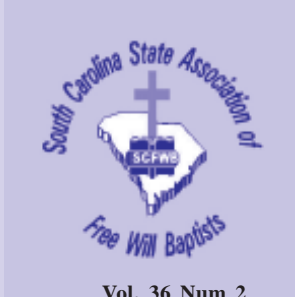


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## GREAT STATE MEETING VOTES TO RELOCATE STATE OFFICE

Over and over people expressed how much they enjoyed the 65th annual session of the State Association of Original Free Will Baptist, Inc. There was more preaching (an extra devotion was added on Thursday Morning) and all of the preaching was good and to the point of this year's theme- "Arise and Build God's Work". Temple FWB Church (and the South Carolina Conference) did an excellent job of hosting this year's meeting and the business session went so smoothly again this year until we were able to conclude at noon on Friday. It is great to see our State work together so smoothly. [Additional Pictures and information about the State Meeting can be found on page 7-8].

### Highlights from the 2007 SCFWB State Meeting:

- Delegates voted to sell the present property at 1705 South Irby Street in Florence and use the money from that sale to construct a new State Office and Book Store facility on the property owned by the State Association in Turbeville where the Home for Children is presently located.
- The State Association voted to partner with "Friends of India" as a means of preparing for future funding of the missionary ministry of Rev. Carlisle Hanna in India. This partnership does not obligate the State Association financially. It will simply allow those who promote the ministry of "Friends of India" to approach donors with the knowledge that the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist supports their efforts to raise at least \$3 million dollars for a trust fund whose interest would continue to support the work of God in India perpetually.
- Rev. Todd Smith was enthusiastically welcomed as the new SCFWB Executive Secretary.



State Moderator, Sherwood Lee presents outgoing Executive Secretary Mike Jones and the lovely Princess Paula a plaque for their years of service

The special Offering for outgoing SCFWB Executive Secretary Mike (and Paula) Jones came to \$11,750- Glory! What a tremendous blessing and great Honor.

Brother Mike and Sister Paula can never express to the wonderful Free Will Baptist people of South Carolina how much they appreciate the love and kindness shown to them during their years of ministry and now with this special gift. May God's richest blessings be upon each conference, church, and individual who gave in this offering.

### Mark Your Calendar:

- Daylight Saving Times begins- March 11, 2007
- State WAC Meeting- Sat. March 17, 2007 at Turning Point FWB Church, Spartanburg, SC
- Teen Camp- June 11-15, 2007 at Anchorage Campground, NC
- Junior Camp- June 25-29, 2007 at Camp Pee Dee, Marion, S C
- National Association will meet July 15-19, 2007 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Motel information is available in "One" magazine.
- Children's Home Day- November 3, 2007

The Temple Praise team lift up our hearts to worship



Believing that there were a number of people who used to attend Bethany FWB Church of Timmons ville that we should try to get back into Church we decided to start off the new year with a special day to "Round Them Up". Using the western theme of a "Round Up", we challenged the church to seek to round up as many "strays" as possible and bring them to church with them.



Pastor and Mrs. Earl Hanna gather around the camp fire to welcome the stays back to Church.

Everyone dressed in western style clothing and we were able to round up 185 people!!! The ladies of the church cooked large pots of chili beans, vegetable soup, and corn bread to go along with the western theme and a great time was had by all. Everything went so well until we already have plans for another "Round Up" next January. (Submitted by



Song Leader, Tim Driggers and Youth Pastor, Jonathan Postlewaite ride into town

To commemorate five years of pastoral ministry, Black River Church honored Pastor Jeff Cockrell and his family with a surprise day of appreciation Feb. 4, 2007. Bro. Jeff and his family were especially surprised when he and his wife's parents showed up for the service. (The church had secretly contacted them.)

Homer Floyd, deacon chairman, presented Bro. Jeff and his family with a check from the church. Rev. Galen Dunbar preached a special message on what the church should expect from a pastor and on what a pastor should expect from a church. After the service, the ladies served a meal in the church fellowship hall. During the time of fellowship, church members expressed their love and appreciation to the entire family.



Pastor Wayland Owens was happy to add B.J. Jones and Caroline Jones to his "66 Bible Club" for reading the entire Bible in 2006. First FWB Church of Kingstree has a special Sunday in January of each year in which they invite the State Executive Secretary to preach about the importance of God's Word and recognize those who have read the entire Bible the previous year. Also on this list for 2006 were Jim Snipes, Eric Adams, Jean Ann Mouzon, Inez Mouson, Juanita McClary, Ruby George, and Lynette Morris.

