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2012 SC FWB State Meeting

The seventieth annual session of the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptist will take place on Thursday and Friday, February 23-24, 2012, at Southside Free Will Baptist Church located at 1411 East Pine Log Road in Aiken. The General Board will meet at Southside Church at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. The theme for the meeting is "Harvest Time" (Matthew 9:37-38).

The Thursday night offering will go toward the South Carolina Home Mission Board. The following is a schedule of the meeting:

THURSDAY, February 23, 2012

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome and Call to Order
- 9:15 Devotion- Reverend Tim Hackett
(Fairview, Spartanburg)
- 9:30 Credentials Committee Report / Seating of Delegates
Reports - State Ministries and Committees
- 10:50 Recess
- 11:00 Morning Worship Service - Message: Reverend Lee
Patrick (First, Florence)
- Noon Recess for Lunch
- 1:00 Devotion: Reverend Teddy Rabon
(Calvary, Georgetown)
- 3:00 Reports Continue
- 4:00 [Recess Until Evening Service]
- 7:00 Message: Reverend Keith Burden,
NAFWB Executive Secretary

FRIDAY, February 24, 2012

- 9:00 Welcome and Devotion: Reverend Allen Goodman
(Damascus, Conway)
- 9:20 Final Reports
- 11:00 Morning Worship Service - Message: Reverend
Mac Atkinson, Jr. (Lebanon, Effingham)
- 12 Noon Adjournment

\$1.1 Million Giving in 2011

In 2011, churches and individuals gave \$1,179,480.39 through the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Office. This issue has a full financial report of all the income and distributions in 2011.

2011 Giving Through the SCFWB State Office:

Beaver Creek Conference	\$121,678.38
Central Association	\$123,886.77
Eastern Conference	\$81,937.87
Palmetto Conference	\$1,015.30
South Carolina Conference	\$747,190.49
True Life Conference	\$5,969.43
SCWAC- Women's Auxiliary	\$35,920.38
Individuals & Ind. Churches	\$61,881.77
TOTAL	\$1,179,480.39

Top TWENTY Overall Giving Churches in 2011

1. Horse Branch, Turbeville	\$139,819.51
2. Lebanon, Effingham	\$102,270.82
3. Grace, Lake City	\$60,626.64
4. Westside, Johnsonville	\$53,606.04
5. First, Florence	\$50,882.04
6. Peace, Florence	\$46,128.60
7. Bethany, Timmonsville	\$38,650.00
8. Liberty, Lancaster	\$29,520.36
9. Sand Hill, Coward	\$27,665.35
10. Beulah, Pamplico	\$24,594.30
11. Bay Branch, Timmonsville	\$23,587.00
12. First, Inman	\$23,386.42
13. Temple, Darlington	\$23,232.28
14. Gilead, Lake City	\$22,449.93
15. Mullins-Marion, Mullins	\$20,954.46
16. Mill Branch, Johnsonville	\$19,481.57
17. Black River, Andrews	\$18,777.25
18. First, Darlington	\$17,019.26
19. Parkway, Spartanburg	\$15,081.11
20. Lockhart, Lockhart	\$14,852.35

2011 Designated Income by Donor

Beaver Creek Association

Liberty, Lancaster	\$29,520.36
First, Inman	\$23,386.42
Parkway, Spartanburg	\$15,081.11
Lockhart, Lockhart	\$14,852.35
Canaan, Lancaster	\$11,728.55
High Point, Lancaster	\$6,587.37
Fairview, Spartanburg	\$6,002.00
First, Greenwood	\$2,878.79
Calvary, Union	\$2,491.00
Beaver Creek Association	\$1,980.00
First, Simpsonville	\$1,900.00
Southside, Aiken	\$1,000.00
Turning Point, Spartanburg	\$959.91
Gaffney, Gaffney	\$876.00
Lesslie, Rock Hill	\$709.00
Whitney, Spartanburg	\$694.52
First, Greer	\$516.00
First, Enoree	\$325.00
North Spartanburg, Inman	\$100.00
Hope, Spartanburg	\$50.00
First, Greenville	\$40.00
Total	\$121,678.38

Central Association

Mullins-Marion, Mullins	\$20,954.46
Damascus, Conway	\$13,579.68
Evergreen, Conway	\$11,025.00
Mt Trolly, Galivants Ferry	\$10,414.03
South Conway, Conway	\$10,325.09
Little Bethel, Johnsonville	\$8,700.00
Oak Grove, Conway	\$7,723.80
Unity, Johnsonville	\$7,300.00
Little Star, Johnsonville	\$6,801.00
White Savannah, Conway	\$6,416.36
First, Hamlet	\$5,820.32
Mt Ariel, Conway	\$3,724.00
Free Welcome, Conway	\$2,844.96
Central Association	\$2,494.39
First, Myrtle Beach	\$1,633.00
Wildwood, Nichols	\$1,546.00
Bethel, Florence	\$810.00
Cornerstone, Whiteville	\$525.00
Grace, Loris	\$400.00
Greater Vision, Bladenboro, NC	\$350.00
Pee Dee, Conway	\$210.00
Rains, Rains	\$125.00
Freedom, Tabor City	\$100.00
Socastee, Socastee	\$64.68
Total	\$123,886.77

Eastern Conference

Gilead, Lake City	\$22,449.93
Mill Branch, Johnsonville	\$19,481.57
Happy Home, Andrews	\$7,008.00
Calvary, Georgetown	\$6,910.00
Lighthouse, Florence	\$6,820.75
St John, Scranton	\$3,908.00
Cornerstone-Fellowship, Manning	\$3,635.90
Eastern Conference	\$2,900.00
Hillside, Florence	\$2,714.00
Williams Hill, Hemingway	\$2,272.00
Cypress Fork, Manning	\$1,649.50
New Prospect, Pamplico	\$930.00
New Vision, Hemingway	\$818.22
Hickory Hill, Gresham	\$340.00
Freedom, Ladson	\$100.00
Total	\$81,937.87

