

Illinois Free Will Baptist September 2017

Newsletter

2017 FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP MEETING

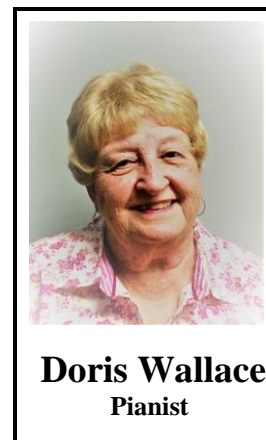
September 10 - 13 6:30 Each Evening



Rusty Miller
Music Director



Kerry Steedley
Evangelist



Doris Wallace
Pianist

CAMP HOPE NEWS

The Free Will Baptist Foundation has granted Camp Hope the sum of \$28,500 to help with renovations for the Camp Manager's Home and the Shower/Bathroom project for the Girl's Dorm

Greetings again from this old dirt camp. Things this summer have been super busy as we have had some great weeks of camp starting with Leadership Camp and rolling into 5 weeks of our FWB Camps and they were spectacular. We finished well and rolled into rental groups which will run into the 3rd week of August. We have had some outstanding rental groups this year with the hopes of them returning next year. I want to take a chance to tell you about the wonderful SAM workers we have had this year. Hope Walker has been with me for 3 years and she can take care of things when I am not there. I am thankful for her and the hard work. Micah Kloster is a young man with the work ethic unlike most young men. He works hard and has done a lot to clean up and repair the camp. Both of them have done an outstanding job this summer. I also want to thank all those who have helped to make camp what it is to the cooks, counselors, desert deliverers and workers, those who came and cleaned, and all the directors who give to make camp work.

I cannot pay you enough or thank you enough for all you do. Keep up the great work!



Part of the work crew at Camp Hope building new bathroom for girls.

Now, to the bathroom building. We started in May with replacing and moving the air unit in the Dorm. From there we dug and poured the footing, had the blocks laid, put in the plumbing, poured the concrete, built the walls, put up trusses, sheeted outside and roof, and currently we are in the dry. We will put metal on the roof and exterior when it comes in, then to get the inside.

I cannot express all the wonderful work that has been done and all the hands that have come and helped with the different stages of work. I will not name you for if I forget one I will feel bad but you all know who you are and this work could not be possible without your love for the camp. I will mention one name who is to a special person to me due to his love and dedication to the camp. He has been my advisor, friend, and teacher as it comes to the things of camp. Tom Harmon, thank you for your service and love for me and my family.

Reporting Jason Janus

NEW HOPE CHURCH – Pastor: Craig Smith Reporter: Jackie Capps

Our every other Friday Night Insight has seen an increase in attendance. Brenda Fowler, Erica Capps, Tonyia Neal, and Esther and Lucille Smith worked in the kitchen and delivered rice krispies on our day to be at Camp Hope.

The July 10-14 Super Heroes VBS was a success. Fifty-eight different children attended. The youngest child was Reid Evan Catron, born on June 3rd of this year. His parents are Nick and Kaitlyn Catron.

This year our annual picnic was held at Camp Hope. At 2:00 pm, a baptism service was held. John Adams, Lawson Grey, and Wade and Ty Pierce were baptized in the pool. Layni Capps chose the pond. She wanted to follow the tradition of her family. It was a pleasure to have Brother Dennis and Carol Teague in a recent service, and to learn about their new ministry in France.

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah." – Psalm 67:

ARNOLD VIEW CHURCH – Pastor: Ivan Ryan Reporter: Buddy Parks

Average Sunday School attendance during July was 76. Tilden Parks, 95, passed away on July 3. He served as a trustee at Arnold View for over 40 years. Lowell Mausey, 77, passed away on July 21. VBS was held on July 6-8. "Over the Moat - Drawbridge to the King" was the theme. Care Bags for the Needy were put together to be distributed in Louisville at the National Youth Conference. Our 3rd/4th Grade Campers were Allie Jane Dwyer, Luci Dwyer, Braden Hankey, Reagan Kibodeaux and Boone Morris. The Women Active for Christ meeting was held on July 12. Mike Meece brought a challenging message on July 16. Bethany Dwyer gave a report on the NYC in Louisville. 25 from our church attended. Certificates were given to Allie Jane, Mya and Luci Dwyer, Noah Lannom, Skye Mausey, Lana and Mila Orrill and Josie Tanner. A deck was stained as a service project. Some members attended the South Central District Meeting on July 29 at Alexander. Brother Randy Jones brought a challenging message on July 30. The Fifth Sunday Evening Song Service was a blessing. *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." - Psalm 46:1*

OAK VALLEY CHURCH – Pastor: Richard Brown Reporter: Marie Rutger

Greetings to all and we pray you are having a nice summer.

