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STATE OFFICE RELOCATION COMMITTEE TO MEET THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2006.

The "Research and Ground Work" committee appointed by the State Association during the 2006 State Meeting has concluded their preliminary work and evaluation of the proposed relocation of the SCFWB State Office and Christian Book Store to property adjacent to the Children's Home and have called for a meeting of the Relocation Committee appointed by the State Association (Basically, the General Board) for Thursday, July 6, 2006 at the SCFWB Children's Home in Turbeville. This will be an open meeting but only committee members will be allowed to make motions or vote.



Proposed site of New State Office Complex with Children's Home in the Background

The full text of the "Research and Ground Work" committee can be found on Page 6 and 7. A "very rough" drawing of the new State Office Ministries Complex can be found on page 8 (This is simply to give people ideas of what is being considered. A formal drawing with proper proportions and including needed building information will be secured if the Relocation Committee declares the desire to relocate).

TEEN YOUTH CAMP GREAT SUCCESS

Teen Youth Camp was a great success this year with 4 salvation decisions and 1 young person who proclaimed his call into the ministry-Glory! Rev. Clint Adams came to represent the Free Will Baptist Bible College but he did an excellent job filling in as Camp Evangelist for Rev Charles Cooke who recently moved out of state.

The 65 campers who attended Teen Camp this year at Anchorage Camp Ground also enjoyed activities such as water tubing, rock wall climbing, and skating.

The success of this year's Teen Camp only added to the desire of the State Youth Camp Board to one day have our own Camp Facility.

JUNIOR CAMP SET FOR JULY 24-28

Junior Camp (Age 8-12) will be held at Camp Pee Dee (between Florence and Marion) beginning on Monday, July 24, 2006. This exciting time of Fun, Fellowship, and Friends will help those who attend to grow spiritually while they have a great week filled with many activities and adventures.

Registration Forms and a Health Insurance Waiver Form MUST be filled out and can be found on Page 4-5.

The cost is only \$105 per camper (which includes a \$10.00 canteen ticket). A \$30 deposit is needed by July 10th.

There is still a great need for Camp Counselors and Helpers.

Send Registration Form, Health Insurance Waiver Form, and \$30 deposit to:
Rev. Cyrus Shoffner, 1237 Vance Drive,
Darlington, SC 29540. Church Phone Number is (843) 393-7436

Mid Year Financial Facts:

(Thru June 15)	2005	2006
Plan of Support Income	\$532,909.59	\$469,355.17
(This is the TOTAL Money received. Below is income to various organizations that are part of this total).		
State Office Income	\$43,560.03	\$30,161.23
Children's Home Income	\$81,020.20	\$85,263.43
Foreign Mission Income	\$235,043.60	\$175,440.65
National Home Missions	\$67,350.15	\$61,346.98
State Home Missions	\$15,337.49	\$14,044.11
FWB Bible College	\$30,589.43	\$38,756.01
WNAC	\$17,075.92	\$22,496.03



This is Faith FWB Church of Blacksburg. This church was founded by Rev. Marshal Nichols, who recently went to be with the Lord. The True Life Association held their May Conference meeting here and it was a joy to see what God has done. Busy highway #5 in front of the Church is being four laned and Highway 55 has been diverted so that it ends directly in front of the Church- a prime location for the Church. Above Right- Rev. Mike Wilson presents a plaque of appreciation from the True Life Conference to the members of Brother Marshal's family for his vision and hard work.



Community FWB Church held a special **Golden Wedding Anniversary** service to honor members, **Rev. Leonard and Zellene Williams**, for 50 years of marriage on Saturday, June 17, 2006. Church Pastor, Rev. William Justice, led this "young" couple in renewing their wedding vows (which included several members of the original wedding party- pictured above with the happy couple). The "wedding" was followed by a fellowship time and the opening of numerous gifts from family and friends.

The Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute held it's spring graduation service on Saturday, June 3, 2006 in the sanctuary of First FWB Church of Inman. SCFWB Executive Secretary, Rev. Mike Jones delivered the graduation message for Guillermo Montes Flores, Esther Iwabuchi (Whose family attended all the way from Texas), Lorena Marias, Miguel Marias, and Marina Molina Murillo.



