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**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH
CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS, INC. 89**

**DIRECTORY OF STATE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS,
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

STATE OFFICERS

Moderator	Sherwood Lee (SC)
Assistant Moderator	Buddy Seay (CA)
Clerk	Todd Smith (BC)
Assistant Clerk	Carol Bazen (SC)
Treasurer	Marty Cox (CA)
Assistant Treasurer	Mitch Edge (BC)
Member at Large	Doug Mathis (EC)
Member at Large	James Sanders (BC)

GENERAL BOARD

Tim Hackett	BC - 2006
Todd Parrish	SC - 2006
Daggett Duncan	PC - 2006
Doug Mathis	EC - 2006
Billy Baker	CA - 2006
Phil Lemmons	TL - 2006

Also Executive committee and Field Directors or Chairman of Boards.

FIELD DIRECTORS - Term Ending 2008

Home Missions	Earl Hendrix (BC)
Youth Ministries	Cyrus Shoffner (SC)
Youth Conference (Previously CTS)	Jonathan Kell (SC)

CHILDREN'S HOME

Roy Roach	Director
Bennie Turner	EC - 2006
Larry Hawkins	SC - 2007
Paul Childers, Member at Large	TL - 2008
Larry Collins	PA - 2009
Eddie Hinson	TL - 2010
Allen Goodman	CA - 2011
Tim Hackett, Chairman	BC - 2012

YOUTH MINISTRIES (previously Youth Camp):

Jonathan Postewaite	SC - 2006
Carol Bazen	SC - 2007
Marty Cox	CA - 2008
Todd Parrish	SC - 2009
Larry McAlister	EC - 2010

HOME MISSIONS

Earl Hendrix	Director
Larry McAlister	EC - 2006
Daggett Duncan	PA - 2007
Robert Rose	SC - 2008
Mitch Edge	BC - 2009
Theron Scott	CA - 2010

General Board Member to National Mike Jones, Executive Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sherwood Lee, Moderator	SC - 2006
Buddy Seay, Asst. Moderator.	CA - 2006
Todd Smith, Clerk	EC - 2006
Marty Cox, Treasurer	CA - 2006
Doug Matthis , Member at Large	EC - 2006
James Sanders, Member at Large	BC - 2006

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Marty Cox	CA - 2006
Allen Goodman	CA - 2006
Jody Wynn	SC - 2007
Kenneth Cash	BC - 2008

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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Allen Goodman	CA - 2006
Jody Wynn	SC - 2007
Kenneth Cash	BC - 2008

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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Todd Smith, Clerk	EC - 2006
Marty Cox, Treasurer	CA - 2006
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Mike Jones, Executive Secretary	

2005 Minutes
South Carolina State Association
Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Conway, SC
February 24-25, 2005

Thursday Morning - February 24th

The meeting was led in congregation song by Bro. David Murphy, Music minister at Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, SC. Bro. Murrell Young (EC) opened in prayer. A devotion was shared by Rev. Chuck Thorton (PC). The State Association was called to order by the Clerk, Todd Smith. Bro. Buddy Seay welcomed everyone to Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church on behalf of the Central Association. Bro. Neil Hinson (CA) shared a special prayer for Bro. Larry Monday’s mother due to physical sickness. Bro. Larry Monday is the host pastor for our state meeting.

Our moderator, Bro. Sherwood Lee, entertained a motion to seat the delegates. It was MSC to seat the delegates.

It was MSC to accept the Partial Credentials Committee Report **(Appendix 1)**

Visitors, including Foreign Missionaries, National Representatives, Free Will Baptist Colleges, and other visitors, were welcomed to the State Association Meeting. Visitors were given every right but that of voting at our state meeting.

Our Moderator, Bro. Sherwood Lee, appointed the Committee on Committee members:

- Mitch Edge, Chairman, BC
- Billy Baker, CA
- Joe Cagle, EC
- Daggett Duncan, PA
- Cyrus Shoffner, SC
- Eddie Henson, TL

It was MSC to accept the Executive Committee Minutes and General Board Report **(Appendix II)**.

It was MSC to lay on the table the following constitutional change:

(A) The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament was given by inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

(B) God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are to love, adore, and obey supremely.

(C) Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh in His divine nature truly God, in human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever-present Savior and Lord.

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(Z) Missions. We believe that God has given the church a great commission to proclaim the Gospel to all nations so that there might be a great multitude from every nation, tribe, ethnic group, and language group who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. As ambassadors of Christ we must use all available means to go to the foreign nations and not wait for them to come to us. (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:20).

(AA) Lawsuits Between Believers. We believe that Christians are prohibited from bringing civil lawsuits against other Christians or the church to resolve personal disputes. We believe the church possess all the resources necessary to resolve personal disputes between members. We do believe, however, that a Christian may seek compensation for injuries from another Christian's insurance company as long as the claim is pursued without malice or slander. (I Cor. 6:1-8; Eph. 4:31-32).

It was MSC to accept the Children's Home Report as given by the new Director, Bro. Roy Roach, and as given in the Digest of Reports (**Appendix III**).

Bro. Tim Hackett, the Chairman of the SC FWB Home for Children shared information concerning financial indiscretions by the

former director of the Children's Home.

It was MSC since we do not have the complete report of the SC FWB Children's Home due to an ongoing forensic audit, we put all of this information aside until the report is completed. After the audit is completed, the auditor will meet with the Children's Home Board and the South Carolina Free Will Baptist Executive Committee. These two boards will then make a report to a called meeting of the General Board. If the Children's Home Board, the South Carolina Free Will Baptist Executive Committee, and the General Board feel it is necessary, the State Moderator can call a special state meeting.

It was MSC to accept the report of the SC Free Will Baptist State Office and Book Store as given by Bro. Mike Jones and as given in the Digest of Reports (**Appendix IV**).

It was MSC to accept the SC FWB WAC report as given in the Digest of Reports (**Appendix V**).

It was MSC to accept the SC FWB State Treasurer's report as given by Bro. Marty Cox and as given in the Digest of Reports. (**Appendix VI**).

It was MSC to accept the State Historian Report as given in the Digest of Reports (**Appendix VII**).

It was MSC to accept the Committee on Committees report as follows:

Nominating Committee:

Timmy Larrimore (BC)

Tommy Bryson (CA)

Danny Stone (EC)

Larry Collins (PC)

Cyrus Shoffner (SC)

Eddie Hinson (TL)

Melvin Pressley (TL)

Leroy Lowery (SC)

Chuck Thorton (PC)

Resolutions Committee:

Todd Black (BC)

Philip Tipton (EC)

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**Thursday Morning Worship Service
February 24, 2005**

Bro. David Murphy led in a congregational hymn. Special music was presented by Bro. Bruce Kimbrel, Bro. Todd Parrish, Bro. Jonathan Kell, and Bro. David Murphy. Bro. Doug Mathis preached a stirring message from 2 Kings 10 concerning "Is Thine Heart Right with God?". His message stated that in order to be unified, we need to have the Right Heart, the Right Hand, and the Right Zeal.

