

## The Michigan Free Will Baptist

# Menorah

**August** A Monthly Publication of the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists **2009**

### Upcoming Dates

**September 12** – New Hope District Association meets at the Heritage FWB Church

**September 12** – Wolverine District Assoc. at the Harmony FWB Church

**September 13** – *Back to Church Sunday*

**September 18-19** – Michigan Women Active for Christ Retreat in Perrysburg, Ohio

**September 26** – Operation Saturation in Battle Creek

**September 27-30** – Fall Minister's Retreat at the Island Resort at the Legacy

**October 31** – Liberty District Assoc. meets at the First FWB Church of Hazel Park

**November 7** – Fellowship District Assoc. at the Garden City FWB Church

**November 7** – West Michigan District Assoc. at the South Haven FWB Church

**December 12** – New Hope District Assoc. at the Liberty FWB Church

### National *Back to Church Sunday* September 13

What would happen if every church member invited just one person to church? Join with churches across America as they invite their neighbors to visit on *Back to Church Sunday*.

*Back to Church Sunday* is a campaign specifically designed to get people back in our services by empowering our church members with the tools they need to invite neighbors, friends and loved ones back to church. Statistics show that three out of four formerly church adults are willing to give church another try – if they were invited! The *Back to Church Sunday* campaign provides great resources for planning, promotion and execution – making it easy for you to welcome these formerly church folks with warmth, relevance and purpose.

Visit the Outreach website to download a

variety of free resources: [www.BacktoChurch.com](http://www.BacktoChurch.com).

All Michigan churches are encouraged to participate in this campaign.

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### October – Pastor Appreciation Month

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### Greetings from Spain

Greetings from Alpedrete, where the skies are sunny and the church is transforming into a crocodile-filled swamp for our VBS next week. Not only do we expect many families from our church, but we've already heard of several children from unchurched families who will attend as well. Please help us pray that God will use each lesson, craft, snack, song, and video to speak to the hearts of the children (and their parents, who may be watching from the sidelines).

Our little crocodiles (Alejandro and Ana) have returned from church camp here in Spain. The theme for the week was "Guardians of the Truth". During their seven days at camp, they learned lots of new songs, memorized the Armor of God, and even dressed up as Romans. Here's a photo of the kids when they got home from camp, showing one of their craft projects.



Tim, Kristi, Alejandro, and Ana

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### The Fall Minister's Retreat September 27-29

## Island Resort at the Legacy



Dr. GradyMcMurtry

- 20 Years an Evolutionist
- 1 1/2 Years a Theistic Evolutionist
- 34 Years a Biblical Scientific Creationist
- Ordained Minister
- Church Elder

Dr. McMurtry will be speaking in two sessions Monday and Tuesday mornings, and one on Monday night.

**Cost: \$100.00**

Please send reservation to Gene Norris, 4166 Maplewood Meadows Avenue, Grand Blanc, MI 48439, or email: [gnorris101@comcast.net](mailto:gnorris101@comcast.net). It is necessary that I know how many are coming so the cabins may be reserved.

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### Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists

#### Financial Report

**February 1 – April 30**

<b>General Fund, 2/1/2009.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,863.52</b>
Income.....	<u>14,241.72</u>
Bedford Endowment.....	\$ 4,578.20
Church Registrations.....	2,000.00
Grand Rapids 2015.....	5,800.00
Balance after receipts.....	\$ 10,806.93
Expenditures.....	\$ 2,514.55
Honorarium [Treasurer].....	\$ 750.00
Menorah [postage, printing, Staples].....	1,654.07

New checks.....	60.48
RCMA [Membership].....	50.00
<b>Balance, 4/30/2009 .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,292.38</b>

<b>Promotional Office, 2/1/2009.....</b>	<b>\$ -44.69</b>
Income.....	<u>792.78</u>
Balance after receipts.....	748.09

