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POINT OF INTEREST

Is This Happening To The Church Of The Lord Jesus Christ Today?

"On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks were frequent, a crude little life-saving station was built. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat, but the few devoted crewmen kept a constant watch over the sea. With no thought for themselves, they went out day or night, tirelessly searching for any who might need help. Many lives were saved by their devoted efforts. After awhile the station became famous. Some of those who were saved, as well as others in the surrounding area, wanted to become a part of the work. They gave time and money for its support. New boats were bought, additional crews were trained, and the station grew. Some of the members became unhappy that the building was so crude. They felt that a larger, nicer place would be more appropriate than the first refuge of those saved from the sea. So they replaced the emergency cots with hospital beds and put better furniture in the enlarged building. Soon the station became a popular gathering place for its members to discuss the work and to visit with each other. They continued to remodel and decorate until the station more and more took on the look and character of a club. Fewer members were interested in going out on lifesaving missions, so they hired professional crews to do the work on their behalf. The lifesaving motif still prevailed on the club emblems and stationary, and there was a liturgical lifeboat in the club where the members held its initiations. One day a large ship was wrecked off the coast and the hired crews brought in many boat loads of cold, wet, half-drowned people. They were dirty, bruised, and sick; and some had black or yellow skin. The beautiful new club was terribly messed up, and so the property committee immediately had a shower house built outside, where the shipwrecked victims could be cleaned up before coming inside. At the next meeting there was a split in the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities altogether, as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal social life of the club.

White Savannah

Free Will Baptist Church

Conway, SC

FEBRUARY 15-16

See Program Insert

For Details

Language School: Why Is It So Stressful?

By Missionary Ron Moore
Ivory Coast, West Africa

As we were leaving the States for Albertville, France, several missionaries jokingly said, "If your marriage survives language school, it will survive anything!" For some reason, however, the smile on their face could not hide the sincerity of their voice or the seriousness in their eyes. Even though our marriage relationship has remained strong, I must admit their admonition was well founded.

Almost without exception, I believe every missionary would agree that language school is an intensely stressful period. This raises a logical question: Why? What is it about language school that creates such a stressful environment? Though there are many reasons, the following are some of the main ones from our experience.

1. SEPARATION. For most missionaries, their departure to language study is the beginning of their first prolonged period of separation from family and close personal friends. As you know, these important relationships provide essential emotional and spiritual support and furnish a critical outlet for dealing with stress. Yet, overnight, they are interrupted, placed at an arms distance, and restricted in their ability to provide this support. Eventually, new relationships will be established, but they will take time to develop. In the meantime, stress seems to sense this "void in relationships" and use it for its depressive purpose.

2. GUILT. No Christian (much less a missionary!) should carry around a baggage of guilt. None-the-less, guilt has a way of packing itself in our suitcases when we leave the States. Because others are paying the bills and because our future ministry depends on our success in language school, there is a tendency to feel guilty if we are not "tops in our class" or if we take a much needed break from studies. This guilt makes us study harder and longer than we should; it produces mental, emotional, and physical fatigue; and

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REMEMBERED QUOTE:

*"The best way to avoid
lying is to do nothing
that needs to be
concealed."*

(Copied MWN)

Some members insisted on keeping lifesaving as their primary purpose and pointed out that, after all, they were still called a lifesaving station. But those members were voted down and told that if they wanted to save lives they could begin their own station down the coast somewhere. As the years went by the new stations gradually faced the same problems the other one had experienced. It, too, became a club, and its lifesaving work became less and less a priority. The few members who remained dedicated to lifesaving began another station. History continued to repeat itself; and if you visit that coast today you will find a number of exclusive clubs along the shore. Shipwrecks are still frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown". Copied (J.Mc.)

The Free Will Baptist Ministry In India

THE CHILDREN

The children come from Christian homes and range in age from very young through completion of high school. The children are those who need the care given and have no other means of education. The boys live in the home 12 months each year. They go to visit with their parents in their homes a few days out of each year and their parents are permitted to visit them in the hostel.



This Is A Scene Of The Cooking Area (Kitchen As We Know It). Where Most Of The Cooking Is Done. It Is To The Rear Of The Hostel In An Open Area With A Grass Roof Held Up By Bamboo Poles. There Are Four Holes In The Ground Which Are Lined With Cement. A Fire Is Built In The Hole And The Cooking Containers Are Placed On Top.

