens Retreat.**
 3 Homecoming at First Church, Albany
 3 Homecoming at Patmos Church, Patmos
 3 Homecoming at Friendship Church, Twin City
 3 Homecoming at Alabaha Church, Blackshear
 3 Homecoming at White Rock Church, Phenix City
 3 Homecoming at Midway Church, Moultrie
 3-6 Revival at Turner's Chapel Church, Butler. Wayne Miracle, evangelist
 9 Chattahoochee Association at Turners Chapel Church, Butler. 9:30 am
 9 Georgia Union Association at White Oaks Church, Macon. 10:00 am
 9 Twin Cities Association at White Rock Church Phenix City. 10:00 am
 10 Homecoming at Christian Hill Church, Rochelle
 10 Homecoming at Corinth Church, Alma
 11 **Columbus Day**
 11-15 Revival at Corinth Church, Alma
 16 Ogeechee Association at Lower Corinth Church, Lyons 19:00 am
 17 Homecoming at Bethel Church, Baxley
 23 South Georgia Association at First Church, Jesup. 9:30 am
 23 Gospel Sing at New Liberty Church,

Ellaville

- 26 **Camp Board Meeting at First Church Albany. 10:00 am**
 November 2010
 1-3 **Senior Citizens Retreat at George T. Bagby State Park, Fort Gaines. Rob Morgan, speaker**
 2 **Election Day**
 4 Martin Association Women Active for Christ Concert of Prayer and Thanksgiving for Missions at Colquitt Church, Colquitt. 7:00 pm
 7 Homecoming at White Hall Church, Waycross
 7 Old Fashion Day at New Home Church, Climax
 11 **Veterans' Day**
 14 Homecoming at Pleasant Hill Church, Vienna
 13 Union Association at Grace Church, Moultrie. 9:00 am
 25 **Thanksgiving**
 28 Greening of the Church at Bethel Church, Baxley
 December 2010
 12 Celebration Sunday at Cornerstone Church, Fort Valley
 25 **Christmas**
 March 2011
 6-9 Bible Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee

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South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists

Presents

Free Will Baptist Heritage Conference

With Special Guest Speaker

Dr. Matt Pinson, President

Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN

At

New Hope Free Will Baptist Church

Jesup, Georgia

On

August 6th and 7th, 2010

Friday Evening Service 7:00 PM

Book signing and refreshments following.

Saturday Morning 9:30 AM

Two morning sessions

All Pastors and Laymen are encouraged to attend.

Around the state...

Recess is over!

By Leslie Baldrige
GWAC Member-At-Large

RING! RING! Oh, the sound of the recess bell at any school the day after summer break is over. You know what the sound of the bell means, especially if you are playing with your friends in a friendly game of touch football, playing hop-scotch, or playing with your friends under the shade tree. The sound of the bell seems very daunting if it is ringing after the summer break and you normally get to stay outside and play as long as you like. The summer has been filled with family vacations, outings, parties, leisure, and family time. Most of this has to end when school starts because of homework, school night bedtime, and extracurricular activities. Adjustments to new schedules have to be made so that everyone gets to his appointments on time.

The recess bell, at school, tells the students that it is time to hit the books again before going home for the day. To most children, recess is the highlight of their school day, so I am told. Math class was my favorite; I guess I could be considered a nerd and that is okay. Coming in the classroom after recess, the teacher struggles to get the attention of the children back on the subject at hand. This task is even more of a chal-

lenge if it is shortly after a break, especially after summer break. Teachers have to be very creative when teaching, especially after lunch or recess, in order for students to reach their fullest potential. Don't you know that teachers have to be actors/actresses when teaching in order to grasp and keep the students attention?

It is really hard for children to focus on school books when they have just come off vacation. How normal is it for us, as women, to have trouble — or maybe even struggle — focusing on anything that requires us to put everything else on hold? There is always something to be done around the house or for the children that we think is more important: laundry, dishes, sweeping, mopping, taking care of the children, being a soccer mom, and the list goes on. I am not saying that these things, as well as others, are not important. I am just saying that we struggle with finding a balance for ourselves in our families' lives, especially when it comes to our quiet time with the Lord and our church ministry opportunities. We always have great intentions to be Super Mom or Wife, but sometimes we tend to lose sight of the main thing, our walk with our Lord and Savior. Sometimes it is necessary to actually "schedule" quiet time into our calendar so it does not get pushed to

the back burner, not on purpose, of course. By using careful planning, everything that is near and dear to our hearts will "fit" into our busy, daily schedules.

