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Beginning in September the Sunday School Curriculum published by Randall House will change to the Clear Learning System. The Bible based lessons will draw students deeper into the Word of God so that in six years the students will study through the entire story of the Bible.

Clear is family-focused since each Sunday the entire family will study the same Scripture based life-related themes so the family can discuss the Sunday School lesson all week! Clear is effective because it:

Connects- The opening activity for each lesson grabs the attention and draws students into the lesson.

Learn- It explains the biblical text in simple terms to help the teacher communicate God's truths to their students.

Explore- It encourages you to get away from "bore and snore" lessons and dig deeper into God's Word.

Apply- It seeks to show how Biblical truths meet real life situations.

Respond- Every lesson calls for decisive action from the Teacher and the Student!

If you have questions then contact Rickey Evans at the FWB Christian Book and Supply- (843) 662-8682. This new Sunday School literature should arrive at your church by August 15th so teachers will get an opportunity to look over the materials several weeks before beginning the new lessons in September

2004 FREE WILL BAPTISTS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

5,476 people registered for the 68th annual Free Will Baptist national convention which met in Kansas City July 18-22. The singing was wonderful. The preaching was great. The business went smoothly. Everyone who has given an opinion so far has given a positive pat on the back to this year's meeting.



Part of Wednesday Night Congregation

I tell people often they have never really lived until they hear 300 of the best singers in our denomination join in a choir with our best musicians and begin to sing the "Glory" down. Then when 5,000 members of the congregation join in it has to be a foretaste of Heaven! You need to plan to attend next years meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. On the next few pages of some highlights of this year's meeting.

New National Magazine coming- After waiting three years for a final report from the Publications Committee, delegates wasted no time adopting a sweeping recommendation that combines six national publications- *AIM* (Home Missions Department), *Heartbeat* (Foreign Missions Department), *Master's Men Newsletter* (Master's Men Department), *Bible College Bulletin* (Free Will Baptist Bible College), *OutReach* (Randall House) and *Contact* (official publication of the National Association of Free Will Baptists).

The vote to launch the combined publication recommended that directors of the six agencies involved act as an oversight committee with Executive Secretary Keith Burden serving as chairman and editor-in-chief of the magazine. The committee will determine the 2005 start-up date, budgets, publication name, advertising policy and managing editor. *Contact* will cease publication after the December 2004 issue is printed. The other five publications may continue into 2005 until the new magazine's start-up issue.

Passed Resolutions- Condemning Same Sex Marriage, Supporting the War on Terror, Urging recognition of God in Public Life, and encouraging Christians to Vote. (The complete Resolution Committee report is found later in this publication)

Changed . . . the format for future national conventions. Effective 2005, convention business will begin Tuesday afternoon. The convention will end with the Wednesday evening missions service and NYC Awards Ceremony. The Thursday morning session will be eliminated.

Renamed . . . the Foreign Missions Department at the request of the board. The agency is now "Free Will Baptist International Missions."

Breathed . . . a sigh of relief when Randall House Publications announced plans to reprint *The Free Will Baptist Hymn Book: Rejoice*. With inventory stock low and hymnals frayed from use, the decision to reprint met with across-the-board affirmation. (Continued on Page 2)

Gave . . . a Wednesday evening missionary offering topping \$26,000. Undesignated funds will be divided between Home and International (Foreign) Missions.

Elected . . . members to 33 positions on the following boards and commissions: General Officers (4), General Board (12), Executive Committee (3), International (Foreign) Missions Board (3), Free Will Baptist Bible College Trustees (3), Sunday School and Church Training Board (3), Master's Men Board (1), Commission for Theological Integrity (1), Historical Commission (1), Media Commission (1), Music Commission (1).

Registered . . . 5,476 people in three concurrent conventions, including 614 ordained ministers, 43 licensed ministers, 127 deacons, 16 local church delegates, 88 state delegates, 52 home missionaries 27 foreign missionaries, plus 3,218 National Youth Conference and 956 for the WNAC convention.