**Thursday Afternoon
February 24, 2005**

Bro. Mickie Britt (CA) led in prayer. Bro. Neil Hinson (CA) preached a devotion from John 17:20-22 on "Unity in Jesus."

It was MSC to accept the Home Missions Board report as given by Bro. Earl Hendrix and as given in the Digest of Reports. (**Appendix VIII**)

Bro. Todd Smith shared greetings on behalf of the Home Mission work in Aiken, SC.

Bro. Rick Bowling shared greetings on behalf of the Home Mission Hispanic Ministry.

Bro. Fernando Bustamante, Hispanic Missionary in Effingham, SC shared greetings to the state body.

Bro. Gerardo Rodriguez, Hispanic Missionary to Una, SC shared greetings to our state body. Bro. Gerardo will be starting a mission work in Greer, SC.

It was MSC to accept the National Foundation report as information as given by Bro. Bill Evans, Director of the Foundation.

It was MSC to accept as information the report of Bro. James Forlines, the Director of International Missions.

Bro. Andy Moore shared greetings on behalf of International Missions in Brazil.

It was MSC to accept the Youth Ministries report as given by Bro. Cyrus Shoffner and as given in the Digest of Reports (**APPENDIX IX**). Bro. Cyrus Shoffner shared information regarding the Youth Retreat that will take place March 11-13th at Myrtle Beach, SC. Bro. Cyrus Shoffner also shared information about Summer Camp. This year, camp will not be held at Woodman of the World, but it instead will be held at a camp in Marian, SC.

It was MSC to accept the Youth Conference Report as given by Bro. Tim Bowers and as given in the Digest of Reports (**APPENDIX X**).

It was MSC to accept as information the Free Will Baptist Bible College Report as given by Bro. David Williford.

Bro. A. C. Allen, the Free Will Baptist Bible College Board representative shared greetings on behalf of the college.

It was MSC to accept as information the Southeastern Free Will Baptist College as given by Bro. Howard Gwartney.

It was MSC to accept as information the Gateway Christian College report as given by Dr. Bruce Barnes.

It was MSC to accept the National Association Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement report as information as given by Bro. Ray

Lewis. Bro. Ray shared that the National Free Will Baptist Foundation and Board of Retirement will have separate Offices by October 2005.

It was MSC to accept the National Association of Free Will Baptist Home Missions report as information as given by Bro. Larry Powell, the director of the National FWB Home Missions department.

[RECESS]

**Thursday Evening Worship Service
February 24, 2005**

The Call to Worship was given by Temple Free Will Baptist Praise Team. The welcome was given by Bro. Buddy Seay. The Congregation sang "We have Come into His House." Special Music was provided by the mass combined choir. The congregation sang "Old Time Gospel Medley," and the offering for the State Office was received. The amount of the offering was \$2,831.00. The White Savannah Free Will Baptist Church trio sang "It Will Be Worth It After All." Bro. Earl Hendrix preached a stirring message entitled "The Prayer of the Master" from John 17:20-21. An invitation was given to conclude the service.

**Friday Morning
February 25, 2005**

Bro. Todd Parrish, pastor at Temple FWB Church, Darlington, SC led in congregational songs.

Bro. Melvin Pressley (TL) shared a very good devotion from John 21:16-17 concerning Jesus' desire that we feed the sheep.

It was announced that the Thursday evening offering for the SC Free Will Baptist State Office was \$2,831.00.

It was MSC to accept the Final Credentials Committee Report (**APPENDIX XI**)

It was MSC to bring off the table the constitutional change regarding the Articles of Faith that were laid on the table in Thursday's session.

It was MSC to accept the following Constitutional Addition to be placed under the Preamble of the South Carolina Original Free Will Baptist Constitution and By-Laws:

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Bro. Keith Burden, the National Association of Free Will Baptist Executive Secretary shared greetings from the National Office. He shared that the theme for the 2005 Convention will be "Pleasing God." Bro. Burden also shared that the loan that was taken out for the 2003 convention will be paid off this year Lord Willing. He also shared the new denominational magazine is entitled "One Magazine." Bro. Burden brought greetings for Randall House Association. Bro. Ron Hunter was unable to be at our state meeting due to sickness in his family. It was MSC to accept Bro. Keith's report as information.

It was MSC to accept as information a report from Bro. Mike Jones regarding Bro. Tim Johnson. Tim and Kristi Johnson were unable to be with us due to the fact that Bro. Tim had to be admitted into the hospital. Please be in much prayer for Bro. Tim and Sis. Kristi. An update report was given later that Bro. Tim is

doing better.

It was MSC to accept as information a report from Bro. David Newton, regarding the Gwen Hispanic Institute, Inman, SC. Bro. David is working to help promote the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute.

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It was MSC to accept the Resolution Committee Report (**APPENDIX XII**)

Thursday Morning Worship Service February 25, 2005

Bro. Todd Parrish led in a congregational hymn. The Carters from New Life Free Will Baptist Church, Conway, SC shared special music. Bro. Donnie Miles preached a message from the book of Nehemiah regarding Unity. Our unity involves a Motivation, a Method, and a Man Who Championed Unity.

Business Continued

After the morning worship service, it was MSC to accept the Nominating Committee Report (**APPENDIX XIII**).

Announcements were made regarding various revivals.

The Caters from New Life shared a closing song.

It was MSC to **ADJOURN**.

**APPENDIX I
PARTIAL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

All conferences have reported. The registration is as follows: 82 ministers, 32 delegates, 20 visitors, and 6 National Representatives.

**APPENDIX II
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
AND GENERAL BOARD REPORT**

South Carolina Free Will Baptist Executive Committee Minutes
June 22, 2004 – Florence, SC:

The Executive Committee met to plan the program for our February 24-25th, 2005 State Meeting. It was MSC to accept the following program:

Thursday, Feb 24, 2005

10am- Rev. Chuck Thornton, Palmetto Conference, Peace, Spartanburg

11am- Rev. Doug Mathis, Eastern Conference, Williams Hill, Hemingway

1pm- Rev. Neil Hinson, Central Conference, Mullins-Marion, Mullins

7pm- Rev. Earl Hendrix, Beaver Creek Conference, Inman

Friday, Feb 26, 2005

9am- Rev. Melvin Pressley, True Life Conference, Cornerstone, Chester

11am- Rev. Donnie Miles, S C Conference, Peace, Florence

1am- Moderator's Message- Rev. Sherwood Lee

Song Leader- Rev. Bruce Kimbrell

Theme- "Building Through Unity".

Location- Evergreen FWB Church, Conway (Central Conference)

Thursday Night Offering – Goes to SC FWB State Office.

It was MSC to accept the SC FWB State Office Report as given by Bro. Mike Jones.

Executive Committee meeting with the General Board
on Tuesday, August 31st, 2004

Home for Children, Turbeville, SC. The meeting was opened in prayer

by Bro. James Sanders. Scripture was read by Bro. Buddy Seay. Our moderator, Sherwood Lee shared the purpose of the meeting.