Well, I have another thing I think is a MUST to every woman's schedule. Each woman needs to be an active participant in a Women Active for Christ group. This is a time for women to join together in fellowship and prayer to discuss what their group can do for missions in general, for specific mission organizations, or for missionaries. I know at our WAC meetings at our church, we laugh, cry, rejoice, eat, and anything else that comes about during the course of the evening. I have been attending WAC, or some might still call them ladies auxiliary meetings, since I was a little girl. My mother felt it very important to instill in me the importance of WAC and what they stand for around the United States. These meetings are dear to my heart as I grow in the Lord, and I get encouraged when I attend each month. I suggest adding this very important meeting to your schedule each month. You would be amazed at everything you gain at each meeting; soon you may be able to say that you cannot do without your WAC group. I know that is how I feel and nothing is going to change that lovely feeling.

Jesup Church holds special day for kids

By Deborah Adams

The day of June 26 began with a pancake breakfast for the kids at Jesup First Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Gene Gilbert prepared the delicious pancakes for the kids and the adult workers to start the day off right.

With a theme of "Becoming Fishers of Men", the kids began their fun-filled day with a scavenger hunt, looking for items related to fish-

ing. Other activities for the day included bible lessons, games, and chalk art. The kids and workers enjoyed a delicious lunch of barbeque chicken and all the trimmings prepared by church member Greg Law. All of the kids were sent home with a goody bag filled with prizes they had won and with items donated by local businesses.

Paula Gilbert planned and directed the day's activity and she was assisted by Deborah Adams and Christy Laster.



Children take a break from the action long enough to pose for a picture at the Jesup Church.

Registration Form

Georgia State Senior Citizens Retreat
November 1-3, 2010

George T. Bagby State Park • Fort Gaines, Georgia
Rob Morgan, speaker
Registration Deadline – October 1st

Name _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Roommate _____

Registration fee: \$100.00 per person based on double occupancy.

Send this form along with your \$100.00 registration fee to: GAFWB, PO Box 507, Colquitt, GA 39837.

Make all checks payable to: GAFWB.

If you have questions you may contact the State Office toll free at 866-758-8900. Total cost for retreat will be \$100.00 per person based on double occupancy. Once you have paid your \$100.00 registration fee you will not have to pay anything else. This will include two nights in hotel and six meals.

Space is limited so register early.

Registration Form

Georgia State Ministers' Wives Retreat
September 23-25, 2010

Little Ocmulgee State Park • McRae, Ga.
Carol Reid, Speaker

Registration Deadline – August 16th

Name _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Roommate _____

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Around the state...

Colquitt Church hears sobriety testimony

The following testimony was giving during the morning worship service on Easter Sunday at the Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church by Suzianne Botts. Suzianne is the sister of Kent Barwick. Kent is the pastor of the Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church.

First I must say I worried earlier this week about giving my sobriety testimony here on Easter Sunday. Then I decided worrying isn't from God so I stopped saying that. The main reason I decided to go thru this today was to give God all the glory. Sure, I've done my part and a lot of people such as my pastor and my brother has done his part and even this church has done a great deal to accept and welcome me but my main objective today is to let everyone know God and only God deserves all the glory for who I am today.

Well, as most of you now I am Suzianne Botts, but what a lot of you don't know is that I'm an ex-addict of thirty years. I am a born-again Christian and I battle with no addiction today. I have been clean of all drugs for sixteen months. We have all read of miracles in the Bible, such as giving sight to the blind and making the lame walk. Well from this day forward you can say you have witnessed a miracle. I am a walking, talking breathing miracle. The fact that I am here at Colquitt Free Will Baptist church giving my sobriety testimony is a true miracle that only God could have performed.

I started smoking marijuana at the age of thirteen. I added speed and cocaine at seventeen. Then I got addicted to crack at the age of twenty-eight. For a couple of years I avoided death and the law. I then decided to try meth in 1997. I dabbled with meth and ice for quite a few years and continued to smoke marijuana daily. Then I jumped way off the edge into meth and I started cooking it. At the end of 2008 I had shot meth with a needle for eight months.

I got busted and went to the county jail. I wasn't sure what my future held, but I surely was scared. There just so happened to be an ordained preacher locked up in the county jail with me. God puts people in your life for reasons. I became a new Christian and honestly started my road to sobriety. That was in December 2008. I will tell you now that God equips us for everything. I was an immature Christian but I knew enough to know Satan was around every corner.

In May of 2009 my best friend, my kids' grandma and one of the best Christians I ever knew died, my mother. My brother Kent came to the jail and gave me the news. I had prayed so hard for my mom to live until I was released and I had given my life to Christ, I was assured she was not going to pass away while I was incarcerated, but she did. I hate to admit it but I cussed, fussed and even questioned God, my salvation and the fact that I wanted to live. I didn't attend the funeral, I was too ashamed to go shackled or be different from my four siblings. I did, however, go the funeral home. The Lord knows that was one of the hardest days of my life.

Shortly after that I did truly surrender all to God. I went on and did six months in the county jail and six more months in prison. During my incarceration I lost my mom, my daughter got married and she also had my first grandchild, my son turned thirteen. I really gave a big part of my life to meth. But I know now that all that hurt and the terrible things lost to my heart I missed.