Expenditures.....	\$ 1,333.76
Honorarium.....	\$ 1,200.00
Mileage.....	133.76
<b>Balance, 4/30/2009 .....</b>	<b>\$ -585.67</b>

<b>Michigan Missions, 2/1/2009.....</b>	<b>\$ 2,914.06</b>
Income [State receipts; MI church planting].....	<u>700.22</u>
Balance after receipts.....	\$ 3,614.28

Expenditures [Meeting/lunch].....	\$ 68.48
<b>Balance, 4/30/2009 .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,545.80*</b>
<i>*Michigan Church Planting Reserve! .....</i>	<i>\$ 626.17</i>

<b>Youth Fund, 2/1/2009.....</b>	<b>\$ 2,838.58</b>
Income [state receipts].....	396.49
Balance after receipts.....	\$ 3,235.07

Expenditures [postage].....	\$ 459.42
<b>Balance, 4/30/2009 .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,775.65</b>

<b>Christian Education, 2/1/2009.....</b>	<b>\$ 5,370.53</b>
Income [state receipts].....	198.24
Balance after receipts.....	\$ 5,568.77

Expenditures.....	\$ 0.00
<b>Balance, 4/30/2009 .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,568.77</b>

<b>Master's Men, 2,1,2009 .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,554.89</b>
Income [state receipts].....	118.97
Balance after receipts.....	\$ 1,673.86

Expenditures.....	\$ 0.00
<b>Balance, 4/30/2009 .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,673.86</b>

<b>Minister's Retreat Fund, 2/1/2009 .....</b>	<b>\$ -1,703.68</b>
Income.....	2,250.00
Balance after receipts.....	\$ 546.32

Expenditures.....	\$ 3,032.51
Food.....	\$ 1,307.51
Rental.....	1,725.00
<b>Balance, 4/30/2009 .....</b>	<b>\$ -2,486.19</b>

#### **Free Will Baptist Foundation Accounts**

Bedford Endowment.....	\$ 146,896.56
Grand Rapids Trust.....	18,590.33
Michigan Missions Trust.....	6,925.94

Youth Trust ..... 9,924.57

**District Receipts and Disbursements**

**Fellowship District ..... \$ 17,382.67**

State Association ..... \$ 1,178.94  
 National Together Way Plan ..... 1,067.67  
 International Missions ..... 4,608.42  
 Home Missions ..... 7,895.74  
 Other Ministries ..... 2,631.90

**Liberty District ..... \$ 9,517.94**

State Association ..... \$ 369.54  
 National Together Way Plan ..... 304.94  
 International Missions ..... 6,263.14  
 Home Missions ..... 1,705.32  
 Other Ministries ..... 875.00

**Metropolitan District ..... \$ 0.00**

**New Hope District ..... \$ 777.30**

State Association ..... \$ 320.05  
 National Together Way Plan ..... 219.75  
 International Missions ..... 0.00  
 Home Missions ..... 200.00  
 Other Ministries ..... 37.50

**West Michigan District ..... \$ 5,893.44**

State Association ..... \$ 732.44  
 National Together Way Plan ..... 1,186.00  
 International Missions ..... 1,150.00  
 Home Missions ..... 2,775.00  
 Other Ministries ..... 50.00

**Wolverine District ..... \$ 56,583.05**

State Association ..... \$ 3,964.94  
 National Together Way Plan ..... 4,332.87  
 International Missions ..... 23,486.30  
 Home Missions ..... 18,773.18  
 Other Ministries ..... 6,025.76

**Other Ministries**

Alabama Children’s Home ..... \$ 1,202.25  
 South Carolina Children’s Home ..... 1,089.75  
 FWB Family Ministries ..... 651.30  
 Free Will Baptist Bible College ..... 1,081.79  
 Free Will Baptist Southeastern College ..... 145.19  
 Free Will Baptist Executive Office ..... 100.00  
 Michigan Church Planting ..... 105.48  
 Church Registrations ..... 900.00  
 Grand Rapids [National Association] ..... 750.00

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**Report of The National Association  
 of Free Will Baptists**



**A Promise Fulfilled**

*The 2009 Free Will Baptist convention lives up to expectations.*

When the National Association of Free Will Baptists returned to Cincinnati on July 19-22, 2009, after a 12-year absence, the meeting held great promise. Like 1997, delegates filled downtown hotel rooms, laughed and swapped stories in the hallways, overflowed the exhibit hall in the Duke Energy Center, shouted amens through the services, and sat through almost nine hours of business.