It was MSC to adopt the following statement of faith to be added to the South Carolina Original Free Will Baptist State Association Constitution and also add it to each individual ministry constitution within our State Constitution:

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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It was MSC to add the above statement of faith to the Home for Children constitution.

MSC to adjourn.

**Executive Committee Meeting
January 3, 2005 - Florence, SC**

The Executive Committee met to finalize the program for our upcoming state meeting.

It was MSC to accept the Executive Secretary's Report.

It was MSC to adopt the Articles of Faith from the Free Will Baptist Treatise with the following statement regarding "Human Sexuality" to replace the Statement of Faith adopted at the called meeting by the Executive Committee that met at the Free Will Baptist Home for Children on August 31, 2004. These Articles of Faith will be placed in the South Carolina Original Free Will Baptist Constitution.

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*Note: The above Articles of Faith would be placed in the South Carolina Original Free Will Baptist Constitution below the Preamble.

**Executive Committee Minutes
Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Conway, SC
February 23, 2005, 9 AM**

- 1) The Executive Committee met with Bro. Tim Hackett, the Chairman of the Children's Home Board, in regard to a forensic audit that is currently going on in regard to the Children's Home finances.
- 2) The Executive Committee MSC in light of any potential misunderstanding, to resend its motion made on January 2, 2005 at our meeting in Florence, SC regarding a replacement Statement of Faith for the constitution. We recommend bringing the original document that was passed on August 31, 2004 to the General Board meeting to be determined if any corrections need to be made.

**General Board Meeting
Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Conway, SC
February 23, 2005, 10 AM**

The meeting was opened with scripture reading by our moderator Bro Sherwood Lee. Our meeting was opened with prayer.

- 1) It was MSC to accept the South Carolina Free Will Baptist Executive Committee minutes.
- 2) It was MSC to receive the original Statement of Faith as passed at the Children's Home on August 31, 2004, with the following changes:
 1. The following statement is to be added to the end of (S): However, we believe that there are other godly individuals that hold other eschatological views.
 2. Add the word "metrosexuality" after the word "fornication" in (U).
 3. Change the words "employee of the church" to "employee of the state" in (U).
 4. Change the words "they may not be" to "they are not to be" in (X)
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(Z) Missions. We believe that God has given the church a great

commission to proclaim the Gospel to all nations so that there might be a great multitude from every nation, tribe, ethnic group, and language group who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. As ambassadors of Christ we must use all available means to go to the foreign nations and not wait for them to come to us. (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:20).

(AA) Lawsuits Between Believers. We believe that Christians are prohibited from bringing civil lawsuits against other Christians or the church to resolve personal disputes. We believe the church possess all the resources necessary to resolve personal disputes between members. We do believe, however, that a Christian may seek compensation for injuries from another Christian's insurance company as long as the claim is pursued without malice or slander. (I Cor. 6:1-8; Eph. 4:31-32).

General Board Minutes Continued

3) It was MSC to accept the Children's Home report as given by Bro. Roy Roach and as given in the Digest of Reports.

4) It was MSC to receive information concerning financial indiscretions by the former director of the Children's Home. The information was shared by Bro. Tim Hackett, the Chairman of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children.

5) It was MSC that each entity and agency within our state report monthly to their perspective board or committee.

6) It was MSC to accept the SC FWB State Office and Book Store report as given by Bro. Mike Jones and as given in the Digest of reports. It was MSC to receive the financial report and the adoption of the budget.

7) It was MSC to accept the Youth Conference Report as information as given by Bro. Tim Bowers and as given in the Digest of Reports. Also, Bro. Tim Bowers, submitted a verbal resignation for his position as Director of the SC FWB Youth Conference.

8) It was MSC to accept the SC Free Will Baptist Youth Ministries report as given by Bro Cyrus Shoffner and as given in the Digest of

Reports. Please continue to pray for Bro. Richard Conyers who as Director of the Youth Ministries has committed much time to the Youth Ministries in our state. He is currently undergoing treatments for cancer.

9) It was MSC to accept the Home Missions report as given by Bro. Earl Hendrix and as given in the Digest of reports. Bro. Earl also shared some brief information regarding the new Hispanic work in Effingham, SC. Also, Bro. Gerardo will be starting a mission work in Greer, SC.

10) It was MSC to accept the SC WAC report as given in the Digest of Reports.

11) It was MSC to accept the SC FWB Historian Report as given in the Digest of Reports.

12) It was MSC to accept the SC Free Will Baptist State Treasurer's report as given in the Digest of Reports

It was MSC to adjourn.

APPENDIX III

**Free Will Baptist Children Home for Children
2004 Report To The South Carolina State Association**

Greetings from your Free Will Baptist Home for Children. The year 2004 was an interesting year for all of us. As you all know by now Mr. & Mrs. Wilhide has retired and moved back to Lancaster. My wife Paula and I have moved in and we are trying to learn what to do. The hours are long but it is all worth it when we think about the children and their needs. As you look over the report you will notice the giving from the South Carolina FWB is down, we pray next year things will come back up and as we know God knows our needs and He will supply.

We have 21 children presently and we have served 14 other children during the year for a total of 35. We never know from one day to the next when we will get a call so we always have a place ready for that need.

Thank you for caring for the children and staff. The most important thing to remember is to PRAY for us every day. Our staff is a good group of Christians who are allowing God's will to be done in their lives.

Remember other than God the most important thing around here is taking care of the children. Please come by and visit with us any time. Remember this is your Children's Home.

South Carolina Churches

Beaver Creek Association

Converse, Spartanburg	\$700.00
Fairview, Spartanburg	200.00
Fairview Womens Aux	100.00
First, Chester	1,099.96
First Chester Men's Bible	100.00
First, Enoree	1,255.00
First, Greenville	943.00
First, Greenwood	634.87
First, Inman	50.00
Gaffney, Gaffney	497.00
High Point, Lancaster	757.48
High Point Junior Boys Cl	15.00
High Point Women's Aux	780.00
Lesslie, Rock Hill	827.50
Liberty, Lancaster	5,330.47
Lockhart, Union	1,884.40
North Spartanburg, Inman	261.52
Parkway, Boiling Springs	3,235.00
Southside, Aiken	490.00
<u>Una First, Una</u>	<u>500.00</u>

Total \$19,661.20

Central Conference

Damascus, Conway	933.00
Damascus Ladies Aux	205.00
Cornerstone, Whiteville	6,000.00
Evergreen, Conway	1,547.00
Freedom, Tabor City	100.00
Free Welcome, Conway	20.00
Grace, Loris	100.00
Little Bethel, Johnsonville	1,200.00
Little Star, Johnsonville	330.00
Little Star, Lake City	30.00
Mt. Ariel, Conway	600.00
Mt. Trolly, Galivants Ferry	5,925.52
Oak Grove, Conway	1,594.50
Pee Dee, Conway	155.00
Riverside, Conway	100.00
Socastee, Surfside Beach	10.00
Socastee Original, Myrtle Beach	55.00
South Conway, Conway	1,820.30
Sweet Home, Myrtle Beach	100.00