These graduates will now take their intense 5 month training and work in established churches or begin new churches. The next session of classes begins July 10th.

The Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute is a ministry of the FWB National Home Mission Board and is housed at First FWB Church of Inman.

One of the graduates is congratulated by Pastor Earl Hendrix, Professors Dr. Rufo Gomez and Rev Shane Wilson, and National Hispanic Director, Rev Rick Bowling.



New Prospect FWB Church recently welcomed new Pastor Alan Sailors. He and his family are excited about God's future for them as they minister at this fine church.



Southside FWB Church of Aiken held graduation exercises for their "Patch the Pirate Club" in May. This mission Church is ministering to families and organizations in the Aiken area as they try to build a strong Free Will Baptist Church in a part of the State where we previously had no FWB Witness.

July Meetings:

- July 6-** Relocation Committee will meet at the SCFWB Home for Children at 10am
- July 7-** S C Conference will meet at First FWB Church of Charleston at 7:00pm. This meeting will feature an India update from Missionary Carlisle Hanna and a presentation of the "Faith" Evangelism Ministry.
- July 8-** Central Association will meet at Mt. Trolley FWB Church at 9:00am
- July 16-19-** National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet in Birmingham, Al.
- July 22-** Eastern Conference will meet at Hickory Hill FWB Church at 9:30am
- July 24-28-** Junior Camp at Camp Pee Dee, Marion, SC
- July 29-** Beaver Creek Conference will meet at Lockhart FWB Church at 9:00am



May 25, 2006 - Randall House Publications is pleased to announce that it has **won first place in Publication Design** at the 2006 Evangelical Press Association Convention in Orlando.

“This award was an honor and it speaks to the heart of why we produce

this product. Teachers are looking for well designed and engaging products that excite their students to study their Bibles” said Ron Hunter, CEO of Randall House Publications. He went on to say, “We believe that delivering curriculum in the form of a magazine is a medium that teens and adults understand because they use it far more than a simple study guide.”

CLEAR Horizon is the senior high teen student magazine and part of an innovative curriculum that connects families with the Word of God based on the principles of Deuteronomy chapter 6. It combines Bible study and devotions with articles and magazine features. The purpose of CLEAR is bring small group Bible Study and Sunday School into the home and empower moms, dads, and grandparents to find teachable moments everyday. This application-driven curriculum does more than teach Bible stories, it changes behavior based upon biblical principles.

Randall House has produced Sunday School curriculum, small group products, and books for nearly a half of century serving churches across North America and around the world. Randall House Literature can be purchased from your SCFWB Christian Book Store- (843) 662-8682 Fax- (843) 662-5054

Pastor Chris Jackson (He is the one standing in front of the brand new sign- Glory!) and **First FWB Church of Simpsonville** celebrated a Special Home Coming Service on Sunday, May 7th. Activities included a special presentation by the Children’s Church, special music by



Kingsway, and the morning message delivered by SCFWB Executive Secretary, Rev. Mike Jones.

Immediately after the service everyone adjourned to the fellowship building for the normal Home Coming meal. What made this meal so special was the fact that it was the last meal the church would enjoy in this fellowship building. Bright and early on the Monday morning following Home Coming the fellowship building was due to be torn down in order to begin putting up a new Family Life Center and Fellowship Building- Glory! We hope to have pictures of this new building soon.

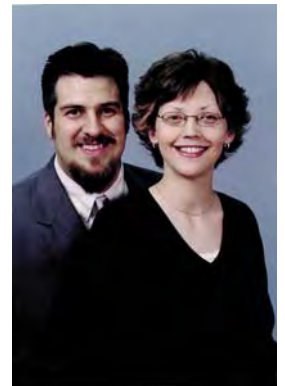
FWBBC Announces Sean Warren Missionary-in-Residence

NASHVILLE, TN—Missionaries in France, Sean and Jill Warren, will serve as Free Will Baptist International Missions’ (FWBIM) missionaries-in-residence at Free Will Baptist Bible College for 2006-2007, according to FWBBC missions program coordinator, Ron Callaway.

