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2012 SC FWB State Meeting

The South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association met for its seventieth annual session February 23-24, 2012, at Southside Free Will Baptist Church in Aiken, South Carolina. In previous years, a particular conference hosted the state meeting, but this year's annual session was hosted by the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Home Mission Board in celebration of the debt retirement of the mission work in Aiken. The theme for this year's meeting was "Harvest Time" (Matthew 9:37-38). The annual session was opened by singing "Thou Art Worthy" and "Send the Light" led by Reverend Bruce Kimbrel. The meeting was opened in prayer by Reverend Paul Reid. Reverend Tim Hackett, the pastor at Fairview FWB Church in Spartanburg, shared a devotion entitled "Develop Disciples." After State Clerk Mike Jones called the meeting to order, host pastor Reverend Jim Fairchild welcomed everyone to Aiken. Assistant Moderator Danny Stone gave the response, and State Moderator Sherwood recognized visitors and welcomed everyone in attendance. After Executive Secretary Todd Smith shared the State Office and Bookstore report, State Clerk Mike Jones shared the General Board report. Numerous questions and comments followed the FWB Home for Children report, and further discussion was postponed until the afternoon session. Mr. Bryan Crawford, with the help of Pastor Jim Fairchild, shared a testimony of how the Southside FWB Church in Aiken has ministered and been a blessing in his life. After special singing by Reverend Bruce Kimbrel, a message from Acts 13 on the marvel of "God at Work" was brought by Reverend Lee Patrick, the pastor at First FWB Church in Florence. After Southside Church provided a great lunch for everyone, the afternoon session started, and Reverend Teddy Rabon, the pastor at Calvary

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Mrs. Jenny & Rev. Scott Ard, Rev. Allan Austin, and Randall House Representative David Womack enjoy fellowship at the state meeting.

SC WAC State Meeting

The South Carolina Women Active for Christ state meeting was held on March 17, 2012, at the Free Will Baptist Home for Children in Turbeville. The theme for the meeting was "Body Building," and the theme verse was I Corinthians 12:14, which states "For the body is not one member, but many." The thought for the day was "Building strength through His Word." Mrs. Sandra Dail led in the congregational singing, and Mrs. Pam Hackett, SC WAC Coordinator, welcomed everyone to the meeting. After the seating of the delegates, committees were appointed. After a brief break of fellowship, SC WAC State Treasurer Mrs. Cathy Logan shared the financial report and presented certificates to top giving churches. Representing the Beaver Creek District, the First FWB Church in Inman won the top giving certificate for giving to home missions, and First FWB Church in Chester won the top giving certificate for giving to foreign missions. Little Star FWB Church in Johnsonville, representing the Central District, was presented the top giving certificate for both home and foreign missions. For the South Carolina Conference District, Grace FWB Church in Lake City won the certificate for top giving to home missions, and Sand Hill FWB Church in Coward won the top giving to foreign missions. For overall state giving, Little Star FWB Church in Johnsonville won the certificate for top giving to foreign missions, and Grace FWB Church won the certificate for top giving to home missions. Lastly, Mrs. Cathy presented a certificate to the ladies at First FWB Church in Simpsonville for raising the most money for the annual challenge, which this past year raised funds for Bible Institutes on various mission fields. After the roll call of churches by SC WAC State Secretary Mrs. Wanda Carlson, various reports were shared by state ministries and missionaries. The Johnsons

shared about their mission work in Spain, Jim Fairchild shared about the mission work in Aiken, and Rev. Galen Dunbar shared a report about the World Mission Offering.

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Pictured Left: FWB International Missions Director Clint Morgan speaks at the SC WAC annual state meeting.



2012 SC FWB State Meeting Continued

FWB Church in Georgetown, shared a devotion entitled “Laborers for the Harvest” from Romans 13. Discussion regarding the FWB Home for Children continued. The body voted to accept the recommendations from the Children’s Home Board and General Board (see page 7 for an article on a summary of this information). The state also voted to give Mr. William and Mrs. Fran Porter a rising vote of thanks for their faithful service as relief dorm parents for the FWB Home for Children. The Nominating Committee report included three new Youth Board members: Wesley Campbell, the pastor at Canaan FWB Church in Lancaster; David Carlson, the pastor at Liberty FWB Church in Manning; and Chris Edwards, the associate pastor at Lebanon FWB Church in Effingham. The report also included the appointment of Rev. Neil Hinson representing the Central Association to the Home Mission Board. Various state ministry and missionary reports continued throughout the afternoon. The annual session took a recess until the evening worship service.

The Thursday evening worship service opened with congregational singing. Missionary Jim Fairchild and his family provided the special music. After Executive Secretary Todd Smith presented plaques to the top giving churches, the SC FWB Home Mission Board along with missionary Jim Fairchild burned the note on the debt for the Southside FWB Church. Before the offering, church member Tom Bodie shared a testimony of how the Southside FWB Church in Aiken has been a blessing in his life. National Executive Secretary Keith Burden shared a message from Matthew 9, and afterwards, the meeting recessed until Friday morning.

On Friday morning, Rev. Bruce Kimbrel opened the meeting in congregational singing, and Rev. Allen Goodman, the pastor at Damascus FWB Church in Conway shared a devotion from Galatians 1. Assistant Moderator Danny Stone brought greetings and moderated a portion of the meeting. Various reports were heard from FWB National agencies and colleges. After the resolution committee reported, it was announced that next year’s state meeting will be hosted by the South Carolina Conference and held at Lebanon FWB Church in Effingham on February 21-22, 2013. Rev. Mac Atkinson, the pastor at Lebanon FWB Church, brought a message from Matthew 9. The meeting concluded with the congregation singing “He is Lord” led by Rev. Bruce Kimbrel. Rev. Scott Ard, the pastor at Mill Branch FWB Church, dismissed in prayer.



