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TWELFTH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOME GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES OVER \$40,000- Glory!!

Finally figures were not in at press time but all indications are that this year's Tournament total will exceed last year's total- Praise the Lord!

SCFWB Children's Home Director, Rev. Roy Roach, commended the Golf Tournament committee for their continued support and their years of hard work. Twelve years ago when the Tournament began it took in just over \$2800.00. What a joy to see that increase to this year's total.

Mr. Ivan Miles is one of the organizers of this tournament and serves as chairman. In addition to he and Brother Roach, others serving are Larry Hawkins, Ernest Broach, A.C. Allen, Mac Atkinson Sr., Leverne "Speedy" Bazen, Johnny Howle, Rev. Jody Wynn, and Tony Porter.

Other recent blessing for the Home include:

- A \$6300 gift to the home from the youth group of Fairview FWB Church (see page 2).
- A person from Pamplico FWB Church heard about the Home needing a tractor and they donated a tractor, bush hog, and disc blade.
- New Vision FWB Church (Pastor Rodney Wilson), donated a 26 passenger bus to the Home.
- Southside FWB Church of Darlington (Pastor Leroy Lowery), brought a team to the Home and painted 8 rooms, 4 bathrooms and a hallway.
- Oak Grove FWB Church, Conway (Pastor Tommy Bryson) donated 25 gallons of paint

Remember that Children's Home day is Saturday, November 4, 2006. Every Church is urged to receive a special offering on the last Sunday of October (Time Change Sunday) for the annual "Use the Time Change to Change a Child" Offering.



STATE TEEN RETREAT NOVEMBER 3-5, 2006

This year's State Teen Retreat looks to be the best one yet. State Youth Ministries Director, Rev. Cyrus Shoffner, said a great time of activities have been planned- Maze Mania, Gilligan Island Putt-Putt, a 2 1/2 hour Boat Trip through the saltwater marsh of Murrell's Inlet guided by a marine biologist, and a supper show at the Dixie Stampede- as well as spiritual activities to help develop the spiritual growth of those who attend.



Calling All TEENS!

Registration Forms are available at the SCFWB State Office, from the state web site: www.scfwb.com, and a copy will be included in your packet of "Informers".

The registration deadline is October 25th. The cost is \$105 per person before the deadline and \$115 after the deadline. A \$25 deposit is required for each registration.

Because of the need for advance reservations for these activities, only the first 84 people to register are guaranteed a place. Be sure and register early.

Check out the newly revised Children's Home web site- www.HomeforChildren.com. On this site you can make on-line donations, check the directors' schedule, look at the admissions policy, find out how to contact the Children's Home board members, etc. Rev. Doug Western is the webmaster. (Please note that individual pictures of the Children are not posted because of the present moral and legal climate in America)



On August 27th, at Fairview Free Will Baptist Church, Cowboy Rodeo Roy Roach preached the 48th Homecoming. At the end of the service the **Fairview Student Ministries Youth Group** presented Roy & Paula Roach a check for **\$6,312.56** for the SCFWB Home for Children (Glory!). The Youth Director Brian & Sonya Webb, the Knights (Youth Leaders) and the Youth Group have had numerous fund raisers plus a golf tournament to raise these funds for the Children's Home. It was a great day for all present. (Left to right are Brian Webb, Paula and Roy Roach, and Pastor Tim Hackett).



Grace FWB Church, Lake City dedicated their new Family Life Center on Sunday, August 20, 2006 with a great celebration of God's provision and goodness. Pastor Carroll Bazen said that items worth over \$70,000 had been donated during the construction of the Family Life Center- Basketball goals, the Gym Floor (\$12,000), a complete commercial kitchen (\$25,000), Bleachers, Window Blinds, Tables and Chairs, a plasma TV so the people in the Kitchen

could see the church services- and on this dedication day someone had even donated the meal that was served after the service! (Pictured are Pastor Carroll Bazen and the Church Building Committee).

The Church had to borrow \$150,000 in order to complete the building project but that was loaned to the church by several businessmen at no interest and when the Church celebrated Home Coming on Sunday, Sept. 10th it was announced that \$100,000 of that loan had been "forgiven"- Is there a glory anywhere in the House!!

Rev. Ernest and Carole Barnes ended 23 years of ministry at Midlands FWB Church of Columbia on Sunday, August 27, 2006. The church had a dinner in their honor at a local restaurant as well as several other events to celebrate their years of service.

Brother Ernest's future plans are uncertain but he is presently available to speak and fill in as needed. He can be reached at (803) 796-9356.



Rev. Mark (wife- Myra, Children: Michael and Mirisa) **Leonard** is the new pastor at Mt. Elon FWB Church, Pamplico. Brother Mark and family have ministered in Tenn., Ohio, and South Carolina. They have worked in Christian Schools for 25 years and have been involved in youth work since college (Brother Mark served on the Ohio Youth Board for 24 years; as chairman for the last 3 years).