THE PURPOSE

Of course, the children receive the needed physical care, but the purpose of the hostel is far more reaching than this. The children are won to the Lord and receive extensive training in the Word of God. A part of their spiritual training is in stewardship. They are taught that work is a vital part of the Christians life and they get practical training by doing their own cooking and all the other chores involved in keeping the hostel. They have devotions and Bible study each day in addition to special classes. Their academic education is received through the local public school and classes at the hostel. The ultimate goal in all of the training is to raise up spiritual leaders for the churches. Six of the North India ordained pastors received their training there. Two young men are now in Bible College, in Calcutta, who completed their school work in the hostel. Several deacons and all of the men who lead church services when pastors are not available have had their training in the hostel.



This Is A Cooking Area In Addition To The Above One. This Is A Gas Burner. The Gas Is Supplied From A Reservoir To The Rear Of The Hostel. The Gas Is Formed Through A Process Of Animal Dung And Water.

A STATEMENT FROM CARLISLE

"We feel that this ministry is one of our greatest contributions to the work of our Free Will Baptist church in North India. Our church development will depend on the leadership given by the boys who go out from this hostel. We need much prayer that the lives of these young ones will be used of Him in the building of His church here".

(EDITORS NOTE) This is the second article in the series on our missionaries in India, Carlisle and Marie Hanna, and the Lord's ministry there. In this article we share with our readers "The Hostel Ministry". According to Websters Dictionary the word **Hostel** is defined as a lodging place; an inn; especially, a supervised shelter for youth. In America we know it best as a **Childrens Home**.



The Hostel Building That Now Houses 35 Children. It Is A Two Story Building Constructed of Concrete With Porches On Each Floor That Extend Completely Around The Living Area.

THE BEGINNING OF THE HOSTEL

Carlisle and Marie began their first hostel with three boys in a rented room at Kishangong, North India, in 1953, while they were still in language study. Kishangong is a town about 40 miles from their current location in Sonapurhat.

After completing language study they moved to Sonapurhat and established the hostel there with two boys. They later constructed a small bamboo house with a grass roof and expanded the ministry, taking in more boys. In 1959 they constructed a mission house and a hostel building and extended the ministry to care for girls also; providing a home and care for up to 45 children. They closed the hostel for girls in 1967, but have continued the one for boys. Currently there are 35 boys in the home.

There is now on the mission compound a very nice hostel building. The money to construct this building is being raised by FWB Churches in Tennessee in honor of Paul and Nell Woolsey. The Woolsey's went to India in 1947, serving one term. They were the first FWB Missionaries to go to Sonapurhat, North India. The building is named in their honor.



Scene Of The Bedrooms. The Beds Consist Of A Blanket On The Concrete Floor And A Small Pillow. There Is Very Little Furniture. Clothing And Other Items Are Kept On Shelves.

thereby, it creates a fertile environment in which stress intensifies.

3. CULTURE. To declare simply that their is a difference in culture would be an obvious understatement. Even in France, a well developed and civilized country, there are more striking differences than similarities.. To begin with, there is the language barrier, but this is only part of the problem. The people think differently, shop differently, cook and eat differently, dress differently, drive differently, and in general they approach almost every routine activity of life much differently than us. Adapting to these differences is more often than not frustrating; and is, therefore, a stressful experience.

4. ROLE REVERSAL. No, I am not referring to a "house husband" and a "working wife"! What I mean is that most missionaries leave ministries of leadership, such as preaching and teaching. Suddenly, they are no longer the one who leads, but the one who is led; they are no longer the one who teaches, but the one who is taught. This is not difficult at first, because the missionary welcomes the "sabbatical" from these demanding responsibilities; but because of the basic nature of most missionaries, a prolonged absence from such "active duty" generates restlessness, frustration and a degree of guilt as well.

This is the basic point of frustration and source of stress for me while in language school. Simply put, I am frustrated because I am not able to do what God has Called me to Do! That is, I cannot pray with those needing comfort, witness to those needing Christ, or teach those needing maturity in the faith. Why? Because I cannot speak the language! Although this is a temporary circumstance, lasting between one and two years, for those of us who have been active in ministry, this short period of time seems to expand into eternity. These frustrations become an open door for invitation to the discouraging powers of stress.

Yes, the grace of God is more than sufficient to meet our needs and give us victory the forces of stress at work in us while in language school. Why, then, am I sharing these things with you?

a. I want you to sense the magnitude of the stress faced by missionaries while in language school, probably the most stressful time of their career.

b. I want you to understand some of the forces at work which make this such a stressful period for the missionary.

c. I want to incite within you a commitment to struggle with the missionary against these depressive and defeating forces through prayer.

d. I want to emphasize the sincerity of our gratitude for your diligence in praying for us and, thereby, aiding us in our conquest over a most destructive enemy.