Pictured Left: Southside Note Burning - Left to Right: Rev. Earl Hendrix, Rev. Allan Austin, Missionary Jim Fairchild, Rev. Mitch Edge (back row), Rev. Larry McAlister, Rev. Leroy Lowery, Rev. Theron Soctt

Pictured Above Left: Mr. Allen Coker and Rev. Danny Stone enjoy fellowship. Pictured Below: Mr. Don Martin, Rev. Jim and Mrs. Kim Fairchild



Pictured Above: Lanney Ard, Charles Moseley, Daggett Duncan, Harold Duncan, Wayne Smith

Pictured Below Middle: Rev. Keith Burden / Pictured Below: Rick Bowling & Fernando Bustamante



Pictured Above: Kenneth and Brenda Cash

2012 SC FWB State Meeting-Continued



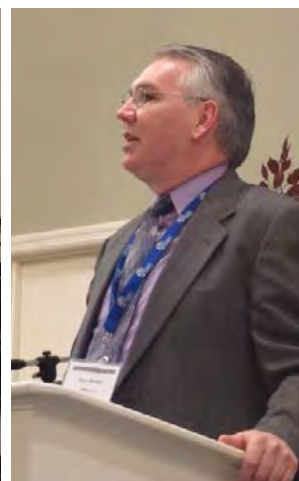
Rev. Allen Goodman



Rev. Mac Atkinson, Jr.



Rev. Teddy Rabon



Missionary Sam McVay



Rev. Wayne Snipes



Rev. Paul & Mrs. Mary Reid



Rev. Lee Patrick



Rev. Tim Hackett



Rev. Mike Jones



Top Giving Churches L to R: Rev. Theron Scott (Horse Branch - 1st Place), Rev. Carroll Bazen (Grace, Lake City - 3rd Place), Rev. Mac Atkinson, Jr. (Lebanon, Effingham - 2nd Place)

2012 SC FWB State Meeting Sermon Quotes

- * "It takes a moment to win a convert but a lifetime to train a disciple." - Rev. Tim Hackett
- * "Sometimes God works on the situation, but sometimes He works on the person." /
"When we work, we work, but when we pray, God works." - Rev. Lee Patrick
- * "Time is running out. What are you going to do for God?" - Rev. Teddy Rabon
- * "There is an appropriate time to plant, and there is an appropriate time to harvest." - Rev. Keith Burden
- * "If we are living in the last day, then we are last day preachers." - Rev. Allen Goodman
- * "It is during the winter months that the roots are growing deep in the ground amongst the soil. Even though the winter months are tough and nothing is being harvested, God is still at work." /
"We are too busy soothing the saint instead of winning the sinner." - Rev. Mac Atkinson Jr.

SC WAC State Meeting-Continued

After various reports were given by visitors, newly appointed missionary Mrs. Amy Postlewaite shared about their recent trip to Bulgaria. Amy and her husband Jonathan Postelwaite are currently traveling on itinerant raising funds for their mission account. Special singing was brought by Mrs. Camille Scott, and the morning message was brought by Free Will Baptist International Missions Director Clint Morgan. Various committee reports were heard, and after the business concluded, a meal was provided by the FWB Home for Children for everyone in attendance.



Pictured Left to Right:
Mrs. Camille Scott singing,
Mrs. Cindy Sinclair playing music,
and Mrs. Sandra Dail singing at the
South Carolina Woman
Active for Christ meeting.

SC WAC Giving from March 2011 to March 2012 by SC WAC State Treasurer Mrs. Cathy Logan

SC Conference District WAC

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| Temple FWB Church, Darlington | \$2,790.00 |
| Mt. Elon FWB Church, Pamplico | \$2,010.00 |
| First FWB Church, Darlington | \$2,000.00 |
| Sand Hill FWB Church, Coward | \$1,472.00 |
| Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville | \$1,365.00 |
| Liberty FWB Church, Manning | \$1,215.55 |
| Grace FWB Church, Lake City | \$1,038.00 |
| Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville | \$899.50 |
| Beulah FWB Church, Pamplico | \$882.00 |
| Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham | \$850.00 |
| Fellowship FWB Church, Florence | \$624.00 |
| Peace FWB Church, Florence | \$408.00 |
| Carolyn Cooper | \$32.00 |
| Liz Hyman | \$16.00 |
| April Smith | \$16.00 |

Total SC Conference District **\$15,618.05**

Beaver Creek District WAC

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| First FWB Church, Inman | \$3,558.00 |
| First FWB Church, Chester | \$1,732.00 |
| First FWB Church, Simpsonville | \$1,589.00 |
| Whitney FWB Church, Spartanburg | \$ 894.00 |
| High Point FWB Church, Lancaster | \$ 818.50 |
| Canaan FWB Church, Lancaster | \$ 817.00 |
| Parkway FWB Church, Spartanburg | \$ 650.00 |
| Liberty FWB Church, Lancaster | \$ 561.00 |
| Fairview FWB Church, Spartanburg | \$ 362.00 |
| Turning Point FWB Church, Spartanburg | \$ 334.00 |
| First FWB Church, Greenwood | \$ 260.00 |
| First FWB Church, Enoree | \$ 240.00 |
| Total BC WAC Giving | \$11,815.50 |

Central District WAC

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| Little Star FWB Church, Johnsonville | \$4,130.00 |
| Mt Ariel FWB Church, Conway | \$1,287.00 |
| Oak Grove FWB Church, Conway | \$248.00 |
| Rains FWB Church, Rains | \$80.00 |
| Total | \$5,745.00 |

Palmetto District WAC

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| New Vision FWB Church, Rock Hill | \$60.00 |
| Total Palmetto District WAC | \$60.00 |

South Carolina Women Active for Christ State Retreat

Thursday and Friday, September 28-29, 2012

**White Oak Conference Center
Winnsboro, SC**

This year's theme - "Western Round Up"

The total cost for one night's lodging and three meals will be \$70. Please send a \$20 registration deposit to Cathy Logan, 1580 Potter Road, Lancaster, SC 29720. The remaining \$50 will be due upon arrival. Please send the names of ladies planning to share rooms to Mrs. Cathy Logan at clogan1@human.com. We are looking forward to a great state ladies auxiliary retreat this year!

