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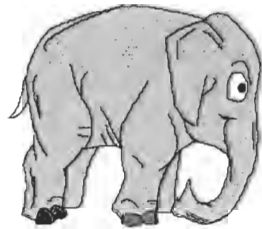


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A MILLION IN THE MILLENNIUM 100,001 S C will reach for the SON

One of the most exciting, and far reaching, projects ever attempted by Free Will Baptist is underway. Spearheaded on the national and state level by the respective Home Mission Boards, the overall project is an attempt by Free Will Baptist to reach a Million people with the Gospel of Christ during this Millennium year. What a gigantic goal, what a great vision!!



How do you eat an elephant? A bite at a time! How do you break up a Million person project into manageable portions? You start with the denomination attempting to reach a Million. Then you ask the states to accept a portion of this task- the South Carolina Home Mission Board decided that the churches of South Carolina could reach 100,001 (Alabama said it could reach 100,000 and we KNOW we can reach more than they can!). Next you reach that 100,000 by asking 100 churches to reach 1000 people. Then you reach those 1000 by asking 20 people in that church to attempt to reach 50- - and, what do you know, you've eaten an elephant; and reached a tremendous amount of people with the gospel of Christ.

New Vision FWB Church, Rock Hill (Pastor Daggett Duncan) was the first Church to sign up to reach a Thousand. Then Pastor Roger Johnson signed up Oak Grove FWB Church, Conway. Cornerstone FWB Church, Manning (Pastor John Matthews) then came on board and Pastor Jimmy Sanders and the First FWB Church of Chester are already well on the way to reaching their thousand. Come on aboard, Elephant meat tastes good!!

Everyone you meet today will spend eternity somewhere. The question is where??

STATE YOUTH CAMP: Camp Beaver Lake (Patrick, SC) will again play host to our annual State Youth Camp. Junior Camp will be July 31-August 4th and Teen Camp will be August 7- 11th. All Pastors should have received a copy of the application form for campers and for counselors.

Youth Camp Fees:
\$83 if FULL Payment received by July 4th.
\$87 if \$30 deposit received by July 4th.
\$91 after July 4th.

Because of the fact that several schools are beginning classes the first week in August this year, it is imperative that the camp board know as soon as possible how many campers will be attending in order to plan for staff, speakers, etc. Contact Camp Field Director, Rev Donnie Miles (897 3rd Loop Rd, Florence, SC) for more information or applications.

The Bible Bowl Team from Horse Branch FWB Church is headed to Anaheim as winners in the State CTS Competition. Team members (l-r) are Ashley Gray, Adrienne Paquette, Pamela Robinson, Justin Driggers (More CTS Results on page 6)



2000 SOUTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST PLAN OF SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.



God has blessed our State with a plan of support for our Foreign Missionaries that can relieve much of their financial burdens; while allowing them the privilege of rest, fellowship, and sharing information while home on furlough. **The South Carolina Plan of Support for Foreign Missions** gives you the opportunity to support **ALL** of our designated South Carolina Foreign Missionaries.

When you give a **NON DESIGNATED GIFT** to the South Carolina Plan of Support for Foreign Missions it is divided by a set formula to help reach these goals:

**Together We Give
To Reach A Lost World**

COUNTRY	MISSIONARY	% of budget pledged	SC FUND GOALS
Brazil	David Aycock	25% of \$127,627***	\$31,906.75
Brazil	Jim Cowart	30% of \$95,992	\$28,797.60
Japan	Mirial Gainer	75% of \$105,061	\$78,795.75
India	Carlisle Hanna	65% of \$192,873	\$125,367.45
Spain	Tim Johnson	50% of \$79,551	\$39,775.50
Brazil	Bobby Poole	50% of \$82,667	\$41,333.50
Brazil	Andy Moore	50% of \$121,564***	\$60,782.00
TOTAL GIFTS NEEDED FOR 2000			\$406,758.55

***NOTE- David Aycock and Andy Moore Budgets are higher than normal this year due to "Start up cost" of beginning their work on the field - car, equipment, etc

Your prayers, and your support are vital if we are to continue reaching all the world for Christ. Make sure you participate yourself (Give a Faith Promise Gift each month); and encourage others to do so also.

