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84 PRECIOUS SOULS SAVED ON ROLL CALL SUNDAY

84 SAVED ON ROLL CALL SUNDAY! Nearly 13,000 people attended 125 SCFWB Churches on Roll Call Sunday this year and, Praise be to the name of the Lord, 84 of them professed faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior. People ask me about the benefit of Roll Call Sunday. My answer this year is 84.

The top Ten attendance Churches for the past 2 years are listed on this page and the Roll Call attendance for the past 2 years for all of our churches are listed on page 2. Thank you pastors and people for all the work you put into this special day. It made a difference; if you don't believe it, ask the 84.

TOP 10 ATTENDANCE CHURCHES ON ROLL CALL SUNDAY				
	2000		2001	
1	Mullins- Marion	582	Valley Falls	637
2	First, Inman	521	First, Inman	525
3	High Point	514	Mullins- Marion	344
4	Valley Falls	507	White Savannah	330
5	Arcadia	350	High Point	320
6	White Savannah	340	First, Florence	305
7	First, Florence	314	Arcadia	275
8	Peace, Florence	269	Gilead	275
9	Peace, Spartan	267	Liberty, Lancaster	275
10	Jesus First	250	Southside, Darlington	269

SOUTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTISTS GO THE EXTRA MILE

SCFWB are fabulous. Give them a Goal and they will make it and break it time after time. Let me share some of the victories SCFWB have reached in recent months.

-Paula Jones Medical Fund. The Executive Committee hoped for \$10,000, prayed for \$15,000, and still stare in amazement at \$22,000 (Glory!) (Princess Paula is slowing regaining her strength and we greatly appreciate your prayers).

-Second Chance Project to build a Children's Home Building in Brazil. Original goal \$15,000. Realized realistic needs bumped that to \$18,000. Last minute Unexpected Cost additions made the total needs \$21,000. Total received-\$24,000 (Is there a Glory any where out there?) (This group leaves for Brazil in order to finish the building on May 31st. Jonathan McKnight will be helping Mrs Ada at the Book Store during this time as Brother Eddie Ministers in Brazil)



-Promotional Director India Trip: Total Cost of ticket and Passport/Visa \$2000. Total Received \$2300 (Glory!) The Promotional Director will leave for India on May 30th and is due to return with Brother Carlisle on June 12th. [Brother Joe McKnight will be doing some of the financial and other work at the Promotional Office during this time].

-Summer Missionaries: This year 5 young people from South Carolina are serving as Summer Missionaries to Ivory Coast, Puerto Rico, and Japan. They needed \$14,000 and generous Churches and individuals raised over \$15,000 so these young people can share the gospel all around the world. (What a blessing to see these young people work together so that when one got their money raised they would help the others. What a Testimony!) And while all of this was going on Churches were paying off loans, building new buildings, and functioning for the cause of Christ. And increasing their giving to the work of God! Last year by April 30th the Promotional Office has received \$289,000 to distribute. This year we have already received \$316,000 to support the work of God. Thank the Lord for the good Free Will Baptists of South Carolina!

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BEAVER CREEK CONF	00	01
Arcadia, Arcadia	350	275
Calvary, Union		
Canaan, Lancaster	91	95
Converse	85	85
Enoree First	150	179
Fairview, Spartanburg	178	149
First, Chesnee	124	158
First, Chester	207	231
First, Greenville	95	138
First, Greenwood	45	59
First, Inman	521	525
First, Simpsonville	47	
First, Una	127	101
Freedom, Lancaster	130	139
Gaffney, Gaffney	129	
High Point, Lancaster	514	320
Hope, Spartanburg	62	84
Landmark, Anderson	140	197
Lesslie, Rock Hill	37	20
Liberty, Lancaster	119	275
Lockhart, Lockhart	190	153
New Covenant	44	61
New Life, Lancaster	179	136
North Spartanburg	142	104
Parkway	162	224
South Side	41	50
Valley Falls	507	637
Whitney	115	115
CENTRAL CONF		
Bethel, Florence	37	45
Cornerstone, Whiteville	187	155
Damascus, Conway	106	95
Evergreen, Conway	233	226
First, Hamlet	87	63
First, Myrtle Beach	188	238
Floyds, Nichols	24	39
Free Welcome, Conway	49	45
Jesus First, Rockingham	250	250
Little Bethel, Johnsonville	15	64
Little Star, Johnsonville	155	148
Mt Trolly, Conway	140	133
Mt Ariel, Conway	62	75
Mullins- Marion, Mullins	582	344
New Life, Conway	29	