Memorial to Mrs. Clara Picirilli



Mrs. Clara Picirilli, age 78, passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2012. She and Dr. Robert Picirilli were married 58 years and have five daughters. She worked at the Free Will Baptist Bible College for 20 years from 1979 to 1999 as dining hall hostess, secretarial worker in the treasurer's office, and secretary to the Christian service director. Other

roles included twelve years as Women Nationally Active for Christ president, clerk of the Cumberland Association, and office/secretarial responsibilities with Executive Church Bonds and the WNAC office. She was an alumna of FWBBC (1951-1953) and Bob Jones University (1953-1954). Her funeral was held Sunday, March 25, 2012, at Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, with Reverend Mike Gladson officiating. A special memorial service was held at Sand Hill Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, April 1, 2012, with Sand Hill Church's choir providing special music and with messages brought by Reverend Elro Driggers and Reverend Sherwood Lee.

Dr. Robert Picirilli said, "She was raised in a sharecropper's family, a broken home. At the suggestion of Elro Driggers, her high school classmate, in 1951 I went to talk to her about coming to Bible College. She did, and in 1952 we fell in love and married in 1953, and the rest is history...She suffered a lot for many years from chronic back pain but never complained about it. She is free from that now." Mrs. Picirilli will be greatly missed.

SC FWB Summer Camps

Teen Camp - June 4-9, 2012

Camp Anchorage, Waccamaw, NC

Guest Speaker: Rev. Wesley Campbell, pastor at Canaan FWB Church, Lancaster

Junior Camp - July 23-27, 2012

Camp Pee Dee, Marion, SC

Guest Speaker: Rev. Mike Bishop, associate pastor at Gilead FWB Church, Scranton

*For camp brochures, medical waiver forms, and registration forms, feel free to visit:

www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm



Memorial to Reverend Richard Adams



Richard Adams, Retired Director of Development with the Free Will Baptist Home Missions Department, passed away on Friday, March 2, 2012. He was 72 years of age. After graduating from Free Will Baptist Bible College, Dr. Adams pastored churches in North Carolina and Tennessee. He remained

in the pastorate at East

Side FWB Church in Elizabethton, Tennessee, for twenty years. He was fondly referred to as "Preacher Adams," a mountain preacher. In January of 1990, the Adams family moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where Richard became the Director of Development with the Home Missions Department. For 18 years, he directed the Church Extension Loan Fund (CELF) which enabled church planters to buy land and build facilities all across North America. Richard and Carolyn traveled around the world representing the cause of Christ and Home Missions. Brother Adams ministered in preaching and Carolyn ministered in music. Richard worked tirelessly with the Build My Church Campaign, raising a total of two million dollars, one million for the Build My Church Fund and one million for the Dr. Roy Thomas Endowment. In honor of Richard's tireless work, the Home Mission Board re-named the Build My Church Fund - The Richard and Carolyn Adams Endowment. There is no doubt that Richard Adams' heart beat was winning the lost to Christ. He reached people through telephone calls, letters, golf tournaments, and heritage tours, just to name a few. He saw the importance of sharing the early days of Free Will Baptists through tours. He promoted the Benjamin Randall Offering, held each November, (currently named Mission: North America). Dr. Adams made a tremendous impact for the cause of Christ and for Free Will Baptists everywhere. He will be greatly missed, not only by family, but also by literally hundreds of friends across our nation. Richard and Carolyn had two children, the late James Mark Adams and Bethany Adams Walser. Bethany, Randy, and their daughter, Alana Karel, currently reside in Nashville, Tennessee where Lani is a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Brother Richard was preceded in death by his wife Carolyn. A memorial service for Dr. Adams was held on Sunday, March 4, at Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville. A funeral service was held on Monday, March 5, at East Side Free Will Baptist Church in Elizabethton, Tennessee, with burial on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

Memorial to Reverend Bill Poteat



Reverend Billy B. Poteat, age 79, died at the Durham Veteran's Hospital in Durham, NC on Wednesday, April 11, 2012. Reverend Poteat was a native of McDowell county growing up in Marion, NC. He was married to Gail Williams Poteat on May 7, 1955 and to this marriage was

born a wonderful daughter. He served a four year tour of duty with the United States Navy. In 1966 Reverend Poteat moved his family to Nashville, TN where he attended and graduated from the Free Will Baptist Bible College. His first pastorate was at the Pamplico Free Will Baptist Church in Pamplico, SC where he served for eleven and a half years. It was then that he moved his family to Scotland Neck and began his pastorate at the Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Scotland Neck. The church then was located on Chestnut Street. He was the driving force behind the building of the new Hope Free Will Baptist Church that is now currently on Hwy 258. Reverend Poteat would remain the pastor there for nearly twenty-five years until retiring. Currently he has been serving as interim pastor of the Crab Point Free Will Baptist Church in Morehead, NC. Reverend Poteat was known throughout the community as "the people's pastor" and will be greatly missed.