“Sean and Jill form part of the *Mediterranean Team* (M-Team) in southern France,” Callaway said. “In addition to their ministries to the supporting churches, Sean will teach at FWBBC, and the Warrens will work with the students on campus.”

Academic Dean Milton Fields said, “Sean taught Islam and World Religions for us a few years ago. He will be teaching some of those again. Sean has an emphasis in Islam at the master’s level.”

Sean and Jill Warren are both FWBBC graduates. They have two children—Sophia and Lola. Sean completed a Master of Arts degree at Columbia International University. Jill is the daughter of Sandy and Dari Goodfellow. Sandy is director of plant operations at FWBBC, while Dari works with the Executive Office and coordinates the annual *Free Will Baptist Yearbook*.



The Warrens will succeed Dennis and Trena Owen as missionaries-in-residence. The Owens are scheduled to return to Uruguay this summer where Dennis will be completing his doctorate.

The college’s missionary-in-residence generally serves a one-year term before returning to the field. During that year, the missionary lives on campus in the Laura Belle Barnard House, and teaches and promotes missions among the students.

The goal of the missionary-in-residence (MIR) program is to help students develop a vision for and accept the challenge of global evangelism. The MIR program is operated in cooperation with the Free Will Baptist International Missions Department.



Rev. David Ring (“I have Cerebral Palsy- What is Your Problem?”) will be in a special service at Happy Home FWB Church, Andrews, SC (Pastor Ron Ogle) on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at 7:00pm. Call (843) 221-5283 for more details.

Mt Elon FWB Church welcomes Rev. Mark (Wife- Myra, and two Children) Leonard as their new Pastor. He is due to begin his duties July 9th. We are excited about him being a part of what God is doing in South Carolina.



FWB JUNIOR (Age 8-12) Camp will be held on July 24-28, 2006 at **Camp Pee Dee (Church of God Facilities)** located between Florence and Marion, SC. This year the Juniors will have a camp all to themselves!

There will be lots of outside sporting events and group games so bring your ball glove, frisbee, etc. and plan on having lots of **FUN**



Payment Information

* The cost of Camp this year is **\$105** per camper. This price include a **\$10** dollar canteen ticket.

* Please remit a **\$30** deposit postmarked by **July 10th**

*Please make all checks to **SCFWB Youth Ministries** and send to:
Rev. Cyrus Shoffner
1237 Vance Drive
Darlington, SC - 29540*

Registration will be from 10am-12noon on Monday Morning, July 24, 2006
Please make sure that a Waiver Form accompanies each camper.

What to Bring?

Toothbrush, and paste, soap, or other personal toiletry items, sleeping bags, sheets, pillow, Bible, notepad, pencils or pens, extra changes of clothes, dirty clothes bag.



What not to Bring!

Radios, comic books, CDs, tobacco or illegal drugs of any form, bad attitudes.

Dress Code

Ladies: Culottes or Knee Length Attire (loose fitting) are permitted during activities. Loose-fitting attire meaning that the garment legs fall down immediately when raised so as to cover the thigh at all times. Dresses are to be worn to all services.

Men: No sleeveless shirts or tank tops. Loose-fitting, knee length attire or long pants are to be worn for all activities. Loose-fitting meaning that the garment legs fall down immediately when raised so as to cover the thigh at all times. Pants and collared shirts are to be worn to all services.

Note for all Men and Ladies: No clothing will be allowed with questionable logos and advertisements. No body piercing jewelry with the exception of ladies ears.

Remember Modesty



Camp Pee Dee
Church of God State Campground
4533 Youth Ct
Marion, SC 29571
(843) 423-4806

Fill out this entire page - Make
Copies if necessary - and submit
with Deposit of \$30 to:
Rev. Cyrus Shoffner
1237 Vance Dr.
Darlington, SC 29540

**Waiver and Release of Liability
South Carolina FWB Youth Ministries
And Medical/Health Insurance Release**

A permission slip must be submitted for any individual participating in a church activity, trip, or event that takes place away from the church.