Oak Grove, Conway	115	105
Pee Dee, Conway	86	85
Rains, Rains	93	66
Socastee, Surfside Beach	80	88
South Conway, Conway	88	110
Sweet Home, Myrtle Beach	35	
Unity, Johnsonville	66	64
Westside, Johnsonville	107	230
White Savannah, Conway	340	330
Wildwood, Nichols	37	120
S C CONFERENCE		
Bay Branch, Timmonsville	98	56
Bethany, Timmonsville	134	185
Bethesda, Camden	23	18
Beulah, Pamplico	97	84
Bible, Darlington	77	85
Black River, Andrews	73	84
Calvary, Georgetown	33	40
Camp Branch, Scranton	76	60
Columbia, Columbia	54	77
Community, Florence	59	89
Eastside, Florence	30	26
Faith, Darlington	70	80
Fellowship, Florence	46	47
First, Hartsville	28	27
First, Florence	314	305
First, Kingstree	236	195
First, Darlington	74	87
First, Charleston	56	55
Grace, Lake City	136	105
High Hill, Lake City	24	65
Horse Branch, Turbeville	223	198
Immanuel, Santee	14	28
Jefferson Road, Sumter	134	164
Lebanon, Florence	88	91
Liberty, Manning	45	35
Liberty, Orangeburg	30	27
Low Country, Charleston	20	40
Lynches River, Coward	31	55
Midlands, Columbia	38	34
Mt Elon, Pamplico	122	102
New Town, Lake City	50	79
Pamplico, Pamplico	41	36
Peace, Florence	269	255
Poplar Hill, Hemingway	48	49

Salem, Scranton	30	28
Sand Hill, Coward	83	68
Southside, Darlington	212	269
St John, Patrick	60	153
Tabernacle, Coward	193	148
Temple, Darlington	189	160
Victory, Andrews	37	44
PALMETTO CONFERENCE		
Bethel, Fort Mill	24	37
Bright Light,	62	48
Mountainview,	25	9
New Vision, Rock Hill	60	49
Peace, Spartanburg	267	242
Trinity, Wilmington, NC	26	31
Victory, Hanover, PA	87	169
EASTERN CONFERENCE		
Cornerstone, Manning	42	54
Cypress Forks, Manning	49	81
Fellowship, Manning	19	43
Freedom, Ladson	102	48
Gilead, Scranton	222	275
Happy Home, Andrews	74	140
Hickory Hill, Gresham	66	66
Hillside, Florence	80	72
Mill Branch, Johnsonville	67	57
New Vision, Hemingway	91	105
New Prospect, Pamplico	130	193
Olanta, Olanta	13	11
St John, Pamplico	77	80
Walker's Chapel, Sumter	22	31
Williams Hill, Hemingway	57	84
GREAT COMMISSION		
Great Commission, Lancaster	39	26
Greer First, Greer	86	76
Pine Grove	85	56
Woodruff First, Woodruff	35	10
TRUE LIFE CONFERENCE		
Calvary, Lancaster	71	27
Cornerstone, Chester	36	24
Faith, Smyrna	26	50
Gloryland, Rock Hill	44	40
Mt Carmel, York	42	37
MISSIONS		
Southside, Aiken	18	39
Northgate, Greer		57

STATE CTS CONVENTION

The SCFWB State CTS Convention was held at First FWB Church, Florence on Saturday, May 19th, 2001. After preliminary instructions by Mrs Gloria O'Neal and examination by the Dress Code Committee, Pastor Mike Creek welcomed everyone and State Director, Rev Todd Parrish gave the morning devotion.



The competition was exciting and it was a tremendous blessing to see the talents and Biblical knowledge of this young people. I certainly do not envy the panel of Judges who were charged with grading the activities. I believe I would have had to give everyone a 100% ! The winners in the various categories are listed below but the lifetime effect of the training and study of these young people will be a benefit to their church and to the entire state for years to come.