The Youth of Temple FWB Church of Darlington wanted to help Missionary Carlisle Hanna but they did not have any funds so they set up a booth at the Darlington Sweet Potato Festival and were able to raise \$500 to help Brother Carlisle's Mission work in India- Glory! When people put perspiration with their dedication and determination then it is amazing to see what God can do.



Pastor Mac Atkinson of Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham had a great day on Sunday, February 4th. He welcomed 12 new members into the Church, held his first Baptismal service (4) and during the night service was able to present visiting speaker, Rev. Jacob Creech, an offering check for nearly \$3500 to help with our mission work in India.

Oak Grove FWB Church hosted the Central District Women Active for Christ on Saturday, Feb. 17th. The services were good and, as usual, the ladies had beautiful decorations and great food.. New Officers were elected for the coming 2 years (2007 & 2008):

President Angie Coker - Little Star  
 Vice- President Harriett Jordan - Oak Grove  
 Secretary Rhonda Hucks - Oak Grove  
 Treasurer Dorothy Inman - Mt. Ariel  
 Mission Prayer Bonnie Norris - Mt. Ariel  
 Mission Action Caroline Inman - Mt. Ariel  
 Mission Study Vivian Causey - Mt. Ariel  
 Field Worker Wanda Bryson - Oak Grove  
 Pianoist Linda Williams - Little Star  
 Song Leader Janet McCellan - Mt. Ariel



New Officers of the S C District WAC for 2007- 08



Mrs Evelyn Upright presents outgoing Coordinator, Carolyn Riddick a plaque for her 23 years of leadership.

The South Carolina District WAC was held at Lebanon FWB Church on Saturday, February, 24th. The ladies of Lebanon had done a magnificent job of decorating the church and the fellowship building; even to creating a banner with the key verse that hung beside the pulpit area.

After the business session special speaker, Mrs. Diana Bridgeman, used the theme verse "To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified." (Isaiah 61:3) to show how God had turned her life from the ashes of abuse into the beauty of a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

A delightful meal followed in the fellowship building. The 2008 session of the SC District WAC will be held at Beulah FWB church of Pamplico.

Hola everyone!

"Grande, Señor, es tu fidelidad" ("Great is Thy Faithfulness") was sung today (Sunday, February 4, 2007) in the Alpedrete Church in a way like we've never heard it sung before. Not only was our church full, with a record attendance of 41, but those who sang it praised God with their voices and with the help of a brand new Clavinova piano, thanks to some churches and individuals in South Carolina who donated to this project. (We have attached a photo of our church people around the new piano.) Our walls were bulging today with praises to God as we celebrated our one-year anniversary as a church. Spanish pastor José Manuel Parrón was our special speaker and brought his congregation with him to our celebration service.



We hope that the words to "Great is Thy Faithfulness" will ring from this e-mail through cyberspace to where you are and will remind you of just how much God has done and is going to do in your part of the world.

We truly appreciate your prayers and support!  
Tim, Kristi, Alejandro, and Ana

**TEEN CAMP** (ages 13-18) will be held June 11-15, 2007 at "The Anchorage" in Lake Waccamaw, NC. Cost is \$185 per camper and a \$50 deposit is needed by May 8th.

**JUNIOR CAMP** ((ages 8-12) will be held June 25-29, 2007 at Camp Pee Dee in Marion, SC. Cost is \$125 per camper. A \$50 Deposit is needed by May 22nd.

**Send deposits to:**

Bruce Kimbrel  
103 Gann Dr  
Darlington, S C 29532

**More information-** including the brochure about camp, the registration form (on the right), and the required medical forms can be obtained from [www.scfwb.com](http://www.scfwb.com) or by Contacting Rev. Cyrcus Shoffner  
(843) 398-9923- Home  
(843) 858-0195- Cell

**CAMP REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Participants Name and Address

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_M \_\_F      Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Who would you like to Room with?

\_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPANTS PLEDGE:**

I HAVE READ THE ENTIRE APPLICATION AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH THE RULES OF CAMP.

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.