The denomination returned to Cincinnati with a vision to reach the world and the courage to adopt a \$25 million denominational budget during the worst recession in nearly a century. They adopted resolutions, elected 35 board and commission members, and honored the pioneers who put Free Will Baptists on the global map.

After four days of powerful preaching, heart-stirring music, passionate business discussions, and renewed fellowship, nearly 6,000 attendees left Cincinnati knowing that the convention lived up to expectations.

**Powerful Preaching**

Free Will Baptists from across the nation arrived in Cincinnati ready to hear great preaching, and they were not disappointed. Ohioans Bob Bouts and Mark Price kicked things off Sunday morning as they tag-teamed their way through Sunday School and morning worship. Bouts, an adult Sunday School teacher and deacon at Porter FWB Church, set the stage for his pastor’s message to follow. Price, moderator of the Ohio State Association and a member of the FWB Foundation Board, spoke from 1 John 2:25, on “The Promise of Eternal Life.”

Soft-spoken Jeff Sloan took the stage Sunday evening, and the Oklahoman’s words hit with the authority of a 16-pound sledge hammer as he spoke from 1 Corinthians 10:13 about “The Promise of God’s Faithfulness.” The former Home Missions church

planter chairs the Pastoral Ministries Department at Hillsdale FWB College (OK).

Church historian Paul Harrison manned the pulpit Monday evening. The Tennessee pastor delivered a timely message from 2 Corinthians 12, in which he examined “The Promise of Sufficient Grace.” Harrison, adjunct professor at FWB Bible College and editor of *Integrity: A Journal of Christian Thought*, reminded listeners that God’s grace is most evident during times of great weakness.

Fiery preacher Henry Horne drew thunderous response Tuesday night when he unlocked “The Promise of His Coming,” found in 2 Peter 3. The North Carolina pastor urged listeners to live in light of Christ’s imminent return despite the skeptical nature of the surrounding culture.

On Wednesday, veteran pastor and evangelist Fred Warner spoke from Acts 1, “The Promise of His Power.” His passionate call to evangelism seemed natural from the man who once served as promotional director for FWB Foreign Missions. The altars filled, and the meeting ended in the best way possible—with Free Will Baptists on their knees.

Services throughout the week featured enthusiastic congregational singing and rousing special music from the Convention Choir and Orchestra, directed by Convention Music Coordinator Chris Truett. Numerous talented individuals, families, and groups lent their voices to the music and led the congregation into worship.

In addition to evening services, convention attendees enjoyed the annual Tuesday morning Preaching Conference featuring pastors Steve Berry (FL) and Ken Simpson (MO) and a variety of workshops, seminars, and resource demonstrations.

### **Serious Business**

When Moderator Tim York’s gavel landed on the podium, delegates picked up their copies of *Digest of Reports* and took care of business.

### **Marathon Monday**

The General Board met for seven hours and heard reports from 13 national boards and commissions. By 2:45 p.m. Monday, when Moderator Tim York declared the meeting adjourned, board members had voted to recommend a \$25 million denominational budget and passed along three motions to the convention business session. One motion suggested penalties for hotel room cancellations, another requested the FWBBC Board of Trustees to present a

clear plan for getting college audits to delegates in a timely manner, and the third recommended that the Executive Committee study the need for all national boards to present current audits.

A fourth motion recommending that the Home Missions Board meet with the Illinois Home Missions Board to discuss the recent dismissal of a home missionary was defeated. The moderator appointed four national committees—Credentials, Nominating, Resolutions, and Obituary.

