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2005 STATE YOUTH CAMP was a great success. 210 campers attended this year's camp and with the record breaking heat during camp week the fact that the Camp Board had arranged for air conditioned facilities was tremendously appreciated. [More pictures and info on page 3]

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Temple FWB Church of Darlington celebrated their 50th Home Coming/Golden Jubilee on Sunday, June 26, 2005 with 279 in attendance. This church was begun in a couple's living room a little over 50 years ago and God has blessed through the years so that they will soon move into their new \$1.4 million dollar church facility. The growth of this church is also seen in it's youth program which carried a bus load of CTS participates to the National this year and in their Woman's Auxiliary which is always one of the leading Auxiliaries in the State. They have already had to move to 2 Sunday Morning services in order to accomo-

date their attendance and they anxiously look forward to the completion of their new facility.

As part of the final celebration in the old building Pastor Todd Parrish presented families a portion of wood from the old building to keep as a memento. The church then went to the new building to have their afternoon singing service. After this service people were asked to write their favorite promise in the Bible on the floor of the new Church (That way when the carpet is put down people will always be standing on the promises of the Lord!).



Several recent Temple Triumphs are worth mentioning. This year's VBS program featured Hispanic Missionary, Fernando Bustamante as a guest and raised nearly \$1200 for his account, even in the middle of a big building program this church has continued to faithfully support other ministries, and the Ladies Auxiliary of this church has even raised the money this year (\$15,000) to build a new church in India while they were helping to build their own church- Glory! God continues to do a great work among Free Will Baptist Church in South Carolina and we are thankful for the ministry and example of the good people of Temple FWB Church.



In order to give adequate coverage to events at our National Convention, A SPECIAL EDITION of the "INFORMER" will be published September 1st. Deadline for Articles for publication in this Special Edition will be August 25th.

Unity FWB Church of Johnsonville went all out during their VBS as they studied about Jewish customs and the activities of a Jewish Marketplace. The numerous tents they used for each “tribe” came in very handy during the



100 degree temperatures that occurred during their Bible School week.

Other VBS Reports- Gilead FWB Church, Lake City raised \$157.06 for the Children’s Home during their VBS. Bethany FWB Church of Timmons ville raised \$1500.00 for Bikes for India during their VBS. Lynches River FWB Church of Scranton raised \$272 for India Missionary, Carlisle Hanna. Community FWB Church of Florence averaged 75 each night and had 6 saved (Glory!). Simpsonville FWB Church had 10 saved during VBS (I believe that is worth another “Glory!”)

The Junior Sunday school Class at Williams Hill Free Will Baptist Church have taken on Service projects for each month this year. The project for April was a Walk-A-Thon for the South Carolina Free Will Baptist Home for Children. Five students walked five miles and raised \$500.00. Not too bad for ninety minutes of work. But the burden didn’t stop there. Vacation Bible School was coming up and the children wanted to do more. So They Did! About seventy five children ranging from 1 to 12 years old raised another \$500.00 from their own loose change and piggy banks for the children’s home. Praise God for Kids with a burden for kids! - Submitted by Pastor Doug Mathis



The week of June 13-17, Lighthouse FWB Church was blessed with a “roaring “ good Safari Adventure VBS. Total average attendance for the week was 76 with 3 children saved! An offering of \$315 was collected by the Children for Tim and Kristi Johnson and their work in Spain (8,000 pennies were part of the offering- 3,000 came in 1 night!). 112 people attended the Sunday night commencement service which was followed by a time of food and fellowship.

Northgate FWB Church (Submitted by Pastor Chad West). Great news to report, on Sunday May 22, 2005 Northgate Free Will Baptist Church came out of Mission status as we held our Church Installation Service. Rev. Chad West was called as the Pastor. Brother Earl Hendrix preached the Charge to the Church and Bro. Russell McCoy preached the Charge to the Pastor.

Northgate started in a store front on October 15, 2000 with 29 in attendance. It now has 5 acres of land, a 1 year old beautiful Sanctuary, and averages 90 in attendance. PRAISE THE LORD!!! Pastor Chad West will be going Full time as Pastor in August of 2005. Please pray for us as we seek to win Lyman and the surrounding areas to CHRIST!!!