Adopted . . . \$24.2 million denominational budget for the following agencies: International (Foreign) Missions—\$8.5 million; Home Missions—\$4.5 million; Free Will Baptist Bible College—\$6 million; Sunday School and Church Training—\$3.4 million; Executive Office—\$709,000; Retirement and Insurance—\$507,000; Master's Men—\$136,000; Free Will Baptist Foundation—\$319,000; Music Commission—\$3,500; Historical Commission—\$2,800; Commission for Theological Integrity—\$6,350; Media Commission—\$5,000.

Approved . . . the Budget Committee's recommendation that gifts received through The Together Way Plan be allocated to national ministries on the following basis: (1) Underwrite the Executive Office administrative budget above designated gifts, not to exceed 45% of cooperative gifts; (2) Disburse the balance of cooperative gifts according to these percentages: Free Will Baptist Bible College—23%; International (Foreign) Missions—23%; Home Missions—18%; Retirement and Insurance—14%; Master's Men—14%; Free Will Baptist Foundation—6%; Commission for Theological Integrity—0.5%; Historical Commission—0.5%; Music Commission—0.5%; Media Commission—0.5%.

Created . . . a new board for the Free Will Baptist Foundation. In previous years, the Foundation operated under the direction of the Retirement and Insurance Board, plus the directors of national agencies. Effective August 2005, the Foundation will operate under its own nine-member board, plus the national directors.

Introduced . . . a new Sunday School curriculum called CLEAR, which stands for Connect, Learn, Explore, Apply, Respond. The new curriculum, available this fall, is redesigned, repackaged, rewritten and comes with creative study aids, age-appropriate and real-life application. Delegates responded enthusiastically to the CLEAR materials.

Received . . . a new pamphlet from the Historical Commission, the first in a series. Drs. William F. Davidson and Robert Picirilli wrote the 3,000-word pamphlet titled, "Free Will Baptists and the Washing of the Saints' Feet." The brochure will be warehoused and sold by Randall House Publications.

Rejected . . . a motion to meet biennially (every other year), opting to continue meeting annually. Delegates also rejected a motion to charge a \$10 registration fee, although the idea will be revisited from time to time.

Praised . . . Music Coordinator Chris Truett and the Music Commission for returning to more traditional hymn singing in worship services. The commission came under criticism after the 2003 convention when delegates complained that music was too loud, too trendy, and too long.

Voted . . . to meet in Fort Worth, Texas, for the July 27-30, 2014, national convention.

Agreed . . . that the International (Foreign) Missions Department could proceed with the Hanna Project, a non-governmental organization (NGO).

Thanked . . . the Missouri State Association for hosting the 2004 convention. This marked the seventh time the convention has met in Missouri.

Heard . . . five sermons in convention worship sessions from the following pastors: Glenn Murray (West Plains, MO), Kerry Gandy (Maumelle, AR), Randy Wright (Beaverton, AL), José Rodriguez (Miami, FL) and Glen Johnson (Chesterfield, VA).

Took . . . home 600 copies of Erwin Lutzer's book, *The Truth About Same-Sex Marriage*. The book was given free to attendees at the Same-Sex Marriage Seminar. Three speakers shared microphone time—Tennessee pastor Roy Harris, Oklahoma attorney Ron Barber and National Association moderator Tim York. The trio answered audience questions as the seminar closed.

Listened . . . for 90 minutes as Missionary Clint Morgan led the seminar, "Islam 101: Fundamentals of the Islamic Faith." Attendees received a 33-page paper to help them understand the Islamic challenge to the church. Morgan and Missionary John Weaver fielded questions for half an hour.

Examined . . . an 11-page report from the Higher Education Task Force and asked the Executive Committee to bring back a recommendation in 2005 concerning the establishment of a Higher Education Research Commission similar to the other four national commissions.

Required . . . badges for admittance to convention events for the second year. The badge requirement prompted 3,642 individuals to preregister.