My hurt can and will be used for a better life

for me and hopefully a glimpse of hope for someone else. All I can tell you about sobriety is that there is no way to get there except through Jesus Christ's saving grace. I honestly have no wants or desires to do any dope. When the dope nightmares come, I just chalk it up that Satan knows I'm strong and that he can only mess with me while I am asleep.

Positive thinking, sober people, praying, believing, and receiving a totally different setting in your life is critical for sobriety. The Bible is the only true way. To live Christ-like is to read it, believe it, study it and understand it.

Some choices I made during my addiction were really big decisions. But with God's peace I can live with those choices. Satan can only replay your past in your mind to make you feel worthless and unforgiven. But on the other hand, God has no recollection of your sins once you turn away from them, confess them – and REPENT.

Anyone and everyone can receive Christ as their Savior just like I have. You can never go too far away from God or too deep into sin that God will not receive your plea for salvation. I know I had convinced myself into believing that I had gone way to far down to ever come back up. But Jesus was just waiting with His hands extended for me to decide to surrender. I don't think the peace came before a lot of repentance and conviction. True surrender is the act of turning from sin to God.

Satan thought he had really won me over. But I can see God saying "no she's mine." God knows the end of the story. He knew I would eventually turn my life around and have a chance to help other people. As you all know, I've recently been baptized and have joined this church. I have no contact with anyone from my past drug days.

I do, however, have positive people in my life. Kent, my brother and my preacher, is of course one of these people. I would like to thank him and his family for all their love and help. I also recently married someone. I honestly thought meth had turned him away from me forever. I want to say thanks to Rooster now for his love and support.

I don't battle with addiction daily, but I do thank God every day for my sobriety. I leave no room for the enemy to sneak in. I love Bible studies, positive worship music, and good sermons. I fill my time up with those things.

Last but not least, I am now moving toward half the Christian granny to my grandson that my mom was to my kids.



Rev. Kent Barwick stands with his sister, Suzianne Botts

I will continue my Christian walk until one day Jesus will take my hand and He will say "well done". I pray somewhere in my words that you too can be a living miracle. I live Christ-like to see God's face. "And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony and they did not love their lives to death." Revelation 12:11.



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Missions in the news...

Castle Rock becoming 'home' for Burkes

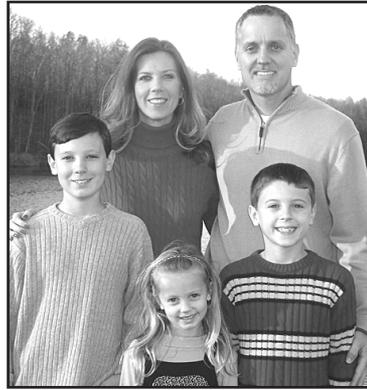
My wife and I, along with our oldest son, Tyler, are recovering at the moment from participation this morning in the GO10 walk for International missions. A ten-mile walk is a little harder than it used to be! We are thankful that we were able to take part in this occasion, especially since the last nine months of our lives have been consumed with raising support for our home mission work in Castle Rock, Colorado. We realize that our family is simply another facet of the Great Commission, and we want our family to keep sight of the BIG picture.

We have a new residence in Castle Rock, but we are far from settled in. After a week of unpacking, our family travelled back through Missouri to pick up Susan's mother, and then we made our way to the Carolinas. We were able to see most of our family, with family reunions on back-to-back Saturdays. With more than 1,600 miles between us, we know that seeing family will not happen very often. When we entered the ministry years ago, we realized that we would lead a lifestyle that would keep us from seeing relatives regularly. It was good to see so many that we haven't seen for so long! (some over five years) As we begin this new era of ministry, we know that Castle Rock IS home!

The first few months of our time in Castle Rock will be spent settling in the household and learning as much about our city and its people

as possible. While we may learn of cultural differences here in the Rockies, we do know one constant—that folks here are lost and in need of a Savior just as much as anywhere! The trust level is a little lower in the Western states, especially with the influence of cults and humanism. Pray that our family will be able to fit right into the fabric of our area and begin to make the friendships and contacts we will need to build the work. The lost coins are everywhere!

We are so grateful to all of you who pray for and support our family. This mission would not be possible (or wise) without God's people standing by us! We will be sure to keep you



The Burke Family



From right, Katie, Tyler and Brandon Burke make friends with neighbors — a very important part of being missionaries.

updated on the latest. Please remember to visit our Facebook page "Project Castle Rock" to get the absolute latest on our work. God bless you all!

The Burke Family



The unmistakable identifying sign for Castle Rock sits high on a mountain.

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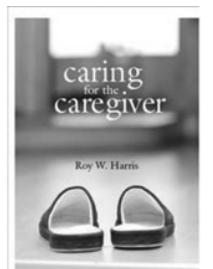
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Rev. Roy W. Harris

Living Beyond Grief

One of the most traumatic times in life is the loss of a loved one. Sometimes death comes suddenly, without warning. Other times it approaches like a slow-moving evening shadow. No matter how it arrives, death is always accompanied by a far-reaching, often devastating impact.