Children's Home Day at First FWB Church Myrtle Beach: (Submitted by Pastor Wayne Snipes) July 3, 2005 was no ordinary day in Myrtle Beach S C. First Free Will Baptist Church had a great day with our Free Will Baptist Home for Children. Our new director, Bro Roy Roach, brought a powerful message from God's word. Following the message, Pastor Wayne Snipes was able to present the Home with a check for \$3200.00. We then went to our fellowship hall for a great meal. It was truly a day to remember as we celebrated our freedom and the Love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



We at the First FWB Church encourage all of our churches across the state to have our new Children's Home Director come and preach God's Word and share his heartbeat for God's little Children. May we all keep our Children's Home in our prayers and continue to support them by our giving.



Gilead FWB Church hosted the **Reggie Saddler Family** in a big community singing service on Sunday, June 5th. The Church was packed, including the extra chairs that were put out, and people were standing along the back walls as a number of local churches joined with Pastor Larry McAlister and the Gilead Church for this special service. What a great joy to see our churches join together in an outreach ministry like this.



Special Music provided by Crystal River

Calvary FWB Church, Georgetown had a three fold celebration on Sunday, June 12th. They celebrated Home Coming, Old Fashion Day, and Building Dedication for their remodeled Church all on the same day. Many people wore "old fashion" clothes, milk pails were used to receive the offering, the communion table flowers were in a tin tub, and pictures of past services were on display.

This was a victory day for the Church as they celebrated replacing the church carpet, painting the church ceiling, reworking the altar area, painting the walls, and putting up new lights in the sanctuary. Just before Pastor Chris Todd preached the morning message the church presented him a plaque with a remnant of the old carpet attached as a reminder of the old that had become new. A wonderful fellowship meal followed.



Pastor Chris Todd



(Youth Camp News Continued)- Youth Camp is all about reaching Young People for Christ. This year's camp proved a great success in that area also as 24 first time salvation decisions were made during the week with many also committing to full time Christian Service (A trademark of Camp through the years has been that many ministers and missionaries have made their commitment to full time Christian service during camp week).

The Hot weather also made the water slides a favorite of young and old alike but enough "cool" activities were available until everyone is already looking forward with great anticipation to next year's camp.



Everyone enjoyed the great meals and the nice facilities this year.

The theme verse for **Pastor Appreciation day at Calvary FWB Church**, Gastonia was Jer 3:15 “And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” It became evident soon after the arrival of the SCFWB Executive Secretary on Sunday, June 5th that this verse really fit Pastor Mike Wilson. One of the members of the Church had passed away around 5:00am Sunday Morning so Pastor Mike came to this special day with little sleep and a heavy heart.

But God was still on the throne and He blessed with a great service that concluded with 6 new members joining this growing Church. Then the Church honored the Pastor by giving a card with a gift to the Pastor and each member of his family. Other cards from various members and several Sunday School classes were also given.

The Pastor had time to stay and enjoy the fellowship meal before going back to check on this bereaved family. Such is the life of a Pastor.



Pastor Mike Wilson and His family share their love for God's people during testimony time.

Classroom Dedication night was held at Socastee Original Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday night, July 23, 2005. Pastor Darren Squires welcomed an overflowing crowd to this celebration that also included special music by the Oxendines and a special drama presentation by the White Savannah FWB Church Youth Ministry Team.

The new classroom building includes 4 new classrooms and a Pastor's study (a little over 1,600 square feet of space). It took almost one and a half years to complete this addition but when it was completed it was debt free! (including the furniture).

One of the great blessings that occurred during the construction of this building was the fact that the man who was installing the heat and air got saved in the parking lot before he finished the installation ... since then, his wife and daughter has been saved also. Glory!!



Central Association Moderator, Buddy Seay, Jr. helps Pastor Darren Squires cut the ribbon on the new class rooms.