SC WAC Giving

WNAC BC First, Inman	\$4,770.00
WNAC CD Little Star, Johnsonville	\$3,075.00
WNAC SCD Horse Branch, Turbeville	\$2,371.00
WNAC BC First, Chester	\$2,350.00
WNAC SCD Temple, Darlington	\$2,235.00
WNAC BC Liberty, Lancaster	\$2,145.00
WNAC SCD Liberty, Manning	\$1,708.73
WNAC SCD Lebanon, Effingham	\$1,495.00
WNAC SCD Westside, Johnsonville	\$1,473.00
WNAC BC Parkway, Spartanburg	\$1,384.00
WNAC SCD Mt Elon, Pamplico	\$1,240.00
WNAC SCD First, Darlington	\$1,200.00
WNAC CD Mt Ariel, Conway	\$1,172.00
WNAC BC First, Simpsonville	\$1,110.00
WNAC BC High Point, Lancaster	\$976.78
WNAC SCD Sand Hill, Coward	\$925.00
WNAC SCD Grace, Lake City	\$910.92
WNAC BC Whitney, Spartanburg	\$860.00
WNAC BC Fairview, Spartanburg	\$795.00
WNAC SCD Fellowship, Florence	\$582.25
WNAC BC First, Enoree	\$515.00
WNAC ED Mill Branch, Johnsonville	\$500.00
WNAC BC Canaan, Lancaster	\$405.00
WNAC BC North Spartanburg	\$335.00
WNAC CD Central District	\$250.00
WNAC CD First, Myrtle Beach	\$200.00
WNAC CD Rains FWB Church	\$185.00
WNAC SCD Beulah, Pamplico	\$180.00
WNAC CD Oak Grove, Conway	\$175.00
WNAC SCD Pamplico FWB Church	\$121.70
WNAC BC Beaver Creek District	\$100.00
WNAC SC WAC State	\$100.00
WNAC SCD Southside, Darlington	\$75.00
Total	\$35,920.38

**Free Will Baptist Bible College
Annual Bible Conference - March 4-7, 2012**

2011 Designated Income by Donor

SC Conference Giving Continued

Note Regarding SC WAC Gifts

In March 2011, at the annual SC WAC state meeting, the SC WAC Executive Committee met with WNAC Director Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges. The method of channeling funds to missionaries in the most efficient way was discussed. In order for missionaries and ministries to receive funds more quickly, it was decided to send funds straight from the SC WAC State Treasurer to ministries and missions departments for which they are designated. Local church WAC groups are still encouraged to send their funds through their district treasurer, which will then be forwarded to the SC WAC State Treasurer. This also makes SC WAC reported giving more easy to understand since the SC WAC fiscal year runs from March of one year to March of the next year (SC WAC state meeting of one year to the SC WAC state meeting of the next year). The SC FWB State Office fiscal year runs from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Our local and district SC WAC groups have done a wonderful job over the past many years in their sacrificial giving to help ministries and missionaries around the world! On behalf of all our missionaries, thank you, ladies, for your hard work and sacrificial giving!

Palmetto Conference

New Vision, Rock Hill	\$680.30
Peace, Spartanburg	\$285.00
New Harvest, Tradesville	\$50.00
Total	\$1,015.30

South Carolina Conference

Horse Branch, Turbeville	\$139,819.51
Lebanon, Effingham	\$102,270.82
Grace, Lake City	\$60,626.64
Westside, Johnsonville	\$53,606.04
First, Florence	\$50,882.04
Peace, Florence	\$46,128.60
Bethany, Timmonsville	\$38,650.00
Sand Hill, Coward	\$27,665.35
Beulah, Pamplico	\$24,594.30
Bay Branch, Timmonsville	\$23,587.00
Temple, Darlington	\$23,232.28
Black River, Andrews	\$18,777.25
First, Darlington	\$17,019.26
Southside, Darlington	\$14,774.68
Tabernacle, Coward	\$11,920.00
FWB Bible, Darlington	\$10,150.00
Jefferson Road, Sumter	\$8,794.25
Mt Elon, Pamplico	\$8,154.78
Columbia Original	\$7,197.00
Low Country, N Charleston	\$6,782.11
Lynches River, Coward	\$6,100.00
Poplar Hill, Hemingway	\$5,900.00
Pamplico, Pamplico	\$5,422.24

Fellowship, Florence	\$4,922.86
First, Hartsville	\$4,558.23
New Town, Lake City	\$4,026.16
Liberty, Manning	\$3,944.03
First, Charleston	\$3,767.40
Immanuel, Santee	\$3,737.00
Eastside, Florence	\$3,282.26
Bethesda, Camden	\$3,240.00
St John, Patrick	\$1,529.94
Camp Branch, Scranton	\$700.00
Faith, Darlington	\$648.46
First, Kingstree	\$600.00
Liberty, Orangeburg	\$180.00
Total	\$747,190.49

True Life Conference

Pine Grove, Jefferson	\$2,772.00
Calvary, Gastonia, NC	\$2,400.00
True Life Association	\$600.00
Bethel, Fort Mill	\$100.00
Heart Land, Lancaster	\$97.43
Total	\$5,969.43

Total SC FWB Distributions

Colleges - Non-National:

SE—Southeastern Bible College:

Redeemed Trio - Southeastern	\$850.00
Kelly, Jason	\$500.00
Rawlinson, Frances	\$500.00
Southeastern "CHOIR"	\$3,500.00
Southeastern General Fund	\$14,172.69
Total Southeastern Bible College	\$19,522.69
Gateway Christian College	\$2,252.90

NAFWB National Ministries:

Truth and Peace - Randall House	\$1,000.00
Co-op Gifts	\$548.18

FWBBC—Bible College:

Paul Kettelman Memorial	\$1,020.01
Relocation Fund	\$18,405.67
FWBBC General Fund	\$87,670.68
Total FWBBC—Bible College	\$107,096.36

Board of Retirement

NAFWB Executive Office:

Tornado Relief Efforts	\$3,295.85
Japan Relief	\$3,198.36
Executive Office General Fund	\$3,491.41
Total NAFWB Executive Office	\$9,985.62

FWB International Missions:

Turnbough, Jeff	\$25.00
Hubbard, Heath and Joni	\$1,034.74
Crowe, Josh and Alicia	\$18.00
Carney, Rusty	\$18.00
Global Evangelism Fund	\$80,687.17
Outlaw, David	\$10.00
Hanna Project	\$925.43
Gainer, Mirial	\$31,996.04
Hanna, Carlisle	\$120,441.22
Johnson, Tim	\$45,438.51
Poole, Bobby	\$36,032.50
Morgan, Neil and Mandi	\$52,029.79
Postlewaite, Jonathan and Amy	\$5,900.76

SC FWB Distributions Continued

Bishop, Dale	\$90.00
Cousineau, Mike	\$10.00
Eagleton, Sr., Ken	\$1,200.00
Gibbs, Jerry	\$669.00
McDonald, Don	\$606.50
McVay, Sam	\$2,919.76
Price, Matt	\$336.50
Poole, Bobby IMPACT	\$1,260.00
Marincek (Brazil) Church	\$800.00
Johnson IMPACT	\$334.00
WMO - World Missions Offering	\$41,247.93
Total FWB IM	\$421,636.85

National FWB Home Missions:

Warren, Scott	\$100.00
Grimes, Daryl (PA)	\$3,609.00
Alvis, Darin (NY)	\$948.00
Young, Eddie and Dale	\$412.00
Long, Barry (CO)	\$110.00
Williams, Brian (NY)	\$2,585.00
Elliott, Danny (Quebec)	\$1,636.71
Carpenter's Helpers	\$10.00
Riggs, Tim (AL) - HM	\$583.71
Hall, Allen (PA)	\$3,055.18
Bailey, Don	\$2,315.24
Benjamin Randall Offering	\$5,828.38
Bowling, Rick-Hispanic Ministry	\$5,370.78
Bustamante, Fernando	\$15,401.24
Collins, Paul	\$3,025.47
Crowe, David	\$8.00
Floars, Greg	\$1,660.00
Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute	\$3,566.82
Gwartney, Howard	\$2,085.19
Parks, Dr. Paul	\$20.00
Bill Reynolds Land Fund	\$500.00
Reynolds, Bill Account	\$3,641.23
Rodriguez, Gerardo	\$119.07
Thomas, Mark	\$5.00
Wallace, Ron	\$718.71
Home Missions General Fund	\$17,831.16
Total NAFWB Home Missions	\$71,004.66

NAFWB Masters Men \$655.00

Rest of the Family \$317.16
Total National Ministries \$611,327.08

Other Foreign Missions:

First Inman Mission:

Andy Moore Land Fund	\$13,659.74
Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Inst.	\$5,593.75
Andy Moore Account	\$47,770.36
Total First Inman Mission	\$67,023.85

Friends of India:

FOI - Special Projects	\$430.00
Church Buildings - India	\$761.30
Motorcycle Fund- India	\$454.35
Famine Relief- India	\$625.00
Bolen Marendi Memorial Fund	\$410.00
Boys Hostel - India	\$9,737.93
Friends of India General Fund	\$38,481.27
Travis Poston Memorial Land Fund	\$4,321.01
FOI Trust Fund	\$9,966.67
Total Friends of India	\$65,187.53

Beacon Baptist Church Missions:

Pacaru, Shanna (Moldova)	\$719.71
Massey, Nathan (Honduras)	\$1,490.72
Ellis, Robbie (Honduras)	\$218.35
Total Beacon Missions	\$2,428.78

Faith, Goldsboro Missions:

Waysa, Greg (Kenyon)	\$960.00
Jorge Name (Mexico)	\$1,030.00
Wolfe, Logan - Utah	\$1,225.50
Aycock, David (Brazil) - Faith	\$12,907.14
Jones, Jeff	\$2,048.71
Candy Carlota (Moldovia)	\$3,926.20
Jackson, Ken	\$2,049.00
Patel, H	\$4,888.63
Total Faith, Goldsboro	\$29,035.18

Maye, Chip	\$120.00
Direct Missionary	\$13,046.26
Sparks, Noel	\$3,749.92
Weaver, John (Afghanistan)	\$2,208.75

Other Ministries:

Cumberland Youth Camp	\$45.00
Degraw, Stan	\$200.00
Carraway, Fred (NC)	\$910.00
Hudson, Larry - Cowboy	\$60.00
Bride of Christ FWB Church	\$1,000.00
Allen, Kenny	\$1,200.00
Bivens, Bud	\$1,100.00
Charity Resue Mission, TX	\$550.00
CLA - Christian Law Association	\$2,548.78
Gideons International	\$1,776.10
Hebron Colony	\$1,295.19
Hicks, Eddy	\$372.05
Lighthouse Ministries, Florence	\$600.24
Owens, Guy	\$385.00
Radio Bible Class	\$265.00
Watson, Chad	\$141.00
Total Other Ministries	\$11,538.36