Registration Information

PARTICIPANT'S NAME (Please Print) _____
EVENT YOU WILL ATTEND: _____ SCFWB Junior Youth Camp July 24-28th -
2006

Participant's Name

Address

Gender _____ Age _____

Parent or Guardian Name:

Church Name:

Pastor's Name:

To be in room with:

I hereby certify that I am in good physical and mental health at this time, and wish to participate in the above event/activity. I understand that my participation may result in an unexpected illness or injury, due to accidents, forces of nature, or other unforeseeable events. Such illnesses or injuries could include diseases, strains, sprains, fractures, dislocations, and/or death. These injuries (if incurred) could cause permanent disabilities. I realize that there are certain risks arising from this activity, and I am willing to assume such risks. I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives, heirs, assigns, and/or designees hereby agree to release, hold harmless, and indemnify The SCFWB Youth Ministries Board, sponsors, workers, churches, associations, and/or its agents, officers, leaders/volunteers, and employees from any and all claims of suits for bodily injury, medical expenses, property damage, or wrongful participation in this event or project.

I authorize the SCFWB Youth Ministries Board to release any medical information on my behalf. My health insurance company is as follows:

Name of Health Insurance Company _____

Insurance ID Number _____

Please check if NO HEALTH INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE _____

Participants Pledge: I have read the entire application and am familiar with the rules. I have read **WHAT TO BRING** and **WHAT NOT TO BRING** and pledge myself to cooperate with the staff and other campers so that we can have the best possible camp this year!

I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS OBLIGATIONS AND I AM SIGNING THIS WAIVER VOLUNTARILY.

Participant's Signature _____

Date _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT IS REQUIRED IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS

Parent's Signature _____

Child's Date of Birth _____

Emergency Contact(s) _____

Home Telephone: _____

Work Telephone(s): _____

Cell Telephone: _____

(Participant's Signature)

Must be signed.

Relocation Information for presentation to the State Office Relocation Committee:

The "Research and Ground Work" committee for the relocation of the SCFWB State Office held their first meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at the SCFWB Home for Children in Turbeville. Present during that meeting were- SCFWB State Moderator, Rev. Sherwood Lee, Children's Home Board Chairman, Rev. Tim Hackett, Children's Home Director, Rev. Roy Roach, and SCFWB Executive Secretary, Rev Mike Jones.

After a time of questions and discussion it was decided that

- 1) Relocating the SCFWB State Office to the property adjacent to the SCFWB Home for Children would not present a problem in regards to the children or the ministry of the Children's Home.
- 2) The building plan for the new State Office Complex that included a gym was the best plan to pursue in order to benefit all areas of the SCFWB State Ministry.
- 3) A site for the new State Office Complex immediately adjacent to the East side of the Children's Home Complex and fronting on Highway 378 was decided upon.

Another meeting of this committee was held on Friday, June 16, 2006 at the Children's Home with the above mentioned attendees as well as SCFWB Youth Ministries Director, Rev. Cyrus Shoffner and SCFWB State Home Mission Board Director, Rev Earl Hendrix. This meeting was called to allow these ministries to provide input about the State Office move. Both of these directors added their approval to the concept of a State Office Ministries Building being constructed adjacent to the Children's Home. They also agreed that this new building had the potential to expand and enhance their ministries.

Based on the information and input from these meetings and based on the following information the "Research and Ground Work" Committee recommends that a meeting of the "Relocation Committee" {General Board Members} specified in the motion made and passed at the 2006 SCFWB State Association be called for Thursday July 6, 2006 at 10:00am in the dining hall of the SCFWB Home for Children. (This meeting will be open to the public. A Meal will NOT be served since the Children's Home Staff and Children will be in another activity).

The Motion as made at the 2006 State Association Meeting

- 1) That a Committee be appointed at the 2006 State Association Meeting to determine the following:
 - A) Is there a need or desire to consider selling the 1705 South Irby Street property and relocating the SCFWB State Office to the SCFWB Property in Turbeville, SC.
 - B) What price range could be expected from the sale of the present property at 1705 S.Irby St. .
 - C) What would be the cost of a new State Office Building located on the SCFWB Property at the SCFWB Children's Home.
- 2) That this Committee consist of the SCFWB Executive Committee and the General Board member from each of the 6 state conferences.
- 3) That the expenses for the meetings of this committee (up to \$1000.00) be paid from the budget of the SCFWB State Office.
- 4) That this committee report back with a recommendation to the 2007 meeting of the SCFWB State Association.
- 5) That the Executive Secretary, Bro. Mike Jones, the moderator, Bro. Sherwood Lee, and the Home for Children Board Chairman, Bro. Tim Hackett collaborate together in starting the research and ground work concerning the logistics of relocating the State Office to the Children's Home Property.