Cornerstone-Fellowship Burns Note

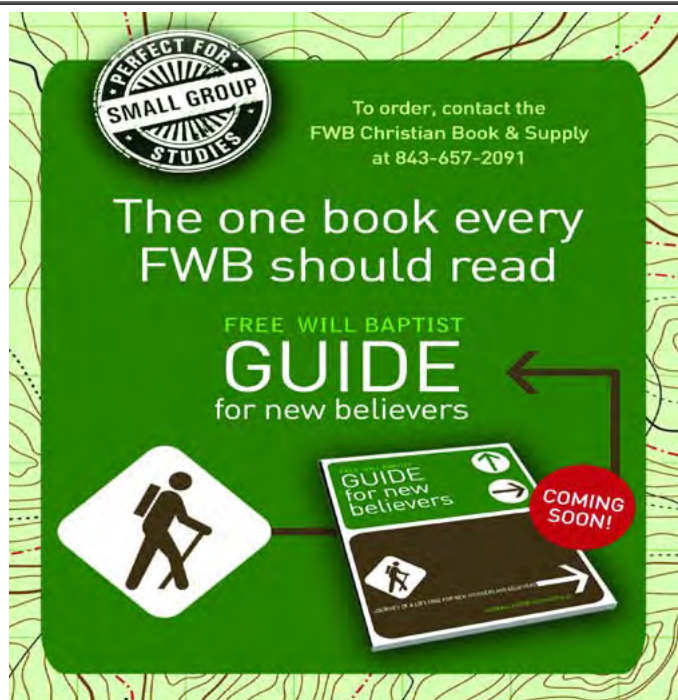


Cornerstone-Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Manning celebrated their 66th anniversary on Sunday, March 18, 2012, with a special service featuring numerous musical presentations by the youth and members of the church and the preaching of the word of God by Rev. Mike Jones. One of the highlights of the service was the burning of the mortgage note by Pastor John Matthews who declared that the

church was now completely debt free. Cornerstone-Fellowship originally began as Grace FWB Church before becoming Fellowship FWB Church when they moved to their present location. The name was changed to Cornerstone-Fellowship when the Cornerstone FWB Church merged with the Fellowship FWB Church four years ago. They occupy a prominent place on a main road just outside the city of Manning, and Pastor John Matthews is excited about the possibility of future growth.

White Savannah Renovates Sanctuary

White Savannah FWB Church in Conway recently completed renovating the church sanctuary, pastor study, church office, and vestibule. According to Pastor Stephen Hyman, "The renovation project went very smoothly. It's truly a blessing having the talent and the teamwork within our church family." The renovations had been in the planning stage for about a year and were completed in a little over a month. The church held worship services in the fellowship hall while the renovations were taking place. A new altar was built, and the original church carpet and pews were replaced. The renovations were headed up by David Stephens, but many church members worked together to make this project a success. Rev. Billy Baker, previous pastor of 21 years, said the church is really beautiful, and he also added that we must not forget the sacrifices of others that gave the current congregation a great starting point. On Sunday, March 11, the church's first Sunday back in the sanctuary after the renovations, Pastor Stephen Hyman had everyone gather in a circle of prayer as this was the last thing everyone did prior to moving to the fellowship hall temporarily while the renovations took place.



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Johnson Ordained Into the Gospel Ministry

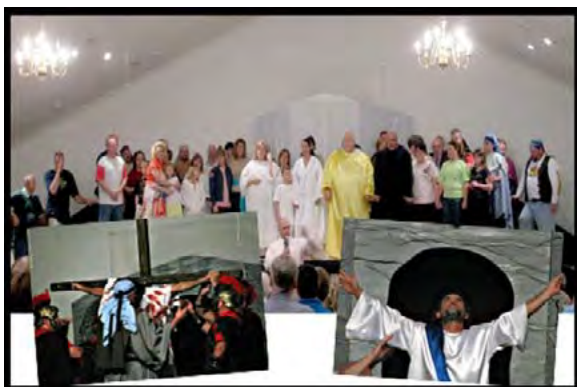
Reverend Chris Johnson accepted the call to preach in April 2009. He has been employed as a police officer with the city of Conway for five years. In June of this year, he and his wife Christie will have been married for 22 years, and they have three children, Christen (16), Katie (14), and Kyle (6). He and his wife are residents of Aynor, where they both grew up. His home church is Evergreen FWB Church. Chris was licensed into the Gospel ministry in January 2011. His ordination service was held at Mt. Ariel Free Will Baptist Church in Conway on Wednesday, January 25, 2012. Reverend Allen Goodman, the pastor at Damascus FWB Church in Conway, preached the message. Reverend Mike Lyles, the pastor at Freedom FWB Church in Tabor City, NC, preached the ordination charge. Reverend Tommy Bryson presented him with his ordination Bible, and Reverend Timmy Locklear presented him the ordination certificate. Reverend Chris Johnson previously worked with the youth at Mt. Ariel FWB Church, and he later accepted the pastorate at New Life FWB Church in Conway on April 1, 2012.



Pictured Above Left to Right: Rev. Mike Lyles, Rev. Tom Hill, Rev. Chris Johnson, Rev. Timmy Locklear, Rev. Allen Goodman, and Rev. Tony Miles

57 Saved at Liberty, Lancaster Easter Drama

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster performed an Easter drama on the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening before Easter. There were about 1,200 in attendance between the three services, and 57 people were saved! Pastor Tim Larrimore expresses his thanks to all the good people of Liberty Church for all their hard work in helping to make this year's Easter drama performances a success. It was definitely well worth the effort!



Lewis Ordained Into the Gospel Ministry



Reverend Mark Lewis was saved on August 28, 1996, at a revival service at Damascus FWB Church. After his salvation, he sang in a southern Gospel group ("Second Chance") for ten years.

Mark indicated, "Years later, God called me out of the singing ministry, and I dedicated my life to work inside the church." He served faithfully at Rains FWB Church, his home church. He served in various leadership roles, such as teen Sunday school class teacher, adult Sunday school class teacher, young adult Sunday school class teacher, and Master's Men treasurer. He also served many years as a deacon and chairman of deacons before eventually being called into the ministry. After running from and questioning God, Mark finally accepted the call to preach on September 27, 2010. Mark also currently serves as Captain of Police in the town of Nichols. He and his wife Sheila of 21 years have two daughters, Haley (18) and Sydney (12). His ordination service was held at Rains FWB Church on January 18, 2012. Reverend Tony Miles preached the ordination message. Reverend Tom Hill preached the ministry charge. Reverend Allen Goodman prayed the prayer of dedication. Reverend Timmy Locklear presented him with his ordination certificate, and Reverend Mike Lyles presented him with his ordination Bible.