SC State Ministries:

State Association	\$100.00
Manning, Liberty - Benevolent Fund	\$151.38
Norwood Gibson Help Fund	\$125.00
Evergreen Hispanic Mission	\$300.00
Beaver Creek Bible Institute	\$705.08
SC FWB Children's Home	\$147,796.27
Christian School Income:	
Fairview Christian Academy	\$240.00
Hawthorne Academy (Chester)	\$1,232.00
Maranatha Christian School	\$240.00
Mullins-Marion Christian School	\$240.00
New Prospect Christian School	\$240.00
Total Christian School Income	\$2,192.00
SCFWB State Office	\$80,507.28
Liberty, Orangeburg	\$1,250.00
Poston Baggett Loan Fund	\$71.77
SC State Home Mission Board:	
Jim Fairchild	\$8,917.78
SC HM Special Projects	\$2,500.00
Aiken Loan Fund	\$4,169.19
SC Home Mission General Fund	\$54,508.31
Total SCState Home Missions	\$70,095.28
Church Training Service (SC CTS)	\$71.77
SC FWB Youth Camp	\$91.77
Total State Ministries	\$303,457.60

ETEAM Missionaries:

Kimbrel, Kayla	\$200.00
Driggers, Hannah	\$1,422.75
McKay, Cody	\$1,422.75
Hammers, Jamie	\$1,019.00
Total ETEAM Missionaries	\$4,064.50

SC FWB Distributions Continued

SC WAC Gifts:

Widows	\$50.00
STUDENT LOAN	\$142.00
Joy Child	\$90.00
Friends of India	\$100.00
SCFWB State Office	\$650.00
Shine Project-Hispanic Insts	\$950.00
MOORE, ANDY - First Inman	\$2,752.00
Aycock, David - Faith, Goldsboro	\$923.28
GO10 Walk - FWB IM	\$700.00
WNAC 75th Anniversary	\$225.00
Gateway Christian College VA	\$30.00
GEF-Global Evangelism FWBIM	\$790.00
Brazil Children's Home	\$100.00
Beaver Creek Bible Institute	\$120.00
Board of Retirement-HONOR	\$200.00
Bustamante, Fernando	\$398.43
SC FWB CHILDREN'S HOME	\$1,725.00
Dues	\$4,550.00
EMPHASIS	\$257.70
FWBBC	\$70.00
Hollifield, Ray	\$60.00
Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute	\$250.00
IN HONOR MINISTER	\$75.00
Fannin, Chris (HM Arizona)	\$57.71
PROVISION CLOSET	\$1,410.00
Fairchild, Jim - Aiken	\$848.43
SC HOME MISSIONS	\$2,910.18
SOUTHEASTERN COLLEGE	\$25.00
SC FWB YOUTH CAMP	\$100.00
Gainer, Mirial	\$3,135.97
Hanna, Carlisle	\$3,012.93
Johnson, Tim	\$1,823.28
Poole, Bobby	\$2,801.92
Morgan, Neil	\$1,373.32
Seasonal Offerings:	
Laura Barnard Offering	\$698.91
Lizzie McAdams Thanksgiving	\$802.42
Pre-Easter Offering	\$20.00
Total Seasonal Offerings	\$1,521.33
Total SC WAC	\$36,071.76

Grand Total Distributions **\$1,179,480.39**

High Hill Good News

High Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Scranton recently announced some exciting news regarding their church. They welcomed one of their newest members, Ethan Knotts, born in July 2011. Also, "snow birds" Kenny and Janice Pratt from Michigan are now with the High Hill Church. Also, church member Alex Knotts will be tying the "knot" and getting married in April 2012. The High Hill Church is excited about the great things that are going on in their church, and they are looking



forward to the many things God has in store for them in 2012.

(Pictured left is a recent photo of the High Hill congregation.)

Greetings from Johnsons

"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5) During these past weeks, our family has been faced with the reality that our ways are not God's ways. We received news right before Christmas that we will be staying in the States longer than we expected. Our January 3 departure for Spain was postponed because the Mission needs to have a sustainable level in their reserve funds. The financial situation is bad...far worse than it's ever been.

But we are not alone. Every one of our FWBIM missionaries who is on stateside assignment now is also facing this same challenge. They, too, will have to remain in the States, instead of returning to their fields of service. There are three new missionary families who were packing for a January departure to a creative access country when they got the message. And there are several others who are stateside who have been given the same grim news. We are all greatly effected.

But we are not alone. We have you, our faithful supporters, who will stand behind us during this challenging time. Many of you already give sacrificially to missions, and we are thankful that God has used many of you over the years to supply needs. Now is the time to do all that we can so that we can give all that we can. God has promised to never leave or forsake us. His heart beats for a dying world, full of people who haven't yet called upon His name to be saved. He has not forsaken us, even though we are discouraged about the current financial crisis. And He has not forsaken the wonderful people in Spain who are still waiting to hear the Gospel message.

Why don't you decide now to make a commitment to give a sacrificial gift each month to missions?

-Tim and Kristi Johnson

Tabernacle, Scranton Pastor Appreciation

Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church in Scranton held a "Pastor Appreciation Day" on Sunday, December 11, 2011, which came as a total surprise to Pastor Danny and Mrs. Angie Stone. Reverend John Driggers was present to preach the morning message. Various departments of the church participated in the service and the giving of gifts. Some of the gifts included "Ham for the Holidays," "Pork for the Pastor" (a whole country cured ham), "Candies for Christmas," "Turkey for the Cooker" (which included two turkeys), "Pastries for the Parson" (several baked goods), and a "Cooker for the Friar" (a turkey cooker). Along with these gifts, Pastor Danny and his wife received gift certificates, cards, and a very generous love check from the church. Not only did Tabernacle have a "Pastor Appreciation Sunday," but Pastor Danny also later announced that the church gave \$1,200 to the World Mission Offerring! We commend



this church for loving their pastor and loving our missionaries.