Commissioned . . . 13 home and international (foreign) missionaries during Wednesday evening's service. With more than 5,000 people watching, International (Foreign) Missions director James Forlines gave the charge while 75 current missionaries gathered on stage to lay hands on the new missionaries and pray.

Reached . . . out to the Kansas City community when 1,200 Free Will Baptists worked in service projects at food banks, rescue missions, homeless shelters, Child Evangelism Fellowship and a blood drive (collected 92 units of blood) in the NYC-sponsored *Reach That Guy* campaign.

Cheered . . . Convention Manager Dean Jones who reported maxed-out youth worship services, 35 workshops, 770 entries in Bible competition and music and arts events.

Joined . . . WNAC attendees Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. as missionaries to Japan, Don and Ruth McDonald, explained how God is at work in the island nation.

Nodded . . . agreement that Executive Secretary Keith Burden had a good idea when he announced plans for eight regional stewardship workshops.

'Amened' . . . Home Missions director Larry Powell who reported unprecedented growth in church planting and cross-cultural outreach. Home missionaries baptized 893 converts in 2003 and gave back more than \$1.6 million to the denomination.

Encouraged . . . Master's Men director Ken Akers to proceed with plans to create a Free Will Baptist emergency response team to assist churches when floods, tornadoes and fire damage churches.

Wondered . . . who would succeed William Evans who announced his retirement in August 2005 as director of the Retirement and Insurance Department. The board will receive resumes until October 15 and name a successor in 2005.

Smiled . . . when Free Will Baptist Bible College president Matt Pinson said, "We're in a growth mode." Enrollment increased 20% in two years, the pastoral training major increased 75% and the college launched an adult education program.

Invested . . . more than \$4 million in the Kansas City economy. This includes hotel rooms, food, shopping, gasoline, convention center rental and more.

Laughed . . . and cheered during the NYC Awards Ceremony. Some 2,000 people watched NYC competitors pick up trophies and awards. Dean Jones served as master of ceremonies.

Asked . . . how they could help in WNAC's "50/50" national project, an effort to underwrite support for the first-ever women's conference in Central Asia. Five hundred (or more) women are expected to attend the prayer conference at a cost of \$50 per person.

Responded . . . with prayers and determination to accept WNAC's challenge to "put the house of God first." Speaking at the WNAC Fellowship Luncheon, Missionary Lynette Morgan told 350 attendees it was time for Americans to give priority to world evangelism.

Welcomed . . . the good news that 26,902 people attend services every Sunday in Free Will Baptist churches in foreign countries. International Missions director James Forlines reported 690 organized churches in 10 countries with 2,153 conversions in 2003.

Crowded . . . into the exhibit hall to visit a record number of vendors ranging from national agencies to children's homes to "Walking with the Prophets," a Florida-based exhibitor.

Adjourned . . . by 10:30 a.m. on Thursday to meet in Louisville, Kentucky, for the July 17-21, 2005, session.



Tuesday Night Teen Worship Service



Hillside FWB Church worked hard and averaged 80 in their VBS

Mr. Joe Timmons, a member of Hillside FWB Church, Florence found out recently that he had leukemia. Pastor Jamie Montgomery wanted to help so he arranged a benefit singing featuring the Bible Tones and New Harmony. The event was so big until they felt they needed the large sanctuary of Peace FWB Church (Pastor Donnie Miles) to hold the crowd (What a great example of Church cooperation!). The free will offering and hot dog plate sales raised \$3632.50- Glory!