We are busy this time of year with all the fall festivals promoting Jesus as who our church believes in. We have plans to walk in the Cisne Reunion and Geff Frontier Days parades.

We had church services at Cisne Manor on August 6th and Brookstone Estates on August 23rd. We always have awesome time in the Lord when we go.

The Peyton Sisters were with us the evening of July 30th followed by fellowship. They are very gifted young ladies who love to sing.

Our Homecoming is set for Sept. 24th. Kings IV will be with us in the afternoon beginning at 1:30. A basket dinner is planned for the noon meal after church. Everyone is invited to join us.

We were sorry to have Sister Dean Jelley's son, Jeremy Jelley pass away in a drowning accident at Rend Lake. Please remember the family in prayer. *"Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." James 4:8*

THE ILLINI INITIATIVE – Tyler Penn Family

We have enjoyed one of our best seasons of ministry here in Champaign this summer. Two interns joined us this summer, Kaylin from South Carolina, and Morgan from Tennessee. They were a big help and great to have around our students. This summer we tried to spend as much time as we could with the students. We celebrated the summer holidays together. We went camping, canoeing, and experienced many great activities together. This summer was our best attendance ever for summer English Corner programs. Last year we had 6 to 8 students showing up and this summer we had like 26 to 38 students showing up to events and activities.

The highlight of the summer was definitely our bible study. We had a high of 15 for one week with an average of around 10 students studying the book of James. Only one of the people attending the study had ever studied the bible before. It was at times a little challenging but always fruitful teaching.

Please continue to pray and support our work here. We are excited that Jamie Lee has now moved up and is starting the work of planting a FWB Church here. Our initiative to reach a community, to reach a student, to reach the world moves forward and it could not happen without your help. Thank you!

CONNECT 2 MISSIONS REPORT – Pastor: Dan Smith Reporter: Becky Goodman

Truly, our God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform! Only one year ago, two congregations were struggling to succeed. One was housed in Rosewood Heights (First General Baptist) and the other in South Roxana (Bethel Free Will Baptist). Each congregation had a missions group, neither being able to do much to honor the Great Commission. All that changed, however, when the two congregations merged in March, 2017 and became part of the Connect Church.

The Sheila Swain Women's Missions Group of the General Baptist Church and the Mission Board of the Bethel Church merged and became the Connect 2 Missions missionary group. From a membership of only 7 ladies, the group now has nearly doubled with 13 members. We are very excited about how God has been in every step of the merger, and how He has directed the mission group. We currently support missions from both the Free Will Baptist and General Baptist headquarters. Fundraisers have been very successful, enabling the missions group to send resources to 10 missionaries. (five from each denomination).

Mr. David Shores attended the June 2017 meeting so that those of us from the General Baptist denomination could become familiar with how Free Will Baptists support their missionaries. He also left copies of the Illinois Newsletter and other informational brochures for our use.

Our Connect 2 Missions ladies meet each month on the second Monday. We fellowship with potluck dinner at 5:30 pm and the meeting begins at 6:30 pm. Some of the husbands attend the potluck dinner, but they go their separate ways when the missionary meeting begins.



Miss Sarah Malone attended the July meeting and spoke to us about her work in Asia and her travels to many nations throughout the Far East and Middle East. She answered questions from the attendees and was presented with a small token of appreciation for her 25 years of service on the mission field. Some of the fundraisers we have held include a Pampered Chef party in January which produced \$300 for our missions treasury, a soup and salad luncheon in April, \$600 was raised for missions in June with a FEMA Pizza Products sale. Other events include Muffins for Mom (Mother's Day celebration at church), a Ladies Retreat for August at Lake Williamson Christian Center at Carlinville, Illinois, plans to publish a cookbook using recipes from our church members early in 2018...proceeds from these events will benefit missions.