Additional Information:

1) The present State Office Building located at 1705 S. Irby Street in Florence has deteriorated to the place that upkeep is a problem and remodeling is considered unwise. Construction of a new building on the present property would involve money that is presently not available. This would also not be the best plan to enhance the overall ministries of the SCFWB State Association.



2) After contact with an Appraiser and with a Builder it is believed that the new State Office Ministries Complex including the Gym area can be built with the money received from the sale of the 1705 S. Irby St. Property. This is imperative since the SCFWB State Office does not presently have any money to build a new building and a loan of this magnitude is considered unwise.

3) The SCFWB Christian Book Store does most of its business via phone, fax, and internet. Relocating to Turbeville should not seriously impact the financial stability of the Book Store.

4) While moving from Florence will have an impact on the ease of contact with local area Pastors it is believed that the program that are being considered for the new State Office Ministries Complex will actually increase contact with all of the Ministers of the State. [Included in the plans is a class room area and the gym will allow room for big preaching and training meetings. If the other State Ministries use this facility as “dreamed” then visitors to the State Office will be a fairly regular event.]

5) Building the new State Office Ministries Complex adjacent to the Children’s Home will provide a gym area for use by the Children’s Home as well as provide much needed space for their annual Children’s Home day celebration. It will also increase first time visitors to the Home which we hope will prove a benefit to the ministry of the Children’s Home.

6) The new State Office Ministries Complex would mean the State Youth Camp Ministry could formulate plans to use the availability of a gym and the 40 acres of land which comprise this property in planning for our own State Youth Camp (We presently spend over \$20,000 per year in rental fees to use other denominational camps. If we could one day have our own Youth Camp then we could use that money to improve the camping experience for our Youth as well as set up camp dates for the benefit of our youth instead of having to accept other camp ministries “left over times”).

7) If the State Association were to so desire then the annual State Association meeting could be held at the State Office Ministries Complex. (Meals could be enjoyed in the Children’s Home Dining area and, if the State Youth Ministry can build the dormitories they are dreaming of building, then adjacent lodging would also be available).

We stand at the door of the future of Free Will Baptists in South Carolina. The actions taken by this board (and eventually the State Association) will impact the work of Free Will Baptists in South Carolina for generations to come. We are faced with a choice. We can stay where we are or we can march into a future filled with promise and potential- ...*And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work. Neh 2:18*

In addition to the Primary Relocation Committee recommendation the following have added their support to the concept of relocating the State Office:
Children’s Home Board
State Executive Committee
State Youth Ministries Board
State Home Mission Director



Present State Office and Book Store located at 1705 S. Irby St. in Florence. The State Office is the single room to the left and the Book Store is the main part of the “house”.

The Book Store majors on four main sales categories - Sunday School Literature, KJV Bibles, Church Supplies, and Free Will Baptist interest books and commentaries. We also carry VBS supplies, Boxed Greeting Cards, and Flags.

The company that supplied our “800” phone number recently went bankrupt. We will wait until a decision is made to secure another. Right now the Book Store can be reached at (843) 662-8682



This is the Fellowship Building/Family Life Center recently constructed by Grace FWB Church of Lake City, SC at a cost of around \$250,000. The Fellowship Building front part contains a spacious kitchen, elegant rest rooms, and seating for around 200.

Pastor Carroll Bazen shared that several members of the Church have helped by contributing tables and chairs, kitchen equipment (restaurant quality), and gym flooring and equipment.