Mr. Joe Timmons

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
National Association of Free Will Baptists
Convening in Kansas City, Missouri July, 2004

1. Resolution Concerning Same-Sex Marriage

WHEREAS, the 1st Amendment of the U.S. Constitution grants citizens the freedom to voice support of or opposition to issues that concern us, whether they be issues of law, morality, societal, educational or economic; and

WHEREAS, our sense of moral obligation and evangelistic responsibility forbids us to remain silent on issues so paramount, so eminently threatening to the moral fabric of our nation; and

WHEREAS, our concern for those who are enslaved to a perverted, self-destructive, sinful lifestyle, requires this body to proclaim a clear denunciation, and warn of the dangers and consequences of departing from God's standard; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts has declared same-sex marriage to be the policy of the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in California, Oregon, New York, and New Mexico, rogue local officials have defied their own state marriage laws and married thousands of same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS, as a result of such action, at least 46 states now have same-sex married couples who are proactive and implementing a well-funded, multifaceted, and highly coordinated legal assault on traditional marriage; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution states that "full faith and credit shall be given in each state to the... judicial proceedings of every other state" so that the decision by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts could ultimately determine this issue for non-consenting states; and

WHEREAS, traditional marriage between a man and a woman has been the norm in every political community for over 5,000 years, with history revealing society's demise whenever same-sex relationships become prevalent; and

WHEREAS, President Bush has said "the union of a man and a woman is the most enduring human institution, honored and encouraged in all cultures and by every religious faith," and that "marriage cannot be severed from its cultural, religious and natural roots without weakening the good influence of society;" and

WHEREAS, activist judges and courts are moving outside constitutional boundaries and definitions, including the definition of marriage, forcing this present groundswell of conservative, Judeo / Christian opposition; and

WHEREAS, same-sex marriage has now been embraced by the Netherlands, Belgium, and three provinces in Canada, which now allow same-sex marriage; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the delegates to the National Association of Free Will Baptists, convening in Kansas City, Missouri, July 18-22, 2004, reaffirm the legal and biblical definition of marriage as occurring only between one man and one woman; and be it further RESOLVED, that we declare marriage to be sacred and between one whom is born male and one whom is born female, that we adamantly oppose any redefinition of marriage, the sanction of marriage counterfeits, such as civil unions, or the legalization of same-sex marriage; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we wholly support the time-proven institution of traditional marriage as the single best arrangement for raising children and forming citizens as opposed to the radical and unacceptable alternative of same-sex marriage; and be it further RESOLVED, that we support the Defense of Marriage Act of 1996, signed into law by former President Clinton, which prevents federal recognition of same-sex marriage; allowing states to ignore same-sex licenses from outside their borders, and currently is the nation's best defense until a Constitutional Amendment can be enacted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that since the Defense of Marriage Act may itself be struck down by activist courts, we press Congress to follow President Bush's lead and pass the Federal Marriage Amendment, which reads: *Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution, nor the Constitution of any State, shall be construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a woman* (wording as of July 12, 2004); and be it further

RESOLVED, that we adamantly oppose the use of public tax dollars to reeducate our children in contradiction to standards taught at home and at church under the guise of tolerance toward the homosexual lifestyle or same-sex marriage; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to pray for and support legislative and legal efforts to oppose the legalization of same-sex unions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to our nation's President and members of Congress, either by regular or electronic mail; and be it further

RESOLVED, that regardless of how our motives are demonized, we reaffirm our commitment to pray for and evangelize those who are enslaved in the homosexual culture, expressing our mission: that all people be saved by faith in Jesus Christ our Lord, and teaching them to separate from the immorality of this present world and its coming judgment.

2. Resolution Concerning The War on Terror

WHEREAS America is in an ongoing war for freedom at home and abroad against those who would incite terror, and

WHEREAS, we as Free Will Baptists have loved ones who are serving our beloved nation, their lives in jeopardy for the noble cause of freedom, and

WHEREAS, God has blessed the United States with military strength, yet knowing from God's Word in I Samuel 2:9 and II Chronicles 20:15, that our strength lies not in military might, but that the battle is wholly the Lord's, and
WHEREAS, believing the cause to be just, we place our faith and trust in God and in our Savior Jesus Christ; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the delegates to the 68th National Association of Free Will Baptists, meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, July 18-22, 2004, will stand in the gap and make up the hedge and go on record in support of our brave soldiers at home, in Iraq, Afghanistan, and wherever the call of freedom may require them, and be it further
RESOLVED, that we pray faithfully for God's presence, peace, protection and power in the battle against the enemy, both spiritual and material, and be it further
RESOLVED, that as the enemies of freedom are defeated, may the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine unto these lands as it has unto ours.