Unity, Johnsonville	1,300.00
Westside, Johnsonville	3,367.77
Westside Senior Saints	200.00
White Savannah, Conway	1,392.46
<u>Wildwood, Nichols</u>	<u>517.22</u>
Total	\$27,602.77

Eastern Conference

Cypress Fork, Manning	\$705.00
Eastern Conf., Johnsonville	400.00
Fellowship, Manning	80.00
Freedom, Ladson	1,034.76
Gilead, Scranton	1,787.40
Happy Home, Andrews	2,400.00
Hickory Hill, Gresham	855.00
Hillside, Florence	400.00
Mill Branch, Johnsonville	1,488.47
New Prospect, Pamplico	845.00
New Vision, Hemingway	500.00
New Vision Adult SS Class	1,200.00
Olanta, Olanta	200.00
St. John, Pamplico	479.37
St. John, Coward	3,055.55
Walkers Chapel	1,330.57
<u>Williams Hill</u>	<u>1,340.00</u>
Total	\$18,101.12

Palmetto Conference

Bethel, Fort Mill	\$500.00
Bright Light, Thomasville	20.00
New Vision, Rock Hill	50.00
Peace, Spartanburg	100.00
<u>Peace Golden Teens</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$720.00

South Carolina Conference

Bay Branch, Timmonsville	\$1,879.00
Bethany, Timmonsville	2,692.00
Beulah, Pamplico	4,813.25
Black River, Andrews	877.00
Camp Branch, Scranton	1,500.00
Columbia, Columbia	111.00
Eastside, Florence	200.00
Fellowship, Florence	379.85
First, Charleston Heights	1,415.86
First, Darlington	577.34
First, Florence	2,449.84

First Original, Hartsville	901.52
Bible, Darlington	500.00
Grace, Lake City	2,450.95
High Hill, Scranton	379.82
High Hill Ladies Aux	120.00
Horse Branch, Turbeville	8,921.41
Immanuel, Santee	920.36
Immanuel Womens Aux	295.00
Jefferson Road, Sumter	306.33
First, Kingstree	820.00
Lebanon, Effingham	7,125.73
Liberty, Manning	793.12
Low Country, N. Charleston	2,672.11
Lynches River, Scranton	780.00
Midlands, W. Columbia	230.00
Mt. Elon, Pamplico	998.61
Mt. Elon Womens Aux	100.00
Mt. Elon Young Adult SS	300.00
New Town, Lake City	2,530.00
New Town Mellette Circle	120.00
Pamplico, Pamplico	944.08
Peace, Florence	2,081.96
Poplar Hill, Hemingway	1,855.00
Salem, Scranton	824.30
Sand Hill, Coward	4,580.32
Southside, Darlington	802.40
Southside Adult Bible Class	25.00
St. Johns, Patrick	1,084.18
Tabernacle, Coward	1,200.00
Temple, Darlington	867.40
<u>Victory, Andrews</u>	<u>513.40</u>

Total \$75,971.91

True Life Conference

Calvary, Lancaster	\$300.00
Faith, Smyrna	300.00
Gloryland, Rock Hill	501.24
Heart Land, Lancaster	400.00
<u>True Life Association, Lockhart</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Total \$1,601.24

North Carolina Churches

Blue Ridge Association

Cedar Hill, Asheville \$686.00
Fairview, Marion 1,000.00
Faith, Morganton 300.00
Harriett Mem., Forest City . . . 2,329.68
Harriett Mem. Mothers Class . . 195.00
Hill Top, Travelers Rest 1,000.00
Rocky Pass, Nebo 600.00
Total **\$6,110.68**

Coastal Association

Hamlet, Rockingham \$350.00
Jesus, Hamlet 2,752.00
Victory, Leland 119.00
Total **\$3,221.00**

Foothills Association

Bethel, Nebo \$176.75
Mt. Bethel, Weaverville 962.04
West Fifth Ave. Gastonia . . . 1,011.25
Total **\$2,150.04**

Piedmont Association

Arrington Heights, Lexington \$358.35
Emmanuel, Dallas 231.25
Ephesus SS, Blounts Creek . . . 905.53
Maple Street, Rockingham . . 1,595.00
Mt. Olive, Jamesville 537.50
Prince of Peace, Kannapolis . . . 200.00
Total **\$3,827.63**

Palmer Association

Heritage, Fremont \$90.00
Immanuel, Winterville 259.00
Northview, Statesville 40.00
Oak Grove, Elm City 6,321.30
South Point, Belmont 2,000.00
Southside, Rockingham 3,130.87

Unity, Greenville 1,550.00
Total **\$13,391.17**

Pamlico Association

Cedar Grove, Williamston . . . \$162.50
Mt. Olive Aux 537.50
Total **\$700.00**

Randall Association

Faith, Rockingham \$1,550.00
Fellowship, Dunn 794.48
Glenwood, Rockingham 250.00
Immanuel, Durham 762.00
Prospect, Dunn 600.00
Tippetts Chapel, Clayton 275.31
Victory, Goldsboro 706.33
Total **\$4,938.12**

Western Piedmont Bible Fellowship Association

Center Grove, Waxhaw . . . \$2,181.28
Total **\$2,181.28**

Total Income from Churches

FWB SC Churches \$143,658.24
FWB NC Churches 36,519.92
All Other Churches 42,999.88
Total **\$223,178.04**

Total Income

Churches \$223,178.04
Groups & Organizations & Business & Individuals 309,596.67
Total **\$532,774.71**

Expenses

AUTO \$31,302.31
CHILD'S PERSONAL 13,364.68
EDUCATION 6,618.95
FOOD 33,707.98
INSURANCE 62,115.28
HOUSE PAYMENTS 36,246.07
MAINTENANCE 42,564.30
OFFICE 23,633.36
PROMOTION 28,367.81
Newsletters 4,131.96
RETIREMENT 6,000.00
TRAVEL 328.40
UTILITIES 45,226.45
WAGES, taxes 200,612.23
Total **\$534,219.78**

General Fund

Income for 2004 532,774.71
Expenses for 2004 534,219.78
Balance 12/31/04 **\$87,703.80**

Proposed Budget

Auto Expense \$15,000.00
Child's Personal 15,000.00
Education 8,000.00
Food 35,000.00
Insurance 65,000.00
House Payments 10,000.00
Operational Loan 30,000.00
Maintenance 32,000.00
Office 25,000.00
Promotion 35,000.00
Utilities 48,000.00
Wages, Taxes, etc. 211,000.00
Total **\$529,000.00**

Salaries

Director \$29,172.12
Assist. Director. 21,445.20
Secretary 24,024.00
Dorm Parents 75,990.72
Dietician 15,357.00
Housekeeping 14,742.00
Total **\$180,731.04**

Top 10 SC Churches

1. Horse Branch, Turbeville-SC \$8,921.41
2. Lebanon, Effingham-SC 7,125.73
3. Cornerstone, Whiteville-CC . 6,000.00
4. Mt. Trolly, Galivants Ferry . . . 5,925.52
5. Liberty-Lancaster-BC 5,330.47
6. Beulah, Pamlico 4,813.25
7. Sand Hill, Coward 4,580.32
8. Westside, Johnsonville-CC . . . 3,367.77
9. Parkway, Boiling Springs-BC . 3,235.00
10. St. John, Coward-EC 3,055.55

APPENDIX IV - 2004 SCFWB State Office and Christian Bookstore Report



South Carolina Free Will Baptists Churches continue to grow and build and reach souls for Jesus. It is exciting to talk with preachers and hear how God is working among His people. It is a good time to be a Free Will Baptist in South Carolina!