Contact the Promotional office if you need more information. Remember, just say, "I want these funds to go to THE PLAN" and you can help answer Paul's questions to the Romans- (Rom 10:14-15) *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?*

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NOTE THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

South Carolina Conference Quarterly Meeting will be Friday, July 7th at Liberty FWB Church, Orangeburg (Special Speaker- Rev Bill Jacobs (Mullins- Marion) will be speaking on "How God helped us have 582 people on Roll Call Sunday")

Central Conference Quarterly Meeting will be Saturday July 8th at Little Star FWB Church, Johnsonville

True Life Conference Quarterly Meeting will be Saturday, July 15th at Gloryland FWB Church, Rock Hill

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION will meet July 16th - 20th at Anaheim, California

Eastern Conference Quarterly Meeting will be Saturday, July 22nd at New Vision, Hemingway

Beaver Creek Conference Quarterly Meeting will be Saturday, July 29th at Whitney FWB Church, Spartanburg

Palmetto Conference Quarterly Meeting will be Friday-Saturday, August 18-19th at Peace FWB Church, Spartanburg

Great Commission Conference Semi-Annual Meeting will be Saturday, October 14th at Greer FWB Church, Greer

**South Carolina Free Will Baptist
HAVE AN IMPACT**

Rev Larry McAlister, leads the **National Day of Prayer** rally at the Ron McNair memorial in Lake City, SC. Brother Larry is Pastor of Gilead FWB Church and has co-ordinated this community effort for many years. The



event is well received in the community and in the local newspaper. This is another way in which Free Will Baptist are having a positive impact on our communities.

Rev Richard Suttle and the Woodruff FWB Church recently raised over \$2000 as they took part in the annual Town celebration and fair. This money will be used toward their new sanctuary. They used the fair as an opportunity to promote their church, and the Lord, to the people of the area with a goal of building the church numerically as they built their new sanctuary.



Another place that is attempting to have a positive impact on the community is **YOUR FWB Book Store and Promotional Office**. The building



looks very good since being painted by Temple FWB Church Master's Men (with paint supplied by the Eastern

Conference). Bookstore manager (and new daddy!! It is a BOY) Eddie Hobbs works hard to keep the business as presentable to the public as possible. Stop by for a visit anytime you are in town.

(2 Th 3:3) But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

Rev Elro Driggers and the people of Beulah FWB Church rejoice in their new sign. It is a great witness in the community.



Rev Elro Driggers and Billy Bazen

Brother Driggers also rejoices greatly in the new Parsonage that the church has built. He and Mrs Nancy are making themselves right at home; and the church is really blooming with growth.



The **Lower Florence County Minister's Meet** recently had 20 members to show up at their monthly meet to hear Missionary Andy Moore deliver a powerful message on calling laborers into God's fields. **Rev Tony Trott**, pastor of Jefferson Road FWB Church in Sumter, is the leader of this group and most ministers who attend say it is one of the spiritual highlights of their month.



Temple FWB Church, Darlington awarded the first "**Roy Player**



Missions Scholarship" to **Darin Miles**, a junior missions major at Free Will Baptist Bible College on April 20th.

The \$1000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a FWBBC missions student in honor of the late Rev Roy Player, founding pastor of the church. The scholarship was presented by pastor Todd Parrish and Deacon Michael Player (son of Rev Player).

Darin is the son of Rev and Mrs Donnie Miles (Peace FWB Church, Florence) and is currently serving his second term as president of the FWBBC student body.

Home missionary **Rev Billy Wayne Baker**, is excited about God's Blessings on the work he is doing in Phoenix, Arizona. After beginning with a small group of only 10-20 they are now running in the high 30's. They have just put a new



L-r Jimmy Blackwood, Tonya Baker, Rev Billy W Baker

roof on the church and expect a new sign to be in place soon. Part of their ministry right now is taking food and cloths to the many homeless in the Phoenix area; and, praise the Lord, they are seeing some of these people come to eat the "bread of life" in salvation.

Brother Billy Wayne wants to especially thank everyone for their support. He requests that you continue to uplift him in your prayers.

Neil Morgan, Summer missionary to **India**, left on Monday, May 22th to begin his work with Brother Carlisle Hanna. He will assist Brother Carlisle for 5 weeks until Brother Carlisle comes home and then he will assist in the South India work until his return to the states on August 1st.



Neil is a member of Sand Hill FWB Church and is a rising Junior at Free Will Baptist College. This mission minded young man plans to take a year off from college next year and minister in the Virgin Islands. He then plans to return to college to finish his education before seeking full time mission status.

Amanda Springs will be going to **Brazil** this summer as a Summer Missionary. She will depart June 1st. Amanda is from the Horse Branch FWB Church and is presently attending Free Will Baptist Bible College.



In addition to these summer missionaries I have already been contacted by 2 other young men about becoming Free Will Baptist Chaplains and a young lady has declared God's call on her life to the mission field. Thank God that He continues to call workers into the fields that are VERY white unto harvest. May God burden the hearts of His people in such a way that every missionary He calls will have all the resources they need to do the work to which God has called them.

PEWS AND PARKING. That is what Missionary Danny Keen said were his main needs right. Landmark FWB Mission expects to go self supporting October 1st and they really need to get the Pews and Parking paid for before they "launch out on their own". Can you help?