This fine couple is very talented in the area of music and are very active in denominational ministry. Mrs. Myra is originally from the Florence area and she is excited to get back to her "southern roots".

WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST held their 71st convention in Birmingham, Ala. this year. with 953 people registering. This year's theme was "Set Your Hearts" from Deut. 32:46.

Two young mothers challenged seminar attendees to instill in their children a heart for missions. Jenny Blair, Oklahoma pastor's wife and stay-at-home mother of two reminded women to teach God's Word to their children. She offered practical tips to help mothers and grandmothers talk to their children about the Lord.

Angie Outlaw, missionary appointee and mother of five shared her strategies for giving kids a heart for missions. She outlined ways women can share their hearts through experiences, projects, stories and relationships.

The Tuesday business centered around change. WNAC Managing Editor Sarah Fletcher cast a vision for future ministry. In order to seek God's direction for effective ministry to younger women, WNAC is designating January-August 2007 as a season for prayer. A special eight-month study on prayer by Lorene Miley will guide women in the personal practice of prayer. Attendees received copies of the new WNAC Ministries Guide (Available from the SCFWB State Office) and got a glimpse of **Together With God magazine**, which will replace the 46-year-old publication, CoLaborer in January 2007. The new magazine will continue to fulfill the mission of WNAC—helping women understand and fulfill the Great Commission. The main feature of "Together With God" will be interactive women's Bible studies with monthly and weekly small group meeting options.

The changes coincide with a change in the organization's calendar year. Starting in 2007, WNAC's program year will run from September to August. The July Convention will premier the theme for the upcoming year. Delegates also approved moving WNAC Emphasis month from August to May, with Mothers' Day designated as WNAC Emphasis Offering Sunday.

Delegates voted to give a total of \$4,500 in Cleo Pursell Foreign Student Scholarships to fund the education of Christian workers in Cuba, Cote d'Ivoire, South India, Russia and Mexico. A special offering received in the morning service gleaned over \$1,500 of the amount. Eighty-seven year old missionary, Icy Mae Frederick shared her vision for tomorrow and won the hearts of Tuesday's Fellowship Luncheon attendees with her humor and amazing accounts of her solo trek to Haiti to share the love of Jesus. The crowd of 400 gave \$1,500 toward her dream for building a hospital on the island.

Throughout the convention, women contributed to the 2006 WNAC National Project: Christmas Joy for Central Asia, by hanging gift envelopes on a Christmas tree at the WNAC Booth. The gifts (\$15 per child) will be distributed to orphans and special needs children in January 2007, when a team of WNAC leaders will travel to Kazakhstan.

Highlights:

- "Co-Laborer" magazine will be replaced by "Together with God" in 2007.
- Emphasis Month will move from August to May with Mother's Day designated as the time for the Emphasis Offering.
- A special book on prayer was written by Missionary Lorene Miley to guide women to a deeper prayer life.
- A special Highlight of the Convention was when Mrs. Pam Hackett (Wife of Pastor Tim Hackett of Fairview FWB Church) received First Place in the WNAC Creative Arts Contest in the category of Articles.

We congratulate these Winners in these Categories of the 2006 Student and Children's Ministries Competition:

Bible Memorization - Grade 2 2nd Place Caleb Gandy SC Grade 6 3rd Place Kaylynn Wells SC

Grade 12 2nd Place Mary Kathryn Driggers SC

Bible Sword Drill Grade 4 3rd Place Jessica Hyman SC / Truthquest Sr. High 2nd Place Tiffany Johnson SC

Vocal Solo Group B 1st Place Whitney Thigpen SC / Male Vocal Solo Group D 1st Place Bryce Mims SC

Vocal Duets Group B 1st Place Horse Branch Duet SC / Vocal Trios 3rd Place Joybells SC

Vocal Quartets Group A 3rd Place Horse Branch Quartet SC Group D 3rd Place Horse Branch Quartet SC

Small Vocal Ensembles Group B 2nd Place Grace SC

Large Vocal Ensemble Group B 2nd Place Horse Branch Choir SC

Keyboard Group C 3rd Place Tyler Donaldson SC / Illustrated Storytelling Group B 1st Place Ellen Parrish SC

Group Drama Group A 1st Place Horse Branch Drama SC Group B 2nd Place Horse Branch Drama SC

Puppetry-Live Group C 3rd Place Double A's Puppetry SC

Poetry Group A 1st Place Micayla Robinson SC Group D 2nd Place Paige Ellis SC

Graphics Group A 3rd Place Calbe Gandy SC Group C 2nd Place Samantha Nephew SC

Would you like to get your Young People involved in these competitive activities? Contact State Youth Conference Director, Rev Bruce Kimbrell at (843) 393-4003 or brcrka@aol.com



Sunday, September 10th was a special day at **First FWB Church of Kingstree** as Pastor Wayland Owens honored long time workers in the church with special plaques of appreciation. It was a joyous time of celebration as the Pastor (and others) shared how these individuals had made a difference in their church and in the lives of others. What a joy to see those who are often forgotten being remembered.

