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Pictured are James B. Rice, Mission Pastor; Ansel Smith, Director Beaver Creek Home Missions; Bobby Bowers, Board Member; Earl Hendrix, Board Member.

The Greer Mission has broken ground for their new first wing building. The building will be 40x100 with seating capacity of 200. The Greer Mission is a joint project of the Beaver Creek Home Missions and National Home Missions. The Greer congregation has worked hard and been faithful to see this "Work of God".

May God be praised for what He is continuing to do through His people.

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" for your support to the Promotional Secretary's office.

Several churches have not made a contribution to the "Informer" as yet. Perhaps you have intended to make a contribution, why not do it right now before you forget it again.

Mail your contributions to the following address:

Route 4, Box 6
Inman, South Carolina 29349

Following is a list of support received the months of August, September and October:

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STATE ASSOCIATION

The thirty-second Annual Session of the South Carolina State Association will convene Thursday and Friday, November 14-15 at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Timmonsville, South Carolina. Registration will begin at 9:00 A.M. Thursday morning. Our morning devotions will be brought by Home Missionary Paul Reid from Greenwood, S. C. The morning message will be delivered by Assistant Moderator Sam Truett. Thursday will be taken up with business and reports from the various works within our denomination.

The evening service will feature a dutch

supper at 5:30 and a slide presentation of Home Missions work will be shown.

The Maranatha Glee Club from First Church, Florence will sing.

The evening message will be delivered by J. Reford Wilson, General Director Foreign Missions, Nashville, Tenn.

Friday morning's session will start at 9:30 A.M. T. C. Farmer will bring our morning devotions. The morning message will be brought by Seldon Bullard.

Pastors, please plan to come now and bring a delegate from your church.



From The Editor

EARL HENDRIX

As this is the final Newsletter for this year, I have undertaken to write an editorial.

First, this year has been a busy year for me, not only in the work of pastoring a church, but also in trying to be your Promotional Secretary. I have tried to start a traveling book store and have visited each conference at least once with many miles traveled. I have not been able to accomplish some of the goals I would have liked, but your forbearance and support have been encouraging.

Now, I am appalled at the way so-called Fundamentalists try to tear down other Bible-believing Christians. Brother, I'm not talking about fighting compromise or ecumenicalism, which we are instructed to do in Jude 3, but I'm talking about fighting born-again brethren because they don't dot their 'i's' or cross their 't's' like we do. Brethren, our job is to reach the lost and after we reach them to train them.

Let's not be guilty of fighting someone that's doing the job for God.

How other churches do should not be the motive for our criticism. The Bible points out that to be critical in nature means problems in our spiritual life. The local church is still an independent body that should not be interfered with by outside forces.

May God help us to see that we are to fight sin and evilness instead of one another. See you at the State November 14-15.

FOR SALE--Two church buses. One 1959 Chevrolet (6 cyl.) and one 1957 Mack (gas engine) \$650 each. We have bought newer buses to replace these two, but these buses are in good shape and would be excellent for a church just starting out in the bus ministry. Contact: Tom Clark, Hilltop Free Will Baptist Church, Travelers Rest, S. C. Phone 836-3344 or 834-9331.

Also Multilith 80 Off-Set Press & supplies only-\$300.00. For information contact Hilltop Church at above address.

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New Prospect Church, Pamplico	\$30.00
First Church, Inman	30.00
Pamplico Church, Pamplico	15.00
Columbia Original Church,	
Columbia	20.00
Lockhart Church, Lockhart	15.00
Sumter Original Mission, Sumter	10.00
Horse Branch Church, Turbeville	25.00
Liberty Church, Manning	10.00
FWB Bible Church, Florence	20.00
First Church, Rock Hill	5.00
First Church, Florence	80.00
New Hope Church, Woodruff	25.00
Little Bethel Church, Johnsonville	20.00
First Church, McColl	5.00
Valley Falls Church, Valley Falls	30.00
Miss Mary Alice Mahoney	5.00
Bethany Church, Timmonsville	60.00
South Avenue Church, Lancaster	60.00
St. Johns Church, Patrick	60.00
Lebanon Church, Effingham	15.00
Rev. and Mrs. John B. Smith	25.00
(First Chester)	

Total \$565.00

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1. I am debtor (v. 14)
2. I am ready (v. 15)
3. I am not ashamed (v. 16)

These three I am's somewhat tell my own heart's feelings. I know I am in debt to Christ and second to those who are lost. For the last few weeks the "I am ready" has been on my heart and brother, I want to tell you I am now ready to go and preach the gospel to you (church) that are at Rome (wherever the Lord may open the door).

