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Upcoming Dates You Need:

- May 8—CCC Graduation
- May 14-16—State Association
- May 15—State-Wide Brunch
- July 19-22—National Association in Cincinnati, OH
- September 23-25—Women's Retreat
- September 23-25—D6 Conference
- December 7-8—Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN

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CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENES IN FRESNO

Gathering from the north, south, east, and west, California Free Will Baptists will meet in Fresno to convene the sixty-sixth session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists. We will gather from different backgrounds, different approaches to ministry, and even different ideas about how the State Association should minister.

However, we gather as one under the common banner of CAFWB. We gather around the common doctrine as laid out in the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. We gather with a common anticipation that God wants to bless a people called Free Will Baptists.

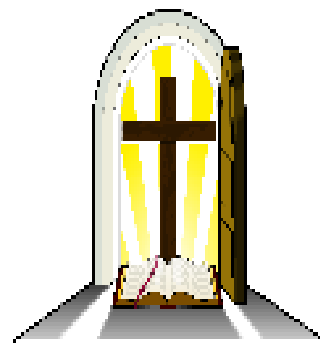
We will gather as delegates

from the Center, Golden Gate, Hispanic, Mineral King, San Joaquin, Southern, and West Coast Associations. We will gather as elected delegates, standing delegates, deacons, and ministers. We will gather to make business decisions for the King and His Kingdom as He works through a people called CAFWB.

We must gather in prayer, submission to our Father and each other, and in devotion to a common mission—the King's Kingdom Purpose.

This extra-ordinary convention will meet May 14-16 on the Campus of California Christian College. You will find the basic program of the Convention listed on our website,

www.cafwb.org



Praise God from Whom ALL Blessings flow!

BRUNCH REMINDER

Please see the state association website to sign up for the brunch. There may be still yet be a few places left. This brunch is offered to promote fellowship and is free of charge.

DR. ROBERT PICCIRILLI KEYNOTES THE 2009 CAFWB CONVENTION

Please be in prayer for Dr. Piccirilli as he finalizes his preparation for ministry to us during our upcoming State Association.

Dr. Piccirilli is a man of the Scripture as has been proven through his ministry to Free Will Baptists over the years. As an editor for the Randall House

Commentaries and a gospel preacher for many years, Dr. Piccirilli is well qualified to open the Scriptures to us.

We look forward to hosting him and his wife for our 66th annual session of the California Free Will Baptist State Convention.





YOUTH BOARD TO HOST FORUMS AT STATE MEETING

The Youth Board will be hosting two forums, (no more than one hour each) on Thursday evening and Friday evening following the State Association evening services. The purpose

of each forum is to discuss with National Personnel some of the leadership principles they employ in National youth programs.

You are invited to join us as we seek to understand how

programs that are already working can be used to benefit our state youth ministry and to discuss the needs of our state youth.

COMMENTS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

“...I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your Young men will see visions.”

Joel 2:28, NKJV

Prayer items:

- ◆ **Vladimir Lopuga, pastor in Sacramento; his mother passed away on Saturday, May 25th.**
- ◆ **CA State Association**
- ◆ **CCC's finances during the summer months**

We are just glad to be here in Salinas and glad for your help in keeping us here. Thank you so much for your partnership. A year ago we started the Hispanic Ministry and we have been able to see how God has blessed his church, and how he answers our p r a y e r s . Some months ago four people decided to give their second step of obedience by getting baptized. This is the result of people getting saved and being disciplined. God is faithful. Thank you again for your prayers and your financial support.



In an email to the State Moderator on Monday after Easter, Keith Bartlett, pastor of the Sloan Canyon FWB mission work had this to say:

“We had a great day yesterday and we are praising the Lord! We had 205 attending and 2 decisions, as well.”

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We had a great first quarter at Gospel Light Free Will Baptist Church with 8 decisions and 6 baptized. The Lord is so gracious to us. We are knocking doors and meeting people as we, with God's help, endeavor to build His church. We look forward to all that He has in store for us.

We are so grateful for the place that God has given us to meet. In God's timing He will give us our own place to worship, but until then we are glad we can come together and worship the Lord.