3. Resolution to Retain Recognition of the Almighty in Public Life

WHEREAS, foes of God and His Word continue to seek the removal of every Scriptural quote and reference from our courthouses and government buildings, and
WHEREAS, some public officials who oppose such removal have lost their jobs and faced legal retribution themselves, therefore be it
RESOLVED, that we join such bold individuals in the effort to preserve the historical Christian foundations that have adorned our public buildings from the very inception of our nation, and be it further
RESOLVED, that we encourage our membership to invoke God's intervention and to do everything legally possible to retain recognition of the Almighty publicly in our land.

4. Resolution Concerning Voter Registration

WHEREAS, statistics show that voter turnout among evangelical Christians decreased 40% from 1990 – 2000, and
WHEREAS, there was noted a slight increase of 2% Christian voter turnout in the 2002 national elections, and
WHEREAS, Christian organizations that work with Christian elected officials noted the largest group of conservative Christian congressmen and senators were elected in 2002, and
WHEREAS, there is a noticeable connection between Christians going to the polls and Christians getting elected to office; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the National Association of Free Will Baptists go on record encouraging all of our members to register to vote in the upcoming elections, and be it further
RESOLVED, that we encourage our churches to conduct voter education and registrations drives, which is a legal privilege of a church body, and be it further
RESOLVED, that we encourage our pastors to do everything possible to inform themselves and inform their people concerning national issues that directly affect Christian people and values, taking advantage of resources available on the internet at www.wallbuilders.com and www.operationvote.org, and be it further
RESOLVED, that we encourage Free Will Baptists to elect officials that represent Biblical values to office.

5. Resolution of Appreciation

WHEREAS, the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists has hosted the 68th session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in a most efficient and gracious manner; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the National Association expresses its appreciation to the officers and membership of the Missouri State Association by a rising vote of thanks.



New Hispanic Missionary to South Carolina- Rev. Fernando Bustamante, Daughter, Mayan, and Wife, Reyna. They hope to finish their work in Georgia and begin their work in South Carolina by the end of this year.



l-r: Rev Jacob Creech, Rev Neil and Mandy Morgan, Rev Sherwood Lee, Rev Phil Bozeman

Sand Hill FWB Church was filled to overflow with friends and guests on Sunday, June 27th at **the ordination service for Rev. Neil Morgan**. Special music was presented by the Sand Hill choir before a letter of congratulations was read from missionary Carlisle Hanna.

Miranda Parrish, wife of Pastor Todd Parrish, read the charge to brother Neil's wife, Mandy, and presented her with a Bible. The ordination message and charge was delivered by Pastor Sherwood Lee. Deacon, Larry Hawkins presented him with the Bible and Rev. Phil Bozeman presented the certificate of Ordination. A wonderful time of food and fellowship followed.



NATURAL DISASTERS: Lightening struck the steeple of Salem FWB Church, Coward, SC recently kindling a fire than did extensive damage to the Church; especially when you add in the water and smoke damage. The Congregation is presently meeting in the fellowship building behind the Church as they wait on insurance companies and prayerfully decide God's plan of action.

In the midst of this difficult situation, however, God did a marvelous thing. A one day VBS was already scheduled when the disaster happened so Pastor Larry Hughes decided to go ahead with this long planned activity. The props for the VBS were stored in the back of the Church so they were largely undamaged and could be moved into the fellowship building. The members of the church worked long hard hours and the VBS was a great success. This is the third year in a row that the Pastor's wife and several other ladies have simply taken a book of the Bible or a theme from the Bible and constructed a walking tour for the Children as their lesson. This year they crossed over Jordan, picking up stones along the way; ate milk, honey, and fruit in the promised land; marched around Jericho trusting in God to defeat their enemy; and came to a place of decision about serving God. A Bible School the children, and the church, will long remember.



