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Pictured above is the new auditorium of the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Rev. L. H. Clayton is pastor. The work started in the fall of 1972 and was completed in February 1973 when the members moved into the church for their first service. The church has broken the record attendance and set a new record of 140 under Pastor Clayton's leadership. They have also purchased a parsonage and done work in the basement

of the education building. Pastor Clayton stated, "We praise the Lord for our progress and thank God for our people who are willing to see souls saved." The Beaver Creek Bible Institute held its graduation exercises at Fairview this year to an overflow crowd. April 6, 1974 Pastor Clayton celebrated his sixty-second birthday. He has been in the ministry over 40 years. The Beaver Creek Association thanks God for men who have labored for the Cause of Christ.

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS NOT DEDUCTIBLE?

H.R. Bill No. 636, Section 312, will eliminate all church and charitable contributions as tax deductions after January, 1976, if it passes. This bill presently before the House of Representatives, if it becomes law, means that your gifts to churches, civic and charitable projects can no longer be claimed tax deductions in your annual income tax report.

Section 312 is called a "sleeper" on H.R. Bill 636. We must make our opinion known on this bill. Below is a form letter you may use in writing your Congressman. Do not use this paper to mail. Please re-write the letter on your stationery and word it any way you choose.

Dear Sir:

I would like to register my opinion on H.R. Bill No. 636, Section 312, in regard to elimination of all

church and charitable contributions as tax deductions after January, 1976, if it passes.

I am opposed to this bill and would appreciate every effort that you may be able to make to see that it is defeated.

I would appreciate a personal reply from you on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Your Name

Senator Mike Mansfield, Co-Sponsor  
Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20510

Congressman Wilbur Mills, Co-Sponsor  
Congressional Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20510

Senator Strom Thurmond and  
Senator Fritz Hollings  
Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20510



# From The Editor

EDITOR.....  
EARL HENDRIX

We have been hearing some good reports from churches across South Carolina. Florence, FIRST had 572 Easter Sunday; South Avenue, Lancaster had 526 last month. First Church, Chester had over 230 in March. Arcadia, Arcadia had 262 in Sunday School during March. Whitney had over 300 in March. First Church, Greenville, won second place in the Spring Enlargement Campaign.

Valley Falls had a high day of 312 Easter Sunday. Grace, Fort Mill broke their record with 104 in Sunday School (This church was organized from a mission less than a year ago.) First Church, Inman, with 406 Easter Sunday were also winners in the Spring Enlargement Campaign. This church will also be joining the "300 Club". They have had over 300 for the last 10 weeks. Not only do we hear about the attendance, BUT we rejoice in the souls that are won to Christ. Praise God, Free Will Baptists are growing because of soul-winning. Let us renew our fundamental stand on the Bible AND Separation.

### LIST OF SUPPORTERS

Here is a list of churches and or individuals that have made a contribution. Please send all support and news to the Promotional Secretary, Earl Hendrix, Route 4, Box 6, Inman, South Carolina 29349.

New Prospect Church, Pamplico . . . . .	\$ 50.00
First Church, Inman . . . . .	50.00
First Church, Chester . . . . .	25.00
Horse Branch Church, Turbeville . . . . .	20.00
Columbia Original Church, Columbia . . . . .	20.00
Little Bethel Church, Johnsonville . . . . .	20.00
Valley Falls Church, Valley Falls . . . . .	30.00
Lebanon Church, Effingham . . . . .	30.00
Sumter Original Mission, Sumter . . . . .	30.00
Free Will Baptist Bible Church, Florence . . . . .	20.00
First Church, Florence . . . . .	20.00
Lockhart Church, Lockhart . . . . .	20.00
State Association . . . . .	123.61
Pamplico Church, Pamplico . . . . .	20.00
W.N.A.C . . . . .	23.23
First Church, Rock Hill . . . . .	20.00
Grace Church, Fort Mill . . . . .	10.00
Grace Church, Manning . . . . .	60.00

TOTAL RECEIVED \$596.84

## National Home Missions

### HOME MISSION BOARD REPORTS

JESSE DUNN, missionary in Boise, Idaho, took first place in the National Sunday School contest in division G with a 109.02% increase in attend:

LARRY RUSSELL had a record attendance of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He has a daily radio program which has brought a new family into the church. A Catholic man has been saved and is already witnessing to others.