By the way, the next time you read in a missionary's newsletter that he is requesting prayer for language study, **fall down on your knees in prayer. he means it!**

Bethel Contributes

\$1000 to "Pop"

Willey Offering

What's unusual about a church giving \$1,000.00 to a mission need? After all this is done quite often. Bethel FWB Church at Fort Mill, SC, is a small congregation and have great building needs of their own. Last year when they received news about the 1989 "Pop" Willey Missions Offering and the building needs for the Hanna's in India, the church wanted to share what they had with the Hanna's; so they voted to give \$1,000.00 out of their limited building fund. They believed that the Lord would still provide for their needs. Amen! He will.

Pastor Jerry Owenby and his folks are to be commended for this unselfish and generous deed.



Josh Poston (R) Presents Check To Norwood Gibson.

Maranatha Christian

School Raises \$1500

For Hanna's

A special Christmas project has become an annual event at Maranatha Christian School, a ministry of First FWB church, Florence, SC. Miss Dale Edwards, school principal, said, "We went all out to break our 1988 missions offering of \$1,100; AND WE DID IT!"

State Promotional Director, Norwood Gibson, was presented a check in the amount of \$1,521.41 in the Friday morning, January 12, chapel service by Josh Poston, a student in the school who raised the most money. The funds will go to Carlisle and Marie Hanna, missionaries in North India, for their building needs.

Miss Jan Baxley's forth grade class held a Wake-A-Thon and raised \$635.42 of the total. Then teenagers raised over \$300 through their Walk-A-Thon. All age groups participated in raising the balance of the funds.

Miss Edwards stated, "In an era when many young people are doing wrong, Maranatha's young people are to be commended for their support of missions."

We commend these the staff, faculty and students for this tremendous accomplishment. On

behalf of the Hanna's we extend sincere thanks for your concern and generosity to help in their ministry in India.

Free Will Baptist Bible College News Briefs

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173 ATTEND FALL WELCOME DAYS. The Bible College welcomed 173 visitors from 15 states to its fall Welcome Days, November 30-December 2, 1989. South Carolina prospective students were included in this group and experienced a taste of college life, enjoyed a music/drama service, and watched the FWBBC Flames beat previously unbeaten Southeastern Bible College, from Birmingham, AL.

SPRING WELCOME DAYS. Spring Welcome Days is scheduled for April 5-7, 1990. For complete information, write the college at 3606 West End Ave., Nashville, TN 37205 or call 1-(615)-383-1340.

BIBLE CONFERENCE-MARCH. 11-15. Speakers for the conference will be: Dr. Jim Mercer, Dr. L. C. Johnson, Rev. Herman Hersey and Dr. Robert Woodard.

Dr. Mercer is a popular evangelist and conference speaker. He has been preaching for a half century in the United States and Canada. He was called to preach at age 21 and received his Doctor of Divinity from Bob Jones University.

Dr. Johnson was the first president of FWB Bible College and served 34 years in that capacity.

Rev. Hersey served 20 years in the pastorate and is currently Director of the Department of Retirement and Insurance, a position he has held since 1968.

Dr. Woodard is a 1969 graduate of FWB Bible College and earned his Ph.D. Degree at Bob Jones University. He joined the Bible College faculty in 1978 and is currently Director of Pastoral Studies.

FOUR SC STUDENTS ON DEANS'S LIST. Four South Carolina Students were listed among the seventy four students on the fall semester honor roll. They are: Sophomore "A" Honor Roll, Kathryn Lee, Florence; Junior "B" Honor Roll, Renee Allen, Effingham; Sophomore "B" Honor Roll, Karen Campbell, Florence; Freshman "B" Honor Roll, Michelle Bryant, Spartanburg.

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**WORK SHOP ON
BIBLICAL
PREACHING
February 20-21**

Dr. Haddon Robinson will be the featured speaker. Dr. Robinson is one of the most outstanding preachers of our day.

He received Bob Jones University's "Outstanding Preacher Award" and is listed among Moody Monthly's "Evangelicals Leaders You Should Know". His book *Biblical Preaching* is used as a textbook in some 90 seminaries and Bible colleges in North America.

In 1979, he became president of Denver Seminary, an office he continues to hold.

Workshop Cost

PLAN A: \$15 per person (includes materials packet, access to all sessions, but not room and board.