A recent Sunday night Tornado destroyed property beside and in front of the SCFWB State Office. It also deposited a huge limb from the pecan tree behind the office into the roof. A large hole was punched into the roof, but, praise the Lord, the limb stuffed itself into most of the hole so water damage was minimal.

Thankfully, The limb has been already been carried away, the hole has been repaired, the shingles have been replaced, and work goes on- Glory!

YOUTH CAMP: Free Will Baptist Youth Camp was a great success this year- 99

Junior age Campers, 46 Teen Campers, 18 Counselors, and 6 Staff for a total of 169. (Plus 8 Woodmen of the World Staff which meant they fed around 177 each meal- and more when visitors like the State Executive Secretary showed up!). This is one of the largest attended camps in recent years and the State Youth Ministry Committee is to be commended for their hard work and vision. Also a hearty word of THANKS to the Counselors who gave of their time and energy so these young people could take part in this life changing time.



Zany the clown traps camp evangelist, Joe Tolbert, in an object lesson as part of his message.



Junior Campers prepare for the Night's worship service



Pastor John Cody stands in front of the new (to him) car donated to help him in his ministry

The first thing you notice when you drive up to Mt. Carmel FWB Church is the new Paved Parking. Upon entering the Sanctuary you notice that the church has been recently renovated and looks very good. When the Adult class meets it meets in what is also the Church Benevolent Pantry where food and supplies are kept for distribution to the Community.

Members of the Church felt that **Pastor John Cody** deserved a special **appreciation day** for his years of hard work so they invited the State Executive Secretary to speak on a special Pastor Appreciation Day, Sunday, June 13th. A great time of worship was followed by Pastor Cody and his wife being invited to the front of the church where everyone in the congregation came by to hug them and drop a love gift into a special offering box. A wonderful fellowship meal followed.



Pastor and Mrs. Cody prepare to greet the congregation coming to show their appreciation



Thanks to a wonderful gift from a private donor the SCFWB Executive Secretary and the lovely Princess Paula will be attending the **50th anniversary of FWB Mission work in Japan**, September 15-26th without any expense to the State Office- Glory! What a privilege to be able to see what God is doing in Japan.

South Conway FWB Church had a very special Memorial Day celebration on Sunday, May 30th to honor the veterans connected with the Church and to remember those veterans from the Church who had deceased. The church was decorated in Red, White, and Blue and had an attendance of 135, including veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Haiti (Operation Hold Up Democracy). Also present were Civil War re-enactors.



Lambert (a Vietnam Veteran) brought a great message on "There is a Cause". Special guest also included the moderator of the Central Conference, Rev. Billy T. Baker (Who served in Korea) and Mr. Barney Strickland (a prisoner of war in WWII).



All of the veterans (who could still fit into their uniforms!) marched into the Church with the re-enactors where Pastor Paul Lambert (a Vietnam Veteran) brought a great message on "There is a Cause". Special guest also included the moderator of the Central Conference, Rev. Billy T. Baker (Who served in Korea) and Mr. Barney Strickland (a prisoner of war in WWII). After the morning message the re-enactors marched outside with the congregation following. Several crosses with flags had been put up in memory of the deceased veterans. A 21 gun salute was given and, after prayer, taps was played. All who were there were greatly touched. A fellowship dinner ended this special day.



The annual "God and Country" day was held at **Victory FWB Church, Hanover, PA** (Member of the Palmetto Conference) on Sunday, July 4th. For the 5th consecutive year the State Executive Secretary was able to take part in this moving service. It is held outdoors each year- and has never been rained out!. The outdoor setting allows the preaching and singing to be a Christian witness to the surrounding community.