We are thankful to God for His working to blend the two congregations together and build the women's missionary group so we can accomplish more for His Kingdom. **GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!**

BEAR POINT CHURCH – Pastor: Larry Cook Reporter: Linda Cook

Greetings from Bear Point. We had 20 that attended the National. We are proud of all our young people who competed at the National. Congratulations to Katie Mygatt for receiving a first on her interview essay and a second on her conceptual art, also to Lauren Mygatt for receiving a first on her photo essay and second on her personal experience essay.

Our granddaughter, Kylee Edgmon shared about her summer mission trip to Bulgaria on Sunday morning July 23.

Our VBS was July 23 - 27 and the theme was "Over the Moat". We had a high on Wednesday night of 99 students and workers. We collected toilet paper, mac and cheese, ramen noodles and money for Sesser-Valier Life Line. We also collected Bibles for Love Packages.

On July 29 there were 27 youth and 17 adults who enjoyed a day of fun and sun at the Aquatic Zoo in Mt. Vernon.

Our prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Larry Burroughs. Brother Larry graduated to his heavenly home Sunday, August 6.

**24th ANNUAL MASTER'S MEN RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 14, 15 and 16 at CAMP HOPE**

**Guest Speaker: Brandon Bell Pastor - Oaklawn Free Will Baptist Church – Chapmansboro, TN
Admission is Free! Offerings and donations accepted. All men are invited to attend!**

BLUE POINT CHURCH – Pastor: Ernie Lewis Reporter: Suzanne Lewis

Over the course of the summer we have sent many campers and workers to Camp Hope. On two different occasions the ladies of the church have helped in the kitchen and taken desserts for the campers. We also hosted the Rejoice Ministry Team from Welch College on a Wednesday evening. After a wonderful musical presentation, everyone enjoyed a delicious potluck meal. The group included our own Jon Hill. We offer our congratulations to Kyle and Renae Hilliard who were married in early July.

Several of our families attended the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Ellie Hill served with Truth and Peace and competed in Vocal Solo. Jon Hill served as a Convention Intern. Hadley Walker presented an individual drama. Colin Waller placed third in 12th grade Bible Memorization. A group attended a St. Louis Cardinals game using the free tickets through the knothole program. Josh and Ashley Bennett spoke at Blue Point in July about their plans to plant a new church in Tifton, Georgia. Their opening mission is called “Feed Tifton”, reaching out to their community. Blue Point raised \$4,000 for this project and individuals from our church gave them another \$4,400 to purchase the large cooker for the project.

We have been enjoying a Cornhole Tournament in the Link following our Sunday evening services. We enjoyed a variety of refreshments during the competition including cookies, pies, and homemade ice cream. Jon Hill and Noah Barnard were the eventual champions. We were also heavily involved in the Cisne Reunion. We operated our Taco-in-a-Bag stand which also included snow cones. We had the prize winning float in the parade and passed out free popsicles to the crowd. We appreciate the work that Bill and Christal Lewis do in organizing this project.

Vickie Newman, in memory of her parents, Marvin and Olive Ann Gregory, donated a keyboard to our church. She played it and sang a couple of songs on a Sunday morning, accompanied by her husband, Mike, on the drums. We held a special drive for Shane and Joy Davison, collecting a wide variety of items for them to take back to France. We also held our Annual ‘Back-to-School’ Sunday. All students aged Kindergarten through college and all faculty and staff members gathered at the front of the auditorium for a prayer of dedication. All the students were presented with a pack of mechanical pencils. The Junior Church presented the faculty and staff members with packages of Skittles.

We offer our sympathy to the family of Ray Stark. His funeral was held at the church and our ladies served a meal to the very large family in the Link.

HARMONY CHURCH – Pastor: Curtis Smith Reporter: Jennifer Cook

With fall quickly approaching I can see how God prepares our hearts for the winter seasons in our life. Old things begin to fall away so that the Master's Hand can lovingly prepare our hearts for new growth. What a mighty God we serve! Sunday, July 9, the congregation participated in Cardboard Testimonies. It was truly a blessing to see what God has done, is doing and continues to do in our lives. The Lesters were with us and provided the morning worship service. July 11th was our monthly SOS and Masters Men meeting.

On July 23 Brother Barry Simpson from the FWB Foundation was with us during our evening service to share information about estate planning through the FWB Foundation. On Thursday, July 27th, Brother Curtis started a new small group Bible study titled “*Knowing Jesus*”. We are excited to see what great things God has in store for this study!