One group of individuals is often overlooked: *The Caregivers*. They are not overlooked intentionally. By the nature of their roles, they are content to stay in the shadows, focused on the needs of the seriously ill or dying. They move quietly through the death process, providing and comforting as they go. Content to lay aside their own feelings, hurts, wants, and needs, they make the waning days as pleasant as possible. These individuals often feel isolated and alone, but they remain strong for the sake of those they love.

In spite of their courage, caregivers desperately need encouragement, comfort, appreciation, love, and a helping hand during this difficult time. Roy Harris stood faithfully by his wife's side for three years, watching cancer slowly ravage her body and ultimately take her life. Roy authored the book *Caring for the Caregiver*, released nationally in December 2009, recounting the lessons learned during this traumatic time in his life to help and encourage others.

At the request of many pastors and caregivers, Roy developed a seminar/workshop titled *LIVING BEYOND GRIEF*. As a veteran pastor and one who has firsthand knowledge of what caregiver's experience, Roy shares practical insight and suggestions to help and encourage caregivers. He also helps pastors, family members, church family and friends understand what caregivers experience and how they can come alongside caregivers during this traumatic time in their lives. The seminar contains the following: (Free seminar notes and a reduced seminar price for the *Caring for the Caregiver* book)

- **Part 1. LIVING WHILE GIVING** – Helps Caregivers remember they are not alone. God is with them and has not forgotten them. It lets them know that biblically it's ok to have unusual feelings and also to tell God what they are feeling. It gives practical "caregiver principles" on how to take better care of themselves, accept help from others and successfully navigate through these difficult waters.
- **Part 2. LIVING THROUGH DEATH** – Helps the Caregiver better understand how to face the approaching death of a loved one. This session also helps those who've lost loved ones come to grips with many of their feelings. It helps them better understand the stages of grief which many people pass through. It gives practical suggestions on how to live through grief, recover from it and move on with life.
- **Part 3. THE ROLE OF OTHERS** – Helps Pastors, family members, church family and friends understand their roles in helping and encouraging Caregivers and those who've lost a loved one. This session gives biblical reinforcement to the church's role in helping those who help others. It "opens eyes" to how caregivers and grievers may be helped.
- **Part 4. Q & A** – Provides an opportunity for Caregivers, Pastors, church family and friends to ask questions and offer comments about: Caregiving in general, the Caregiver's responsibilities, the Church's responsibility, the Family's responsibilities, etc.

This seminar is offered as a *help and encouragement* (adjusted to time available). It has been sponsored by *Local Churches (3 sessions during SS/Sunday morning & evening services), District Associations and State Associations* - For more Information:

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FWBBC in the news...

College hosts GO10 celebration

Nearly 200 people gathered on the front lawn of Davidson Hall at Free Will Baptist Bible College Saturday afternoon, June 19, for a cookout and a live gospel bluegrass concert as FWBBC hosted a GO10 Walk for the World event. Sporting tennis shoes and bright T-shirts, GO10 walkers pushed through 93-degree temperatures marching the final mile of the day from Nashville's Centennial Park to the tree-shaded FWBBC campus.

Following the hour-long cookout and fellowship time, everyone moved inside Memorial Auditorium at 4:00 p.m. for a rousing 50-minute program that included three standing ovations. GO10 project director Joe Wilson told attendees that the 2,500-mile march which started in Glennville, Georgia, in April had 1,000 miles to go, and that the event had already raised \$355,000 for International Missions.

A 22-voice Alumni Choir, accompanied by a 10-piece orchestra, sang "Go Into All the World," an anthem recognizing the legacy of Laura Belle Barnard and others in world missions outreach, written and directed by Dr. James Stevens, chairman of the FWBBC Music Department. This marked the first time the song had been sung publicly. As the choir and orchestra crescendoed with high notes and timpani rolls, the congregation in Memorial Auditorium rose in spontaneous ovation.

The program moved quickly to a dramatic pres-



The Alumni Choir sings "Go Into All the World."

entation, featuring a recitation by Dr. Mary Wisheart, former WNAC executive secretary-treasurer and English professor at FWBBC, who portrayed Laura Belle Barnard describing her decision to become a missionary, her ministry in India, and her years as a missions instructor at FWBBC. The presentation, under the direction of AnnaGee Harris (FWBBC drama director), brought laughter and tears from the audience, and was accompanied by a verbal summary Free Will Baptist history that climaxed with a second standing ovation.

James Forlines, general director of Free Will Baptist International Missions, thanked FWBBC for hosting the event and recognized Joe Wilson for his leadership in the GO10 project. The third

standing ovation came as Forlines described the hard work and commitment that Wilson had given the GO10 Walk for the World celebration.