You can find us at www.road2glory.com. We hope you will keep us in your daily prayers that God will bring people into our path that need Him.

Missionary Pastor,
Gary D. Long

Missionary Pastor,
Jesus Gonzalez.

Go Ye Therefore!



**Salinas
FWB
Church**



“You shall **love** the **Lord** your **God** with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

And these **words** which I command you today shall be **in your heart**.

You shall **teach** them diligently to **your children**, and you shall talk of them when you **sit in your house**, when you **walk by the way**, when you **lie down**, and when you **rise up**.”

Deuteronomy 6:5-7,

Shift your ministry model to reconnect parents with kids

How many hours a week do your kids spend at church? One, two, maybe three. It's nearly impossible to think that the youth pastor, children's pastor, or small group leader could be the primary spiritual influence over the lives of our kids. According to D6 (Deuteronomy 6:5-7) that's a job for dad and mom.

Parents are involved in sports, homework, and hygiene, but many parents find it challenging to connect with their children when it comes to their faith. Therefore they choose not to interact or dialogue with their kids about the most critical issue in life. The results are staggering: we are losing a generation of kids, and this

is having an enormous impact on the future of the church.

But how do we change our ministry models?

How do we reconnect parents with kids?

That's exactly what the D6 Conference is about.

Leaders who attend the D6 Conference will be challenged to take a different look at the way they minister to children, students, and families in the church in light of the message of Deuteronomy 6:5-7. Many of today's leaders in the faith at home movement will be sharing the groundbreaking successes they are experiencing. The D6 Conference will equip leaders with the tools and ideas they need to influence parents in their church to reconnect with their kids.

- Discover groundbreaking successes in the faith at home movement
- Resource your ministry tool box with fresh ideas, tools and strategies
- Experience the power of sharing, listening and worshipping together

Join the conversation. D6 Conference, the official gathering place for faith at home movement.

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THE MODERATOR'S PEN, by Millard Sasser

There is a powerful phrase for ministry tucked away in the book of Acts. Acts 13:36 says simply: "after he had served his own generation by the will of God," (KJV). Literally the verse says, "David served God's purpose in his own generation and fell asleep (or died)."

The lesson we must learn is simple: the church is responsible to reach its generation for Christ. That means God holds the church in 2009 responsible to reach the 2009 generation with the

Gospel.

Obviously, our message of biblical salvation must never change or be diluted. The message of biblical sanctification must never change or be compromised. Some things simply never change.

However, in order to reach our generation for Christ we may need to step outside our "comfort zone." We may even have to accept ways of ministry that are strange to us. The methods you use to preach and teach God's truths are not between us as

two servants. They are between you and The Master—The Lord Jesus Christ. The responsibility for judging a servant belongs only to the Master, not another servant. It is my responsibility as a servant to come alongside you as a servant of the Master, to assist but not judge you in the way you minister and get the Master's work done.

So go ahead, step outside the box if the Master has told you to—really it's OK.

FWBBC TO HONOR BERT AND DIANNE TIPPET

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College invites the extended Free Will Baptist family and other friends to participate in *The Celebration!*, an evening to honor Bert and Dianne Tippett for their ministry at FWBBC since 1965. The will include verbal tributes, audiovisual features, music, and special presentations. Mark this date, and plan to attend.

THE CELEBRATION!

"An Evening to Honor Bert & Dianne Tippett"

June 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Free Will Baptist Bible College in the Memorial Auditorium

Followed by a Reception

In the event your schedule does not permit you to attend *The Celebration!* and you want to share a special memory with Bert and Dianne Tippett, send a letter or an e-mail to them and be part of this once-in-a-lifetime occasion.

E-mail: celebratetippetts@fwbbc.edu

Mailing Address: Bert & Dianne Tippett
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The California State Association of Free Will Baptists exists to encourage our member churches and their constituency in the work of ministry given us by our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Association exists to unify our efforts in Kingdom building through
our local churches,

California Christian College,

State Mission Board,

State Youth Ministries,

and California Women Active for Christ (CWAC).