Decisions Regarding the FWB Home for Children

The SC FWB Home for Children Board of Directors presented to the SC FWB State Association the following report and proposals which were adopted at the meeting in February:

1. There are no present plans to close the SC FWB Home for Children in Turbeville, SC. Any closure of the Home must be approved by the State Association.
2. There are not any legal reasons why the Children's Home cannot presently receive and care for children.
3. The SC FWB Home for Children in Turbeville is presently seeking children and a new director.
4. A plan was submitted and approved by the State Association to enlarge and enhance the scope of the Children's Home ministry.

A Study Committee was formed to evaluate the possibility of expanding the ministry of the Children's Home by using the facilities for purposes in addition to a Children's Home such as retreats, conferences, etc. The Study Committee is comprised of the Children's Home Board Executive Committee members (Rev. Tim Hackett, Rev. Allen Goodman, and Mr. Larry Hawkins), along with State Moderator Rev. Sherwood Lee, and Executive Secretary Todd Smith. Meetings of the Study Committee will also include other state leaders and community business people and lay leaders as needed. 5. The Home presently can handle retreats. The SC FWB Home for Children Board desires is to continue to minister to the needy children in South Carolina and is trying to pursue every area possible way to bring children to the Home. Please continue to pray for the Home, the Children's Home Board, and the Study Committee.

First Myrtle Beach 40th Homecoming

First Free Will Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach celebrated their 40th Year Anniversary Homecoming service on Sunday, April 15, 2012. For a number of years, members of the Central Association felt the need to start a church in the Myrtle Beach area. Home Mission Board members, Rev. J.A. Hucks, Jr., Rev. Paul Reid, and Mr. Marion Todd, were authorized by the association to employ a minister to start the work. Rev. Lloyd Gore was employed in 1970 and began the work with two families. After Rev. Gore accepted the pastorate at another church, Rev. Seldon Bullard took over the work. Several churches and individuals supported the work to help get it started. The church initially met at Bullard's Funeral Home and later moved to a garage building on Hwy 501. In April 1972, the church was formally organized with 36 members. Eventually the church purchased land on 67th Ave. In September 1976, the congregation moved into a newly constructed church building which was built by W.F. Shelly Construction Company. Rev. Bullard was later diagnosed with cancer, and Rev. Roy Duckett became the pastor. During his ministry, a parsonage was purchased for the pastor's family. In August 1978, Rev. Jackie Cabins became the pastor, and in April 1980, Rev. Jimmy Brown became the pastor. In December 1982, Rev. Brown left to assume a pastorate in Georgia, but he would later return in April 1985 to serve as pastor and remained there until August 2004, when the Lord called him home to Heaven. Rev. Terry Bailey served as the pastor from February 1982 until January 1985 during the few short years that Rev. Brown was in Georgia. In January 2005, Rev. Wayne Snipes assumed the pastorate and continues to serve as their pastor. In the years of Rev. Snipes' pastorate, the church has purchased a baby grand piano, a new sound system, and devices for the hearing impaired. On the church's 40th Anniversary Homecoming service, there were many families and friends present. Rev. Wayne Snipes recognized original church members and visitors present. Gospel group "Eighth Day" provided special singing, and Executive Secretary Todd Smith preached the morning message. Flowers on the communion table were donated in memory of Charlie Harmish. The church provided a wonderful meal in the fellowship hall for everyone in attendance following the service.



Pictured top left: Pastor Wayne Snipes welcomes everyone to the 40th Homecoming service. Pictured Above: Eighth Day provides special singing. Pictured Left: Church member Mr. Mike Pultignano plays the trumpet for the offertory.

Gilead Honors Church Workers

On Sunday, March 18, 2012, Gilead FWB Church in Scranton held a special service to honor church workers. Each year, Gilead FWB Church honors their teachers, but for this service, those who work behind the scenes and in other areas of the church were honored for their faithful service. Pastor Larry McAlister shared Scripture references relating to each aspect of ministry as he called forward various workers and gave them a love gift. Also, Pastor Larry presented a special plaque to Cheryl Graham, who has served as the church's treasurer for 24 years. The service was a great reminder of those who help the pastor in keeping various ministries of the church going while growing the church for the cause of Christ!



Pictured Left: Pastor Larry McAlister honors Cheryl Graham with a plaque of appreciation for 24 years of service as church treasurer.



Church Members Honored: Ronnie Coward, Larry Coward, Melvin Cantley, and Kenny Sauls (not pictured) (Trustees); Michael Braxton, Marion Courtney, Arnette Bazen, and Randy Graham (Deacons); Mick Morgan and Wayne Hein (Sunday School Superintendents); Tommy Avant, Melvin Cantley, Karen Miles, Hope McClam, and Patricia McCutcheon (Music); Michael James, Devon Coward, and Kenny Sauls (not pictured) (Media and Sound); Sharon Bazen, Regina Bazen, and Jean Ann Coward (not pictured) (Church Finance Clerks); Shelly McKnight (Church Recording Clerk); Cheryl Graham (Church Treasurer).

IMPACT MEMPHIS - Saturday, July 14, 2012

*Join the many who will be showing the light of Christ in Memphis on the Saturday before the NAFWB convention starts.

*Free T-shirts to those who pre-register by June 17, 2012.