First, Florence - 60 Year Anniversary



Five hundred and thirty-two attendees gathered on Sunday, November 20, 2011, to honor the sixty year history of First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence. The "Sixty-Year Celebration" started on Saturday evening, November 19, 2011, with a mass choir and other groups from First, Florence providing special music. On Saturday evening, special music was provided by "The Poston Family." Charter members were recognized by Pastor Lee Patrick. The Gospel group "Gold City" (pictured left) provided the special music for the Sunday morning service, and Reverend Derek Stinnett (pictured left) shared a message

from Revelation 12. Also, during the service, Dr. Charles Thigpen who was present, gave a special testimony regarding a tent revival during the early years of the First, Florence Church. On June 17, 1951, toward the end of a tent revival, a group of 51 people met to organize and start the First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence. A special offering in the amount of \$163.48 was received that night for a future church building. In the latter part of 1951, the Florence Little Theater was secured for a temporary meeting place of the church. Luther Sanders was elected to serve as their new pastor on September 29, 1951. In 1954, land was purchased on King Ave, and an educational building was built. Various men, such as W.A. Hales, Ronald Creech, and Rufus Coffey served as the pastor at First, Florence in the 1950s and early

1960s. It was under the ministry of Guy Owens that the church started a radio ministry and Bible Institute. Under the pastorate of Willie Justice, the church started Maranatha Christian School in 1972, and he led the church into purchasing land and ultimately building on its current location on Hwy 76. Under the leadership of Danny Howell, the church renovated its current auditorium and built a gymnasium. The church faced the tragic death of Danny Howell from complications that came after he fell from a ladder while working in the gym. Mike Creech came as pastor in 1994 and through love, helped a grieving church recover from the death of their previous pastor. While away at the SC FWB state meeting in 2002, Rev. Mike Creech had a heart attack and passed away after a brief stay in the hospital. In the spring of 1997, Rev. Mike Creech contacted Lee Patrick, a student at Southeastern FWB College, and requested him to pray about coming and working at First, Florence. Eventually Rev. Lee Patrick and his family came to serve at First, Florence in August 1997. After Rev. Creech's death, Lee eventually assumed the pastorate at First, Florence and continues to serve today. To say that God has blessed is an understatement. God allowed the church to have over 1,000 in attendance on a Big Day in 2010 with 10 people saved that morning. In August 2010, Pastor Lee Patrick unveiled a new plan of growth through future plans to build and expand the church's ministry once again.

Gilead Raises Funds for Bishops



There were many helping hands at Gilead Free Will Baptist Church during the "Chicken Bog Plate Sale" fundraiser for Jennifer Bishop. Jennifer is the wife of their Associate Pastor, Rev. Mike Bishop. Many church members took the day off work or just worked it into their day to dish up, box up, and deliver over 900 plates of chicken bog with all the trimmings. Their efforts were doubly blessed, netting over \$6,700.00 for Jennifer to help with her medical expenses. Please continue to keep Jennifer and her family in your prayers through the process of these physical needs.

Squires Express Appreciation

Rev. Darren Squires, pastor of the Socastee Free Will Baptist Church, would like to thank those in the Central Association along with many others who reached out to them during their time of need due to the parsonage house fire. God graciously provided a new home (pictured below), and the Squires are grateful for God's provision!



Jefferson Road Accepts Gilbert as Pastor



The Jefferson Road Free Will Baptist Church was started as a mission church in 1971 by Rev. Fred Kirby. Jefferson Road Free Will Baptist Church celebrated its 40th Homecoming on October 16, 2011, with 128 in attendance for the special day. Pastor Gene Gilbert, welcomed everyone to the service,

and after special singing, Executive Secretary Todd Smith brought the morning message. Reverend Gene Gilbert, originally from Marianna, Florida, and his wife Mrs. Paula, have three children and 10 grandchildren. He has served in pastorates in Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and North Carolina. He previously served as the moderator of the Salem Association in Florida, the Little Brown Association in Mississippi, and also served as a State Trustee and Conference Clerk while serving as a pastor in Georgia. He celebrates his one year anniversary at the Jefferson Road Church in January 2012. We are glad to have the Gilberts ministering with us in South Carolina!

Liberty, Lancaster Burns Note



On September 18, 2011, Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster celebrated "Pastor Appreciation" and "Note Burning Sunday" all in one day. It was a great day for Pastor Tim Larrimore and wife Mrs. Jowand as they started their 12th year in ministry at Liberty Church. The special music was brought by the group "Crystal River," and Rev. Buddy Seay brought the morning message entitled, "We

Have a Story to Tell." After the morning service, Pastor Tim Larrimore and the deacons gathered and burned the note on the church. With a church building less than 10 years old and being debt free, the Liberty Church gives God all the glory!

SC WAC State Meeting - Saturday, March 17, 2012, at the Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Turbeville

Pine Grove, Jefferson Honors Members

Pine Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Jefferson recently honored two couples in the church. Mr. C.W. and Mrs. Polly Barrett were honored for their 51 years of marriage and Mr. Pete and Mrs. Betty Melton were honored for 50 years of marriage. Pine Grove Church honored each couple with a surprise dinner and the gift of a rocking chair. We commend these two couples for their many years of marriage. Pastor David Sellers serves as the



pastor at the Pine Grove FWB Church and is doing a great job!