SOUTH CAROLINA CTS STATE WINNERS

Bible Memorization

1st Grade Emily Parrish, Temple, Darlington
3rd Grade Alyssia Stone, Whitney, Spartanburg

Bible Sword Drill

4th Grade Maggie Driggers, Horse Branch, Turbeville
5th Grade Rebecca Cannon, Horse Branch, Turbeville
6th Grade Kelsey Porter, First, Greenville

Bible Tic Tac Toe- Temple, Darlington

Chris Skipper, Halie Garrison, Kara Battista, Kryctine Matthews

Vocal Solo

Emily Parrish, Temple, Darlington
Rebecca Cannon, Horse Branch, Turbeville
Mary Kathryn Driggers, Horse Branch, Turbeville
Bryce Mims, Horse Branch, Turbeville
Rebekah Player, Temple, Darlington

Vocal Ensemble

God's Little Singers, First, Chester
Maggie Driggers & Rebecca Cannon, Horse Branch, Turbeville
Mary Kathryn Driggers & Bryce Mims, Horse Branch, Turbeville

Instrumental Solo

Ciara Wilson, Whitney, Spartanburg
Kelsey Porter, First, Greenville

Instrumental Ensemble

God's Little Ringers, First Chester
Chris Skipper & Dickie Evans, Temple, Darlington

Drama

David Bowers, First, Greenville
Rebekah Player, Temple, Darlington
Emily Parrish & Ashley Brogden, Temple, Darlington
Bryce Mims, Tiftany Johnson, Maggie Driggers & Mary Kathryn Driggers & Rebecca Cannon, Horse Branch,

Graphics: Kara Gattista, Temple, Darlington

Photography: Halie Garrison, Temple, Darlington.



S C Conference CTS Contestants and Sponsors



Beaver Creek Conference CTS Contestants and Sponsors

The S C State CTS Executive Committee is:

Director Rev Todd Parrish Temple, Darlington
Assist Director Rev Jonathan Kell Horse Branch, Turbeville
Secretary Mrs Cindy Driggers Horse Branch, Turbeville

NEW PASTORS:

- **Wayne Snipes** to Hillside FWB Church, Florence from Unity FWB Church, Johnsonville

- **Dennis Tolley** to Gaffney FWB Church, Gaffney

- **Mikell Edge** to Unity FWB Church, Johnsonville



Rev/Mrs Mikell Edge

- **Timmy Hodge** to Rains FWB Church, Rains

- **Wayne Rhodes** to Freedom FWB Church, Ladson, SC



- **Tom Hill** recently assumed the Pastorate of First FWB Church, Hamlet, NC. He had been serving as Assistant Pastor but when his father (Brother Buddy Hill) retired as Pastor the Church called Brother Tom. He is excited about this new responsibility and looks for God to greatly bless.

Pastor Marty Cox and the Mt Trolly FWB Church of Galivants Ferry have witnessed over 60 Salvation or Rededications decisions since he came to the Church in August of 1999. He, his family (Annette, Cal, and Caleb), and the entire congregation are overwhelmed with how the Lord has worked.



In addition to the Spiritual Growth, the Church has also built onto the Fellowship building, added rest rooms, paved their parking lot, and erected a new Church sign.

Recently, the church surprised Pastor Marty and family with a Pastor Appreciation Day. They decorated he and his wife with money, gave other gifts, and enjoyed a great lunch together in the newly renovated fellowship building.



Pastor Marty expressed his appreciation and said, "All of these accomplishments are due to our people's obedience to the Lord."

Brother Marty is also active in the State as Assistant Clerk of the State Association, Assistant Treasurer of the Central Conference, and a member of the State Youth Camp Board (where he cooks each year for camp).



Pastor Todd Black (St John

FWB Church, Patrick, SC) had one of the great privileges available to a pastor on the last Sunday in April. He had the honor of listening to his 5 year old son sing the special music before the Morning Message and then



baptizing his son as a follower of Jesus Christ.