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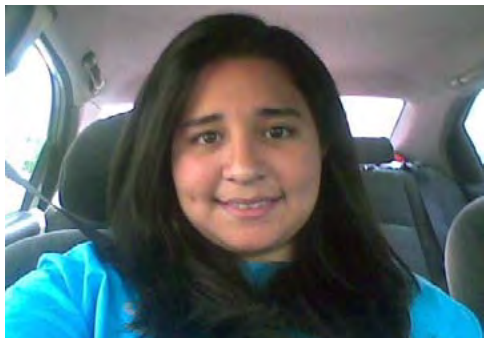
Deacon Ordination at Evergreen

On Sunday evening, April 15, 2012, Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church in Aynor held a "Deacon Ordination and Appreciation Service." Michael Cartrette was ordained as a deacon. "Brother Michael, his wife Reta, and their two sons, Garrett and Gage, have served the Evergreen Church faithfully for seven years," according to Pastor Kevin Johnson. During the deacon ordination message, Pastor Kevin used an analogy by giving the deacons a bottle of Tums for the times their stomach will be upset, a paper bag for the times they will feel like hyperventilating, and a handkerchief for times of tears as they labor together. Newly appointed Deacon Michael Cartrette was presented with a KJV Life Application Bible as a gift from the church. During the service, all deacons were presented with a certificate by Pastor Kevin Johnson.



Pictured Above Left to Right: Wendy and Tony Jordan, Michael and Reta Cartrette, Rev. Kevin Johnson, Joey Johnson, Joann Roberts, Judy Johnson, and David Roberts. (Deacons and wives with Pastor Kevin Johnson).

Hispanic Mission Testimony



God has used Hispanic Missionary Fernando Bustamante, his wife Mrs. Reyna, and their daughter, Mayan in many great ways to reach the Hispanic people of South Carolina. Kimberly,

a member of the Roca de Salvacion Church in Effingham, has a wonderful testimony of her trust in the Lord. Ever since the age of 8, she has suffered from epileptic seizures. Kimberly indicated that some doctors indicated that she would never outgrow the seizures, while other doctors indicated she would. The thoughts of never being able to live a normal life were on her mind daily. However, a few years ago, she learned of Jesus Christ who had been "wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities" (Isaiah 53:4-6), and she claimed faith in Christ believing that He would touch her and help her. Kimberly says, "As the daughter of the King, I have the privilege of living a healthy life...He has given me redemption and much more."

Update from the Moores in Brazil



It gives me great joy to tell you that our church here in Juiz de Fora, Brazil has purchased property. Now we have a place to build a permanent church building. Our family will be returning stateside the end of May and we plan to

spend six months in the U.S. We want to visit our supporters and share with them what God is doing in Brazil. We also want to give local churches and mission-minded Christians the opportunity to help build this church. Our goal is to raise \$200,000. This would be a worthy project for a Sunday school class, ladies group, or youth group. Together, we can build a church in this great city of over 550,000 people to declare the Gospel of Christ. Can you help? Would you help? Please pray about what God would have you do!

-Andy, Andrea, Levi, and Lily Moore

Johnson Update

We are writing you from our cozy apartment here in Spain. (And, by "cozy", we mean SMALL!) It seems that after nine months of being in the states surrounded by MEGA-sized everything, we are back in the country where things are just smaller. You can buy just a half-dozen eggs, Oreos in packs of 24 (and sometimes less), and cars that seem to be the size of matchboxes. The one thing that has gotten BIGGER here is our church building. When we left Spain for our stateside assignment, we were meeting in a place with about 850 square feet. When we returned, they'd moved to a new location with almost 1600 square feet. Now that seems BIG to what we were used to! We now have three classrooms, which provide just the right amount of space for the thirty or so kids that come to our church. Our sanctuary has enough space for the 60 or more chairs and also for our growing music group (pictured below). Thanks for being a part of this amazing ministry here in Alpedrete. We really appreciate your prayers and support!

Tim, Kristi, Alejandro, and Ana



Morgan Update



Greetings from very cold Uruguay! Our crackling fire denotes the passing of fall and is a visible reminder of how quickly time passes. We are already nearing our eight month anniversary here. During this time, we have seen the start of a new Chil-

children's Church year and are excited that approximately 25 children are attending regularly. We are also excited about a new youth ministry we began in our home. There has been a new person at each meeting so far.

Since our arrival, we have also had the opportunity to visit our FWB churches around the country. We were blessed to take part in an Operation Christmas Child service in one of the churches, where over 200 children heard the Gospel, and we were blessed to attend our Free Will Baptist Youth camp, where 5 teenagers were baptized. God is working in Uruguay. Please continue to pray for the Lord to be known in this dark country!

Neil, Mandi, Aubrey, and Emma Catherine Morgan

Greetings from Gainer



Greetings from Japan! We just returned from the 3-day Spring Japan National Association. What an exciting meeting! Two new Japanese pastors were ordained and the new leader of the Japan Association installed. These three are young men with vision and energy. We are excited at the possibilities for the denomination here in Japan.

Prayer Requests:

- All the Japanese pastors and their families
- The new head of the Association
- Koinonia FWB Church Pastor Hirabuki and his wife Mayumi. He has heart problems, and she has just had colon cancer surgery. They are waiting on the pathology results. I partner with them.
- New evangelism outreach of the Koinonia FWB Church Tuesday Friends Café starting 5/15 that I will be leading.

Thank you so much for your participation in the WMO and for your consistent prayer and financial support.