PLAN B: \$25 per couple (same as plan A)

PLAN C: \$40 per person (includes materials packet, access to all sessions, room and board on campus-linens included)

PLAN D: \$75 per couple (same as plan C). Note: Couples will be housed in separate dorms, two men or two women per room.

PLAN E: \$10 per person (includes materials packet and access to all sessions for one day only.

This is an excellent opportunity for preachers to gain a greater insight to the value of **Expository Preaching** and to get some practical helps on how to do it. If preachers would travel in groups and lodge together on campus the cost would be nominal.



**Bell
To
Mill
Branch**

Jimmy Bell assumed the pastorate of Mill Branch FWB Church on December 15, 1989. The church is located in the Poston Corner Community of Johnsonville, SC. This is Brother Bell's second pastorate with the church. The Kinston, NC native served the church for about two years in the early 80's.

He was saved at age 12 in a revival meeting in the FWB Church at Wilmington, NC under the ministry of Bobby Jackson. He has been in the ministry since 1975.

*Southeastern FWB
College News*

NEW RECRUITMENT TOOL Southeastern has embarked on a new program of promotion and student recruitment through the use of an exhibition basketball team. Two games have been played so far with very favorable results.

The program entails a team of Southeastern students going to a Christian school for an exhibition game. After the game the ballplayers and cheerleaders have a time of fellowship with the Christian school young people. After the fellowship time, one of the ballplayers will bring a devotion to the whole group.

The college is expecting equally profitable trips to other Christian schools as the school year progresses.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCED The 1990 Graduation has been set for May 17 at 10:00 AM. The college will graduate sixteen students; seven will receive Bachelor of Arts Degrees, seven will receive Bachelor of Science Degrees and two will receive Associate in Business Degrees.

Commencement speaker will be Dr. A. A. Baker. He is a graduate of Bob Jones University and has served as Vice President of both Pensacola Christian College and Tennessee Temple University. He has served in Christian education for more than twenty five years.

The 10:00 AM services will be held at First FWB Church of Raleigh, NC. College President, Billy Bevan, extends a special invitation to come and join in this important event.

Pastor Bell attended Holmes Theological Seminary in Greenville, SC for the years 1975-78 and in the year 1983.

He is married to the former Tina Edwards, a native of Fayetteville, NC. She also attended Holmes Seminary. Jimmy and Tina have four children; Timothy, age 18; Phillip, age 15; Stephen, age 13 and a foster daughter, Jennifer, age 2.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Bell's on their return to the Eastern Conference and our State.



**Evans
To
Freedom**

Freedom FWB Church, Ladson, SC, called Johnny Evans to be their pastor on December 13, 1989. Pastor Evans is a native of the Mill Branch Community of Johnsonville, SC.

He is a member of the Eastern Conference of South Carolina FWB Churches and has held four

former pastorates with South Carolina FWB Churches: Tabernacle FWB Church, Coward; Mill Branch FWB Church, Johnsonville; Little Bethel FWB Church, Johnsonville and Williams Hill FWB Church, Hemingway.

Brother Evans has been actively involved in the work of his conference, especially with home missions work. Under his leadership the Hickory Hill Mission Church was established at Gresham.

He is married to the former Lottie Mae Tilton of Andrews, SC. They have three Children. A daughter, Scarlet Evans McClary and two sons, Shawn and Shannon Evans.



**Community
Calls
Hughes**

Larry Hughes, a native of Conway in Horry County of South Carolina, assumed the pastorate of Community FWB Church, Florence, SC, on September 23, 1989.

Pastor Hughes came to Community from a four year pastorate with Liberty FWB Church, Manning, SC. Prior to his Manning pastorate he served his home church, First FWB Baptist, Myrtle Beach, SC, as interim pastor.

Brother Hughes also serves as president of the South Carolina Conference CTS Convention.

He is married to the former Lucy Shelly, a native of Myrtle Beach and they have one daughter, Dianne, age 10.

**White Savannah
Host Children's Home
For Christmas**

Sunday, December 17th was "Children's Home Day" at White Savannah FWB Church, Conway, SC.

The congregation had dinner with the children at the church and gave them Christmas gifts.

Marvin Purvis, an employee of the Conway Hospital, heard about the Children's Home and the children's scheduled visit at White Savannah and surprised them with the gift of a bicycle. Other employees of the hospital supplied the children with puzzles.

A hearty thank you is extended to Mr. Purvis and his fellow employees for this generous act.