"We will not forget," Forlines promised to all who answer the call to missions. More than 350 missionaries have followed in Laura Belle Barnard's footsteps. Forlines spoke of Miss Barnard's dynamic prayer life and her dedication to world missions even after she retired and returned to Georgia.

In his closing remarks, President Matt Pinson reminded the celebration participants: "Free Will Baptist Bible College is committed to the Great Commission. God did use Laura Belle Barnard, and He continues to use people like her today. We thank God for Free Will Baptist International Missions and for the part that FWBBC has played in educating and preparing missionaries to serve around the world."

By 5:00 p.m. Saturday, the alumni choir was silent, the standing ovations ended, and people returned to their weekend schedules. But early Monday morning on June 21, with the temperature headed toward 96 degrees, Joe Wilson and the GO10 walkers gathered on the FWBBC campus to begin another 30-mile hike. By 7:00 a.m., they were marching west again toward Oklahoma City, one day closer to completing the historic 2,500-mile trek.

Happenings at FWBBC

McAffees return to FWBBC in key roles

Reverend Matthew McAfee and his wife Anna will return to Free Will Baptist Bible College this fall to assume key campus roles in both classroom and campus ministry outreach, according to Provost Greg Ketteman. McAfee has been on leave of absence pursuing doctoral studies in Ancient Near Eastern Studies at the University of Chicago. He has served as part-time FWBBC faculty since 2003, on campus from 2003 to 2006, and after that working with distance-learning students.

Dr. Ketteman said, "It is with great joy that we welcome Matthew McAfee back to FWBBC where he will step into a dual role as instructor with the Biblical and Ministry Studies Department and serve as campus pastor, an area where he excels and where his heart is. Even while completing doctoral studies in Chicago, he remained involved with the college as he evaluated Lifetime Learning assignments and tests. He has served as an FWBBC Online instructor since 2008. We are pleased to have this outstanding scholar rejoin the faculty, this time on a full-time basis."

Mrs. Anna McAfee, a Magna Cum Laude FWBBC Business Administration graduate in 2000, has been named women's resident director and will provide leadership for young women. The mother of two children is the granddaughter of FWBBC founding president, Dr. L.C. Johnson, and the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Terry Beck (Hyde Park Free Will Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia). She holds an MBA degree from Trevecca Nazarene University.

"She's an answer to prayer," Dean of Women Susan Forlines said of Anna McAfee's appointment as women's resident director. "Mrs. McAfee brings the practical experiences of a pastor's wife and mother to the position. She has the academic credentials and warm people-skills necessary to communicate with single young women in the dormitory, many of whom are living away from

home for the first time."

Matthew McAfee is the son of a Canadian pastor—his father, Reverend Oral McAfee, pastors Bristol Free Will Baptist Church in New Brunswick. Matthew graduated from FWBBC in 1999 with a B.A. degree, completed the M.Div. degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2002, completed an M.A. degree in Northwest Semitics at the University of Chicago in 2008, and will complete coursework for his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago this spring. He served four years as interim pastor at Free Will Baptist churches in New Brunswick and Tennessee, and senior pastor at a Tennessee church. While in Chicago, he has served with Pastor David Potete at Northwest Free Will Baptist Church.

President Matt Pinson expressed appreciation for the McAfee's timely return to the college: "Matthew and Anna McAfee represent the finest in scholarship and commitment to Christian ministry, an appreciation for the long-held academic and spiritual values at FWBBC, and personal holiness that is lived out in the home and community. Their pivotal roles will influence our students in the dormitories, in a maturing campus spiritual life, and in the rigor of academic demands. Matthew is a scholar, a writer, and a magnificent preacher with a servant's attitude."

Arkansas teens work the stacks in FWBBC library

A group of energetic Arkansas teens and their sponsors spent a day "in the stacks" at Welch Library, according to Carol Reid, librarian at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Three young men and a young lady, ages 14-18, showed up June 18 for a reorganization project involving books and current and older periodicals in the historic building.

"We were delighted to have Pastor Tim Harris and several youth from First Free Will Baptist Church in Conway help us organize, shelve, and relocate numerous periodicals that are such a vital

part of the library's resources during the academic year," Mrs. Reid said. "Most of the time when volunteer workers come on campus, other essential projects route them to assist with painting or cleaning. This was a pleasant change of pace for us, and we thank the Lord for their labor of love."

Pastor Harris and his team drove 350 miles from central Arkansas on Thursday, spent the night in campus housing, and stepped into the library early Friday morning ready to assist. They worked under the supervision of Lance Williams, library manager and a 2008 FWBBC graduate from Pocahontas, Arkansas.

"This is the first time our church youth have been involved in a mission/service project," Harris said. "And we hope it is the first of many. The church is underwriting the cost for the trip, and we are so pleased to bring the teens to FWBBC." Pastor Harris and his wife Sheila are both FWBBC graduates—1983 and 1984 respectively.