Serving in Japan,
Mirial Gainer

Cyclones Affect India

On Friday, April 6, 2012, around 2:00 PM, a cyclone struck the North Dinajpur district in India. Four people were killed, and thousands were injured. Livestock was killed, trees uprooted, food crops and cash crops (tea plants, pineapples, jute, etc.) were destroyed, which caused thousands of families to lose their daily work. The cyclone was so severe that some cement buildings were also damaged, along with the mud houses. In the same day just after the cyclone, there was heavy hailstorms which made life more miserable. Missionary Carlisle Hanna indicated that the India paper said the hail was two and a half to three feet deep in some places. Then, on May 1, 2012, another cyclone storm struck the Nandajhar area and the Nandajhar FWB Church. Missionary Carlisle Hanna's son Dr. Don Hanna with his wife Milly had the opportunity to visit India during the time of the annual conference this past March. There were thousands in attendance. Friends of India provided the expenses for FWB IM Director Clint Morgan to visit India during the couple of weeks after the conference meeting. While Director Morgan was in India, there was a 5.0 earthquake that hit North India on March 28, 2012. Despite all the tragic events, God is doing a great work amongst Free Will Baptist in India. Upon his return to the states, Director Morgan said, "I have always admired Brother Carlisle Hanna and had a desire to go to India to see the work. But I have to say, my respect for Brother Carlisle went up several notches during my days with him. I cannot help but be amazed and raise my voice in eternal praises for what God has done through the ministry of His servant, Carlisle Hanna. More than 350 churches with 17,000-plus believers gathering every Sunday are established. We have bountiful reasons to rejoice! Brother Carlisle will be the first to tell you that many people have worked to harvest these fruits. But it has taken someone with vision, desire, and commitment to guide this work." If you would like to send a special gift to help the storm victims, please feel free to send your gift designated "India Storm Relief" to the SC FWB State Office, PO Box 9, Turbeville, SC 29162. Every gift whether great or small is greatly appreciated.



Pictured Left: Victims affected by the cyclone storm in North India.

Pictured Right: Dr. Don Hanna (back) and FWB IM Director Clint Morgan are welcomed to a village by having their feet washed as is the custom of the Santals.



Central District Annual Women Active for Christ

The Central District WAC convened on February 18, 2012, at Little Star FWB Church for their annual meeting. The theme was "Victory Is Our Cry." Donna Bell led the music, and Rev. Tony Miles, the pastor at Little Star FWB Church, shared the devotion. Missionary Kristi Johnson (Spain) shared the morning devotion. It was announced that the Fall Prayer and Praise Rally would be held on November 17, 2012. At the end of the meeting, everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal in the fellowship hall.



Pictured Left: Central District WAC members in attendance at the annual meeting.

SC Conference District Annual WAC

The SC District WAC annual meeting was held at the FWB Home for Children in Turbeville on February 25, 2012. Mrs. Annie Saverance led in an opening congregational hymn. Committees were appointed, and various reports were heard. Missionary Amy Postlewaite shared about their trip to Bulgaria, and prior to Missionary Kristi Johnson sharing thoughts, Hannah Ridgeway, a member at Liberty FWB Church in Manning, provided special music. The District voted to follow an alphabetical list of host churches for the annual meetings. Next year's annual meeting will be held at Grace FWB Church in Lake City on February 23, 2013 (always the last Saturday in February).

Pictured Right: Ladies in attendance at the SC District meeting led in music by Mrs. Annie Saverance



Beaver Creek District Annual WAC

The Beaver Creek District annual Women Active for Christ meeting was held at Liberty FWB Church in Lancaster on March 3, 2012. The theme was "Beautiful Feet," with a theme Scripture of Romans 10:15. Mrs. Jenny Sellers welcomed everyone in a congregational hymn, and Mrs. Candy Campbell provided worship in song. Mrs. Elfrieda Monday stood in for Mrs. Pam Hackett to moderate the meeting due to Mrs. Pam's recent stroke. Missionary Amy Postlewaite shared about their appointment to Bulgaria. Top giving plaques were presented to First, Simpsonville (Hispanic Giving), First, Inman (Home Missions), and First, Chester (Foreign Missions).



Pictured Above: Ladies in attendance at the BC WAC.

Prayer Requested for Geneva Poole



Missionary Geneva Poole (Brazil) was diagnosed with lung cancer in April 2012. It is carcinoma cancer, which is the same type of cancer she had in 1999. The oncologist is a dear friend of Bobby and Geneva Poole. Mrs. Geneva started oral chemo treatments on April 24, 2012. Missionary Bobby Poole indicated in an email, "We trust in our Lord, and He has given us His perfect peace. Pray that the Lord will use this time of testing to glorify His name." Please pray for Mrs. Geneva as she undergoes treatment, for Brother Bobby Poole as he provides care for her, and for her doctors as they make decisions regarding her care.

FWB IM April Board Meeting

The Board of FWB International Missions met April 23-25, 2012. Throughout the three-day session the board heard reports from the various departments and acted on proposals and general business. Doug and Miriam (Hardin) Bishop were interviewed and approved for a two-year term as interns to Japan. Doug, son of Dale and Sandra Bishop, was raised in Japan. The couple will be mentored by a missionary while working under a Japanese pastor in Northern Japan. Patsy Vanhook tendered her retirement resignation to be effective December 31, 2013. The 40-year-veteran missionary will close out her time in France early next year. The board accepted Tim Keener's resignation as Regional Director of Europe, effective in June 2012, with commendation for his faithful service. Jeff Turnbough will assume RD responsibilities for Europe and Latin America (formerly Stan Bunch's position). The board approved the investigation of sending workers to Senegal for a joint church-planting project with a missionary-pastor from Côte d'Ivoire. Vice-chairman Randy Wilson concluded his 12-year tenure with the board at this meeting. The board commended Randy for his insightful participation and service. Kiley Hawkins received the board's appreciation for his six years of faithful service in the office.

The board approved a \$7 million framework budget for 2013 to be presented at the July 2012 meeting of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The 2012 framework budget was set at \$7.25 million and reduced to a \$6.1 million operational budget in December 2011 as the board sought to boost the Mission's progress toward financial health. The operational budget for 2013 will be approved at the December 2012 board meeting.

At the end of the three-day meeting, Board Chairman Danny Williams remarked, "I was thrilled, as we ended these sessions, to hear other board members talk about the spirit of optimism that pervaded the meeting. We have a true sense of progress, direction, and hope for the future of the Mission that is encouraging."

All board members (Danny Williams, AL; Randy Wilson, OK; Jeff Manning, NC; Mark Price, OH; Nelson Henderson, AR; Rob Morgan, TN; Greg McAllister, CA; Tom McCullough, MI) were in attendance. Officers elected for the upcoming year are Danny Williams, chairman; Jeff Manning, vice-chairman; Tom McCullough, secretary.