Mt. Carmel, York Seeks Bus

Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church in York is looking for a bus or closed trailer in order to haul clothing, food, and small household goods for their "Care and Share Ministry" to helping needy families. Please contact Rev. John Cody with any help or questions at 803-323-7092. We commend the Mt. Carmel Church for reaching out to those in need!

Fellowship, Florence Honors Pastor and Family



Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Florence honored their pastor, Rev. Bruce Jones, and his family for "Pastor Appreciation" on Sunday,

October 23, 2011. Several tributes and gifts were presented to them. The message was brought by Brother Monroe Harrell for the special day. "A spirit of love was generated throughout the whole service," according to church member, Mrs. Annell Lee. We commend this church for honoring their pastor and his family!

SC WAC State Retreat - Sept. 28-29, 2012 at the White Oak Conference Center, Winnsboro, SC. The total cost for one night's lodging and 3 meals is \$70. Please send \$20 as a 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. Pam Hackett, 121 Springside Drive, Boiling Springs, SC 29316.

2012 SC FWB E-TEAM Members

Austin Barrett - First, Greenwood



Austin Barrett, a member of First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenwood, will be a summer 2012 E-TEAM missionary to Japan. He is 15 years of age and a sophomore at Greenwood High School. He has been

saved for almost two years, after having been invited by a friend to visit the First FWB Church in Greenwood. Austin is active in his youth group, and he also runs the sound booth for First, Greenwood. After high school, his plans are to go to college and then join the military. Please pray for Austin as he continues to serve the Lord and seek God's will for his life. To support Austin for his E-TEAM mission trip, feel free to visit <http://www.fwbgo.com/eteam/abarrett96>. Thank you for your consideration.

Stevie Martin - Evergreen, Conway



Stevie Martin is the daughter of Steve and Michelle Martin. She is 16 years old and a member at Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church in Conway. Stevie will be participating in the E-TEAM mission trip to Japan. While attending youth camp in the seventh grade, she felt

the Lord impressed the ministry of missions on her heart. Through various missionaries visiting her home church, they have left a desire on her part to be able to fulfill her goal of impacting the lives of people through the ministry of missions. She is looking forward to working hand in hand with dedicated and committed Christians who hold her same beliefs and values who are sold out whole heartedly to Christ. To support Stevie for her E-TEAM mission trip, feel free to visit <http://www.fwbgo.com/eteam/smartin>.

Kayla Kimbrel - Temple, Darlington



Kayla Kimbrel is a member at Temple Free Will Baptist Church in Darlington. She is a Junior in high school and will be going on E-TEAM Cuba 2012. In 2011, Kayla participated in E-TEAM Uruguay. Kayla

was truly touched by her experience on her E-TEAM trip to Uruguay. She indicated, "It was touching to see that no matter what culture we are from or what language we speak, we can all worship and love the same God. It was truly eye-opening, and God revealed many things to me. I feel that God wants to use me in missions, and I hope that this summer in Cuba, He will open other doors and reveal even more of His will to me." To support Kayla for her E-TEAM mission trip, feel free to visit <http://www.fwbgo.com/eteam/kkimbrel>. Thank you for your consideration.

Crystal Hyman - Bay Branch, Timmonsville



Crystal Hyman, a member at Bay Branch Free Will Baptist Church in Timmonsville. She is 17 years of age and in the twelfth grade. She will be a member of the 2012 E-TEAM to Spain. Crystal indicated, "She is super excited about E-TEAM this year. It is going to be a new experience and a great

one! During my E-TEAM trip, I hope to strengthen my faith in God and my Christian walk with him, learn how to connect with other people, and be courageous. I hope to have a positive impact on every person God gives me the opportunity to meet." To support Crystal for her E-TEAM mission trip, feel free to visit <http://www.fwbgo.com/eteam/chyman>. Thank you for your consideration.

You can support E-TEAM Summer missionaries by sending gifts to FWB IM / E-TEAM, PO Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011. Please be sure to earmark your gift by designating the student's name and the country of their E-TEAM trip. You can also support them by going online at www.fwbgo.com/eteam and clicking on the link "Support E-TEAM Today" in the upper right corner of the page. Churches can also designate their gifts to E-TEAM students by sending in gifts through the SC FWB State Office, PO Box 9, Turbeville, SC 29162.

For most E-TEAM members, half of their funds for their mission trips are due between February 15-18, 2012. In advance, thank you for your willingness to support our SC FWB 2012 E-TEAM Members!

2012 SC FWB E-TEAM Members

Caitlin Todd - Westside, Johnsonville



Caitlin Todd is a member at Westside FWB Church in Johnsonville. She has been selected to participate in the 2012 Spain E-TEAM mission trip. She is a Junior at Johnsonville High School. Caitlin was saved at the age of 7 with the direction of her mother, Lou Ann Todd. She attended discipleship classes with Mrs. Camille Scott and was baptized by her pastor, Rev. Theron Scott. In her local church, she has been involved with the Children's Church ministry and AWANA. Caitlin has a dream to attend FWBBC and pursue a degree in teaching and missions. She is seeking God's guidance for her life and feels the opportunity to participate in E-TEAM will allow her to move out of her comfort zone and make life-long friends. Her desire is to reach others with the Gospel. To support Caitlin for her E-TEAM mission trip, feel free to visit www.fwbgo.com/eteam/ctodd. Thank you for your consideration.