Sunday July 30th was collection day for the Manna Mission in Johnston City. Thank you to everyone who continues to give to this ministry. We wrapped up VBS on the evening of Friday, August 4th. Ezra Church of God joined us as we traveled back in time to Rome to learn about the first Christians and the early church. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time in any way to make this a loving and fun place for our youth to come and learn about the Savior!

Revival is almost here! During the week of August 21-25 at 7pm nightly, please join us as we come together to worship and praise our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings! Monday and Tuesday Br. David Ring will be speaking, Wednesday and Thursday Brother Jim McComas will be with us and Friday Brother Tom Malone will bring the message. Brother Tim Parton will also be with us to provide the worship service. Please continue to pray that as individuals we will seek out revival in our hearts that will flow throughout the congregation gathered together and overflow into the community around us and beyond! Please continue to pray for the speakers and those God will send to this revival that desire to have that precious and intimate relationship with the Savior.

Our love and prayers are with our sisters, Buffy Diefenbach and Alice Barron. Both have family members who went home to be with the Lord recently. Please join us in praying for God's comforting presence and strength for both of these dear ladies and their families. “*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*”~Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Lunch Bunch results are in! We served 3,839 children’s meals this summer, a 35% increase over last year. In the last 5 of the 8 years since Lunch Bunch began, we have served 17,131 meals just to children in our community, plus adult meals for workers, parents, and caregivers. God has truly blessed this ministry. We will express our appreciation for Lunch Bunch volunteers, sponsors, and donors at a volunteer appreciation banquet, Monday, August 28.

Dennis and Carol Teague were our guests August 13, “Teague Appreciation Sunday.” We presented them a certificate of appreciation recognizing almost four decades of service in France, along with a card and love offering. They were guests of honor at a fellowship lunch following the service. Our church has supported the Teagues since the beginning of their ministry, during which time they have planted two churches. Forty-four years ago, Brother George Ritter married Dennis and Carol when Carol was just a teenager. When they arrived in France, she was only 22 years old.

July 30, Mark King spoke during our morning service and gave instructions from Proverbs for English teachers in Tibet. Mark was able to visit with us again during Lunch Bunch and while the Teagues were here. We really enjoy hearing about his work.

July 30, First Christian Church of Johnston City hosted an evening of music featuring singers and musicians from local churches, including five members of our church. Over 100 people from the community attended and enjoyed a blessed service and fellowship afterward. The churches of Johnston City are planning another fifth Sunday night song night in October.

Greg Walker, who is studying for ordination in the South Central Quarterly, blessed us with a wonderful message July 16, while our pastor and his wife attended the National. We were able to watch the Sunday evening service of the convention over the internet and it was a blessing to almost “be there” ourselves.

The rest of August and September will be full of exciting activities: Venture Praise and Worship Band at Arrowhead Park, August 20 (eclipse weekend), our women’s and men’s ministries meetings and fellowship supper, August 27, the restarting of our Wednesday night student discipleship groups, September 6, a new children’s Sunday school class beginning September 10, and National Back to Church Sunday, September 17. We are praying for God’s blessings at these events. *“Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.” - Proverbs 12:25*



SHANE and JOY DAVISON

Bonjour ! WE ARE GOING BACK TO FRANCE!! We are extremely excited to share this wonderful news with you. We have been anxiously waiting for confirmation of realizing our financial goals that would allow us to return to Aix-en-Provence and the ministry that the Lord has called us to. God has used YOU, the Body of Christ, to faithfully commit your prayers and finances to His work among the nations, and we received final approval to depart for France on August 21st. Just a few short days away. We are tremendously grateful to the many individuals and churches that have partnered with us to share the Gospel message with North African Muslims living in southern France.

Your investment will change lives for the sake of Christ’s Kingdom.

We are ready to get back and start up another year of teaching English, French, and Computer Information classes in our outreach center as a primary means of meeting people in our community. If you were in a church service with us the past few months you will probably remember us saying, “It’s not about teaching English. It’s about meeting people and building a relationship with them in order to share the Gospel.” Our objective has been, and continues to be, to plant a church among the North African community in our city. Christ is being proclaimed!