OPERATION SATURATION:

Mark your Calenders for Saturday, September 30th. This is when ALL our churches are asked to join our Home Mission Churches in an effort to Saturate their neighborhoods with the Gospel of Christ. This will only work if YOU work; so plan to help.



[This is part 2 of a series on the history of Free Will Baptist in South Carolina. They have been researched and written by **Historical Commission Chairman, Joe McKnight**]

Redding Moore (one of the most important figures in early FWB History) was born in 1780, in what is now Greene County, NC. He lived in an area that, at various time, moved between Greene, Pitt and Dobbs Counties. Thus it is very difficult to find records about his early days. There is a possibility that he was a descendant of William Moore, who at the age of sixteen, made the journey across the Atlantic Ocean aboard the "Primrose" in 1635. William traveled with a Rev. George White, who was noted as "a man of God." This link between William and Redding has not been conclusively proven yet, but there is strong evidence to suggest it. If so, then it is quite possible that Rev. George White may have been a General Baptist minister, and that Redding Moore's Arminian persuasion came through that source. There is no record that identifies Redding's parents, or the identity of any siblings. Even the correct spelling of his name is questionable at times. Other versions of the name include Redden, Reden and Reading. Redding is the preferred spelling, however. This is used in his will, and in a written statement by a grandson.

While information about Redding prior to his arrival in South Carolina in 1816 is sketchy, it is apparent that he was trained to work in a surveying crew as a chain carrier. He was a member of the Grimsleys Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County. There is some evidence that he may have fought against Great Britain in the War of 1812. It is very likely that, at some point during his childhood or early adult years, he was acquainted with the family of Augustine Wilson, a hero of the Revolutionary War. A future article will detail the relationships between the Moores and Wilsons, especially Rev. John Wilson. [The next article will address the arrival of Redding Moore in South Carolina, and the beginning of his missionary efforts]



Rev Stuart Snow Preached the Charge and Rev Marty Cox delivered the message at Rev Wayne Snipes Ordination

April, 2000 is a month **Rev Wayne Snipes** will not soon forget. At the beginning of the month he participated in the dedication of the new sanctuary for his home church, Liberty FWB Church of Lancaster.

Then he was called as **pastor of Unity FWB Church**, Johnsonville, SC. And, finally, he **was ordained into the Gospel Ministry** on Saturday, April 29th during a special service at Liberty FWB Church.

In addition to his preaching and pastoring skills, brother Wayne, his wife, Julie, and daughter, Kendal are very talented musicians. They are excited about beginning their new ministry and we look for God to greatly bless their work.



Rev William Porter read the scripture, Rev Earl Hendrix gave the charge, and proud father, Rev Bobby Bowers (First FWB Church of Greenville)



L-r William Porter, Tim Bowers, Jackie Bowers, Bobby Bowers, Earl Hendrix

preached the message at the **ORDINATION SERVICE for REV TIMOTHY BOWERS**. Brother Tim (along with talented singing wife, Jackie) is available for

supply preaching or pastoral work as God opens the door.



The Ground Breaking Service for the new Sanctuary at **Peace FWB Church** was held Sunday, April 9th. Pastor Donnie Miles led the Congregation in praise as they look

forward to the building of their new 1300 sq feet Sanctuary. It will seat over 750 people and will include restrooms, 4 classrooms, 3 offices, a conference room, and a large reception area. Cost is estimated at slightly over 1million dollars.

Exciting things are happening at our FWB Children's Home in Turbeville, S C.



- Thanks to much help from owner, Kenny Sauls, and Rev Rickey Evans (Pastor of St John FWB Church, Pamplico), our Home for Children now has a new **SIGN**. It is will be a big asset and a great

promotion for the Home to the thousands of cars that pass by the home each month.

- 11 Staff members now minister to 33 young people at the home:

- *Rev James and Carolyn Wilhide, Superintendent
- *Tim and Wendy Snipes- Little People's Dorm House Parents
- *Charles and Debra Poston- Girl's Dorm House Parents
- *Bryan and Mindy Poston- Boy's Dorm House Parents
- *Susanna Bazen-Secretary, Sherry Lee-Kitchen, and Mabel Evans-Housekeeping (Another kitchen person is needed. Can YOU help?).

- Their goal this year is to pay off the \$150,000 debt on the new boy's dorm so that next year they can begin construction on a new Girl's Dorm.



Charles and Debra Poston enjoy the Youngest child at the Children's Home- Robbie Pearson

- Check out their web site (www.homeforchildren.org) for the schedule of services for the home but especially mark these dates:

JUNE 17TH- Gold City Quartet Concert in Sumter to benefit the Home.

SEPTEMBER 9th - annual Golf Tournament for the home (Contact the Home at (843) 659-2880 for more info.)