Lebanon FWB Church of Effingham conducted a **joint Hispanic / English service** on Sunday, June 26. This service combined the congregation of Lebanon Church (Pastor Chris Fannin) with the Roca de Salvacion Hispanic Church (Pastor Fernando Bustamante) for a time of joint fellowship as Christians. The music and message were great and everyone was moved by the various testimonies of the life changing power of the Gospel in people regardless of their language.

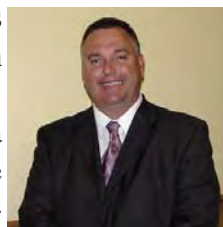
The Roca de Salvacion Church meets each Sunday afternoon at 3pm and each Thursday night in the sanctuary of Lebanon FWB Church.



Hispanic Pastors and Musicians

Pastor Clay Cordell reports that God has blessed **Canaan FWB Church**, Lancaster with 219 decisions since September of 2004!

They were also recently able to purchase a 80 passenger diesel bus for only \$5000 to enable them to continue to reach out into their community in order to bring people into God's Kingdom.



All of the "Informers" published since 2000 are now available on the state web site- www.scfwb.com. We hope to soon have previous years available also.



TEAM Church is coming to South Carolina! In an effort to assist churches in the Training of their Teachers, Randall House Publications presents TEAM Church. Specially designed to train, equip, and mobilize the church, this day of workshops will feature leaders like Jonathan Yandell, Keith Kenemer and others presenting some 20 useful sessions geared to assist busy Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, pastors...anyone who is interested in Christian education in the local church.

Session titles may include, Taming the Media Monster or How To Recruit and Train a Teacher/Helper. Attendees will be able to choose four sessions between 8 AM and 3:30 PM. Lunch will be provided on site.

Individuals who register before September 1 may do so for \$32. Groups of 10 or more from single churches who beat the September 1 pre-registration deadline receive a discounted fee of \$29. After September 1, registration for all attendees is \$36. You can get your registration forms from the State office, Randall House Publications, or on-line at www.randallhouse.com and click the 'training' option.

There will be two sessions in South Carolina. The first session will be at the Peace FWB Church in Florence on Saturday, October 1. The second session will be at the Fairview FWB Church in Spartanburg on Saturday, October 15. If you are looking for help in training and motivating the teachers and leaders in your church then mark your calendars now with those dates and plan to attend TEAM Church.



A Message from the SCFWB Christian Book and Supply Store. Deepen your students relationship with the Lord by ordering a **DEPTH Daily Devotional Guide** for each family in your Church as part of your quarterly Sunday School Order. This daily devotion coordinates with the Class Sunday School curriculum to add "depth" to your students study while promoting prayer for Free Will Baptist Home and Foreign Missionaries as well as other Free Will Baptist organizations. Order some for your Church today.



Make Visitors feel at home by ordering several sets of **Visitor Lesson Leaflets** for Class Sunday School lessons. These Visitor packs allow you to give a single page of each week's lesson to a visitor while keeping the remaining lessons for other visitors in the weeks to come. Order at least a half dozen Visitor Lesson Leaflets for your church this week.

For a **Free Sample** of these materials contact your FWB Christian Book Store- (843) 662-8682

Mt Ariel FWB Church of Conway will celebrate their **109th Anniversary** on Sunday, Oct 2nd. Pastor Richard Hewitt invites everyone to this special day of celebration.



Fairview FWB Church of Spartanburg will celebrate their 47th Anniversary

on Sunday, August 28th. Special music will be provided by "One Focus" and the morning message will be given by Rev. Shawn Hackett (Pastor of Whitney FWB Church). This year's theme is "Glad Reunion Day". Pastor Tim Hackett invites all the Fairview Friends and Family to attend this special service.

Pastor Mitch Edge recently shared that **Parkway FWB Church of Spartanburg** is in the midst of building a new \$675,000 Family Life Center. This will allow them to convert the present center into a Fellowship Building and turn the present Fellowship Building into a Teen Center. Another example of God's



Westside FWB Church of Johnsonville will be celebrating their 50th anniversary Jubilee on Sunday, Nov 6th. They want to invite all their friends to attend this special service.



Blessings on our Churches.



Pastor Ronald Hewitt in the Dunking Booth to honor his promise that if Mt Ariel FWB Church had over 100 in attendance he would let the people dunk him. His legs were very sore the next day from climbing back up on the seat so many times!!