Services began with the presentation of colors by the Allied Veterans Honor Guard of Hanover followed by the pledges to the American Flag, the Christian Flag, and the Bible. Special music preceded the message on "God" by the SCFWB Executive Secretary, a message on "Family" by retired House of Representatives member "Peck" Foster, and a message on "Country" by WWII veteran, Rev. Quinten Tate. A grilled hot dog and hamburger lunch with all the trimmings was then served.



Pastor Jake Myers (on left) opens the God and Country Service.

Thanks to the hard work of Pastor Jake Myers and his congregation, a strong work for God and Free Will Baptists is being built in this part of Pennsylvania.



The Ladies Auxiliary of Simpsonville FWB Church recently shared a night out as an activity

Black River FWB Church, Andrews (Pastor Jeff Cockrell) collected \$275.59 during VBS for the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute.
Bethany FWB Church, Timmonsville (Pastor Phil Bozeman) collected \$846.00 during VBS for Hispanic Missionary, Gerardo Rodriguez
Temple FWB Church, Darlington (Pastor Todd Parrish) collected \$720.65 during VBS to help build Churches in India.
New Town FWB Church, Lake City (Pastor Lamar Smith) collected \$140.00 during VBS for Missionary Mirial Gainer.

Attorney David Gibbs, Jr. will be giving a one day seminar at Gnatt Street Baptist Church, Columbia, SC on Friday, August 20th. This FREE seminar will cover such areas as New Laws that concern the Church, Homosexuality as it related to the Church, Renewing Insurance, Constitution and By-Laws, and Witnessing in the Work Place. Call Steve Kluth at (727) 408-2213 for reservations

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Report from **DAVID AYCOCK in Brazil:** We just finished a week of camp (July 19-23, 2004) entitled an “Unforgettable Journey”. We traced the journey of the Israelites through the desert and their experiences. The evening messages focused on “The Life of Moses”. One evening we had a Messianic Jewish Scene where all the campers and staff dressed in Bible costumes. The campers also were divided in smaller groups and developed plays based on the journeys of the Israelites and performed them. The Bible classes focused on the main events of the journey such as the Passover and its meaning, the crossing of the Red Sea and its applications for our lives, the giving of the 10 commandments, the encampment,

the Tabernacle and its symbolism, God’s provision, the twelve spies and the Bronze Serpent. We had 80 people during camp counting campers and staff. The campers were involved in several Bible competitions. They were encouraged to learn a set of 148 Bible questions and the Sword Drill material tailored to the theme. The Lord greatly blessed. Practically all of the campers were Christians from our area FWB churches so we were able to focus on dedication and consecration to the Lord. Several campers responded to the altar calls.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE



Rev Richard Huggins is the new Pastor of Rains FWB Church, Rains, S. C. God has blessed his ministry at the Church with five people accepting Christ as Savior and seven rededicating them-

selves to the Lord during the month of July- Glory!.

Rev. Tony Lynch has been called as the new Pastor for High Hill FWB Church, Lake City. Brother Tony has served as interim Pastor for a number of months before his call.



Rev. Allen Goodman is the new Pastor of Damascus FWB Church in Conway, S. C.. Since his arrival the Church has done extensive work, including installing a new Baptistry and the church is excited about what God has in store for them.



Rev. James Wilhide is the new Pastor at High Point FWB Church, Lancaster. He is presently serving in a part time capacity as he finishes his duties with the SCFWB Home for Children.



The SCFWB Home for Children is looking for a new Director.

Please send Resumes to Rev. Tim Hackett, 121 Springside Dr, Boiling Springs, SC 29316

2004 STATE OFFICERS

- Moderator Sherwood Lee (SC)
- Assistant Moderator Buddy Seay (CA)
- Clerk Todd Smith (BC)
- Assistant Clerk Carroll Bazen (SC)
- Treasurer Marty Cox (CA)
- Assistant Treasurer Mitch Edge (BC)
- Member at Large (Lower State) Doug Mathis (EC)
- Member at Large (Upper State) James Sanders (BC)

September is Pastor Appreciation Month. Some denominations use October and some Churches just pick a time. Just remember to do it!!