**Eastern South Carolina
Missionary Conference
April 29 - May 13**



**Gasque
Pastor
at
New
Vision**

Carlon Gasque, a native of Cool Springs in Horry County, SC, was called to be pastor of New Vision FWB Church, Conway, SC. Brother Gasque is an ordained minister with the Central Association.

Brother Gasque was saved in 1981 in a revival meeting at Bakers Chapel Church in Conway. His home church is Free Welcome FW Baptist, Conway. He served there as Sunday School Superintendent prior to his ministry with New Vision, which is his first pastorate.

Carlon is married to the former Violet Tindall, a native of Bucks Port in Horry County, SC. They have two children; Carlies, age, 22 and Jeffrey, age 20. The family resides at Route 2, Box 171, Aynor, SC.

**Dennis Elected
Eastern Conference
Moderator**

Gilead FWB Church, Lake City, SC, hosted the annual meeting of the Eastern Conference on Saturday, December 16. Former Moderator, Pastor John Suttles, presided over the one day session. All of the conference's 12 churches and one mission church represented. Only one of their 17 ministers was absent. This is a typical attendance record for this conference and they are to be commended for it.

Johnny Evans, pastor of Freedom FWB Church, Ladson, SC, gave the morning devotion. The morning worship hour message was delivered by W. D. Jones, pastor of Cypress Fork FWB Church, Manning, SC. Special music was rendered by Moe McCutcheon and Robin Welch, both of the host church.

The ordaining council report recommended that Pete Bove be issued licence to preach the gospel; the body approved. The nominating committee recommended to the body a slate of officers to serve for 1990 and they were approved. They are: Moderator, Terry Dennis, pastor of Williams Hill FWB Church, Hemingway; Assistant Moderator, Murrell Young, pastor at Olanta, SC; Clerk-Treasurer, Carlisle Jones, a layman at New Prospect FWB Church, Pamplico and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, Robert Scott, pastor of Hickory Hill FWB Church, Gresham, SC.

The conference's April 21 quarterly meeting will be hosted by Happy Home FWB Church, Andrews, SC.



**Martin
Licenced
By
Central**

Austin Martin, a native of Aynor, SC was issued licence to preach the gospel by the Central Association of FWB Churches at their December 30, 1989 meeting.

Brother Martin was saved in October 1987 and yielded to God's call to preach in December 1988.

His home church is Evergreen FW Baptist at Conway. He has been faithful in his service at the church and filled in for Billy Baker, pastor of White Savannah FWB Church, Conway, during the time of his heart surgery and recuperation period last year. His current employment is with Jackson Auto Parts Co. in Conway.

Austin is married to the former Shirley Jean Duncan, a native of Aynor. They have two children; Brandy, age 2-1/2 and Dustin, age 8 months.

This young minister is available for supply preaching and can be contacted by writing to him at Route 2, Box 49, Conway, SC 29526 or by calling 1-(803-358-4670).



**Pete
Bove
Licensed
By EC**

At the December 16 annual meeting of the Eastern Conference the body licenced Pete Bovi to preach the gospel.

He is a native of Columbus, Georgia. He was born there while his father was serving in the army at Fort Benning. Thirteen years ago he came to Florence, SC for a visit. While here he met Annette Evans and they were married. Since that time they have made their home in the Florence area.

Brother Bove was saved in 1981 and surrendered to God's call to preach in 1987. He and his wife Annette served as House Parents at Free Will Baptist Home For Children, Turbeville, SC, for more than one year. Upon leaving the Childrens' Home he returned to his vocation in heating and air conditioning. The Bove family are now members of Gilead FWB Church, Lake City, SC, where Larry McAlister is pastor.

Sister Annette is a native of Florence and was saved at First FWB Church at age, 8. She was a bus kid and and came to know Jesus Christ as her saviour through the bus ministry of the church.



Pastor Rose Presenting "Pop" Willey Check To Gibson.

**Gibson Guest Speaker
Mt Elon's
Christmas Banquet**

Mt Elon FWB Church, Pamplico, SC, held their Christmas Banquet on Sunday night, December 10. Norwood Gibson, State Promotional Director was the guest speaker for the occasion.



Anderson Trio LR Inez And Daughters Pam And Renee

The ladies went all out in decorating the interior of the fellowship hall and the dinning tables in a beautiful Christmas decor. They also prepared a delicious meal, which included the Christmas turkey, the trimmings that go with it, and the fine desserts.