The work force split into two teams with 14-year-old Zechariah Spears and 18-year-old B.J. McCoy providing the muscle for rearranging books in the stacks, while 17-year-old Cory Harris and 16-year-old Karen Lee did archival work with the library's periodical collection on the second and third floors.

The four teens shared their future dreams: B.J. McCoy has his eye on a 20-year career in the U.S. Army; Karen Lee, excited about being "famous" following an interview in the library, wants to be an elementary school teacher; Cory Harris plans to pursue medical studies and become a pediatrician; Zechariah Spears is in his first days as a PK, since his father was ordained to preach.

Lance Williams coordinated service projects for the group. "They know how to follow instructions and they bring a great attitude to the work," he said. "Pastor Harris had everybody ready to step into the work zone and get the job done. I hope they return next year and continue this mission of service at FWBBC."

FWBBC in the news...

Allan Crowson to direct FWBBC online studies

Mr. Allan Crowson has been named director of online and lifetime learning studies at Free Will Baptist Bible College, according to Dr. Greg Ketteman, provost. He succeeds Rusty Campbell who accepted a post as director of enrollment services this spring.

"What a blessing to have Allan Crowson joining our team as director of the online and lifetime learning programs," Dr. Ketteman said. "He has a unique combination of ministry experience, extensive technological training and experience, and a keen intellect, coupled with a love for Jesus Christ and the mission of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Allan is enthusiastic about extending the ministry of FWBBC through online learning, and I believe that God will use his considerable talents in supporting and continuing the growth of this program."

Mr. Crowson began his new duties June 14, and will be responsible for developing and managing current online/lifetime learning courses, and will also market and expand the program. He brings almost 20 years' experience as a Free Will Baptist international missionary in Africa and France, in addition to 14 years as a senior manager with Nortel, a telecommunications corporation.

The 58-year-old minister is a 1973 FWBBC graduate. He completed an MBA at Lipscomb University in 2004. A published journalist and photographer, he has written poetry and songs, as well as children's stories. He is an adult curriculum writer for Randall House.

Ordained in 1975, Crowson has a long history with FWBBC. His father (Milton Crowson) graduated in 1960 and taught at the college. His wife LaRue (1974) and all three children graduated from FWBBC: Timothy (1999), Bethany (2001), and Natalie (2003). His grandfather (mother's side) attended the 1935 organizational meeting of the National Association of Free Will Baptists that voted to start FWBBC.

Mr. Crowson said, "We're not starting from ground zero. Thanks to the hard work of Rusty Campbell and Mrs. Jena Simpson, we already have a strong online/lifetime learning foundation in place on which to build. My goal is to expand it, enhance it, and improve it as needed. There's a growing need among resident and non-resident students for education that's more than training, for education that creates a desire to learn and then takes that learning back into our local churches."

Hubbard shifts from FWBBC to Hanna Project

Heath Hubbard, director of recruitment at Free Will Baptist Bible College since 2008, informed the college administration that he and his wife plan to work with the Hanna Project in southern Spain beginning this fall, according to Rusty Campbell, director of enrollment services.

Mr. Campbell said, "Heath did a great job as a member of the Enrollment Management Team, and we will miss his can-do attitude. His energy and creativity kept recruitment efforts focused. He was



Heath Hubbard

our point-man on the road meeting people, encouraging prospective students, and representing the college. We wish him well as he takes this next important step in ministry."

Hubbard, a 26-year-old Arkansas native, graduated from FWBBC in 2006 with a B.S. degree in Bible with minors in Missions and Business. While a student, he was president of the freshman and sophomore classes, and president of the Alpha Chi Omega Society. He played four years on the Flames basketball team and was listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

"This has been the ideal job for me," Hubbard said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to go out and interact with current and future FWBBC students. I am thankful for my time at the college. I have learned so much from the numerous people with whom I've rubbed shoulders."

Hubbard taught English as a second language six months (2006-2007) in Kazakhstan. Prior to that experience, he worked nine weeks in 2004 with the Overseas Apprentice Program in Tajikistan and Kazakhstan, teaching English and assisting with sports and music camps for teens.

Heath married Joni Thomas in November 2007. Joni has served as student mission's coordinator with Free Will Baptist International Missions since 2006. The Hubbards are expecting their first child in November.



From left, Shawn Richards, Nathan Franks, Josh Provow, Katie Peterson.

FWBBC students minister in India

Four missions track students from Free Will Baptist Bible College traveled to South India in May to get a first-hand view of a different culture and to fulfill their practicum, according to Ron Callaway, missions program coordinator, who accompanied the group. Josh Provow (Missouri), Shawn Richards (Tennessee), Katie Peterson (Florida) and Nathan Franks (Alabama) spent 10 days ministering near the city of Coonoor (at 6,000+ feet), then moved down to the plains for a week where temperatures soared over 100 degrees.