Emily Parrish - Black Rivers, Andrews



Emily Parrish is seventeen years of age and is a Senior at East Clarendon High School. She is a part of the Black River Free Will Baptist Church in Andrews. She has been accepted to participate on E-TEAM Spain. This is her third year participating in E-TEAM. She was a part of E-TEAM Japan in 2011 and E-TEAM Brazil in 2010. Emily plans on attending Free Will Baptist Bible College and getting a degree in psychology along with taking missions courses. She hopes to one day serve as a career missionary in a Creative Access country where the Gospel is limited. Emily indicated, "I am so honored to be able to participate again in the E-TEAM ministry and share God's love with the people of other nations!" To support Emily for her E-TEAM trip, feel free to visit <http://www.fwbgo.com/eteam/emparrish>.

Ellen Parrish - Black River, Andrews



Ellen Parrish is a Sophomore at East Clarendon High School, and this is her first year participating in E-TEAM. She was selected to participate in E-TEAM Panama. She is currently a part of Black River Free Will Baptist Church in Andrews, where her dad Reverend Todd Parrish is serving as Interim Pastor. She is excited about participating in E-TEAM along with the other South Carolina E-TEAM members to

have the opportunity to share God's love with people around the world. To support Ellen for her E-TEAM mission trip, feel free to visit <http://www.fwbgo.com/eteam/eparrish>.

Cody McKay - Bay Branch, Timmons ville



Cody McKay is sixteen years old and in the eleventh grade. He is a member at Bay Branch FWB Church in Timmons ville. He will be participating in E-TEAM Panama. Last year, Cody had the opportunity to participate in E-TEAM Chicago where God opened his eyes

through many different situations. Cody said, "E-TEAM is the best thing that ever happened to me. I am very excited about the trip to Panama this summer. I am not only ready to spread the Gospel, but I am also eager to learn the cultural challenges we will face in carrying the Gospel to another country." To support Cody, feel free to visit <http://www.fwbgo.com/eteam/CEMPanama>.

FWB National Offices Phone Numbers and Websites

- FWB Executive Office 877-767-7659 (www.nafwb.org)**
- Women Active for Christ 877-767-7662 (www.wnac.org)**
- FWB Home Missions 877-767-7674 (www.homemissions.net)**
- FWB International Missions 877-767-7736 (www.fwbgo.com)**
- FWB Retirement 877-767-7738 (www.boardofretirement.org)**
- FWB Master's Men 877-767-8039 (www.fwbmastersmen.org)**
- FWB Foundation 877-336-7575 (www.fwbgifts.org)**

South Conway Extends Fellowship Hall



South Conway Free Will Baptist Church recently extended their fellowship hall by an additional 1,200 square feet, which doubles the space of their fellowship hall. They also added two new class rooms which will hold between twenty and twenty-five people each. Pastor Chris McEachern accepted the pastorate at the South Conway Free Will

Baptist Church in March 2011. He said, "God has surely poured out his blessings upon us, and we give him all the praise and glory."

Evans Celebrated 50 Year Wedding Anniversary



Reverend Johnny and Mrs. Lossie Evans celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with friends and family on October 15, 2011, at the Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church Family Life Center in Coward, SC. Reverend Johnny is currently the

pastor at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Florence. He and his wife Mrs. Lossie have served faithfully in ministry together for many years in churches across South Carolina. We congratulate this wonderful couple for their 50 years of marriage!

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Central Association Master's Men

The Central Association held its semi-annual Masters Men's Conference on Saturday, October 29, 2011, at the Free Welcome Free Will Baptist Church in Conway. Brother J.C. Gasque is the president of their Masters Men. Brother Dale Manning brought the morning message. The host church provided a meal for everyone in attendance, and after lunch, the host pastor, Reverend Rab Cribb, preached the afternoon message. There were 35 in attendance with ten churches and eight ministers represented. Reverend Stephen Hyman commented, "What a great time we had together in the Lord. We would encourage our fellow brothers to attend in the future." The next semi-annual Central Association Masters Men fellowship will take place at White Savannah FWB Church in Conway.



Pictured Left to Right: Rev. Ray Cribb, Brother J.C. Gasque, and Brother Dale Manning

Immanuel Members Compete for Missions

Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Santee had a competition between the men and women to see who could raise the most money for the North America Missions Offering. The scales were set, and by the end of the competition, it was a tie. The total raised for the North American Mission Offering was \$844.00. The ladies have declared that next year it won't be a tie and that the men will have to take the ladies to dinner. We appreciate the fun competition the Immanuel Church had in raising money for missions!

SC FWB Summer Camps

***SC FWB Teen Camp** - June 4-9, 2012. The cost is \$175 per camper. The guest speaker will be Reverend Wesley Campbell, the pastor at Canaan Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster. An application and deposit of \$35 per camper would need to be sent to SC FWB Youth Ministries Director, Reverend Teddy Rabon, 50 Academy Avenue, Georgetwon, SC 29440. The deposit for Teen Camp needs to be in by May 15, 2012.

***SC FWB Junior Camp** - July 23-27, 2012. The cost is \$125 per camper. The guest speaker will be Reverend Mike Bishop. An application and deposit of \$25 per camper would need to be sent to SC FWB Youth Ministries Director, Reverend Teddy Rabon, 50 Academy Avenue, Georgetwon, SC 29440. The deposit for Junior Camp needs to be in by June 20, 2012.

Free Will Baptist International Missions Director of Finance Explains the Financial Need

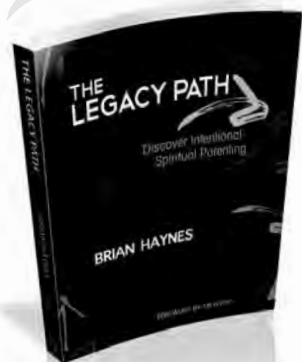
If you follow news from FWB International Missions, you have likely heard about the board's decision to postpone missionary deployments. Let me assure you, this decision was reached only after much anguish and prayer. International Missions is facing a true crisis. Our cash reserves are simply too low to continue to absorb the short-term and periodic losses inherent within our cyclical yet unpredictable flow of income.

