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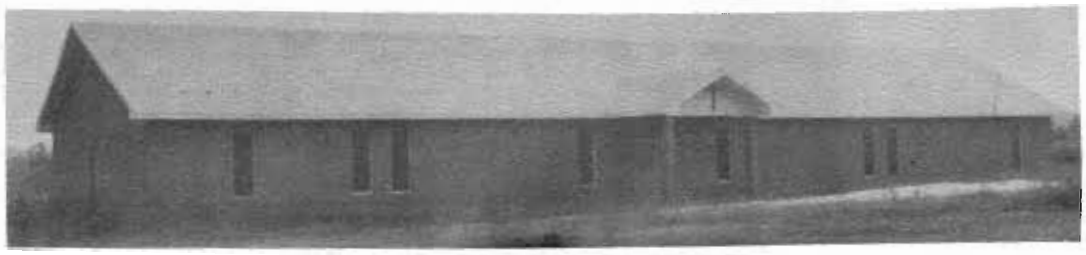

GREER CHURCH

Pictured above is the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greer. The Building is the first phase of their Building Edifices. This Building is 120'x36' with a seating capacity of 200. This Building has eight class rooms, an Office, two dressing rooms & choir room combination, a baptistry, and a large room that can be used as a Children's Church or Fellowship Hall.

This Church Building was erected by mostly volunteer help from within and without the Mission. Most of the work have come from men in the Beaver Creek Association. Churches that have helped are Lockhart FWB Church, Lockhart; South Avenue FWB Church; Lancaster; First FWB Church, Greenville; First FWB Church, Inman. Many man hours have been contributed by these men and the men of the local Mission. A special note of thanks to Mr. Herbert Allen who have contributed many free hours and have given invaluable assistance in the Building Program. Also, to Mr. Ray Rogers, Jr. who drew the plans.

The Mission is averaging over 40 in attendance with an average weekly offerings exceeding $250.00. Rev. James B. Rice, the Pastor, said he and the congregation wish to thank everyone who has worked, prayed, or contributed to the Mission at Greer.

SOUL WINNING CONFERENCE

FREE WILL BAPTIST PASTORS & WORKERS CONFERENCE

Speakers for the PASTORS AND WORKERS CONFERENCE in Kinston, North Carolina, has been announced. There will be a full program brochure out soon giving the workshops, accomidations, registration fees, and etc. Speakers for the main services November 24-26 are:

Dr. B.R. Lakin, Florida	Dr. Tom Malone, Michigan
Dr. Lonnie Graves, N.C.	Dr. Joseph Ange, Tennessee
Rev. Dale Burden, Virginia	Rev. Don Pegram, Virginia
Rev. Van Dale Hudson, Miss.	Mrs. Marlene Evans, Indiana

Many helpful workshops will be conducted dealing with:
(Buses, Finance, Promotion, The Christian Woman, Children's Church, Puppets, Music, Visitation, Church Administration, Day Schools, Radio and T.V. Ministry, Building Program, Starting Churches, Youth, The Christian Home, Advertising the Church, The Church Budget, Preaching to Motivate, SOUL-WINNING & etc. etc.)

This Conference will be one of the Greatest Events in your Christian Life. Plan to attend and pray that God's power will be on each speaker and workshop. If you want a brochure mailed to you write the following address:

Free Will Baptist Pastors & Workers Conference
Route 2 Box 385
Kinston, North Carolina 28501

Dr. David Paramore is the General Chairman of this Conference.

STATE AUXILIARY

SOUTH CAROLINA AUXILIARY MEET

The South Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met March 15, 1975 at the Horse Branch Free Will Baptist Church in Turbeville, S.C. There were a total of 199 in attendance. Theme was, "Lord, Thread Me Through Your Needle".

The special speaker for the day was Missionary Vada Lee who showed some slides of their work in Africa and spoke on the topic, "Frustrations Missionaries Face".

The following Officers were elected to serve the State for the next two years:

PRESIDENT	Mrs. Mary Reid
VICE-PRESIDENT	Mrs. Mae Sheehan
SECRETARY	Mrs. Faye Hanna
TREASURER	Mrs. Ailene Stone
FIELD WORKER	Mrs. Jessie Stone
MEMBERS AT LARGE	Mrs. Norma Harrington
	Mrs. Gayle Hughes
	Mrs. Avis Poston

The Inman Auxiliary received the attendance award with the most Auxiliary members present. This Auxiliary also traveled the fartherest distance to the meeting.