The SCFWB State Office continues to **oversee the finances** for the operation of the State Office, the SCFWB Plan of Support, the FWB Christian Book Store, the SCFWB State Home Mission Board, the Prosser Trust Fund, the Paula Jones Medical Fund, the

Pam Hackett Medical Fund, the SCFWB Minister's Benevolent Fund, the Historical Commission Fund, the SCFWB CTS Fund, the Travis Poston India Land Fund, and the South Carolina Vision Fund for India. In addition we assist with the finances for special projects for Missionaries and Conferences.

The Office also helps Pastors seeking churches and churches who are seeking a Pastor. Other Information needed by churches; and prayer and support needs for missionaries are also provided through the office.

Information is also provided by publishing our state newspaper, "The Informer" and by maintaining our state web site- www.SCFWB.Com.

The State Office continues to operate as frugally as possible. We appreciate everyone who contributes to the State Office. We encourage those churches who are not supporting to consider putting \$50 per month in their budget for the work of the State Office. God is doing a great work among Free Will Baptists in South Carolina; let's keep up the progress.

Your Free Will Baptist Christian Book Store **Thanks You** for your patronage and support. Your support and Brother Rickey's wise management has allowed the Book Store to pay the utilities as well as the salary budget for the Book Store Employees in 2004. We continue to seek more and better ways to help the ministry of Free Will Baptist Churches in South Carolina.

BOOK STORE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm
(Phone orders will still be accepted Monday - Friday 8:30- 5:30). [Brother Rickey works at the Book Store Monday thru Thursday. Friday is his day off. Saturdays he carries our traveling Book Store to Conference Meetings. Sundays he preaches and visits in Free Will Baptists Churches all across our state.]

Let us know if there is any way we can help your ministry needs.
Book Store: (843) 662-8682 or 1-800-319-2346. State Office (843) 662-5010
Rev. Mike Jones, SCFWB Executive Secretary.

2005 SCFWB State Office Salary Budgets				
	Mike Jones	Rickey Evans	S.O. Sec.	B. S Sec.
Federal/State Tax	\$4,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Housing	\$10,800.00	\$9,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retirement	\$3,600.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christmas	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Health Insurance	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Life Insurance	\$1,488.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salary	\$15,512.00	\$20,700.00	\$3,300.00	\$5,300.00
TOTAL	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,500.00
2005 Budget for SCFWB State Office				
Salaries				\$84,000.00
Publish, distribute "Informer"				\$9,000.00
Travel, Van Expense				\$10,000.00
Office Expense/Conf Expense/ Maintenance				\$8,000.00
TOTAL 2005 State Office Budget				\$111,000.00

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2004 SCFWB MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND ACCOUNT REPORT:
Paid to Mrs. Jimmy Brown \$1638.00
Balance 12-31-04 \$1456.00

We presently have 56 members. Remember, this is NOT insurance. It is a Benevolent Gift to help members during time of Death. The fee is \$26 per member per death occurrence (\$25 is distributed and \$1 is used for postage and administration). It is open to any minister in good standing, his wife, or the widow of a minister in good standing upon his death. Contact the State Executive Secretary for more details.

2004 SCFWB State Office INCOME and EXPENSE	
2004 INCOME	
Plan of Support Gifts to State Office	\$51,953.13
Women's Auxiliary Gifts to State Office	\$560.00
Income from Services at Churches	\$6,969.48
Interest Income	\$20.01
Mission Trip Income	\$730.19
SC State Association- Informer Allowance	\$4,880.00
Work done for Others- Reimbursed	\$1,108.15
Rebates, Insurance claims	\$3,624.90
Total	\$69,845.86
Salary Gifts from FWB Book Store	\$38,400.00
TOTAL INCOME to the State Office	\$108,245.86
2004 EXPENSES	
Informer Expense	\$8,082.33
National/ Leadership Conference Expense	\$1,324.88
Office Supplies / Computer Expense	\$2,781.98
Insurance on Building	\$1,581.00
Building Repairs (Includes Storm Damage)	\$1,881.57
Cell phone/ internet expense	\$1,038.93
County Trash Tax	\$32.09
Paid for others- Reimbursed Expense	\$739.30
Payroll taxes- Part time Help	\$503.60
Postage	\$720.45
Literature-Plaques to distribute	\$195.00
Meals while traveling	\$186.16
Motels	\$1,253.36

Mission Trip Expense	\$3,091.37
Van Gas	\$2,613.34
Van Insurance	\$748.00
Van Maintenance	\$304.34
State Office Secretary Pay	\$3,515.00
Book Store Help Pay	\$3,067.50
Book Store Manager Pay	\$35,000.00
SCFWB Executive Secretary Pay	\$40,000.00
Total Expense	\$108,660.20
Praise the Lord. In 2004 the FWB Christian Book Store was able to pay all utilities (Nearly \$7000.00) as well as contribute the salary needs of the FWB Christian Book Store Employees.	

2004 FWB Christian Book and Supply Income and Expense	
INCOME	
Interest	\$51.13
Sunday School Curriculum Sales	\$166,027.84
Book Sales	\$11,839.26
Song Books and Music	\$4,565.99
Gifts, Jewelry, Cards, Videos	\$644.09
Flags, Flag Poles	\$3,099.50
Bibles	\$12,328.46
Church Supplies, Bulletins	\$5,545.45
General Merchandise	\$19,937.03
Shipping Fees	\$11,099.71
Vacation Bible School	\$11,105.17
Bulletin Service for Churches	\$8,097.49
Total Income	\$254,341.12

BOOK STORE EXPENSES	
Curriculum	\$118,793.83
General Merchandise	\$22,545.70
Vacation Bible School	\$7,011.06
Pastor/ Church Discounts	\$4,912.31
Bulletins	\$5,645.77
In Coming Shipping Expense	\$5,799.66
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$164,708.33
Gross Profit	\$89,632.79
EXPENSES	
Mission Trip Expense	\$2,723.00
Utilities	\$6,910.00
Gift to State Office	\$38,400.00
Office Supplies, Advertising, Bank Charges	\$3,263.53
Shipping	\$6,298.82
Travel	\$2,082.34
SS Lit Distribution, Inventory Correction	\$1,562.95
Assistant Director Cell Phone	\$916.56
Various Expenses, Bad Debt, etc.	\$3,309.44
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$65,466.64
BOOK STORE NET INCOME*	\$24,166.15
*This includes money that is owed to the Book Store but has not been received yet and the necessary funds to operate.	