Rev. Paul and Mary Reid celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 25th during a reception at First FWB Church of Greenwood. A great crowd of friends and family came out to honor them on this special occasion. (Picture not available)



Rev. Galen and Barbara Dunbar celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 18th with a host of family and friends in attendance at the fellowship building of Peace FWB Church, Florence. The picture above shows the Dunbars with their children, their spouses, and the grandchildren

2006 STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING.
February 23-24, 2006
Gilead FWB Church, Lake City, SC

MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:
 --Holiday Inn Express- 202 N Ron McNair Blvd, Lake City 843-394-8400 (\$57.99- all rooms)
 --Days Inn- 170 S. Ron McNair Blvd, Lake City 843-394-3269 (\$55.99 King. \$59.99 Double).

FWBBC Launches Senior Days- Free Will Baptist Bible College will launch a fresh, exciting way for high school seniors to get an up-close-and-personal look at the college this fall, according to Ryan Lewis, director of recruitment. Three weekends of FWBBC Senior Days are scheduled September 15-17, October 6-8 and November 10-12, providing several options for busy high school seniors.



Mr. Lewis said, "FWBBC Senior Days weekends are designed for high school seniors only and will accommodate a limited number of students. While Senior Days will, of course, include some of the same activities as Welcome Days, more is planned specifically to help seniors as they decide where to attend college." The new Senior Days format will provide high school seniors with a one-on-one personal guide for the weekend. A current FWBBC student will be assigned to each senior in order to answer questions, provide directions and manage details for the weekend. The high school seniors will also have a private luncheon with FWBBC president, J. Matthew Pinson. Each senior will be guaranteed a pre-scheduled meeting with an advisor in their chosen field of study.

FWBBC Senior Days provide a unique opportunity for interested seniors to find out what the college has to offer. In addition to special events planned for them, the seniors will have opportunity to sit in classes, meet with academic and financial advisors, talk with current students, and see first-hand what God is doing at FWBBC.

The college will sponsor one weekend of Senior Days during the spring 2006 semester. That date is February 9-11. The regular spring Welcome Days will also meet March 30-April 1.

Ryan Lewis reminds pastors, youth ministers and parents, "Because we are hosting three Senior Days weekends this fall, the usual Welcome Days format scheduled November 10-12, 2005, has been preempted in favor of the more accessible Senior Days program."

Although information will be mailed later, high school seniors who are interested in registering for Senior Days and securing one of the limited spaces may call FWBBC's Enrollment Management at 800-76-FWBBC or 615-844-5222, or e-mail requests to recruit@fwbbc.edu.



Get Acquainted Days will be held at Southeastern FWB College November 3-5, 2005 and March 30 - April 1, 2006.

Camp Meeting will be held at the college April 10-12, 2006

Peace FWB Church of Spartanburg celebrated Home Coming on Sunday, July 24th with Rev. Rickey Evans as guest speaker. In addition to a wonderful day of music, fellowship, and food, Pastor Chuck Thornton reported that 8 decisions were made for Christ during the invitation-Glory!



The JOHNSON Report-



Our return to Spain has brought many emotions. First of all, we felt the sadness of saying good-bye to our family and friends (many of you). It was so good to be in your churches during the

past few months and to talk with you and find out what's going on in your lives. God used that time to encourage us and to remind us of His promise to supply all of our needs (and even many of our wants, too).

Another emotion we've experienced in our return to Spain is the feeling of desperation. We see it in the faces of the people we've gotten to know in Alpedrete. They are living their lives without the hope of Jesus. Oh yes! Many of them attend the Catholic church for occasional events (weddings, funerals, baby dedications), but they don't have a relationship with God that gives true hope. We are desperate to share this hope with them. Please pray for some of our contacts that God will give open doors for sharing the Gospel. They are: Amparo, Emilio, Manuel, Carlos and Alicia, Arturo and Nuria, and Goya...to name a few.