We are also looking to return to two Bible studies that we were guiding before coming back to the States last December. One is with our friend ‘Larry’, an Algerian man in his 70’s, and the other is with ‘Ray’ and his family, a Tunisian couple and their 18 month old daughter. These friends with a background in Islam are open to reading Truth in the Scripture with us. For the first time in their lives they have been introduced to who Jesus truly is!

As we celebrate **LABOR DAY**, let us realize that:
the **PRIVILEGE** to work is a **GIFT**
the **POWER** to work is a **BLESSING**
the **LOVE** of work is **SUCCESS!**



HAZEL DELL CHURCH – Pastor: Larry Clyatt Reporter: Diana Kirk

Greetings from all of us at Hazel Dell. We trust that all have had a safe and happy summer. A time of food and fellowship was held following the evening service on July 30th. in celebration of Brother Larry's birthday.

The Peppy Caleb's met at the church for their monthly luncheon on July 27th. Brother Danny and Sister Sharon Sample hosted the meeting. There were 12 in attendance. The Annual Hazel Dell Men's Rally was held on Thursday, August 3rd. Brother Bill Uhles was the guest speaker and music was provided by the Victory Boys Quartet. A good time was had by all who attended. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to make this special event a success.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast group met for their monthly meeting on Sunday, August 6th. Dennis and Carol Teague were with us during the evening service to give us an update on their ministry in France.

We had a special Back To/ Off To School Sunday on August 13th to recognize and pray for our College, High School, Junior High, Elementary School Students and faculty and staff as they are making preparations to begin the new school year. Brother Mitchell Bulla, son of Brother Tony and Sister Sherry Bulla delivered the morning message. Mitchell will be a senior this year at S-V High School. It is a special blessing to see how God is using him in our church and community. At the end of the service all who are returning to school gathered around the altar with the congregation joining them for an altar prayer.

It was good to see Sister Valerie Gibson in the service on August 13th. She is recuperating from her recent surgery. We praise God for His watch care over her. *"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."* - 1 Peter 5:7

PITTSBURG CHURCH – Pastors Eddie Donelson and Keith McDannel Reporter: Hollie Utley

School is back in session...where did the summer go? A recap of August: Our VBS was a HUGE success! We averaged over 225 kids each night! The kids got to hear about the LOVE that Jesus has for them. It was a fast paced week and everyone, including the workers, had an amazing time! Our commencement was held that Friday evening where the kids shared the songs they learned throughout the week with their parents. They ended the night with a pool party at The Hub in Marion. We are looking forward to VBS 2018!

On August 6, the Pastor of New Seasons church from Nashville, TN came and brought the message. New Seasons is a new church plant and our Youth Group here at PFWBC has traveled to Nashville the past three years and helped New Seasons host a Vacation Bible School for the surrounding community. Pastor Dwayne Lewis and his youth group and chaperones were able to join us for the weekend. It was a pleasure being able to meet these wonderful people and hear God's word shared by Pastor Dwayne! You can hear this and all Sunday messages on our website www.pittsburgfwb.org We hosted our annual Back 2 School Bash last month. We enjoy this community outreach so much! We had over 300 kids walk through the doors of God's house, and were able to tell them about Jesus! The kids enjoyed a bible story, free haircuts, games, prizes, snacks, dental exams and free school supplies!

As this is being written, we are planning a Community Block Party in a couple weeks. We will be hosting the Block Party at the Pittsburg Village Hall. We are offering a fun night of fellowship with the community as an outreach to show the love of Jesus while the public comes and has a fun time with their family. We will have food, bounce houses, games and so much more! I look forward to reporting next month how this 'first ever' block party was successful!

The 2017-2018 AWANA season begins September 6. AWANA is open to anyone ages 2-High School. Each Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:00pm the kids work on scripture memorization as well as play games and hear a lesson taught by volunteers within our church. If you or someone you know is looking for a great program to be a part of, tell them about AWANA at PFWBC! We will also have adult classes available as well.