SOUTH CAROLINA PLAN OF SUPPORT REPORT- 2004	
INCOME	
Beaver Creek Conference	\$119,107.11
Central Association	\$111,542.12
Eastern Conference	\$100,893.46
Palmetto Conference	\$17,722.12
South Carolina Conference	\$597,423.84
True Life Conference	\$4,519.00
SCWAC- Women's Auxiliary	\$78,727.46
Various	\$47,577.32
TOTAL	\$1,077,512.43
DISTRIBUTION- 2004	
TEAM Summer Missionaries	\$5,899.55
SC Conference Mission Conference	\$1,535.15
National Board of Retirement	\$971.78
National Co-op Gifts	\$866.43
NAFWB Foreign Missions	\$459,723.00
NAFWB Home Missions	\$162,513.15
NAFWB Executive Secretary	\$3,934.79
NAFWB Master's Men	\$363.41
Rest of the Family	\$429.84
Carlisle Hanna India Direct	\$25,731.24
National Media Commission	\$300.00
FWB Bible College	\$87,996.80
Southeastern Bible College	\$11,472.16
Gateway Christian College	\$2,258.00

Beaver Creek Bible Institute	\$3,220.53
SCFWB Children's Home	\$109,269.80
Northgate Mission- Rev Chad West	\$3,130.00
SCFWB State Office	\$59,572.61
Immanuel, Santee- Rev H. Hyman	\$2,872.15
Liberty, Orangeburg	\$1,450.00
Fellowship, Manning- Rev Turner	\$1,575.09
Poston Baggett Loan Fund	\$41.63
SCFWB Home Missions	\$29,343.73
Church Training Service	\$41.63
Youth Camp	\$293.43
WNAC Distributions	\$60,816.12
Florida Disaster Relief	\$1,119.00
Other Ministries	\$40,771.41
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	\$1,077,512.43

Thank God for the Generous Giving of South Carolina Free Will Baptists. This is the **LARGEST TOTAL EVER RECEIVED** in one year through our Plan of Support. Thank You for helping to maintain ministries and reach the world for Christ.

Church giving through the State Office:

1997	\$615,570.52
1998	\$719,287.65
1999	\$769,000.00
2000	\$902,461.42
2001	\$1,007,556.71
2002	\$937,235.51
2003	\$1,015,211.41
2004	\$1,077,512.43

APPENDIX V
South Carolina Free Will Baptist
Women Active for Christ Annual Report

The South Carolina Women Active for Christ 56th annual state meeting was held on March 20, 2004 at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Lancaster, SC. The theme for the meeting was "Courage to Stand." There were 146 in attendance, including 28 delegates, 103 visitors, 4 ministers, 3 missionaries, and 8 state officers. Gerardo Rodriguez and Rick Bowling were our guest speakers for the day. The WAC of South Carolina raised money for the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute.

The next state meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2005 at Fairview Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, SC. The theme for the meeting is "Christ our Shield and Great Reward."

Kind Regards,
Teresa Smith

SC WAC Secretary
Faye Hanna
President

APPENDIX VI

SC State Treasurer's Report 2004			
Beginning Balance			1,578.82
Income January 1 - March 31			
Beaver Creek Association		4,290.00	
Central Association		4,620.00	
Eastern Conference		2,640.00	
Palmetto Conference		825.00	
True Life Conference		1,155.00	
South Carolina Conference		6,600.00	
Special Offering		1,532.00	
Total Income			21,662.00
Balance			23,240.00
Expenditures: January 1 - March 31			
Executive Committee Meals		64.16	
Executive Committee Mileage		213.00	
Honorarium - David Gibbs		2,000.00	
Honorarium - Clerk		500.00	
Honorarium - Treasurer		250.00	
Printing - Registration Committee		27.30	
Supplies - Registration Committee		97.39	
Informer Fund - Executive Office		4,880.00	
Dues to National Association		12,200.00	
Printing - Digest of Reports		259.70	
Postage - Digest of Reports		207.50	
Envelopes - Digest of Reports		16.94	
Labels - Digest of Reports		12.73	
Postage		35.73	
Checks		19.00	
Total Expenditures			20,783.45
Balance - March 31, 2004 (Funds Transferred)			2,457.37
Expenditures: April 1 - December 31, 2004			
Printing		652.33	
Room for David Gibbs (State Mtg. 2004)		80.99	
Executive Committee Meeting		33.98	
Executive Committee Mileage		406.50	
Postage		313.06	
Envelopes		67.36	
Total Expenditures			1,554.04
Ending Balance - December 31, 2004			903.33

APPENDIX VII

State Historian

With the passing of time, the year of 2004 has been added to the historical record of South Carolina Free Will Baptists. Again, it has been an honor to serve you in the capacity of State Historian. During this past year, several articles were published in THE INFORMER. I am grateful to the Executive Office for providing this forum. I was able to present History Seminars at twelve churches. Several lines of research have opened into churches, ministers and events that contributed to our origin and early organization. Work is ongoing on a manuscript that could become the basis of a published account. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Bro. Joe McKnight

APPENDIX VIII - Home Missions Report

Southside Free Will Baptist Mission

1411 E. Pine Log Rd • PO Box 5418
 Aiken, SC 29804
 (803) 644-3771

In the first couple of years as a Home Missionary I often felt frustrated wandering “when is it going to happen!” The fears of the unknowns seemed to over whelm my heart at that point in my life. But I remember the very day that I came home and said in a prayer, “God I can’t do it; I need your help.” It was if God said, “That’s what I wanted all along.”

Ever since and even to this day, I never cease to be amazed at the harvest that God is producing from seeds planted in the past 5 years. Yes, there have been ups and downs, but I can think of no better place to be than to be serving God as a Free Will Baptist Home Missionary. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your leadership on this board.

Our tithes and offerings have increased from \$1,931.00 in January 2002 to an average of \$5,528 per month in 2004 thus far.

Our lowest attendance when we came was my family of 5 in the very beginning to our highest attendance of 123 on a special day. On Sunday, November 7, 2004, we had an attendance of 106 for “Friends and Family Day.”

We are in getting ready for our fifth semester of FAITH outreach at our church. This outreach ministry has been a wonderful discipleship and growth ministry for our church. God continues to use this ministry on a weekly basis.

The stories are endless of the lives of people that have been changed, of the people who now know who and what Free Will Baptist are about who didn’t have a clue before, and most importantly of the people who have turned to Christ because of a Free Will Baptist Church in Aiken, SC that belongs to God. It is His work; we are his people; and He is gleaning a Harvest.

In Christ,
 Bro. Todd W. Smith

Finances

Building Loan

Original Principal \$230,000.00
 Original Span of Loan 15 Years
 Maturity Date of Loan January 2015

Started Making Principal and Interest Payments January 2000 after Building was Finished

Three and a Half Years Later....

The Loan was re-amortized in June of 2003 when the interest rate dropped to 7 % when the principal amount was \$201,975.00

Our building loan payment is \$2,024.11 per month.