Of course, we are also filled with the emotion of joy. We are happy to return to the country we've come to love. It was exciting to go by Alejandro's school and see that they still had one week of school left. He was able to spend several glorious days reconnecting with his friends. Our joy continued when we took our first walks in town and saw familiar faces and spent time "catching up" with our new friends here. We wouldn't be truthfully honest if we didn't tell you of the joy we felt as we tasted some of the Spanish foods that we've grown accustomed to like paella, gazpacho, and fried squid. (Yummy!)

Living the missionary life offers us many great opportunities, as well as many sad moments. Thanks for being there with us through them all!

The fall semester of **Pee Dee Bible Institute** will be held September 12 - November 28, 2005. Sessions are each Monday night from 7:00 - 9:00pm at Southside FWB Church of Darlington. The first hour class this semester will be "Learning the 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" and the second hour will be "Biblical Ethics: Choosing Right in a World Gone Wrong". Call Pastor Leroy Lowery at (843) 395-2054 for more details.

POOLE Report-

Dear Colaborers, We had a great week-end this past week. Our God answered prayers!

1. Eighteen adolescents came to our house Saturday for a Bible study, fun time and eats. Most all of them were back in Sunday School the next day. The Lord is working in the hearts of these kids.



2. Three men came forward during the invitation at the night service. One for salvation and two to get things right in their lives. The one saved has been prayed for daily for the past 6 years or so. He was in Sunday School that morning and made his decision that night. The other two men have been in church but had drifted away. They came back to the Lord. It makes a person want to shout! Thank you Lord!

3. The FWB Seminary / Bible Institute got off to a good start. We should have as many or more students then last semester.

4. There is a sweet spirit in the Church. People are working, praying and are concerned for those lost around them. Two young girls asked us to pray for a uncle that is in prison. Many of the children ask prayer for their Moms and Dads.

5. Saturday, a week ago, Geneva was invited to give a teacher training course in the Church in Jaboticabal. There were between 30 to 35 ladies and men that came to study. God is Good!

Thank you for the part that you play in our ministry in Brazil. Without you it would be hard for us to be here. May the Lord richly bless you each one.

Love to all, ... Bobby and Geneva Poole

John 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

Walker's Chapel FWB Church of Sumter has withdrawn from membership in the Eastern Conference and from the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists.



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Pr 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

These are known **Radio Programs by Free Will Baptist in South Carolina.** If you have a program and it is not listed then contact the State Office (843-662-5010) and get us the information.

Pee Dee FWB Church (Rev Leroy Larrimore) on WSTS (100.9FM). Sunday at 1:00pm

Rev J T Adams on WTAB (1370AM) Sunday at 2:30PM

White Savannah FWB Church (Rev. Buddy Seay) "Morning Devotions" Mon-Fri: 7:00am on WSTS 100.9FM

Socastee FWB Church (Rev. Darren Squires) Sunday at 4:45pm on WSTS 100.9FM

Turning Point FWB Church (Rev. Todd Black) "Bearing Precious Seed" Sunday- 9:30am - 9:45am on WSPG- 1400AM. Simultaneously broadcast on the web at www.spartanburg1400.com

State WAC Ladies Retreat will be September 23-24, 2005 at White Oak Conference Center, Winnsboro, SC. We are looking for a great time at a new facility located between Columbia and Chester. Hope to see you there.



WOMEN'S RETREAT



Remember that **PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH** is September (or October for some churches). Be sure and plan something extra special for your Pastor and his family during this time. Here are some suggestions-

- Have a "Card Collection" Sunday. Tell families to prepare a card of appreciation for the Pastor and his family and use a basket to collect these cards on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Any gift will be appreciated but the written thoughts will be a lasting blessing to the Pastor and his family.

- Have a testimony time during Pastor Appreciation Sunday and then inform the Pastor that the Church has voted to give him a raise.

- Make up picture cards of the Pastor and his family (like missionary cards) and give them out with the request for them to be placed in a place where your family will remember to pray for the Pastor and his family each day in the coming year.

- Put out an "Adopt the Pastor" sheet listing each month of the year. People will sign up to prepare or purchase a meal for the Pastor and his family during a month of their choosing.

- Find a way to double what you had planned to do- 1Ti 5:17 *Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.*

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