"The pastors and Free Will Baptist Christians welcomed and honored us," Mr. Callaway said. "Friendships were formed that will continue to grow. The students returned with several important prayer requests and a determination to help support a home for orphans in one of the churches."

The group was hosted by the South Indian Free Will Baptist Association under the supervision of FWBIM mission representative Pastor David RajKumar and Pastor D. Stanley RajKumar of the Hanna Free Will Baptist Church and director of the Volena Wilson Bible

Institute. The Indian Christians walked the students through cultural studies concerning Hinduism, Indian family values, Indian ethical values, evangelistic practices, Indian government, dress, and culture.

In addition to preaching as well as and sharing in youth and children's services, the students participated in several cultural events. They visited a Karumba tribal village and a home for the blind, deaf, and handicapped Indians operated by Christians. A principal part of the study course involved interaction with people in the Indian culture. Because of their American appearance, the students had numerous opportunities to converse and communicate.

The students landed in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, on May 19 after a 30-hour trip to a time zone more than 10 hours ahead of Nashville's CST. They returned to the States on June 11 following a three-week baptism in a different worldview and culture. Josh Provow's wife Lydia gave birth to their second child (Phoebe) while he was in India. Josh begins M.Div. studies in cross-cultural church planting this fall. Katie Peterson begins a master's degree in English this fall; Nathan Franks returns to FWBBC for his senior year; Shawn Richards plans to get married in July and is scheduled to graduate at FWBBC in 2012.

North Carolina teens work at FWBBC

Ten North Carolina teens and two sponsors spent four muggy June days with temperatures in the mid-90s working on the Free Will Baptist Bible College campus, according to Ernie Thompson, cleaning operations supervisor. The group traveled 650 miles from Washington, NC (First Free Will Baptist Church), to Middle Tennessee on Monday, June 14, and worked all week before returning home Saturday.

"I was impressed with them," Mr. Thompson said. "We don't often get a group this large that can stay and work four days on campus. They were ready to do whatever had to be done—from cleaning to painting to hauling away debris to trimming shrubbery. The team was well supervised and motivated. You could tell that they understood why they were here."

Darren Walker, team leader and associate youth and children's pastor, said the seven girls and three boys, ranging from 13 to 17 years old, organized community projects to help raise funds and underwrite expenses for the Tennessee trip.

"This was the first time for six of our teens to visit Nashville," said Walker, a 1993 FWBBC graduate in his third year at the church. "We had two goals in mind with this outreach. First, we wanted to teach the teens about hands-on ministry and Christian service. Second, we wanted to acquaint them with FWBBC. It's working."

Housed in FWBBC resident halls, the youth group took their noon meals in Cumberland Cafeteria. They went off campus to area restaurants for evening meals, with several night activities planned by sponsors.

Each summer the North Carolina youth group plans a missions trip. Previous excursions include working with a Home Missions church in Pennsylvania, visiting the Free Will Baptist Children's Home (Greenville, TN), an international trip to France, and more. Reverend Kevin Woolard pastors First Free Will Baptist Church.