LELAND HORTON has completed itinerate and had his first Sunday service in Des Moines, Iowa May 26.

NEW APPOINTEES approved at the National Home Mission Board meeting May 6-8 are:

The FRANK COUSINEAU FAMILY was approved to go to Bismarck, North Dakota. This will be a capitol city project and the first Free Will Baptist church in that state.

JIM McKOWN AND FAMILY were approved to go to San Juan, Puerto Rico to teach in the school under the direction of missionary FRED McCOY.

BOB THOMAS, a California pastor and brother to Associate Director Roy Thomas, and his wife, ROSA LEE, have been approved to go to Greeley, Colorado.

Praise God! Income to National Home Missions for April, 1974 was \$42,575.97.

WALTER GOLDING has been approved as an Air Force Chaplain and reported to Loring Air Force Base, Limestone, Maine, June 1 for active duty.

Joint Project worker, JAMES RICE, Greer, South Carolina, reports that the loan his mission applied for was rejected. Pray that a way will open for him to get the money to build. This shows the great need for the CELF (Church Extension Loan Fund) program.

Army Chaplain GERALD MANGHAM has been promoted from rank of Captain to Major. He is stationed at Ft. Stewart, Georgia.

Brother Earl Newton, faithful worker in the Shelby, North Carolina mission, was called home to be with the Lord. He will be missed by both family and church. REV. JASON SALYER is the Joint Project

Total given to Home Missions in April . . .	\$2,233.91
Total for 1974 . . . . .	5,466.14
Short of Quota . . . . .	6,033.86

Next issues of the Informer will be the last of August, September, and October. Please send in your news before the 10th of each month. Please remember, do not send a colored picture, if possible because it is difficult to reproduce.



INSTITUTE GRADUATES LARGEST CLASS

Beaver Creek Bible Institute graduated 22, the largest class in its history, April 6, 1974. Commencement speaker was Rev. Allen Lemmons, Chairman of the Board.

The Beaver Creek Bible Institute took on a new format as follows:

The Institute will be a two-year course with the ETTA as the text books. Beaver Creek Association also approved plans to start the Beaver Creek Theological Seminary. "This will be a two-year post-graduate school for Beaver Creek Bible Institute or equivalent," stated Board Chairman, Pastor Lem-

mons. If you desire further information about the courses and the school, you may write to Rev. Allen Lemmons, P. O. Box ---, Lockhart, S. C. 29364

Here is a list of graduates: Miss Ellen Queen, Miss Ethel Hipp, Mrs. Willie M. Hefner, Mrs. Dianne Ayers, Miss Robin Gray, Mrs. Frances Porter, Mrs. Mary Prather, Mrs. Susan Catoe, Mrs. Brenda Crook, Mrs. Betty Weeks, Mrs. Vertie McCaskill, Mrs. Thelma Eubanks, Mrs. Debbie Y. Holcomb, Mrs. Faye Sullivan, David Gilliland, Phillip Ayers, Rev. Joe Bill Waddell, Rev. Gary Welch, Ralph Crook, Rev. Ronny Ramsey, Rev. Harold Haynes, and Harley L. Walters.

#### MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP



The Ministers Fellowship met May 13-15 at Horse Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Tuberville. The Fellowship started with a message by Pastor Ansel Smith. DARK and EARLY Tuesday morning we made our way to Santee for Bream fishing. (The Editor did not fish, but earned his dinner by taking fish off the hook for Brothers Ansel Smith and Paul Sheehan.) Dinner was prepared on the water front and my, was that goooooood eatin'!

Fellow ministers, we missed you if you did not come. Please plan to attend the next meeting - dates to be announced.

The new officers are: President, Pastor Earl Sutton, Georgetown; vice-president, Pastor Wilbur Beasley, Turbeville; secretary-treasurer, Pastor Mike Jones, Lake City.