The program climaxed in a real spirit of giving, which was evidenced by several acts sharing. First, the church pastor, Robert Rose, presented Brother Gibson with a check for the "Pop" Willey Missions Offering in the amount of \$567.17. It was learned later that they had overlooked a \$100.00 gift from a source in the church, which made their total offering \$667.17. This was designated for the Hanna's building needs in India. This was followed by the church treasurer, Buddy Bazen, presenting Brother Gibson and his wife Molly, a check for \$50.00, a Christmas gift from the church. The church treasurer exercised another act of giving on behalf of the church by giving Brother Rose and his wife Kay a check for their Christmas gift. There was a table in the corner of the room which was laden with beautifully wrapped gifts. Brother Rose and some helpers had the joy of calling out the names on the packages and delivering the gifts to the recipients. It was one of those occasion when everyone received something. Well! that's what Christmas is about, giving.

The act of giving was in the heart of God before the foundation of the world; The actual act happened 2000 years ago in a stable in Bethlehem. The culmanation of this act of love took place

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Pastor Seay Presents Plaque And Gift To Mrs. Clayton.

Hillside Celebrates 33rd Anniversary

Hillside FWB Church, Florence, SC, held homecoming services on Sunday, November 19, 1989 with 175 in attendance, the largest attendance of any previous homecoming celebration. Norwood Gibson, State Promotional Director was the guest speaker for the morning worship hour.

As an incentive for the church members to get their family members to attend the service, a gift of a family picture was offered to the two families with the most members present. The winners were Dan Eaddy and Archie Poston. Dan had 12 of his family in attendance and Archie had 11. Photog-

rapher, Allen Gibson was on hand to take the group pictures.

Mrs. Lillian Clayton was honored in the service. She is the wife of the late Paul Clayton, a former pastor of the church. As an expression of the congregation's love for Sister Clayton, the church presented her with a clock, a plaque and a love offering.

The offerings for the day totaled more than \$1,200.00 and it was given to the church's building fund, which now totals more than \$20,000.00. Plans are to remodel the sanctuary in the spring of 1990.

After the morning service a delicious dinner of "Country Fixins" was served to the congregation in the fellowship hall. Friends and relatives of the church folks came in to share the dinner, which put the total number present over 200.

An afternoon "Gospel Sing" was held which featured the Stanley Family from Loris, SC and Ronnie and Robin from Florence, SC. Some of Hillside's members also participated in the event.

Floyd "Buddy" Seay, Jr. is the pastor of this fine church. The occasion also marked the beginning of the fourth year for Buddy and his wife Vickie with the church.

Mt Trolly Host Central Association

The 184th session of the Central Association of SC FWB Churches met on Saturday, December 30, 1989, with Mt Trolly FW Baptist Church, Galivants Ferry, SC.

Neil Hinson, assistant pastor of Mullins-Marion FWB Church, gave the morning devotion. His devotional thought was "Whom Are You Serving?", taken from Acts 17:23. He referred to several Bible characters who served their self interest and closed with remarks from the life of Joseph, who served God. J. W. Hyman, pastor of Happy Home FWB Church, Conway, delivered the message in the morning worship hour.

The Ordaining Council report recommended that Austin Martin be approved for licence to preach the gospel. The body gave approval.

There are three home mission works under the auspices of the association. Two of the mission pastors were present and gave reports on their work; Brother Ray Cribb, pastor of Socastee FWB Mission Church, Socastee and Robert Baker, pastor of Immanuel FWB Mission Church, Cool Springs. The third mission church, Gopher Wood FW Baptist, is pastored by Ronald Hewitt. It is located on highway 410 north west of Conway .

Officers elected to serve the body for 1990 are: Moderator, Bill Jacobs, pastor of Mullins-Marion FWB Church, Mullins; Assistant Moderator, Julius Hall, pastor of Little Bethel FWB Church, Johnsonville; Clerk, Benny Inman, layman with Mt Ariel FWB Church, Conway; Treasurer, Larry Bell, pastor of Mt Ariel FWB Church; Assistant

Treasurer, Duncan Drew and Executive Board member, J. W. Hyman.

The April 28, 1990 session will be hosted by Mullins-Marion FWB Church, Mullins, SC.

Mt. Elon from page 5

thirty three years later, on a cross, when Jesus died for our sins.



Bike Riders Awaiting The Signal To Begin The 20 Mile Course.

New Prospect Bike-A-Thon Nets Over \$6,000

New Prospect Christian School, a ministry of New Prospect FWB Church, held its annual Bike-A-Thon fund raising project on Saturday, October 28, 1989. This year they included a Walk-A-Thon for those who could not participate in the bike riding. The bikers entered a 20 mile course and the walkers a 5 mile course.