### **Tabled Until Tuesday**

The lengthy Tuesday business session resulted in a *Treatise* change regarding election of officers (tabled during the 2008 convention), approval of a motion authorizing convention hotels to place a non-refundable charge of one room night on individual credit cards (effective June 1, 2010); notice of an ongoing study that may result in future conventions meeting in select cities that best fit the convention.

The day ended with an earnest 30-minute discussion following the Randall House Publications report, centered on the use of pollster George Barna as a speaker during the September 2009 D6 Conference sponsored by Randall House. Seven people spoke after Charles Cook (NC) read a lengthy statement questioning the wisdom of allowing Barna to speak. Randall House Board Chairman Tim Owen and General Director Ron Hunter explained the rationale for including Barna as a resource for family-related statistics before delegates voted to approve the Randall House report.

In additional business, delegates heard national agency reports from the Executive Office and Randall House.

### **Executive Office**

Executive Secretary Keith Burden indicated that the Executive Office remained in solid financial footing but cautioned that future conventions must address greater funding needs. He praised first-year convention manager Ryan Lewis, *ONE Magazine* editor Eric Thomsen, and the other members of his staff for their work.

“My job as your servant,” Burden said, “is to provide stability, leadership, and focus.” He announced plans to move the annual Leadership Conference to the Nashville’s Airport Marriott Hotel in December.

### **Randall House**

“What we’re doing now is not working,” General Director Ron Hunter said during his opening remarks.

“It’s time to return to Scripture, to powerful preaching, and to solid small-group teaching.” He introduced a number of new resources in both electronic and print format that Randall House hopes will reconnect the local church with the home and parents with children.

The agency reported a \$61,000 profit in 2008, and Randall House won 11 Awards of Excellence from the printing industry. The purchase of a digital press allows the agency to personalize curriculum for local churches, print books on demand, and print state papers at a reasonable cost. Hunter also introduced a new book by the late Jonathan Thigpen titled *Teaching Students, Not Lessons*.

### **Winding Down on Wednesday**

#### ***International Missions***

International Missions revealed extensive plans to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the department at the 2010 convention in Oklahoma City. *Into the Darkness*, a 196-page coffee table-style book is being prepared for distribution. A number of pre-convention events will be observed in conjunction with the triennial meeting of the International Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Churches when the organization meets in Oklahoma. The department has plans for a walk-through museum at the convention featuring artifacts from the Mission’s history. In addition, missionaries and international leaders from around the world will be flown to Oklahoma City to participate in the celebration.

General Director James Forlines announced that Free Will Baptist missionaries are in place for the first time in creative access countries such as Muslim North Africa and Buddhist Southeast Asia. His report to delegates included a tribute to Raymond Riggs, the agency’s first full-time director who died in April 2009. International outreach now includes 1,081 churches and mission works with an average attendance of 37,851

#### ***FWBBC***

President Matt Pinson indicated that plans are moving forward to relocate the college to Gallatin, Tennessee. A Nashville real estate development firm is working with officials to sell the current campus. Forty-one donors have pledged \$2.1 million to pay for the Gallatin property while another \$1 million in gifts-in-kind has been committed.

The college introduced a five percent salary reduction for all personnel in 2009, and instituted a new accounting procedure for pension liabilities. Since the college was unable to provide an audit for the first time

in 67 years, the Board of Trustees presented a statement to delegates indicating that the audit would be completed by December 15, 2009, and mailed to denominational leaders. The audit will also be placed online for viewing. Several questions arose regarding a \$200,000 real estate loan made by the college to a member of its Board of Trustees.

#### ***Home Missions***

The Home Missions Department reacted to the financially challenging year by downsizing but reported no deficit missionary accounts. General Director Larry Powell reported three new church planters appointed (Canada, New York, Colorado) and three mission churches that have achieved self-supporting status (Tennessee, Texas, Colorado). Church planters now serve in 65 cities, and 14 Hispanic churches have been established across the U.S.