# CHURCH NEWS

## LOCAL CHURCH OPPOSES NEW EDITIONS OR TRANSLATIONS

The First Free Will Baptist Church on Farley Avenue, Spartanburg, has adopted a resolution opposing the use of all Bibles that are untrue to the authorized King James version of the Holy Scriptures.

Bibles they oppose include Revised Standard Version, Good News For Modern Man, The Living Bible, King James Number Two, or any other translations that are not a word for word translation.

We are also taking steps now to make sure that we don't use any literature that is not based on the authorized King James Version of the Bible. If you would like to worship in a church that believes God's Word, come and worship with us.

Rev. Mitchell W. Davis, Pastor

**FIRST, INMAN:** Spiritual statistics here at Inman are as follows: SAVED 125, BAPTIZED 58, JOINED 69. We praise God for His blessings. The church now has five buses. The latest was a gift from the pastor and his wife (Earl and Gwen Hendrix). The average attendance in May was 312.

The church had three people to graduate from the Beaver Creek Bible Institute: Mr. and Mrs. Phillip (Dianne) Ayers and Mrs. Willie Mae Hefner.

**POPLAR HILL** reports "We had a Spring Revival the first week in April. Rev. Joe Cagle was the Evangelist. God blessed us in a mighty way.

Church Reporter: Mrs. W. R. Calcutt  
Pastor: Rev. Earl Johnson

**COLUMBIA CHURCH:** "Our church observed Revival and Dedication Service, of the new sanctuary on May 26. Speaker for both services was Robert L. Shockey, General Director of Free Will Baptist National Home Missions."

## TEN LARGEST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES IN OUR STATE

We would like to see who the ten largest Free Will Baptist Churches in our state are. We encourage each church to respond to this questionnaire:

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_

What were your statistics from JANUARY 1974?

1. How many conversions \_\_\_\_\_.
2. How many baptisms \_\_\_\_\_.
3. How many additions \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What was your Sunday School attendance average \_\_\_\_\_.

## COLUMBIA CHURCH ORDAINS TWO SONS IN THE MINISTRY

On January 28, 1974 Brother James Jarvis Coward was ordained to the gospel ministry in the new facilities of the Columbia Church, 1230 S. Kilbourne Rd. The message was delivered by Jim's father-in-law, Rev. Harley Brown, pastor of the Parker's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina. Mrs. Coward (Jim's wife, Karen) sang and the charge was delivered by Carroll G. Alexander, pastor of the church. Jim was saved through the ministry of the church in 1968 while serving in the army and stationed at Fort Jackson.

Also, on October 13, 1973 Brother Grover L. Inman was ordained at the Columbia Church. Chaplain (Capt.) Nedo Eaddy, U. S. Army brought the message and the charge was delivered by the pastor. Brother Inman and his wife were saved several years ago through the ministry of the church.

Jim is a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Brother Inman attended Free Will Baptist Bible College and is now pastoring in Kentucky. The church is proud of and thankful for these and its other sons in the ministry who are either in the field or in training.

Dear Brother Hendrix,

We at Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Manning would like to tell you how good the Lord has been to us.

We have put a complete new roof on our church and we have just had one of the best revivals we have ever had. Rev. James Childers Jr. from Whitney Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg was our speaker for the week. Our church was surely revived and we thank God for each soul that was saved. We appreciate each one who came to visit with us.

We have had several visitors to our church from time to time and to anyone who might be in our area, we extend a friendly welcome to you to worship with us. We hope we can be a blessing to you and we know you'll be a blessing to us.

Our schedule of services is listed below.

Sunday School--10:00 A.M.

Worship Service--11:00 A.M.

Evening Worship--7:30 P.M.

We are in the process of having signs painted to be placed on Highway 301, so that our church may be easily found.

We are now looking forward to our second anniversary coming up in July. We plan to have dinner at the church and singing in the afternoon.

Enclosed is our donation to The Informer. Thank you. Pray for us.

Rev. Hoyt E. Powell, Pastor  
Alma Locklair, reporter

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