My life's verse is verse 16. I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. I want to share this good news of salvation to as many as I can. Therefore, I'm going back into full-time revival work. There are three things you can do for me. PRAY that the Lord will open doors and give grace. TELL others of my decision to do full-time revival work. LET me know if I can be of any service to you and your church.

May God bless you and yours always.
For Christ and revival,
Owen Ganey

You may contact Evangelist Ganey as follows:

P. O. Box 1159
Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
Or Call 734-8733

538 ATTENDING BIBLE COLLEGE

Students from 25 states and two foreign countries converged on Free Will Baptist College in Nashville August 26 to become the school's 1974-75 student body. The college is beginning its 33rd year with a total enrollment of 538.

The 344 returning students were joined by 194 new enrollees. Other enrollment statistics read as follows:

Men Students--302
Women Students--236
Married Students--168
Single Students--370
Ministerial Students--165
Missionary Students--46

Students from South Carolina include: Bair Robert L. Jr., Florence; Bair Susan Dianne, Florence; Baker Mary Frances, Turbeville; Barron Donna Jean, Turbeville; Benton Miriam, Aynor; Boyd Patricia, Darlington; Caulder John Hugh, Coker, Lisa, Turbeville; Cowart, James F., Columbia; Dixon Clarence Lee, Timmons-ville; Edmonds Patricia Ann, Florence; Ford Steve R., Fort Mill; Ford Wanda Jo, Fort Mill; Gore Gloria, Turbeville; Greenwood George Randolph, Columbia; Hyman Alma Ettaphine, Pamplico; Kirby Gerald R., Timmons-ville; Lee Wanda Marie, Florence; Martin Willie Clyde, Charleston Heights; McKnight Willie Joe, Kingstree; Miles Ada, Lake City; Miles Donnie Iven, Darlington; Miles Edwin Lyn, Lake City; Miles Washington, Lake City; Munn Garry Rudolph, Florence; Poston Stevie Carroll, Pamplico; Poteat Rebecca Lynn, Pamplico; Powell, Van E., Johnsonville; Pryor Phyllis Dale, Rock Hill; Pryor Stephen Dell, Rock Hill; Rogers Wanda Fleetwood, Darlington; Scott Camille, Hemingway; Scott Thron B., Hemingway; Sealy Carolyn, Lockhart; Sealy William D., Lockhart; Strickland Pamela Jane, Darlington; Sweat Susan Deloris, Kingstree; Truett James Edward, Darlington; Welch Brenda Kay, Turbeville; Wrenn Nina Beth, Kingstree.

HOME MISSIONS

Edward B. Ledlow, Director of Field Personnel for the Home Missions Department, resigned his missions post September 30, a position he has held since July, 1971. Prior to accepting the directorship of Field Personnel, Mr. Ledlow pastored home missions churches in Alabama. From 1964 to 1968 the Ledlows ministered to the Montgomery, Alabama church under the sponsorship of the National Board of Home Missions. After establishing a church in the capitol city, Mr. Ledlow pioneered a work in Decatur, Alabama, again under the auspices of Free Will Baptist home missions.

Both pastorates were projects between the Alabama State Missions Board and the National Home Missions Board.

Ledlow's most recent ministry with the Home Missions Department was concentrated in the development of the Church Extension Loan Fund, a program designed for young churches to use in getting established with solid financial backing.

The missions executive left his missions post October 31 to assume pastorate of Ensley Free Will Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. Ledlow is married the former Odessa Matson, an Alabama native.

The Ledlows have two daughters, Rhonda and Donna. Both daughters are married and reside in Alabama.

BUDGET NEEDS STILL GREAT

NASHVILLE, TENN. - With just two months left in 1974, the Department of Foreign Missions reports total giving for the year to the present is far below budget needs. Due to the rising costs on the mission fields as well as inflation at home, missions expenditures actually exceed that predicted in the 1974 missions budget. Actual Foreigns Missions receipts for January 1 through September 30 were \$680,784. This is \$134,246 below that projected.