Award winners in the Bike-A-Thon were Ronnie Coker, 1st place, riding the 20 miles in 48

minutes and Scott Cagle, 2nd place, finishing the course in 56 minutes.

The award given for raising the most money in the Bike-A-Thon went to Daniel Altman, with a total of \$218.00. The Walk-A-Thon Award went to Mrs Everette Ard. She raised \$210.00.

It is reported that Joe Cagle, pastor of the church and school administrator, rode his bike the entire 20 miles. **But then he was trapped between some third graders and couldn't get out!** He raised \$2,785.00 (non competitive funds).

The total of all funds raised amounted to \$6,110.75. The money is used for school purposes.



The Bible Readers. BR-LR Laurie Mouzon, Billy Harrelson, Tony Harrelson And Rex Harrelson. CR-LR Frances Mouzon, Jean McCown, Sussie Owens, Cheryl Harrelson And Jean Ann Mouzon. FR-LR Wayland Owens, Alice Mouzon, Lila Harrelson, Bonnie Harrelson And Siah Mouzon.

First Church Kingstree Honors Bible Readers

Four years ago the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kingstree, SC established the "All '66' Bible Club". The program was designed to encourage the members to read the Bible through each year.

Pastor Wayland Owens stated, "The program has been very successful". In 1989 14 members read through the Bible and on Sunday morning, January 14, each person was awarded a plaque for their accomplishment.

The above photo caption reveals the names of the honored folks. A member of the club not

shown is Laura Burgess. Mrs. Jean Ann Mouzon has read the Bible through for four consecutive years.

State Promotional Director, Norwood Gibson, was guest speaker in the morning service and presented the slide presentation on India in the night service. On a previous occasion Pastor Owens overheard Brother Gibson state that he read the Bible through each year. After the awards were given to the members he surprised him by awarding him a plaque as an honorary member of the club.

Also in the morning service, Brother Gibson was presented a check for \$605.00, the church's gift for the 1989 "Pop" Willey Missions Offering. This small congregation is to be commended for giving this large gift.



Supervising The Mortgage Burning Are: Pastor Bobby Bowers And The Trustees That Signed The Note; Rev. William Porter, Fran Porter And Ann Prather.

First Greenville Burns Mortgage

Joy and excitement prevailed in the congregation of First FWB Church, Greenville, SC on Sunday, December 3, 1989. It was mortgage burning day which rendered the church debt free. It was a double mortgage, the original long term loan secured to construct the first building and subsequent loans for additions and remodeling purposes.

The church recently purchased an acre of land across the street from their facilities at a cost of \$15,000.00, which is also paid for. They will construct a Family Life Center facility on this property in early 1990.

Special music for the morning service was provided by the church choir, the church trio consisting of Tim and Randy Bowers, and Randy's wife Julie, and guest soloist, Gary Vanderford. The Lord anointed the singing which set the spirit for many heart warming testimonies.

Brother Norwood Gibson spoke briefly to the congregation; conveying greetings and commendation to the church for their splendid progress. He also shared with the congregation some comments about his trip to India. Pastor Bobby Bowers delivered a short message from the Word of God; a message that was excellent in content and brief enough to close the service on a spiritual high note.

Congratulations are in order to this fine church for this great accomplishment.

Keen Elected To Serve National Youth Organization

On Wednesday afternoon, July 19, 1989, during the National Youth Conference, teens gathered to form a national Free Will Baptist youth organization. The organization was given the name TEAM (Teens Equipped and Active in Ministry). The Youth Ministries Division of Randall House Publications is the sponsor of the organization.

Chris Truett, a senior from Smithfield, North Carolina was elected as the charter president. He led the teens in the election of Vice President Donald Myers, a senior from Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Secretary Charity VanWinkle, a senior from Fulton, Mississippi.

John B. Keen, son of Pastor and Mrs. Danny Keen, was elected as state representative to serve South Carolina. John is a senior at Maranatha Christian school. Brother Danny is pastor of Peace FWB Church in Florence.

The basic concept of the program is to organize our youth so that they can better communicate with each other and share their ideas with each other as well as the entire denomination.

One purpose of the organization is to develop a newsletter/magazine for teens. It will be published quarterly to begin with and hopefully develop into a monthly subscription magazine. The first issue will be ready for distribution in Phoenix, AZ, July 1990.