God is blessing this church with very good growth both in number and in physical buildings. They recently added some much needed parking, plan to double the size of their Fellowship Building soon, and look forward in the near future to building a much need new Sanctuary.

Pastor Jimmy Brown and the People of Myrtle Beach FWB Church saw God at work recently as they



baptized the first person who rode their new bus to church. He had been attending for awhile but made a profession of faith during a recent revival preached by

the Promotional Director.

If you "go to the coast" on vacation then be sure and plan to attend this vibrant FWB Church. It is located on 67th street about 2 miles south of Restaurant Row. The services will refresh your soul while you are resting your body!

Pastor Jimmy's wife, Peggy, has constructed an entire "town" in the vestibule and hall of her home. When you visit the Church ask Mrs Peggy to show you around her "pride and joy".



On the last night of Revival one of the couples in this church celebrated their 20th anniversary by renewing their



marriage vows. Randy and Donna Smith are active members of this church and help with the great music ministry that adds so much to the church services.



Rev. Pat Minihane will join the staff of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Turbeville as Director of Promotions and Development on June 1st. Brother Pat is 39 years old. He and his wife, Cheryl, have been married for 19 years and have three wonderful children, ages 17, 13, & 10.

Brother Pat was raised in the Free Will Baptist Home for Children in Turbeville and it was there that he first heard of God's great love and His willingness to save even someone like him.

In Brother Pat's words, "I wish I could say that I became a Christian at an early age, but I can't. I rebelled against the teachings of my childhood and sought the ways of the world to satisfy my soul. Only to find that they all left me spiritually bankrupt. God, in His wisdom, brought me to a place far away from my familiar surroundings in order to lead me back to those childhood truths that I learned while in the Home. I became a Christian while serving in boot camp in Lebanon Mo. in 1978. Jesus changed my life forever. God called me to preach His Precious Word in 1986 and I have tried to be faithful to His calling since that day."

Until recently, Brother Pat was Pastor of Sand Hill Baptist Church of Kershaw, S C. He has resigned that church and plans to join a local Free Will Baptists Church and seek ordination from a Free Will Baptists Conference in South Carolina. He is an accomplished Musician as well as Pastor and he looks forward to ministering for the Lord in our Churches as He promotes the work of the Children's Home.



Pastor David Young and Tabernacle F.W.B. Church of Coward have tremendous reason to rejoice. They celebrated Home Coming this year by **burning the mortgage** on a fifteen year, \$250,000 loan that God enabled them to pay off in just seven years (Glory!).

Not only did the faithful tithes and offerings of the people help to reach this goal but many of them helped by becoming members of the "100 Club". The "100 Club" meant that 100 people agreed to give an extra \$100 each year. That \$10,000 extra each year helped get the debt paid off early and saved many thousand dollars in interest.

Plans are already underway to determine the next project for the continued growth of this fine church; as evidenced by the 5 new members that were added to the church the Sunday after Home Coming.



Pastor David Young and the Deacon Board watch the \$250,000 mortgage on their church burn as they rejoice in God's goodness.

Roll Call Sunday was a much anticipated day at West Side F.W.B. Church in Johnsonville. Not only was it Home Coming but it was also time to dedicate their new Family Life Center. It is one of the most beautiful and functional Family Life Centers in our State and over 230 people attended the special service to dedicate it to the Lord.

Following Sunday School, we all gathered in the activity side of the Family Life Center (where chairs had to be put out several times as the crowd kept growing and growing) to join **Pastor Theron Scott** in Dedicating the building to the Lord. Wonderful Special Music and a stirring message by Pastor Scott were soon followed by everyone adjourning to the Fellowship side of the Building for a great time of Food and Fellowship. The activities were capped off by a



The Building Committee present the completed Building to Pastor Scott

great concert by the Church Praise Team. Thank God for His blessings on this church and for the testimony they have in this community.



The Trustee Board presents the keys to the New Family Life Center to Pastor Theron Scott



The Tremendously Talented PRAISE TEAM of West Side F.W.B. Church blessed hearts with their music.

MISSIONARY NEWS:

COWARTS RESIGN: Jim and Karen Cowart announced their resignation from Foreign Mission Service effective May 1, 2001. Karen's Health has been in decline since the 1990's and she was recently diagnosed with "Meniere's Disease". This was an extremely difficult decision for the Cowarts and our prayers remain with them. Brother Jim said that presently they plan to remain in the Nashville area to be close to their children.