**Funeral services for Rev. Herman Hyman** were held at Immanuel FWB Church of Santee and Mt. Elon FWB Church of Pamplico on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. Brother Herman was the founding pastor of Immanuel FWB Church of Santee where he ministered for nearly 20 years. He also served as Pastor of First FWB Church of Auburndale, Florida for nearly a year before his health declined and he returned to South Carolina. He was 68 years old.

Pastor Walter (Pete) Minor and brother in law, Rev. Earl Hanna (Bethany) officiated at the Immanuel Service. Rev. Mike Jones (SCFWB State Office) and Dr. Richard Adams (National Home Missions) officiated at the Mt. Elon Service. Honorary pallbearers at both services were Free Will Baptist Ministers and Chaplains from the Orangeburg County Sheriffs Department.

Brother Herman was the son of the late David P. Hyman and Mrs. Mae W. H. Brown. He was born in Pamplico, S C and was educated in the Florence County Schools. He enlisted and served in the United States Navy from 1958 to 1960. After being honorably discharged he returned to Florence where he met and married Patsy Galliher, daughter of the late James Allen and Pearlie Johnson Galliher, on March 28, 1962. To this union three sons were born. He was employed with several Florence businesses as a manger and serviceman. He later attended the Florence-Darlington Technical College and the Bethel Bible Institutes to prepare for the ministry.

Brother Herman was very active in his home church of Mt. Elon and served as an ordained deacon, Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent and Treasurer of the South Carolina District CTS before being called full time into the ministry. In addition to his duties as Pastor he also served as a Chaplain with the Orangeburg County Sheriffs Department from 1995-2006. This Chaplain Program was one of the first of its kind and featured on CBS national news. He was very active with training and serving the church and community wherever he was needed.

Brother Herman is survived by his wife, Patsy G. Hyman; three sons, Alvin Hyman (Patara) of Kingstree, SC, Greg Hyman (Kim) of Timmonsville, SC, Patrick Hyman (Nicole) of St. George, SC; his mother, Mae W.H. Brown, of Florence, SC; three brothers, Melvin Albert Hyman (Jeri) of Middlebury, IN, David P. Hyman, Jr. (Nellie) of Johnsonville, SC, and Gene Brown of Florence SC; two sisters, Shirley (Tommy) Kennedy of Florence, SC, and Donna (Clarmon) Cook of Pamplico, SC; seven grandchildren, Benji, Rhett, Crystal, Vinson "Daniel", Jessica, Jason and Emily Hyman.



Services for Brother Herman at Immanuel FWB Church in Santee



The Honorary Pall Bearer Ministers at the service at Mt. Elon FWB Church, Pamplico.



The Moderator of the South Carolina Conference, Rev. Todd Parrish, the chairman of the S C Conference Ordaining Counsel, Rev. LeRoy Lowery, and the S C State Youth Camp Director, Rev. Cyrus Shoffner, recently visited with Rev. Fred Kirby at his home in Camden. Brother Fred is no longer able to carry on an active ministry so these men thought they would visit him and let him know he is not forgotten. Brother Fred has been a great worker for Free Will Baptist in South Carolina as he helped to begin several churches and also served as State Home Mission Director for many years. He is always glad for people to contact him- Rev Fred Kirby, 202 Dunn St, Camden, S C 29020. (803) 432-3256

The following Relocation Recommendation was approved by the State Association:

- 1) The State Office is to be sold at a reasonable price at the discretion of the Relocation Committee
- 2) The budget for the new State Office Ministries complex is not to exceed the sale price of the existing State Office property.

It was further recommended that the SCFWB Executive Secretary, the SCFWB Executive Committee, the SCFWB Home for Children Board, and the SCFWB Home for Children Director work together through the relocation process of the State Office to determine the procedures to follow, the location and size of the new building, and the process to follow during the transition time for the new State Office.



Rev. Mitch Edge- Thurs Message challenged the congregation



Director Roy Roach recognizes the top givers to the Children's Home



Host Pastor Todd Parrish gives Thurs. afternoon Devotion to a well fed crowd



Dr. Don Hanna shares greetings from India



SCFWB Executive Secretary, Todd Smith gives a plaque to Horse Branch Pastors Mike Edward (present) and Jacob Creech (past) for being the #1 giver in the State for the 6th year in a row!!