Mt Carmel Reports Progress

The congregation of Mt Carmel Free Will Baptist Church, York, SC have, with joy, experienced a good measure of progress in their church for 1989. And they are grateful to the Lord for it.

An addition was made to the parsonage to provide for a pastors study and a garage. They purchased a 12 passenger van and in December they began a bus ministry with a large bus which they already owned. The first Sunday the bus brought in 23 people for Sunday school.

Larry Collins, who was called to preach under the church's ministry, and now ordained, was called to a pastorate with Mountain View FWB Church, Kings Mountain, NC.

Mrs. Sandra Cody, wife of the church pastor, John Cody, had suffered a long time with the loss of her sense of smell. She sought medical help, but the final decision was, we cannot help you. The church continued to pray and the Lord brought healing. One morning she arose to smell the bacon cooking.

I suppose the greatest of all the progress is that the pastor left his secular employment to serve the church on full time basis. This was a big step of faith on the part of the church and pastor, but the Lord has honored it.

We certainly commend this fine church and pastor for this outstanding progress.

Up-Coming Events

EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY - Saturday, February 10, 1990. Hosted by Hillside FWB Church, Florence, SC. Mrs. Elmina Poston is the district president.

CENTRAL DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY - Saturday, February 17, 1990. Hosted by Mt Ariel FWB Church, Conway. Mrs. Faye Hanna is the district president.

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY - Saturday, February 24, 1990. Hosted by Beulah FWB Church, Pamplico. Mrs. Carolyn Riddick is the district president.

BEAVER CREEK DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY - Saturday, March 3, 1990. Hosted by Whitney FWB Church, Spartanburg. Mrs. Gwen Hendrix is the district president.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION - Saturday, March 17, 1990. Hosted by First FWB Church, Florence. Mrs. Frances Poston is the state president.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION - Thursday and Friday, February 15-16, 1990. Hosted by the Central Association at White Savannah FWB Church, Conway. Earl Hendrix is the Moderator.

BEAVER CREEK EVANGELISM-CHURCH GROWTH CONFERENCE - Monday night, Tuesday and Tuesday night, March 12-13, 1990. Hosted by Whitney FWB Church, Spartanburg. The National Home Missions Department team will conduct the program. Y'all Come, y'hear.

Pastor To People

By Leroy Lowery

Pastor of First FWB Church
Chester, SC

Sometimes when I try to help a person turn to Christ and be saved he says, "Preacher I would like to be a Christian, but I just can't give up my evil ways". I appreciate the honesty of such a response, but at the same time such a person needs to look at their condition from God's viewpoint.

First of all, God says that to be saved a man must turn from his evil ways. Jesus said, "except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish". Not only will a wicked man be lost in eternity, but even in this life he will reap a terrible harvest if he continues on in sin. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap". Galatians 6:7. Yes, O wicked man! you must give up your evil ways if you are to ever know peace with God.

Furthermore, God not only requires that men turn from their sins, but He says that they can. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me". Philippians 4:13. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20.

You, who are putting Christ off because you will not give up your evil ways are in a dangerous position indeed. I urge you to turn from your sin and cast yourself upon the mercy of the Lord today. He can and He will save you if you will only come to Him.



**Ernest Floyd
With The Lord**

Funeral services were held on December 22, 1989 at Wildwood Free Will Baptist church, Nichols, SC for Mr. Ernest Floyd. Officiating in the service were Jack Strickland, his pastor and Larry Bell, a former pastor. Burial was in the cemetery of Wildwood FWB Church, conducted by Cox and Collins Funeral Home. Mr. Floyd, a native of Horry County, SC was a retired farmer. He went to be with the Lord on December 20th, at age 70.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille Bullock Floyd, a native of Horry County; three daughters, Ernestine F. Huggins, Beatrice F. Lewis and Patricia F. Coleman, all of Nichols and three sons, Ronald Floyd, Billy Earl Floyd, of Nichols and Donald Floyd of Ohio; sixteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Brother Floyd was a Christian for 30 years. A new church was being established by Pastor Rupert Collins in about 1965 and services were being held in Mr. Floyd's home. It was in one of the services in his home that he was saved. At the time the church was named Bakers Community Church, but in later days it was renamed Wildwood Free Will Baptist Church.

He aided in the planting of the church and served it faithfully his entire Christian life. The past thirteen years he served as a deacon. He left a testimony that befits a Christian well; "He Was Faithful".

Death for the Christian is a grand departure from this world to Glory. Brother Floyd left his home in Nichols for his mansion on Grace Lane in heaven. The Bible says, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints".

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