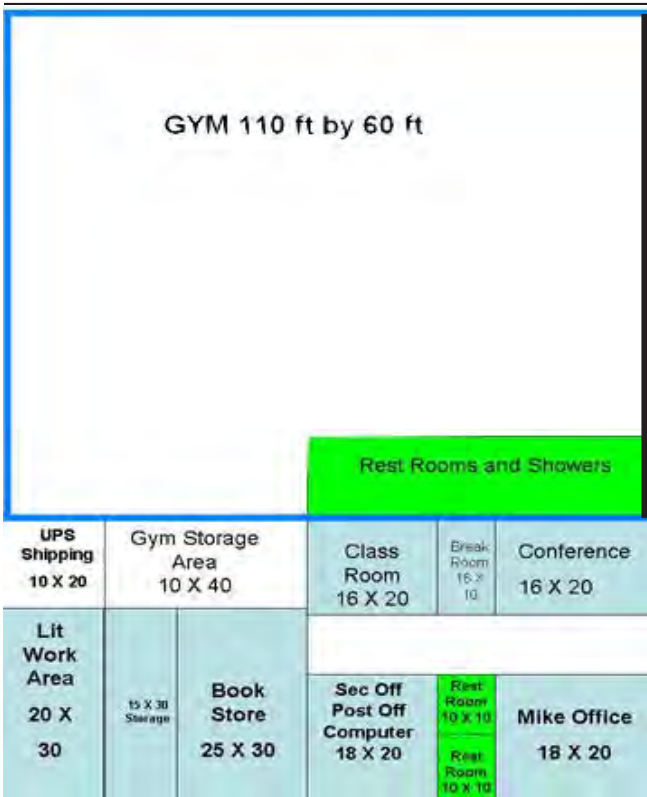
This is the basic concept for the new State Office Complex except that the roof will be the same height over all the building and the foundation will be laid in such a way until a second story could be added to the Office part of the building if the need arose.



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“Come ye after me,
 and I will make you to
 become fishers of men.”

Mark 1 : 1 7



Very Rough drawing of purposed new State Office Ministries Complex.



Pastor Doug Western, Lesslie FWB Church of Rock Hill, SC has agreed to be come the new Webmaster for the State Web Site- www.scfwb.com Glory!! We are looking for a great new look to our web site with more information than ever. Contact Bro. Doug at webmaster@scfwb.com

FWBBC Sells Joelton Property- NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College completed the sale of its 123-acre Joelton property for \$820,000 on June 14, according to President J. Matthew Pinson. The college purchased the land in 1994 for \$265,000 when it planned to relocate in Joelton.

President Pinson said, “We are delighted with the timely sale. Proceeds from the sale will be placed in a dedicated fund and held in reserve for the college’s future relocation. Friends and supporters who purchased land in the college’s 1994 *Claim the Land* campaign can be assured that their original investment will be used for its intended purpose—a new FWBBC campus.”

The Board of Trustees voted in December 2005 to sell the Joelton property and authorized a six-month feasibility study on campus relocation after the college received an offer to purchase the Nashville campus.

Mark Johnson, who leads the college’s feasibility study, said, “This is another positive step for FWBBC in our relocation study. We now continue the process of searching for land on which to build a new campus. We have an architectural firm in place to design the campus, and fundraising professionals at work surveying the denomination to help us determine support for a capital campaign.”

Mr. Johnson confirmed that the Joelton property was purchased by Craighead Springs, LLC, a group of local businessmen.

FWBBC’s Board of Trustees placed earlier relocation efforts to Joelton on hold in 2002 after site-development costs surged from \$2 million to more than \$5 million, and after two offers by prospective buyers purchase the Nashville campus were withdrawn.



Seated: FWBBC President J. Matthew Pinson. Standing: FWBBC Feasibility Study Leader Mark Johnson, second from right. Standing: (L) Kenneth Lee, Vice President of Community Bank and Trust; Principals in Craighead Springs, LLC—Gregory Richardson, Tracy Oliver, Shane Ellis, Carroll Richardson.

Back Issues of Informer Needed for Historical Collection: Please Help

The National FWB Historical Commission needs some of the back issues of the S. C. State paper for the FWB Historical Collection. Needed are some of the issues of The Informer, especially from 1972 to 1981. Also needed are issues of S. C. state papers that were published before 1972. If you have any of these, please contact Robert Picirilli, FWB Historical Commission, 301 Greenway Ave., Nashville, TN 37205. His telephone number is (615) 297-0183 and his email address is repic@access4less.net. This is important to our state work; we need our state well represented in the national historical collection.