Outgoing board members Loyd Locklear (MI) and Jim Puckett (OK) were honored for their work—Locklear for 12 years of service and Puckett for 18 years. Powell explained to delegates that heritage trips sponsored by the agency were funded through interest earned by endowments, not by the North America Missions Offering gifts. The Church Extension Load Fund (CELF) reached \$35 million in 2008 and is used to fund construction of new churches.

#### ***Historical Commission***

The Historical Commission distributed copies of their third pamphlet in the Heritage Series, *Free Will Baptists and Church Government*, written by Matt Pinson. The Commission plans to distribute a fourth pamphlet during the 2010 national convention, *Free Will Baptists and the Priesthood of the Believer*, by Kevin Hester.

The first three pamphlets have been translated into French; the first pamphlet (feet washing) has been translated into Portuguese.

#### ***Commission for Theological Integrity***

The Commission for Theological Integrity sponsored a convention seminar featuring Robert Picirilli speaking on the subject, “Is the Gift of Tongues for Today?” The 12th annual Theological Symposium met at FWB Bible College in October 2008; the 13th Symposium will meet October 19-20, 2009, at Hillsdale FWB College.

The Commission published the fourth issue of *Integrity: A Journal of Christian Thought*, and has a joint book project with Randall House Publication featuring a volume edited by Matt Pinson.

### **Music Commission**

The Music Commission conducted three seminars during the 2009 convention featuring James Stevens and Monte McKenzie, in addition to the Wednesday afternoon Music Ministry Summit focusing on networking and ideas for music and worship in the early church. The agency also planned the music for the national convention.

### **The Media Commission**

The Media Commission adopted a new motto: "Providing Tools for Excellence in Media." The group re-launched its website ([www.fwbmedia.com](http://www.fwbmedia.com) <<http://www.fwbmedia.com>> ) as an interactive, blog-style site which also publishes short, informative articles. In an effort to pool media knowledge among Free Will Baptists, the commission surveyed 200 people during the 2008 convention.

### **Master's Men**

General Director Ken Akers pointed out that the purpose of Master's Men is to encourage and equip men in local churches and beyond. Sports events—such as golf and softball tournaments—rallies, retreats, and work projects brought men together in 2008. In addition, the department sponsored projects in New Hampshire and Russia, and partnered with Home Missions in a Pennsylvania outreach project. Tom Harmon (IL) was named "Man of the Year" by the department.

### **Board of Retirement**

"We believe we are coming out of the present crisis," General Director Ray Lewis told delegates regarding the recent economic upheaval that resulted in the agency reporting a 32% (\$10 million) loss in 2008. He reminded listeners that over the life of the plan, the agency has averaged a 7.5% annual increase.

The department marked 40 years of service to the denomination on June 30, 2009. Assets the first year (1969) were \$11,707. In 2008, they topped \$34 million. Seventy-four individuals joined the retirement plan last year, bringing the total number of participants to 2,394.

This year's achievements include changing from semi-annual to monthly allocations of earnings and losses, and launching an interactive website. Outgoing board members William Ferguson (MI) and Jim Lowe (OH) were recognized for their service.

### **FWB Foundation**

The FWB Foundation reported assets of \$35 million in 2008, a period Director David Brown called

challenging. The endowment pool reported a 22% loss, and planned gift assets suffered a 25-30% loss.

The agency cut spending by \$20,000 in 2009, cut the 2010 budget by seven percent, and froze all salaries. Director Brown reminded attendees that the Foundation is like an olive tree—planted for the next generation to enjoy.

### **2009 Convention Overview**

**Registration:** Board members – 42; Licensed ministers – 29; Local church delegates – 9; Ordained deacons – 117; Ordained ministers – 599; State Delegates – 72; NAFWB Attendees - 3,111; WNAC – 776; NYC - 4,186; **Total Attendees 5,664\*** [\*Many attendees register for more than one convention.]