According to Mr. Harold Critcher, Director of Finance, monthly needs average approximately \$90,560 to sustain the budget for the department's 89 missionaries and staff. Receipts in the first four months of this year were far below this amount: January, \$66,446; February, \$69,904; March, \$64,972; and April, \$86,227. This makes a total of \$24,753 below what was given in the same period of 1973. At the time of this release, the \$90,560 figure had been surpassed only once this year: May, \$102,752.

Inflation around the world averages far above that in the U. S. As a result, the Board of Foreign Missions has been compelled to make cost-of-living adjustments. This has made even the projected budget inadequate. Some are concerned that ministries might be greatly hindered even though world-wide needs tend to increase as does the population.

The staff has expressed hope that Free Will Baptists who are behind in their giving and others feeling the burden of world evangelization will rally to meet these budget needs.

CHURCH NEWS

STATE ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of the State Association of Original Free Will Baptists of the State of South Carolina will be held with the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Timmons-ville, S. C. on November 15 and 16. Rev. Irvin Hyman is pastor of this fine church.

We have a wonderful program planned, and we are expecting God's Blessing on this year's meeting. For the past six years I have been keeping records of the ones that have been on the program, and I have worked hard to see that each conference was equally represented. Last year the Beaver Creek and Eastern Conference did the preaching. This year the South Carolina and Central Conferences will do the preaching. Each conference has one devo-tional period. This method has helped unite us for a little better cooperation in promoting our State work, but we still need to work toward better understanding and cooperation between all four conferences.

We still have less than 100 churches in the whole state, and there are a good number of large cities that don't have a Free Will Baptist Church. We may never agree on some issues, but Evangelizing our State is one subject we should be able to agree on. If we are going to put a Free Will Baptist Church in every large city, we will need to work and cooperate together. For the cause of Christ and precious souls, let's pray for a cooperative spirit among all four conferences.

Our Thursday Night Mission Service is one of the most blessed services of the whole meeting. This year Rev. Reford Wilson, our National Foreign Missions Director will be bringing the message. I know you will want to be present for this service. Don't forget to bring your mission offering from your church. Our goal is \$1,500.00 again this year, let's meet it this time. Let's make this a cooperative effort for Souls for New Churches.

Don't forget to bring one delegate from your local church, and your fee of \$20.00. Also, we request that each conference moderator and clerk see to it that the conference letter and fees are brought in the first day of the meeting. I am going to request that no conference delegates be seated until their report is turned in. For the past two or three years, we have been promising that reports would come in later, but they never came in. We must report properly, for the National office and the Federal Government requires it.

Rev. Ansel Smith, Moderator

Dear Rev. Hendrix,

I am forwarding to you three letters I received as a reply to H.R. Bill No. 636, Section 12, before the House of Representatives in Washington, D. C.

I first learned of this Bill in your church newsletter. I really appreciate receiving the newsletter.

I also receive The Informer and this letter is in regard to an article in The Informer.

I enjoy The Informer and as always am glad to get my copy.

I visited your church in January 1974. My cousin and his wife (Phillip and Dianne Ayers) are members there and I visited with them.

May God richly bless you as you serve Him.

Sandra Post
Member Columbia Original FWB
Church

The New Prospect Church in Pamlico sent in their report and the following was worth notice: (These figures are a month old)

Conversions--30

Baptized--28

Additions--18

Their Sunday School averaged 200. Pastor of this fine church is Joe Cagle.

Nov. 4, 1974

Dear Bro. Earl,

My new address is Route 2, Box 174-A-1, Pamlico, S. C. 493-2969.

Having left Beulah, I am seeking a pastorate now. Any recommendations you could make would be appreciated. Will you publish this information in the Informer?

Thank you.

In Christ,
Johnny Shearon

INMAN BREAKS RECORD

First Free Will Baptist Church, Inman, broke their record of 407 on October 27, with 472 in attendance. The church averaged 388 during the month of October. There have been a total of 91 additions, 95 baptized, and 189 saved this year.

To God be the glory!

OWEN GANEY ENTERS FULL-TIME EVANGELISTIC WORK

Dear Brother Pastor:

I trust this letter will find you and your church doing great in the Lord.

The Apostle Paul in the first Chapter of Romans gives to us his three I AM'S:

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