Loan Principle Balance - January 1, 2005 \$179, 146.41

There is a little less than 10 years left to pay on the loan.

Home Missionary Monthly Salary:

Housing (House Pay, Prop Taxes, and Utilities)	\$1,200.00
Taxes and Soc. Security	542.67
Auto / Travel	300.00
Retirement	13.86
<u>Base Salary</u>	<u>\$1,396.73</u>
Total	\$3,453.26

*Health and Life Provided as a Benefit - \$468.74

2005 Monthly Budget Based on 2004 Expenses

Operational Expenses:	Monthly
Utilities (Electric & Gas)	\$500.00
Phone	160.00
City Water	45.00
Property Insurance	160.00
Building Loan Payment	2,024.11
Copier Maintenance	55.00
Lawn Care and Terminex	150.00
Supplies	50.00
Audio	15.00
<u>Maintenance Repairs</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total Operational Projected Expenses	\$3,184.11
Ministry Expenses:	
Aiken Home Mission Account Support (10%)	\$600.00
Hospital and Funeral Ministry	40.00
Sunday School Literature	150.00
VBS	\$64.58
Revivals & Outside Guest	200.00
Outreach Ministry	235.00
Printing & Promotional	100.00
Youth (Patch the Pirate, etc.)	80.00
Postage & Mailings	50.00
Holidays and Events	55.00
Ladies Ministry	25.00
<u>Men's Ministry</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total Ministry Expenses	\$1,624.58
Total Proposed Budget Expenses	\$4,808.69

**The First Sunday night offering in each month is divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

HISPANIC REPORT 2004-2005

LAST PAST YEAR –

WE ARE SO HAPPY BECAUSE GOD WAS WORKING AMONG HISPANIC PEOPLE:

- A) AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AROUND 80 PER SUNDAY.
- B) AVERAGE OFFERING Four Hundred Fifty dollars.
- C) A TOTAL 112 PERSONS ACCEPT JESUS AS SAVIOR IN 2004 AND 7 WAS BAPTIZED.
- D) MORE THAN 12.500 TRACTS WAS USED FOR EVANGELISM AT TRAILERS PARK, FLEA MARKETS, LAUNDRIES, SUPERMARKETS, ETC.
- E) WE DRIVED MORE THAN 18.000 MILES FOR VISIT PEOPLE JUST IN SPARTANBURG AREA.
- F) AT THIS TIME WE STARTED 2 SMALL MISSION WORK: WEST GATE MALL AREA AND BOILING SPRINGS AREA
- G) AT THIS TIME SOME ORGANIZATIONS FROM SPARTANBURG KNOW FREE WILL BAPTISTS ARE WORKING AMONG HISPANICS, FOR THIS REASON, THEY CONTACT US FOR DIFFERENT SUBJECTS, FOR EXAMPLE: City Hall, Herald Journal, Sheriff Office, Personal Solutions, City Hall Committee for Hispanic Affairs, Spartanburg Regional and more.
- H) ONE SPECIAL SERVICE WITH HISPANICS AT INMAN FIRST FWB CHURCH WITH ATTENDANCE MORE THAN 160 PEOPLE (Saturday, Oct.30)

GOALS FOR 2005

- A) CONTINUE TO IMPACT PEOPLE AT UPSTATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
- B) CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR UNA CHURCH: Maturity and faithfulness.
- C) TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR 2 SMALL MISSION WORK AS PLATFORM FOR A GROWING NEW CHURCH.
- D) OUR CHURCH IN UNA WILL START (January/2005) TO SUPPORT Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute WITH MONTHLY HELP AROUND One Hundred Fifty dollars EVERY MONTH AND, ON THIS WAY, HELP Inman First FWB TO PAY BILLS.
- E) SEND OUR FIRST TWO STUDENTS TO Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute.

APPENDIX IX

SC Youth Ministries Treasurer's Report 2004

Beginning Balance	10,073.82
Income	19,205.64
Deposits	19,194.05
Interest	11.59
Total	29,279.46
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Woodmen of the World Rent/Retreat Rooms	7,149.00
Food (Camp & Retreat)	3,930.52
Board Meetings	128.17
Mileage	694.53
Honorariums	1,945.00
Canteen	724.43
Postage/Mailing	178.23
Activities	2,373.65
Insurance	270.10
Overpayment (reimbursement)	35.00
Promotional	45.12
Petty Cash	150.00
Misc. Supplies	51.96
Checking Service Fee	6.00
Total Expenditures	17,681.71
Closing Balance	11,597.75

Proposed Budget for 2005

<u>Income:</u>	20,500.00
Registration (Retreat/Camp)	20,100.00
Church Gifts	400.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Summer Camp Rent/Retreat Rooms	10,000.00
Honorariums	2,000.00
Food	3,800.00
Board Meetings/Mileage	900.00
Canteen	700.00
Activities	2,400.00
Insurance	300.00
Promotional	200.00
Misc.	200.00
Total	20,500.00

2004 SC Free Will Baptist Youth Ministries Report

2004 was an exciting year to be involved in youth ministries. Our "Spring Retreat" was in Spartanburg, SC, April 16 & 17. Everyone enjoyed the super facilities of the Radisson Hotel where the conference was held. 78 teens and 35 adults from 13 different churches statewide were in attendance to hear Bro. Joe Tolbert, graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, deliver several challenging messages. The response was phenomenal; 1 first time decision for Christ and on Saturday morning 50 stood shoulder to shoulder declaring to be "all they could be for Jesus." Bro. Bruce Kimbrell and Youth Ministries Board Member Bro. Todd Parrish lead the singing and worship for the spirit filled weekend. Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College was represented by Bro. Matt Jones. Activities included Frankie's Fun Park, skating, Ghatti-town Pizza and lots of fun at the convention site. Director, Bro. Richard Conyers and the board members appreciate the Pastors and Churches participating.

Our summer camp, held at Camp Beaver Lake, was blessed with 99 juniors and 46 teens. Bro. Joe Tolbert, speaker for our teen retreat, was recommended to return as our teen Evangelist. James "Zany" Saddler spoke to our juniors with various tricks and illusions for the fun time. 13 decisions and 7 rededications for Christ were accounted for at the week's end. ("Glory!" as Bro. Mike would say.) Again, many teens committed themselves to "Finish the Race." This year Director, Bro. Richard Conyers was assisted by all of his Board Members: Music lead by Bro. Todd Parrish, along with Bro. Bruce Kimbrell; Canteen, Bro. Cyrus Shoffner; Bro. Carroll Bazen, Media Rep. and miscellaneous jobs; Bro. Larry McAlister, ready, available, and helped in "anything & everything"; Bro. Marty Cox, Cook.

Churches participating in camp were Camp Branch, New Vision (Rock Hill), First Florence, Pamplico, White Savannah, Fellowship (Manning), Midlands, Peace (Florence), Cornerstone, Evergreen, Northgate, Temple, Southside, Emmanuel, Bathany, St. John (Patrick), Lebanon, Jefferson Road, Leslie, Beulah (Pamplico), Mt. Trolly, Faith (Darlington), Gilead, Grace, and Lockhart. Several Pastors and many volunteers help make this a very rewarding week.