The board issued specific statements concerning their decision. The full news release is available on our website (www.fwbgo.com), but the statement concerning cash reserves says, "cash reserves [must] reach a sustainable level of 10% of the operational budget." During this same meeting, the board adopted a 2012 operational working budget of \$6,100,000. Ten percent of this operational budget equals \$610,000. The Mission's cash reserves low point in early December 2011 was about \$350,000. With the financial shortfalls of recent years, this balance is simply insufficient for the Mission's operation. We need to increase the cash reserves balance in excess of \$610,000—and sustain it. That is \$260,000 more than where we were the first week of December 2011.

Over the last month or so, we've received numerous phone calls as well as inquiries through our website asking for these specific dollar amounts. Office staff and missionaries have repeatedly been asked, "What does sustainable mean?" In our minds, sustainable takes on two meanings. First, the benchmark of \$610,000 has been achieved. Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, cash reserves remain undiminished by operational, budgeted expenditures and begin to grow through identifiable monthly/annual increments. Simply stated, we need to see cash reserves in excess of \$610,000 AND we need to see this balance has been reached with ongoing and identifiable increases—not a one-time surge in cash gifts. Don't get me wrong, a cash gift surge would be deeply appreciated, provide a tremendous financial boost, and send an encouraging message to our missionaries. However, over the long-term, we must see increased giving that offsets the financial shortfalls of the last few years. Bottom line: for missionaries to return to their fields we must see operational income exceed operational expenses by \$260,000, and have a high level of confidence this increased support is ongoing. This is achievable when individuals and churches consistently support the overseas church planting efforts of International Missions through monthly faith-promise giving, church budget giving/tithing, and continued giving through existing channels and programs. Please consider what you or your church can do to help send our workers back to their mission fields to reach those who have yet to hear a clear presentation of the gospel.

- For His Glory, Rob Conley, Director of Operations/CFO (rob@fwbgo.com)

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2011 Leadership Conference Confronts Cultural Challenges



Free Will Baptist leaders from 21 states and two Canadian provinces gathered at Nashville Airport Marriott Hotel December 5-6, for the 2011 Free Will Baptist Leadership Conference. The 2011 conference theme, “Confronting the

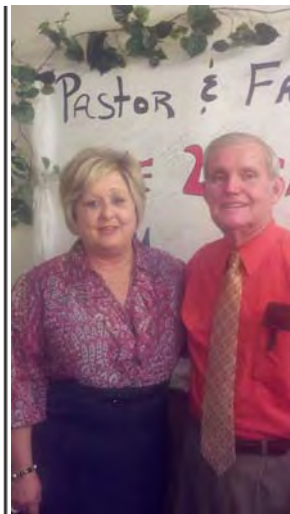
Culture Crisis,” brought attendees face to face with the challenges facing today’s church as it interacts with the world around it. Keynote speaker, Dr. David F. Wells (pictured above) spoke four times, urging attendees to avoid the trap of allowing 21st century culture to shape church and ministry. He encouraged listeners to strive instead to let the truth of the gospel communicate clearly, without apology.

Executive Secretary Keith Burden reflected on the impact of his messages. “Free Will Baptists took a significant step forward this week in confronting the cultural crisis in our churches. Dr. Wells helped us contextualize many of the issues we are facing, addressing them from a biblical perspective. May God give us courage and wisdom as we continue this important task.” The author of the book, *Courage to Be Protestant*, Dr. Wells is distinguished senior research professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Nightly services featured music provided by Free Will Baptist Bible College, including performances by the College Choir and Rejoice quartet, both under the direction of Dr. James Stevens.

Additionally, National boards and committees met in conjunction with the conference, including the Executive Committee, Board of Retirement, Home Missions Board, International Missions Board, Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees, Board of the Free Will Baptist Foundation, Randall House Publications Board, and the Master’s Men Board.

The 2012 Leadership Conference will meet December 3-4, at the Nashville Marriott Airport Hotel.

Rains FWB Church Honors Pastor



Rains Free Will Baptist Church honored their pastor, Rev. Richard Huggins, on Sunday, October 16, 2011. A very large card in the foyer had been placed for members and guest to write Pastor Richard and Mrs. Gail Huggins notes of gratitude and love. During the special service, a special tribute was read regarding the life of Pastor Huggins. The young people provided special drama and music to the song, “Thank You for Giving to the Lord,” to honor his ministry. Also, his son Wesley, daughter Kim, niece Teresa, and grandniece Jessi sang “Mercy

Walked In.” Pictures were hanging in the fellowship hall that had been gathered from the life and ministry of Pastor Richard. A wonderful meal was provided for everyone after the special service! We commend the Rains Church for honoring their pastor and commend Pastor Richard and Mrs. Gail for their faithful service to the Lord.

Hickory Hill Honors Pastor and Receives Member



Hickory Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Grescham honored Pastor Van and Mrs. Patricia Powell with a surprise dinner on July 31, 2011. Church members noted, “He preaches and teaches the Bible verse by verse, and we want him to know how much we appreciate him. We at Hickory Hill

Church are very proud to have him as our pastor. Thank you, Pastor Van and Mrs. Patricia, from all of us at Hickory Hill FWB Church.” Also, Hickory Hill FWB Church recently welcomed church member Jan Cook. She drives from Conway on Sundays and Wednesdays faithfully. One church member noted, “She serves to the best of her ability and brightens our path at each meeting.”