We are praying everyone has a safe and healthy start to the school year! *"Making our faith seen in 2017!"* -Matthew 5:16



MASTER's MEN RETREAT – September 14-16

For a schedule of events for the Retreat
(Singing, Bible Study, meals, trap shoot, horseshoes, etc) contact:
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ILLINOIS CTS REPORT

The Winners of Free Will Baptist from the State of Illinois at the 2017 National Youth Conference
July 16-19 2017 at Louisville, Kentucky :

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Colin Waller	0.12 Individual Bible Memory	D	Blue Point	Third
Josie Tanner	1.10 Vocal Solo	B	Arnold View	Third
Ina A Quartet	2.40 Quartet	A	Ina	Second
Ina B Quartet	2.40 Quartet	B	Ina	Second
Arnold View	2.5 Ensemble (5-12)	B	Arnold View	Third
Ina C Ensemble	2.50 Ensemble (5-12)	C	Ina	Second
Ina B Choir	2.60 Choir (13+)	B	Ina	Second
Allie Jane Dwyer	5.10 Keyboard	A	Arnold View	FIRST
Josie & Luci	5.20 Keyboard Ensemble	B	Arnold View	Second
Olivia Ryan	6.20 Christian Lit. Recitation	D	Ina	FIRST
Millie Greever	6.30 Illustrated Storytelling	C	Ina	Second
Daniel & The Lions	6.53 Group Drama (3+)	A	Ina	FIRST
Lift Him Up	6.62 Recorded Pupperty	A	Ina	FIRST
Lift Him Up	6.62 -Recorded Pupperty	B	Ina	FIRST
Alexis & Tiara Walker	6.52-Dramatic Duo	D	Harmony	FIRST
Myra Parkinson	7.20 -Drawings	A	Pleasant View	Second
Phoebe Bunton	7.43 – T-Shirt Design	A	Ina	FIRST
Luci Dwyer	7.51 – Single Photo	A	Arnold View	Second
Lauren Mygatt	7.52 – Photo Essay	D	Bear Point	FIRST
Emily Walker	7.61- Banners	C	Harmony	Third
Jack Laughlin	7.80- Conceptual Art	A	Ina	Second
Molly Hicks	7.80- Conceptual Art	B	Ina	FIRST
Katie Mygatt	7.80 -Conceptual Art	C	Bear Point	Second
Breana Wingo	7.80 – Conceptual Art	D	Ina	Second
Lauren Mygatt	8.20 – Personal Experience	D	Bear Point	Second
	Essay			
Katie Mygatt	8.40 – Interview	C	Bear Point	FIRST

THE INA YOUTH GROUP was named, “YOUTH GROUP OF THE YEAR!”

All of the youth at the conferences are winners!

To view all the National Winners go to : “Verticalthree.com “

New Guidelines For 2019 is available .

CTS State Competition at Ina FWB church April 27-28 2018 . BE THERE !

Then on to Little Rock , Arkansas July 22-25 2018 .

We are creating a data base for Judges in the State for CTS . Please help us. Thank You !

Respectfully submitted , CTS Board : Kathy Hayes , Allen Bigley, Josh Colson, Tommy Lewis and Kelly Douglas

Note to reporters: for publication in the October Newsletter, articles are due September 15.

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Due to circumstances, this edition had to go the printer on August 15th

...if you sent in an article that did not reach me by that date, I will include it next month.

Sorry for any inconvenience...David Shores

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BROTHER ERNEST BROWN



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Earnest Brown, 79 years old of Wickliffe, Kentucky died on June 8, 2017 at 11:35 p.m. at the St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. His funeral was Monday, June 12, 2017 at Morrow Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Greif officiating.

Earnest was born in Wickliffe, KY to Harvey and Pearl Carter Brown on August 1, 1937. He went to school at Wickliffe Elementary School. He married Twila Elizabeth Pigg on June 10, 1960 in Cairo, Illinois. He was self-employed as a contractor for 57 years. He was a farmer for many years. In addition, he was a Pastor for 44 years and 24 of those years were at Alexander Free Will Baptist Church in Olive Branch, Illinois. He was a veteran of the Korean War and served in the Army.

Brother Brown is survived by his wife, Twila Brown and one son, James Brown and two daughters, Susan Whybark (Gary) and Kimberly Greif (Robert), two sisters, three grandchildren, Joshua Greif (Ashlin), Leslie Victoria Whybark (Tucker), and Timothy Greif (Kelsey) of Wickliffe, KY and four great-grandchildren.

Many of our readers may not have known this great man of God, because he served as pastor in our southern-most church, but he was a faithful pastor, a wonderful servant, loved by all and he loved his church and gave tender, loving care to the folks at Alexander Church for 24 years. Our prayers go out to Sister Twila and his family.