Submitted by,
Gayle Hughes

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

EARL HENDRIX

ATTEND-----ATTEND-----ATTEND

State Association

The State Association will be meeting this November 13-14, at South Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Lancaster, South Carolina. Each Church may be represented by one delegate. Each licenced or Ordained Minister is a standing delegate. Also, each Church is requested to represent with a $ 20.00 representation fee.
Brother Pastor, Please make plans to attend and bring a delegate with you, visitors are invited to come as well. Let's make this the best State Association ever.

This past National Association was one of the best I have had the privilege to attend. There were certainly a spirit of unity prevailing at this meeting. The workshops were very inspiring to each one that attended.
The next National Association will convene at Tulsa, Oklahoma July 12-15, 1976.

Supporters Of The Informer

The following is a list of supporters from November, 1974-July, 1975. This Office thanks each of you for your support. May God bless your work.

Lockhart FWB, Lockhart	$ 45.00
First FWB, Florence	$ 100.00
New Prospect FWB, Pamplico	$ 90.00
First FWB, Inman	$ 91.00
Horse Branch FWB, Turbeville	$ 45.00
FWB Bible, Florence	$ 45.00
Pamplico FWB, Pamplico	$ 45.00
Columbia Original FWB, Columbia	$ 45.00
First FWB, McCell	$ 15.00
First FWB Mission, Greenwood	$ 4.00
State Association	$ 77.25
First FWB, Greenville	$ 40.00
Little Bethel FWB, Johnsonville	$ 30.00
Jefferson Road FWB, Sumter	$ 50.00
First FWB, Chester	$ 25.00
Lebanon FWB, Effingham	$ 15.00
Mill Branch FWB, Pamplico	$ 60.00
Valley Falls FWB, Valley Falls	$ 30.00
TOTAL	$ 952.25

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FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE NEWS

One hundred twenty-six Free Will Baptist Bible College students closed their second semester studies in May with an average of "B" or higher and were placed on the school's Dean's List of honor students. Nine students maintained a straight "A" average over the last 18 weeks of the 1974-75 school year. The Dean's List was compiled after students completed examinations, just prior to Commencement Week.
Listed below are the current honor students from South Carolina:

"A" ROLL
Ricky Rasberry.....(Freshman).....Timmonsville, S. C.

"B" ROLL
Gerald Kirby.....(Senior).....Timmonsville, S. C.
Miriam B. Whittaker.....(Senior).....Aynor, S. C.
Ettaphine Hyman.....(Junior).....Pamplico, S. C.
Donnie Miles.....(Junior).....Darlington, S. C.
John Caulder.....(Sophomore).....Florence, S. C.
Lisa Coker.....(Freshman).....Turbeville, S. C.
Wanda Lee.....(Freshman).....Florence, S. C.
Garry Munn.....(Freshman).....Florence, S. C.

South Carolina was responsible for gifts totaling $29,581.49 to Free Will Baptist Bible College during the school's fiscal year, June 1, 1974 to May 31, 1975.
Building fund gifts amounted to $4,448.93. General Fund giving totaled $25,132.56. This was 136% of the $18,500.00 quota requested for the State. The General Fund gift quota for South Carolina this year is $27,500.00.
Total giving to the Bible College was over $450,000.00 for the 1974-1975 fiscal year. These gifts made possible the continuing ministry of training Free Will Baptist young people for the work of the Lord. The Bible College is deeply grateful to Free Will Baptists across the denomination for their faithful support.
Dates for the Bible College's 1975 Pastors' Conference have been changed to November 3-5, the school's administration recently announced. The dates had been previously announced as August 18-22, 1975. The time of the conference was adjusted when college officials noted that it would conflict with at least one state's annual meeting. The new time will fill the space in the school's calendar usually reserved for Missionary Conference.
Speakers for the Pastors' Conference and other data on the meeting will be released soon.

PASTORS SEEKING PASTORATES

Following is a list of Pastors or Preachers who are interested in a pastorate. If you would like any additional information, please contact them or write to State Promotional Secretary; Route 4 Box 6; Inman, S. C. 29349.

Rev. Mike Tart
P. O. Box 1194
Sanford, N. C. 27330
Telephone (919) 775-9381

Rev. James Roebuck
P. O. Box 359
Arlington, Georgia 31713
Telephone (912) 725-4625

Rev. Eugene Richards
1406 Ursuline Avenue
Bryan, Texas 77801
Telephone (713) 822-4574

Rev. Allen Presley
Route 7 Box 78
Crossville, Tennessee
Telephone ( ) 484-4876

CHURCH NEWS

OLD CHURCH

NEW CHURCH

The Corinth Free Will Baptist Church was organized during the Civil War in the mid-1800's. In 1923 the name of the Church was changed to Poplar Hill Free Will Baptist Church. The Church was used for Schooling in the year 1932-39.