### **2009 Budgets: \$25,423.895**

### **Elected in 2009**

Randall House Board: 2010 Joe Wilson (TN)

Executive Committee 2012 Mike Wade (OK); Glen Johnson (VA); Keith Woody (TX)

Board of Retirement: 2015 Jack Daniel (GA); Rick Dement (MO); Mark Ousley (TN)

Home Missions: 2015 Earl Hanna (SC); Ron Parker (LA); Tim Stout (OH)

Master's Men: 2015 Eddie Hodges (TN); Johnny Fowlkes (AR); Rick Stone (KY)

FWB Foundation: 2015 Len Blanchard (GA); Rick Locklear (MI); Phil Whitaker (AR)

Commission for Theological Integrity: 2014 Steve Ashby (OK)

Historical Commission: 2014 Robert Picirilli (TN)

Media Commission: 2014 Keith Fletcher (TN)

Music Commission: 2014 Daron Dwyer (NC)

General Officers:

Moderator: Tim York (TN)

Assistant Moderator: William Smith (GA)

Clerk: Randy Bryant (FL)

Assistant Clerk: Ernie Lewis (IL)

### **A Promising Future: National Youth Conference**

"My First One!" shouted a Truth & Peace altar counselor after the Monday night service. With an

expression of pure joy, she recounted the experience of leading someone to Christ. Yet her experience was only one of more than 200 responses for salvation or surrender that students made during services at the 2009 National Youth Conference.

The conference made a profound impact upon the lives of the 1,917 students who attended. Reach That Guy participants who cleaned up an abandoned housing project were moved to tears by the squalor they witnessed.

Teens who attended Global Purpose Seekers seminars learned how to use Scripture, mentors, prayer, their conscience, and experiences to make wise decisions in discerning God's will. The cross-cultural setting of the GPS-X International Marketplace prompted one student to observe, "Now I have a better idea of how to pray for missionaries."

Teens and children who attended creation video sessions were equipped to defend their faith against attacks by secular philosophies that deny the reliability of God's Word. Trips to the Creation Museum provided a realistic depiction of God's account of Creation and The Great Flood.

On Tuesday night, Ken Ham, founder of Answers in Genesis and The Creation Museum, provided overwhelming evidence to support a young earth to an overflow crowd in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom. He described an earth shaped by a catastrophic global flood and supplied relevant answers to many questions that can weaken the faith of today's Christian students.

Youth leaders and adult attendees discussed the elements of a biblical model of youth ministry. They defined the God-given responsibility of parents to transfer their faith to their children. Youth leaders were challenged to develop reliable resources to provide relevant answers to questions asked by their students. Other conference attendees enjoyed a demonstration of the new *Elements Kid's Worship* from Randall House. Children and youth leaders alike were excited about the product, its features, and the price. The customizable program allows youth workers to plug in their own music to fit with the video, Bible lesson, and other valuable elements of the program.

Attendance is on the rise as 969 students participated in competitive activities, a six percent increase over last year. Student registration was up by five percent (97 more teens and children), and total attendance increased by 254, topping out at 4,186. The slight dip in Reach That Guy statistics reflects the cancellation of several outdoor projects due to rain. Still, participants

logged 2,433 hours of community service and collected 69 units of blood at the blood drive.

The 2010 conference theme was introduced Wednesday night. *Wherever* incorporates Acts 1:8, which commands us to be witnesses of Christ at home and around the world. This theme complements the 75th anniversary celebration of International Missions.

Free Will Baptist students have been challenged to walk 10 miles along a 2,500-mile-route (once traveled by Laura Bell Barnard) to raise funds for the Go10 project. The unique event will start on Easter Sunday at Miss Barnard's home church in Glenville, Georgia, and conclude next July during the Tuesday evening youth service in Oklahoma City. The goal? To raise \$1 million dollars by the time International Missions General Director James Forlines walks into the auditorium! Visit [www.fwbgo.com](http://www.fwbgo.com) to learn more about how you can become involved in the Go10 project.