In light of the Cowarts Resignation the **PLAN OF SUPPORT** for Foreign Missions has been adjusted so that the part going to the Cowarts is now being equally divided among the 6 remaining Missionaries in our Plan.

GAINER MOVES: During the month of April **Mirial Gainer** packed up everything and moved from Bihoro to the Tokyo area. The missionaries presently serving in Japan have been divided into two teams and will be concentrating on starting new ministries in new areas of Japan. Mirial will be a part of the Tokyo Team (along with Ken and Judy Bailey and Don and Ruth McDonald).



God provided Mirial a new apartment just before she left to come to the States to attend the Atlanta conference. Mirial will be attending a training program at Wheaton College (Illinois) during the month of June and plans to return to Japan on July 2. Upon her return to Japan she will be settling into a new apartment in a new area and meeting new people. In order to help during this transitional time, Mirial's mother, Rachel Rogers, will be accompanying her to Japan and will stay for several months.

Mirial listed several prayer items: safety of travel, good health for her and her mother, wisdom for the Tokyo Team as they start a new ministry in a new area, and her financial needs (**account presently in red**). Mirial's new address: Mirial Gainer, Sasai 213-10-17-205 , Sayama Shi Saitama Ken, Japan 350 E-Mail address: Mgainer@nafwb.org

BRAZIL TEAM REJOICES:

** Andy and Andrea Moore are now living in Campinas, Brazil as they attend language school 5 days a week. Andy has had the opportunity to speak at several of the FWB Churches in Brazil (through an interpreter) and rejoice that several people have responded by giving their heart to Christ (Glory!)

** David and Annette Aycock are rejoicing that the children are learning Portuguese so well. Annette asks for your prayers for her father who is suffering from a rare skin cancer

** Bobby and Geneva Poole are rejoicing in God's great blessings on the work and looking forward to their soon coming stateside furlough.

Tim and Kristi Johnson (Spain) are happy about the way the Villalba church handled their absence during the Atlanta Conference. They were really concerned (like any loving Pastor) about how things would go and they were thrilled that the church leaders were able to carry on while they were gone.

AIKEN MISSION NEEDS PEOPLE: Brother Todd Smith would like for several pastors in the state to bus 50 or a hundred people to Southside FWB Church in Aiken each Sunday (Just Kidding, Guys). What he really needs is for some groups to volunteer to come a day or two this Summer and help him knock doors. This really paid off last year so plan such an outing for one of the Summer Activities for your Youth Group, Men's Fellowship, or Women's Meetings this Summer- - and let Brother Todd know as soon as possible so he can make all the arrangements.

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The **FWB "Gaither Style" HOME COMING VIDEOS** have arrived. Over 50 FWB Singers and Musicians gathered on the Thursday after Bible Conference to record a LIVE CONCERT. This is an item EVERY Free Will Baptists will want in their home and office to listen to again and again.

Videos (with free Cassette) \$ 29.95 Cassettes \$8 CD \$12

Get your copy from the FWB Christian Book Store or
order them from Media Commission, 5233 Mt View Road, Antioch, TN 37013.

Dr Alton Loveless, director of Randall House Publications, announced to the Sunday School and Church Training Board at their recent meeting that he **plans to retire** effective on his 65th birthday (Aug 10, 2002). A native of Conway, Arkansas, Brother Loveless began preaching in 1955 at age 17.

The board has begun seeking a replacement for General Director. Applications or recommendations may be sent to Rev Edwin Hayes (Clerk of the Board) at 3700 South High, Suite 159, Columbus, Ohio 43207. Deadline is July 13th, 2001.



The **Woman's Auxiliary of New Town FWB Church**, Lake City wanted to do something to help FWB all across our state so they decided to plant shrubs around the Christian Bookstore and Promotional Office (Glory!).

The entire Auxiliary joined in the project to purchase the plants that were needed and then Gail



Floyd, Julia Lee Springs, and Tony Chandler came up one Saturday and planted everything. Visitors to our Book Store/Promotional Office now get a good first impression and we are extremely thankful for this lasting contribution to the work of Free Will Baptists in our state.

