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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, INC.

Dear Friend,

Greetings from the National Association of Free Will Baptists. We are praying for you as you deal with the challenges of COVID and an increasingly hostile culture toward Christianity. We are here to help you.

Enclosed you will find our annual stewardship poster for The Together Way. A digital copy can be downloaded at www.NAFWB.org/TogetherWay. These four special offerings are critical to help supplement cooperative and designated giving to our national agencies to help us advance the gospel. Please prayerfully consider receiving a special offering for these agencies on these days.

The first offering is **February 28 for Welch College**. I was thrilled to learn about the special gift a foundation gave to Welch College to establish an M.Div. Program. It is encouraging to see those outside the denomination recognize the importance of the type of education Welch College provides. When you receive an offering for Welch, you make an investment that will pay dividends. Also, please encourage your congregation to pray for Welch students as they return to campus. I am sure you know COVID has been especially hard on colleges like Welch. Learn more at www.Welch.edu.

Please participate in the **World Missions Offering on April 25**. Because of COVID, last year's offering was delayed until August. It may feel like your church just participated in the offering, but this is an important component to meeting their financial needs. I encourage you to invite missionaries and IM personnel to your churches or to allow them to share their story remotely via Skype or Zoom. All of us have received the charge to reach the world with the gospel (Acts 1:8b). I know of no other way to fulfill that charge without working together to send those willing to go. Learn more about IM, Inc. at www.iminc.org.

Please do not forget the **Rest of the Family Offering on September 26**. It is easy to overlook the importance of these groups. The offering is divided between the Board of Retirement, Executive Office, Free Will Baptist Foundation, Vertical Three, WNAC, and the commissions (Theological, Historical, Media, and Music). These groups provide much training and support to the denomination. The better they are funded, the better they can support and partner with our churches, many of which are struggling and in need of help. You can learn more about these groups at www.nafwb.org. Take a look at the plethora of online resources provided at www.boardofretirement.com, www.fwbgifts.org, and www.wnac.org.

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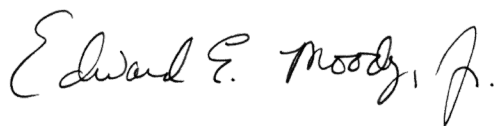
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The pandemic has wreaked havoc on the publishing ministry. Vertical Three is the arm of Randall House that operates CTS, Truth & Peace, and other ministries. Vertical Three receives a small part of the Rest of the Family offering, which is used to assist with the expenses of the Vertical Three Conference. Explore the resources that Randall House provides at www.RandallHouse.com.

Finally, we have the offering for **North American Ministries on November 21**. Please participate in this offering. NAM has church planters, chaplains, and cross-cultural ministry partners across North America, most in the United States. We believe the hope for the United States is in transforming communities through the gospel. These church planters are working in areas without evangelical churches to sustain the population of that community. NAM and the Executive Office have also developed Refresh, which is a way to provide resources for all of our churches. In 2020, Dr. Danny Dwyer scheduled to train 32 coaches to help with church revitalization. Learn more about Free Will Baptist North American Ministries at www.fwbnam.com and the Refresh ministry at www.nafwb.org/Refresh.

The denomination has many ministries that desperately need funding. My predecessor, Brother Keith Burden, used to point out that if each church only gave a small percentage to each of our works (through cooperative giving or the Together Way), each agency and commission would be sufficiently funded. Let us be good stewards of what God has given us, remembering God loves a cheerful giver, and it is more blessed to give than to receive. It really is.

Please call at **877-767-7659** or email at questions@nafwb.org about ways we may serve you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward E. Moody, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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