National Youth Evangelistic Team 2010 (Directed by Jeff and Sherri Sloan): Audrey Hollified (TN), Kevin Strouth (VA), Lauren Mitchell (GA), Matthew Berry (FL), Elizabeth Snow (TN), Tyler Donaldson (SC), Chesi Spriggs (KY), Patrick Easley (MO), Beth Ash (AR), Tyler Cagle (AL), Ashley Clark (KY), John Palmer Rea (IL)

**Women Nationally Active for Christ** will be in the September *Menorah*.

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## Printing Industry Salutes Randall House

NASHVILLE, TN—Randall House Publications brought home 11 graphic awards from the prestigious 2009 Printing Industry Association of the South (PIAS) regional competition that showcases top publishing companies and their products, according to Executive Director & CEO Ron Hunter who has led the agency since 2002. The awards include one *Best of Category* and 10 *Awards of Excellence*.

Mr. Hunter said, "What a resounding industry endorsement this is for the Randall House team in its goal to continually raise the bar by producing quality publications and design elements for our products. I'm so proud of our entire team—from writers and designers to printers and editors, from shipping and marketing to children's ministries and all the rest—they made it happen! They believed in the dream and it became a reality. When the broader printing industry lets us know that what we're creating here is

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professional grade, it's a big deal for our denomination."

This marks the fourth year Randall House has received several of printing's highest national and regional publishing awards. They previously won five awards in 2006, nine in 2007, and eight in 2008, for a total of 33 awards in four years. The PIAS competition includes publishers from seven states: Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

The 11 printing and graphic awards in 2009 reflect the professional standard Randall House has established for CLEAR curriculum, D6 materials, devotional magazines, promotional items, small-group resources and books, and more.

The PIAS awards were created to encourage industry professionals to serve as models for others. They demonstrate mastery of new and complex printing processes, and recognize individuals and companies for outstanding accomplishments in the graphic communications industry.

Randall House Publications is the official publishing arm of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and has served churches across America and around the world for half a century.

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**FWBBC President on National Radio Program**

NASHVILLE, TN—Dr. Matt Pinson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, was a guest July 10 on *The Albert Mohler Program*, a one-hour talk show hosted every weekday by Dr. Albert R. Mohler, president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. The show is devoted to engaging contemporary culture with biblical truth. The subject for the program on which Dr. Pinson appeared was the 500-year legacy of John Calvin.

Guest host Dr. Russell Moore invited President Pinson to discuss the benefits of Calvin's legacy and his influence on Christian thinking from the Arminian point of view theologically, while Washington, D.C., pastor Dr. Mark Dever addressed the question from the mainline Calvinistic tradition.

Pinson said, "I was honored to be a guest on the program and comment about John Calvin, our differences with him as Arminians, and the extent of cooperation that Arminians and Calvinists can enjoy in the larger evangelical community. As a Free Will Baptist, I obviously disagree with Calvin's well-known 'five points.' Yet I deeply appreciate the approach of many Calvinists on the gospel, doctrinal purity, and the sufficiency of Scripture for the life of the church."

To hear the program, go to the following link, [http://www.albertmohler.com/radio\\_list.php](http://www.albertmohler.com/radio_list.php), and access the archive of the July 10 show.

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**Help!**

Battle Creek Home Missionary, Jeff Isaacs, has received word from the National Home Missions office that he will not receive a check this month unless the deficit in his account is erased or drastically reduced. His account is over \$7,000.00 in the red. I realize we have been concentrating on the relocation project and may have forgotten his account. Please send your gifts to the "Jeff Isaacs account" and send them to Bill Ferguson, 4253 Reflections Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48314. Your assistance in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

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**Associate Pastor**

**Rev. James Williams** has been called to serve the First Free Will Baptist Church of Comstock as Associate Pastor. **Rev. John Vick** is the pastor of this church.