SC Free Will Baptist Youth Ministries and Board, Churches and Pastors would like to thank Brother Richard L. Conyers, his wife Brenda and their Children for their years of dedicated loyalty, commitment and sacrifice to the Youth Ministries of South Carolina.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Marty Cox, Interim Field Director, Treasurer
 Board: Carroll Bazen, Todd Parrish, Cyrus Shoffner, Larry McAlister

APPENDIX X
South Carolina Association of
Original Free Will Baptist Churches
Youth Conference
Annual Report

In the eyes of God, the 2003-2004 year of competitive activities was a strong success. Several churches from the South Carolina Conference represented our state well in the National Youth Conference competitive activities in Kansas City, Mo. in July, with numerous of our youth bringing home medals and trophies. The fellowship with other Free Will Baptist youth also helps make all of the hard work and fund raising worth the effort.

Competitive activities offer not only a means for personal success and satisfaction, but also serve in grounding the church of tomorrow in the scriptural and doctrinal truths necessary to spread the Gospel in the coming generations. These endeavors deserve the support of parents, pastors, church leadership, and this association. Pray for the youth and their leaders as they continue to serve God in this unique and exciting manner.

While the number of churches competing has declined over the last few years, the quality of competition has remained high. The involved churches keep the conference strong and hold the fort through the low ebb of the cycle. Any church wishing to participate would be welcome. Simply ask and information will be provided.

Again, please pray for the leadership of our conference, the workers in the churches, and the youth as they prepare for the upcoming State Rally in May. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Free Will Baptist youth of South Carolina; it has been a great honor. Pray for the man who follows.

To God's Glory,
 Rev. Tim Bowers

Youth Conference 2004 Financial Report

BALANCE 12/31/2003				832.86
2/29/2004	DEP		Monthly Giving:Hartsville - First FWB Ch	3.66
3/31/2004	DEP		Monthly Giving:Hartsville - First FWB Ch	6.2
5/1/2004	DEP		Monthly Giving:Hartsville - First FWB Ch	3.89
5/31/2004	DEP		SC Conference	1190
6/1/2004	1698	National Youth Conv	National Registration Fee	-1085
6/2/2004	1702	Randall House	CTS Metals	-124.16
7/1/2004	DEP		Monthly Giving:Hartsville - First FWB Ch	7.04
8/1/2004	DEP		Monthly Giving:Hartsville - First FWB Ch	3.54
10/1/2004	DEP		Monthly Giving:Hartsville - First FWB Ch	7.75
11/30/2004	DEP		Monthly Giving:Hartsville - First FWB Ch	3.87
12/31/2004	DEP		Monthly Giving:Hartsville - First FWB Ch	5.68
TOTAL 1/1/04-12/31/04				22.47
BALANCE 12/31/2004				855.33
TOTAL INFLOWS				1231.63
TOTAL OUTFLOWS				-1209.2

Balance Sheet

ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Florence County National Bank	\$855.33
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$855.33
TOTAL ASSETS	\$855.33
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	\$0.00
EQUITY	\$855.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$855.33

Youth Conference Income Statement

INFLOWS	
Monthly Giving	
Hartsville - First FWB Church	41.63
TOTAL Monthly Giving	41.63
SC Conference	1190
TOTAL INFLOWS	1231.63
OUTFLOWS	
CTS Metals	124.16
National Registration Fee	1085
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	1209.16
OVERALL TOTAL	22.47

**APPENDIX XI
FINAL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Income Record for State Meeting:

Conf.	# Ch.s	Fee/Ch	Total Fee
BC	25	\$165.00	\$4,125
CA	28	\$165.00	\$4,620
EC	16	\$165.00	\$2,640
PC	4	\$165.00	\$660
SC	40	\$165.00	\$6,600
TL	7	\$165.00	\$875
Total		Total Fees	\$19,520

Digest of Income for State Association:

Conference Fees -Total # Churches = <u>120</u> X \$125		\$15,000
Other Income: Offering Thursday Night for State Office		\$2,831
Other Income:		\$
Amt Due on Informer	Total # Churches = <u>120</u> X \$40	\$4800
Grand Total of Income		\$22,631

APPENDIX XII
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1) Be it resolved that this South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists send a letter or e-mail to each of our elected representatives, House and Senate, asking and encouraging them to support Governor Sanford's bill know as "PPIC (Put Parents in Charge) Act." Be it resolved that we take a stand to put parents in charge and bring real reform in the education of our children in South Carolina.

Also, we encourage each pastor to take a list of the names of our elected House and Senate members and make this list available in every church and that each pastor encourage each member to contact by calling, writing, or emailing their representatives and ask them to support the bill "Put Parents in Charge" Act.

2) Whereas, the South Carolina State Association always has been patriotic, loving God and country, and whereas, we now have troops in various parts of the world involved in the struggle against world wide terrorism, be it resolved that we support our troops through encouragement and prayer.

3) Whereas the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists believe in the biblical teachings on marriage, be it resolved that we reaffirm the Biblical position of heterosexual marriage.

4) Whereas the Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Conway, SC and whereas the Central Association have been a wonderful host for this South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Meeting, be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to this church and association for their fine hospitality.

Respectfully Submitted,
Your Resolution Committee
Leroy Lowery (SC), Chairman
Todd Black (BC)
Philip Tipton (EC)
Melvin Pressley (TL)
Chuck Thorton (PC)

APPENDIX XIII

Nominating Committee - February 24, 25, 2005 State Meeting,
Evergreen FWB Church, Conway, SC

One Year Term Ending 2005

STATE OFFICERS & PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Moderator: Replacing Sherwood Lee(SC) Sherwood Lee
Asst. Moderator: Replacing F. "Buddy" Seay, Jr. (CA) Buddy Seay
Clerk: Replacing Todd Smith (BC) Todd Smith
Asst. Clerk: Replacing Carol Bazen (SC) Carol Bazen
Treasurer: Replacing Marty Cox (CA) Marty Cox
Asst. Treasurer: Replacing Mitch Edge (BC) Mitch Edge
Member at Large: Replacing Doug Mathis (EC) Doug Mathis
Member at Large: Replacing James Sanders (BC) James Sanders

Three Year Term Ending in 2008

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Note: The State Treasurer automatically serves on the Finance and Credentials Committee

Replacing Kenneth Cash (BC) Kenneth Cash

Five Year Term Ending in 2010

YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD - Replacing Larry McAlister(EC) Larry McAlister

YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD - Replacing Cyrus Shoffner's Unfulfilled term. Jonathan Postlewaite, youth pastor at Bethany FWB Church

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Replacing Theron Scott (CA) Theron Scott

Seven Year Term Ending in 2012

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

Replacing Tim Hackett (BC) - Tim Hackett

DIRECTOR

Youth Conference - Replacing Tim Bowers - Jonathan Kell, Youth Pastor at Horsebranch FWB Church, Turbeville, SC

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