The South Carolina Conference will officially recognize **Low Country FWB Church** as a Church on Sunday, June 10, 2001. The Promotional Director had the privilege of being with these fine people recently and it is simply amazing to see what God has wrought since last year. Pastor Phillip Jones is extremely thankful for the support and help of his members and people across the state.



Low Country FWB Church

Southern Computer Systems (Ronnie, Bonnie, Joel and Glenda Jones) recently donated a \$5,000 Computer to the Promotional Office (Is there a Glory anywhere out there?!). This super fast, high tech server has allowed us to connect all the computers at the Promotional Office/Book Store together - - which has eliminated much duplication of work. Thank the Lord for this extremely useful gift to help the work of FWB in South Carolina.



Mrs Eris Jones had the unexpected privilege of attending Mother's Day Services at Mill Branch FWB Church with all four of her boys (l-r) Mike, Tracy, Monette, and Ronnie.



Pastor Richard Huggins and the good people of Damascus FWB Church, Conway are enjoying parking on the new paved parking at their church as they continue to enjoy God's Blessings on their work



Pee Dee Bible Institute (A Ministry of Southside FWB Church, Darlington) celebrated Graduation on April 1st. Pictured above are the Students and (l-r) Guest Speaker, Rev Frank Jackson, Graduate Evelene Tyner, Ann Todd, Linda Norwood, and Jeannine Marsh; with Pastor Leroy Lowery.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT MAY HELP YOU:

CHARLESTON HOSPITAL HELP- Do you have someone in the Hospital at Charleston and find it difficult to check on them. Mr Cliff Hanna (A layman in the Low Country FWB Church) has volunteered to visit the hospitals when possible. Just give him a call at (843) 554-9252. As his schedule permits, he will be glad to visit and pray with patients.



VOLUNTEER YOUTH WORKER:
Danny Martin is looking to volunteer as a Youth Director/Youth Worker in the Florence-Darlington area. He can be reached at Work: (843) 662-0702; at Home: (843) 669-4109 or via mail at 1130 Pine Apple Gate Drive, Florence, SC 2950.

Need an idea to help with Missions?

* *For many years now April has been Foreign Mission Month at Mt Elon FWB Church, Pamplico. Pastor Robert Rose stated that each class devises its own projects and the church matches whatever they raise (up to \$1500). This year these projects and the Church contribution netted over \$4600 (\$2500 for the Brazil Children's Home project, \$1050 for the Aiken Loan, and \$1050 for Mirial Gainer). These projects have been going on for many years now and have raise many thousand dollars for home and foreign missions.

* *Grace FWB Church (Pastor Carroll Bazen) passed out jars and asked people in the Church to fill them up with all their change during the month of April. When all the jars were collected they had almost \$1100 to donate to the Children's Home Project in Brazil(Glory!).

Want to study FREE WILL BAPTISTS DOCTRINE? Randall House Publications has a new workbook that covers every chapter of the FWB Doctrines book. It contains questions (with the correct answers in the back) and it is priced at only \$3.95. What a great idea for a Wednesday Night class or a Teen Study. Contact your FWB Christian Book store today to order your copies.



Rev Davin Johnson was ordained into the Gospel Ministry by the Central Conference on Thursday, May 3rd at Evergreen FWB Church, Conway, S C. Brother Davin is already very busy with speaking engagements and can be reached at 4961 Murray Johnson Rd, Conway, S C 29526 [(843) 365-6857]

SCFWB YOUTH CAMP
CAMP BEAVER LAKE
Junior Week- July 23rd -27th
Teen Week- July 30th - August



Would you like to be able to say, "Conoce usted a Cristo como su Slavador personal?"
(Do you know Jesus as your Personal Savior?)

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{A Conversational Spanish course
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Pee Dee Bible Institute

(Southside Free Will Baptist Church, Darlington)

7:00pm - 9:00pm each Monday Night

beginning September 10 and going through

Monday, November 26, 2001

Need more Information??

Contact Rev Leroy Lowery at (843) 395-2054

Remember: When we did not have our mind on God, He had His heart on us!