Ministers that have Pastorrd at Poplar Hill are as follows:

Rev. Leland Powell, Pamplico, S.C.
Rev. Scottie Driggers, Address Unknown
Rev. Willard Howell, Bucksport, S.C.
Rev. Floyd Ard, Johnsonville, S.C.
Rev. G.C. Jones, Aynor, S.C.
Rev. Monroe Harrell, Tnreville, S.C.
Rev. Michael Jones, Lake City, S.C.

and pastoring now is Rev. Earl Johnson of Conway, S.C.

The small Chnrch that was built in the 1800's had been renovated and enlarged by the addition of Sunday School rooms. A Fellowship hall was built in the mid-1960's. During the year 1968 Rev. Monroe Harrell was pastoring and plans were started for a new and larger Church. On June 18, 1972, with the Lord's wonderful blessings, the ground breaking was held for the new Church and Rev. Michael Jones was pastoring at this time. With the Lord still blessing, on March 9, 1975 the Dedication of the new Tabernacle was held. The Auditorium seats 300, there are six class rooms, a Nursery, three rest rooms, two water coolers, central heat & air, a piano, and organ. To really show how the Lord has blessed, it is all paid for except the organ. Only blessings from God could have made this possible.

At the Dedication, a short memorial service was held in memory of those that had passed on. A report was given by the Building Committee and the little bell that was used in the school in the 1930's and was still being used for Sunday Srhool was presented to Mrs. Eva Grimhal who taught school there. Also, there were four former pastors present and each one presented a short message. The morning message was given by Rev. G.C. Jones. He spoke from II Chromcles 6:13, and the text was "Solomon's Temple".

After the Dedication Service, dinner was served in the Fellowship hall and there were approximately 400 present. That afternoon a singing convention was held and there was really some wonderful singing. It was a long day, but fully enjoyed by all. Thanks to God, for we give Him praise and glory for it all.

NEWS FROM LAKE CITY AREA CHURCHES

Greetings in the Name of Christ our Lord:

Wanted to write and tell you how God has begun to bless the Lake City Area Free Will Baptist Churches. He has done exceedingly abundantly above what we could ask or think and mainly, I believe, because we have begun to cooperate together.

It all begin at Easter when all the Churches decided to get together and have a Sunrise Service. High Hill Free Will Baptist Church (the largest FWB Church in the Lake City Area) was packed full and a tremendous Spiritual Service was had. Highlights of the Service were a special Choir made up of 2 members from each Church and the Message brought by Rev. Hardy Richburg.

Then in June all the Churches once again came together, this time for a joint Missionary Conference with Missionary Sherwood Lee. Once again a full house, a joint choir, and a tremendous Service. This one was held at Salem FWB Church.

The lastest venture was a Youth Crusade held in the Lake City Plaza on Sunday Night, July 22. This came about from burdened hearts who each Sunday Night would pass gangs of Young People parked in the Plaza drinking, petting, and passing drugs. It seemed that ever effort to get to Church failed so finally it was decided to take the Gospel to them. God blessed this effort with beautiful weather, a large crowd (500-700) a tremendous Spirit, and 4 precious souls. The entire effort had been "bathed in prayer" and God's Spirit worked that that man could not. Much fruit is expected from the "seed" we planted during this Crusade.

It is my prayer that God has just begun the work here and is showing us that He can do if we'll just work together for the advancement of HIS kingdom.

In Christ, Pastor Mike Jones

REVIVAL FROM GOD

Souls being saved, and lives being rededicated to the Lord means only that the Lord is still all powerful and working among us today.

This is the way the revival of Hillside Free Will Baptist Church of Florence, S. C. progressed through the week of March 2-9, 1975. Approximately 25-30 persons came to the alter to be saved or to rededicate their lives to the Lord.

The Rev. L.H. Clayton, the evangelist for the week, showed God's great love and tender mercy to all who would believe through each sermon that he preaehed. He also portrayed judgement and hell for those who were not willing to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

The revival meetings are over, but we pray that a revival will live on in the hearts of the people who attended the meetings. We ask for each of you to remember our Church whenever yon pray that we might always be in the center of God's will.

The Rev. L.H. Clayton is a brother in the flesh, as well as in the spirit, to the pastor of our Church, the Rev. Paul Clayton.

Ellen Harrelson, Reporter

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

The Herald and Crusader classes of Hillside Free Will Baptist Church of Florence, S.C. had a banquet on February 14, in honor of Jesus. The theme of the banquet "Jesus Is My True Valentine" was carried out in the decorations as well as in the songs and talks.