NOVEMBER 4th - annual Children's Home Day.

St John Free Will Baptist Church of Patrick welcomes **Rev Todd Black** as their new pastor. This is brother Todd's first pastorate. He is from the Parkway FWB Church, Spartanburg (Pastor Mitch Edge) and really looks forward to accomplishing a great work for God.



**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CTS COMPETITION
FRIDAY- SATURDAY, MAY 19-20, 2000
FIRST FWB CHURCH, CHESTER, SC**

Can YOU recite Psalm 98 or 1 Corinthians 13 or the Roman's Road to Salvation or the books of the Bible at a moments notice? You could if you were part of the State CTS competition held at First FWB Church, Chester.

Here are the winners but the effort they put in, and the Bible they learned, made each participate a winner for life.

BIBLE COMPETITION:

3RD grade Bible Memorization:

- 1st David Bowers FFWBC, Greenville
- 2nd Maggie Driggers Horse Branch FWB

4th grade Bible Sword Drill:

- 1st: Jennifer Keefe Whitney FWB Church

5th grade Bible Sword Drill:

- 1st: Kelsey Porter FFWBC, Greenville

6th grade Bible Sword Drill:

- 1st: Mary Kathryn Driggers Horse Branch FWB
- 2nd: John Haynes FFWBC, Chester

Bible Tic Tac Toe: 1st: Temple FWB, Darlington Team: Halie Garrison, Christopher Skipper, Rebekah Player

2nd: First, Greenville Team: Colby Porter Justin Howard

Bible Bowl: 1st: Horse Branch, Turbeville Team: Justin Driggers, Pamela Robinson, Ashley Gray, Adrienne Paquette

MUSIC & ARTS COMPETITION

Vocal Solo:

- A 1st: Maggie Driggers Horse Branch, Turbeville
- B 1st: Kelsey Porter- FFWBC, Greenville
- B 1st: Bryce Mims -Horse Branch, Turbeville
- C 1st: Colby Porter- FFWBC, Greenville
- C 1st: Rebekah Player- Temple FWB, Darlington

Vocal Deut:

- B 1st: Johnson, Mims Duet- Horse Branch, Turbeville
- B 2nd: Duvall Duet- FFWBC, Greenville

Vocal Ensemble & Instrumental Ensemble:

C God's Little Singers & God's Little Ringers- Andy Hall, John Haynes, Leslee Haynes, Jacob Haynes, Lacy Haynes, Melanie Carpenter, Kayla Carpenter, Dawn Stricker, Skyler Scales, Justin Clack, Leslie Clack, Mitchell Johnson, Michael Moody.

Instrumental Solo:

- B 1st: Amanda Duvall-FFWBC, Greenville

Keyboard Solo:

- C 1st: Matthew Julian- Simpsonville FWB church

Group Drama:

- B 1st: Maggie Driggers, Mary Kathryn Driggers, Bryce Mims- Horse Branch, Turbeville

- C 1st: Tiffany Johnson, Julia Ann Robinson, Bryan Robinson- Horse Branch, Turbeville

- 2nd: Felicia Heward, Jennifer Keefe, Scarlett Byars Whitney FWB Church



l-r John Hayes, David Bowers, Colby Porter, Kelsey Porter, Justin Howard, Jennifer Keefe, Mary Kathryn Driggers, Rebekah Player, Maggie Driggers, Christopher Skipper, Halie Garrison



"God's Little Singers and God's Little Ringers"

l-r Front row-Skyler Scales, Leslie Clack, Lacy Haynes, Justin Clack, Jacob Haynes. Back Row- Dawn Stricker, Leslee Haynes, Mitchell Johnson, John Haynes, Andy Hall, Michael Moody.

The South Carolina Women Active for Christ will hold their annual retreat at Lookup Lodge on **Friday, September 29th and Saturday, September 30th.**

Cost for the two-day event is \$46 per lady. Your **\$10 registration fee** is Non Refundable and **must be received by July 1st, 2000.** This year's theme is **FROG- Fully Rely On God.** Make your reservations early; and expect to have a great time in the Lord.



William Dority, Jr was licensed to preach the gospel on Sunday, Feb 6, 2000. He teaches a SS Class and assists Pastor Todd Parrish at Temple FWB Church, Darlington and is presently employed at Fleet Funding. He can be contacted at (843) 393-7460.

Did you know:

- That if the 128 FWB churches that are part of our State Association each gave \$1000 to the Promotional Office that it would completely underwrite our 2000 budget with enough left over to pay off the \$30,000 renovation loan (Over half of each payment is interest right now); as well as give us the funds needed to publish an eight page "Informer" each time?
- That is you die lost, you will regret it forever!
- That the blood of Calvary is sufficient payment for every sin of every man; and whosoever will may come and be saved.