Receipts for May 2010

Receipts	96,743.33	South Georgia	31,703.81	Morgan, Clint - Africa	56.25
Anonymous	100.00	Alabama	100.00	Price, Matt - France	201.25
Chattahoochee	613.20	Baxley	444.57	Snow, Nathan - Japan	805.55
Thomaston	313.20	Brunswick First	674.86	Support Services	549.84
Trinity	300.00	Corinth	3,194.14	Turnbough, Jeff - Spain	5.00
Georgia Union	7,518.92	Corinth SS	22.50	Villalba - Spain	25.00
Bay Springs	250.00	Ebenezer	11,973.62	World Mission Offering	4,754.44
Christian Hill	570.35	Glennville	1,010.00	Miscellaneous	
Cornerstone	440.92	Jesup First	871.20	Ministries	3,313.88
Cross Roads	884.00	Liberty	1,232.00	Camp Little River	929.00
Double Branch	926.06	New Hope	1,222.00	Corinth, Brookfield	250.00
Eastman First	210.00	New Life Fellowship	310.25	GA Union Jr. Camp	50.00
Little Bethel	225.00	Philadelphia	5,306.84	GA Union	
Mission Board	300.00	Pine Level	810.63	Min. Retirement	237.03
Mt Ararat	579.88	Piney Grove	1,446.94	GA Union Mission Board	209.94
Pleasant Hill	1,092.89	Satilla	1,538.00	Harvest Connection	1,072.91
Warner Robins	273.58	Spring Grove	703.33	Ogeechee Williams Account	40.00
White Oaks	1,766.24	Surrency	480.56	Powell, Mark - Germany	25.00
Little River	4,957.06	Swainsboro	362.37	South GA Jr. Camp	100.00
Cool Springs	655.00	Twin Cities	1,030.86	South GA Kingsland	375.00
Forest Hill	250.00	Real Life Ministries	400.00	Union Association Ret.	25.00
Hahira First	401.88	Weems Road	179.55	National Ministries	2,146.65
Homerville	2,231.88	White Rock	451.31	Cooperative Receipts	55.00
Open Door	631.30	Union	4,531.67	Disaster Relief Fund	600.00
Ozias	450.00	Bay	475.50	AL Children's Home	1,029.00
Solid Rock	275.00	Cairo	300.00	SC Children's Home	186.15
Zion Hill	62.00	District Association	261.30	TN Trula Cronk Home	276.50
Martin	7,779.63	Fellowship	275.00	State Ministries	55,215.00
Colquitt	3,738.90	Grace	359.30	Acts 1-8	14,550.49
Corinth	236.90	Greenwood	100.00	Camp Board	34.00
Donalsonville First	550.00	Midway	2,035.57	Contingency Fund	199.44
Hebrew	300.00	New Hope	375.00	GA Cooperative	
Mothers Home	309.13	New Prospect	300.00	Support	20,169.11
Mt Gilead	682.50	Poulan	50.00	GA Ministers Ret. Trust	50.00
Mt Glory	145.00	Disbursements	96,743.33	Ministers' Retreat	400.00
New Salem	1,381.50	FWB Bible College	2,337.00	Promotional Materials	261.96
Thompson	435.70	Home Missions	4,806.76	Teen Camp	19,550.00
Midway	14,981.72	Bowling, Rick - TN	100.00	State Mission Board	2,045.00
Albany First	6,783.76	Burke, Donnie - Co	533.01	Cartersville Building Fund	25.00
Bellview	1,948.38	Byers, Tim - OH	40.00	Crank, Bill -	
Berean	116.51	Cheatham, Scott - CO	40.00	Bartow County	35.00
Blakely First	2,573.00	Crabtree, Jeff - Canada	105.00	Damon C. Dodd	
District Association	120.01	General Fund	334.50	Offering	1,300.00
Hammock Springs	682.00	Goodman & Bennett - AZ	1,594.50	General Fund	425.00
New Light	1,388.00	Gwartney, Howard - AZ	45.00	Hollis, Jay - Harris County	35.00
Patmos	1,070.06	Long, Barry - CO	286.50	Lewis, Bill - Valdosta	25.00
Travelers Rest	300.00	Nason, Joel - NH	105.00	Tift County	200.00
Miscellaneous	20,829.40	Parks, Paul - CA	442.00	Georgia Coop	20,169.11
Book Sales	261.96	Smith, John - CA	30.00	State Office	9,416.74
Cox, Doug	100.00	Wallace Land Fund	30.00	Promotional	3,166.74
First Restoration Church	200.00	Wallace, Ron - AK	1,121.25	Executive Board	353.49
Ministers Retreat	400.00	International Missions	26,879.04	Camp Board	876.90
Refund	233.44	Barker, Molly - Uruguay	25.00	C.E. Board	1,022.54
Teen Camp	19,550.00	Bishop, Dale - Japan	343.75	Mission Board	2,043.57
WNAC	84.00	Brazil	100.00	Trustee Board	353.49
North Georgia	1,355.00	Coin Banks	6,651.57	Ministers Retirement	910.28
Liberty Bible	755.00	Combs Children's Home	155.76	FWB Bible College	1,115.08
Shallowford	600.00	Cousineau, Mike - NGO	37.50	National Coop	910.28
Ogeechee	1,342.06	Eagleton, Ken Jr. - Brazil	56.25	Georgia Acts 1:8	14,550.49
Deep Creek	215.00	Gainer, Mirial - Japan	25.00	Global Evangelism	
Faith Ministries	226.81	Global Evangelism Fund	160.00	Fund	10,185.35
Friendship	100.00	GO 10 Walk	11,745.63	Josh & Ashley Bennett	727.52
Lyons	625.25	Griffin, Debbie - Japan	1,126.25	Donnie & Susan Burke	727.52
Peace	175.00	Harvey, Dale -		Jeff & heather Goodman	727.52
		Creative Access	10.00	Barry & Jessica Long	727.52
		Lytile, Steve - Panama	15.00	Ron & Janice Wallace	1,455.06
		McVay, Sam - Spain	30.00		

2010 Retreat Schedule

Ministers Wives Retreat –
September 23-25, 2010
Little Ocmulgee State
Park, McRae
Carol Reid, speaker
Registration Deadline –
August 16, 2010

Senior Citizens Retreat –
November 1-3, 2010
George T. Bagby State
Park, Fort Gaines
Rob Morgan, speaker
Registration Deadline –
October 1, 2010

2011 Retreat Schedule

Couples Retreat –
February 25-26, 2011
Lake Blackshear Resort,
Cordele
Doug Little, speaker
Registration Deadline –
January 17, 2011

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

Ministers Retreat
Robert Picrilli, speaker

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