NAWFB Executive Secretary, Keith Burden stirred hearts with his Thurs. Night message



Pastor Jason Myers came all the way from PA. to give the Friday Morning Devotion



Pastor Buddy Seay used not only his talents but the voices from great FWB speakers of the Past to bring the final Message

## 2007 Resolution Committee Report

Be it resolved;

1) That we encourage all of our churches to display on their signs for at least one week the following message- “in response to the A.C.L.U. We still pray in JESUS NAME”.

2) That we take a moment to remember and honor all of our Ministers who have gone home to be with our Lord during the past few years:

Rev. Ernest Lawson- November 2005

Rev. Haywood Drew- November 2005

Rev. Johnnie Bullman- April 2006

Rev. Neil Harrelson- March 2006

Rev Neal Harting- March 2006

Rev. Jimmy Miller- August 2006

Rev. Herman Hyman- January 2007

3) That, in keeping with our Theme this year, we all return home with a greater desire in our heart to Arise and Build God’s Work with the love and unity that we feel here in this Association; realizing that we must all work together as one for the Glory of God.

4) That we recommend to our churches, that we petition political leaders to stand on “The Bible as the only true Word of God”, and to stand against taking God out of the pledge of allegiance or off of our currencies, or out of our political system, so that we remain, “One Nation Under God”.

5) That we give Brother Mike Jones a rising vote of thanks for his years of hard work and dedication to our State.

6) That we give the Temple FWB Church, and the South Carolina Conference a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful job that was done in hosting this meeting of the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Resolution Committee  
Bro. Tim Larrimore  
Bro. Danny Stone  
Bro. Eddie Hinson  
Bro. Chuck Thornton



Pastor Paul Lambert (South Conway) and Pastor Brian Tolliver (Lighthouse) got the State Meeting off to a great start with devotions that stirred the congregation and let everyone know that the main business of this meeting was to worship God.

### Credentials Committee Report

Beaver Creek Conference .....	27 Churches
Central Association .....	26 Churches
Eastern Conference .....	16 Churches
Palmetto Conference .....	4 Churches
South Carolina Conference .....	41 Churches
True Life Conference .....	8 Churches

### Registered at this Meeting

Ministers .....	67
Delegates .....	17
Visitors .....	31
Total .....	115



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Nominating Committee - February 22-23, 2007 State Meeting, Temple FWB Church, Darlington, SC  
**(All of these Nominations were Approved.)**

**One Year Term Ending 2008:**

STATE OFFICERS & PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- Moderator: Replacing Sherwood Lee (SC) ..... Sherwood Lee (SC)
- Asst. Moderator: Replacing F. "Buddy" Seay, Jr. (CA) ..... F. "Buddy" Seay, Jr. (CA)
- Clerk: Replacing Todd Smith (BC) ..... Mike Jones (SC)
- Asst. Clerk: Replacing Carol Bazen (SC) ..... John Johnson (EC)
- Treasurer: Replacing Marty Cox (CA) ..... Marty Cox (CA)
- Asst. Treasurer: Replacing Mitch Edge (BC) ..... Mitch Edge (BC)
- Member at Large: Replacing Doug Mathis (EC) ..... Doug Mathis (EC)
- Member at Large: Replacing James Sanders (BC) ..... James Sanders (BC)

**Three Year Term Ending in 2010:**

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Note: The State Treasurer automatically serves on the Finance and Credentials Committee  
 Replacing Jody Wynn (SC) - Jody Wynn (SC)

**Five Year Term Ending in 2012:**

- YOUTH MINISTRIES (YOUTH CAMP) BOARD - Replacing Carol Bazen (SC) - Cliff Wilson (BC)
- YOUTH MINISTRIES (YOUTH CAMP) BOARD - Replacing the unfulfilled term on Larry McAlister (EC) - Teddy Rabon (EC)

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

- Replacing Daggett Duncan (PA) - Daggett Duncan (PA)
- Replacing Robert Rose (SC) - Theron Scott (SC)

**Seven Year Term Ending in 2014**

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

- Replacing Larry Hawkins (SC) - Larry Hawkins (SC)

The 2008 Session of the State Association of Original Free Will Baptists, Inc. will meet on Feb. 28-29, 2008 with the Beaver Creek Conference as Host

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Rickey Evans  
 Larry McAlister  
 Kenneth Cash  
 Daggett Duncan  
 Melvin Pressley



The General Board met to hear and approve reports the day before the State Association was called into session.