The guest speaker, Mr. Kenny Horn of First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence, spoke on young people serving the Lord today, and the joys of having Jesus in your heart.

After the dismissal prayer, a social hour was observed. It provided time for everyone to talk with friends and to get acquainted with the visitors. Also during this time, Mrs. Lillian Clayton, wife of the Rev. Paul Clayton, was presented with a gift to help celebrate her birthday which was February 14.

Ellen Harrelson, Reporter

Church News

REPORT FROM MILL BRANCH CHURCH

We at Mill Branch give thanks and praise to God for His great love and many blessings. He has been good to us.

On February 26, we began a Youth Revival, we had different speakers each night. On Wednesday the Speaker was Brother Gene Adam of Hillside Free Will Baptist Church of Florence, on Thursday Brother John Evans of the New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, Pamplico, and on Friday Rev. Seldon Buck of Oats Free Will Baptist Church of Oats preached the concluding message. The messages that these men of God brought were Spirit filled and a blessing to all.

Sunday March 2, we celebrated our 12th Anniversary with dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30. at 2:00 P.M. we had a singing featuring The Gospel Tones; Robin and Ronnie from Florence and a group from Grace Free Will Baptist of Manning, also local groups. We all received a blessing from the messages in song.

In the Evening, we began our Spring Revival with Rev. Carl Shook of Valley Falls Free Will Baptist Church as Evangelist. The week was a Spirit filled, God sent revival that blessed the souls of the saved and brought lost to the saving knowledge of God. It will long be remembered. We thank God for sending Rev. Shook our way, and pray that God will ever bless him.

Our Pastor is at work, visiting the sick, working with the lost trying to get them saved by the grace of God. and preaching the word of God as it is. We thank God for him and his wife.

We now have a track rack and tracks, we hope this will help us to win the lost and strength the saved. On April 13, we had a baptizing with nine coming forward. We thank God for these new members. Also we had one by letter. The Lord has blessed us, we asked God for 10 new members this year and many rededications, He has answered our prayers. Praise His Name!!!

REPORTER: T.M. Jones
PASTOR: Rev. Hoyt Powell

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH DEDICATES NEW SANCTUARY

The Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church had their Dedication of the New Sanctuary on July 27. Dinner was served by the Ladies of the Church. The Dedication Message was brought by the Rev. James Hucks Sr. after lunch.

Pastor Julius Hall, Reporter

EVANGELIST OWEN GANEY

Please note the change of address.

Rev. Owen Ganey
P.O. Box 860
Bethel, N.C. 27812

PASTOR, if you can use Brother Ganey in a Revival you may contact him at the above address.

Home Missions

POCATELLO IDAHO

The Harley Bennetts have moved to Pocatello, Idaho to start a Free Will Baptist Church there. H you have relatives or friends in the area please help by sending their names and addresses to Home Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. Thank You!

Harley Bennett, Missionary

Missionary Paul Reid reports that they are now running in the twenties and souls are being saved at Greenwood. However, Missionary Reid's account is in the "red" at the present time, and if you would like to invest in souls as a "work of faith" it would be greatly appreciated and God would richly bless you. This work at Greenwood being a work of faith will necessitate Brother Reid going back on itinerant to raise his support. This is not an individual's work, but God's work. Let's back this man of God up so hr will not have to leave his "flock" and go on the "field" to raise support. Pray and do what God would have you to do about this matter.

You may send your contributions to:

National Home Missions
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee 37202
OR
Rev. Ansel Smith
78 Brooklyn Avenue
Lancaster, South Carolina 29702

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

COUNT ON ME, LORD is the theme of the 1975 Fall Enlargement Campaign. The Fall Campaign will begin on Sundsy October 5, and continue through Sunday, October 26, 1975. Sunday Schools in each division who experience the greatest percentage of gain over the 13 weeks average attendance for March-April-May, 1975 will be declared winners and awarded appropriate plaques denoting First and Second place.

Your entry blank and order should be in the Sunday School Department hands by OCTOBER 3, 1975.

For further information write the Sunday School Department, P.O. Box 17308, Nashville, Tennessee 37217 or Telephone (615)242-2624.

News From Foreign Missions

DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS RESIGN; NEW DIRECTOR NAMED

J. Reford Wilson, General Director of the Department of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, submitted his resignation after 13½ years of service in that capacity. Reverend Wilson has signed a teaching contract with Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Oklahoma where he will be employed as Professor of Missions and Bible. Termination date with the Department of Foreign Missions has been set as July 31, 1975.

Reverend Rolla Smith, Board member and Pastor of Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri has been named General Director to replace Mr. Wilson.

Pray for both of these men as they take over their new duties that God will use them to advance His kingdom.

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