Hendrix Honored for 45 Years

On Sunday, April 22, 2012, First Free Will Baptist Church in Inman honored Reverend Earl Hendrix for 45 years of pastoral ministry. Assistant Pastor Sean Fortner welcomed everyone to the service and brought Pastor Earl Hendrix to a special chair at the front of the church. Several visitors and out of town guest were recognized and welcomed. The choir sang one of Pastor Hendrix's favorite songs, "Bow the Knee." Mrs. Joanna King Cox, a long time friend of Pastor Earl, shared remarks regarding the ministry of Brother Earl and his impact on the lives of many. Executive Secretary Todd Smith brought greetings on behalf of the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association. He expressed gratitude for the various leadership roles Reverend Hendrix has had on a denomination, state, and conference level. Long time friend Reverend Bobby Bowers preached the morning message. After the morning message, Associate Pastor Sean Fortner presented gifts on behalf of the church to Reverend Hendrix. Letters were read from various individuals who were unable to attend the special service, and in closing, Reverend Jack Millwood who led both Reverend Earl Hendrix and Reverend Bobby Bowers to the Lord, shared testimony of the impact of Pastor Hendrix's life. The ladies at First, Inman Church served a wonderful meal for everyone in the fellowship hall following the service.



Pictured Left to Right:
 Reverend Bobby Bowers,
 Reverend Jack Millwood,
 Reverend Earl Hendrix, and
 Reverend Sean Fortner

Dorm Parents Needed

Our SC FWB Home for Children is in need of dorm parents. We now have 7 children and there are hopes to receive more later. Please pray about this need, and if you know anyone interested, please have them submit a resume to fwbch@ftc-i.net, or call the FWB Home for Children at 843-659-2880. We greatly appreciate your help.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Executive Secretary Todd Smith's Schedule

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| <u>January</u> | 1 | Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville |
| | 8 | Prospect Independent Methodist Church |
| | 10 | Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast |
| | 14 | Central Association Meeting – Mt. Trolly FWB Church |
| | 14 | Turbeville Area After-Christmas Ministers-Wives Fellowship |
| | 15 | Williams Hill FWB Church, Hemingway |
| | 15 | Immanuel FWB Church, Santee |
| | 17 | Lake City area Minister Luncheon |
| | 19-20 | SC Conference Meeting - Southside FWB Church, Darlington |
| | 21 | Eastern Conference Meeting – Calvary FWB Church |
| | 22 | St. John FWB Church, Scranton |
| | 24 | SC Home Mission Board Meeting, Columbia |
| | 26 | Spartanburg Area Minister Luncheon |
| | 26 | Beaver Creek Association Meeting |
| | 29 | High Hill FWB Church, Scranton |
| | 31 | Funeral: Mrs. Marjorie Hughes, Mother of Rev. Larry Hughes |
| <u>February</u> | 2 | SC FWB Executive Committee Meeting |
| | 5 | Sand Hill FWB Church, Coward |
| | 7-9 | FWB Promotional Director's Annual Meeting |
| | 12 | Cornerstone FWB Church, Whiteville, NC |
| | 14 | Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast |
| | 18 | Central District WAC Annual Meeting – Little Star FWBC |
| | 19 | Salem FWB Church, Coward |
| | 21 | Lake City Area Minister Luncheon |
| | 22-24 | SC FWB Annual State Meeting – Southside, Aiken |
| | 25 | SC Conference District WAC Annual Meeting |
| | 26 | New Town FWB Church, Lake City |
| | 29 | Grace FWB Church, Lake City |
| <u>March</u> | 3 | Beaver Creek District WAC Annual Meeting |
| | 4 | Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville |
| | 4 | Black River FWB Church, Andrews |
| | 7-9 | Randall House Publications Affiliate Annual Meeting |
| | 11 | White Savannah FWB Church, Conway |
| | 13 | Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast |
| | 17 | SC WAC State Meeting – FWB Home for Children |
| | 18 | Gilead FWB Church, Scranton |
| | 18 | Lighthouse FWB Church, Florence |
| | 20 | Lake City Area Minister Luncheon |
| | 25-28 | Revival – Bethany FWB Church, Timmons ville |
| | 28 | Visit Grandson of Rev. W.D. Jones |
| | 30 | South Carolina Conference Quarterly - Liberty, Orangeburg |
| <u>April</u> | 1 | Beulah FWB Church, Pamplico |
| | 1 | Sand Hill FWB Church–Memorial Service: Mrs. Clara Picirilli |
| | 2 | Close out books for March |
| | 3 | Conway Area Minister Breakfast |
| | 8 | Turbeville Community Wide Easter Sunrise Service |
| | 10 | Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast |
| | 14 | Central Association Meeting – Mullins Marion FWB Church |
| | 15 | First FWB Church, Myrtle Beach – 40th Homecoming |
| | 16-18 | Revival – Black River FWB Church, Andrews |
| | 17 | Lake City Area Minister Luncheon |
| | 17 | FWB Home for Children Feasibility Study Committee |
| | 18 | CHS - Mrs. Gemson Poston - Mother of Rev. LaWayne Poston |
| | 21 | Eastern Conference Meeting – Cornerstone-Fellowship |
| | 22 | First FWB Church, Inman |
| | 29 | Liberty FWB Church, Manning |
| <u>May</u> | 6 | Free Welcome FWB Church, Conway |
| | 6 | Black River FWB Church, Andrews |
| | 8 | Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast |
| | 14 | First FWB Church, Kingstree – Master's Men |
| | 15 | Lake City Area Minister Luncheon |
| | 19 | Palmetto Conference Meeting |
| | 20 | Canaan FWB Church, Lancaster |
| | 21 | New Prospect FWB Church, Pamplico |
| | 30 | Commencement Service - Mullins Marion FWB Church |