Rev. James Dalton “Jimmy” Miller, III, 62, passed away Friday, August 25, 2006 at his home. Brother Jimmy had pastured at Dublin FWB Church of Dublin, Georgia; Grace FWB Church of Lancaster; Damascus FWB Church of Conway; Hillside FWB Church of Florence; Parkway FWB Church of Spartanburg; Gaffney FWB Church of Gaffney; Eastside FWB Church of Spartanburg and Freedom FWB Church of Ladson. He was also a U. S. Navy Vietnam War Veteran.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 28, 2006 at New Life Church of Lancaster with the Rev. Joe Cagle, Dr. Tommy Bryson, Rev. Mitchel Ingram, and Rev. Kevin Smith officiating. Brother Jimmy is survived by his wife Melanie Player Miller; a son, Scott Miller and his wife Teresa of Rock Hill; a daughter, Sandra Hammond and her husband Robert of Spartanburg;



A report on the work of the **Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute** by NAFWB Home Missions Hispanic Director, Rev. Rick Bowling.

God is extending the work through the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute. We now have students going into difference parts of the United States and throughout Latin America starting new works.



Aaron Lopez moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico after graduating from the Institute.

The natural thing for him to do was to begin reaching out to the people of Santa Fe with the gospel. Now he has a group of people meeting regularly in his home studying the Word of God. They have called us and really would like to build an Hispanic Church in New Mexico. God continues to work!

From our work in Inman South Carolina. A man from Zanmora Mexico had come to the states to work for a better life for his family in Mexico. This is a city in Mexico with a population of over ten thousand people who have no gospel witness. The church in Michaican Mexico has been praying that God would open this little city for years.

To make a long story short, this man accepted the Lord in Inman South Carolina and decided to take the gospel back to his family was more important than sending money. He has gone back and won his family to Christ. The family got a real burden for their friends so now they are too many to meet in the home so they meet under a shade tree in the park. Everyone accepting Christ in this little group, immediately lose their water and power to their homes. The priest is still in control of the city.

God is also working at the Institute. A young man named George has come to study this semester. He is the son of the family who went back to Zanmora Mexico. Guess what! He will be returning to that city after he graduates from the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute. When I spoke to him several weeks ago, I asked if he was a preacher. His reply was, I am asking God to call me to preach. I am praying that God will call him too, You see, this group of people need a pastor to lead their church. They have already been given a spot of land in the city to build a church building.

Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute, which is a Ministry of the National Home Missions Department, is the key to training Hispanic Leaders to reach their Country and the 40 million in the United States. To help in supporting this vital Ministry, earmark it to the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute.

Bits and Pieces from here and there:

(I do not have pictures or details yet. Here are the “bare facts”)

- **Bethany FWB Church** of Timmons ville recently called **Rev. Earl Hanna as Pastor**. Brother Earl is originally from South Carolina but he most recently was pastor (13 years) of First FWB Church of Jacksonville, NC. He began Liberty FWB Church in Orangesburg as a Home Mission. He and wife, Bernice, have been married for 47 years. They have 2 children.

- **High Point FWB Church** or Lancaster recently called **Rev. Cliff Wilson** as Pastor. He is from Homer’s Chapel FWB Church of North Carolina and was a member of the Blue Ridge Association of North Carolina which has also recently given us Rev. Brian Bird (First, Greenville) and Rev. Alan Sailors (New Prospect, Pamplico). He is married (sorry I do not have a wife name yet) with 2 children at home ages 4 and 12.

- **North Spartanburg FWB Church** recently called **Rev. Terry Miller** as Pastor. Brother Terry comes here from Shady Grove FWB Church in Alabama. He and wife, Tammy, have 5 boys ranging from 8-16.

- The VBS at **Black River FWB Church** (Pastor Jeff Cockrell) raised \$1000 for Bikes for India- Glory!

- **Rev. Paul Reid** is recovering from a fall in early July. The fall pulled his left arm out of its socket and broke the humerus bone. He underwent surgery and is going through Therapy. Pray for he and Mrs. Mary during this time.

- Remember that **October is “Roll Call” Month** this year. Each Church is asked to plan a special Sunday in October and then send the attendance from that day to the State Office (You can call; mail to SCFWB, P O Box 13266, Florence, SC 29504; or submit it from the state web site-www.scfwb.com).

- Pray for the Executive Secretary and his lovely wife as they **visit Missionaries Tim and Kristi Johnson in Spain Sept. 22-28**. (The Lovely Princess Paula gets to go because we had enough points for a free airline ticket for her- Glory!).

Report from Missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole:

Greetings from Ribeirão Preto. It is cool here today. Had snow in the southern part of Brazil. We have asked prayer for special meetings we will have each week-end during the month of September. Our first week-end is now history.

“Thanks for the privilege you gave us” were words heard more than one time from the adult sponsors and the young people that helped the Marincek church cover our area of the city with invitations and a presentation of the Gospel. Saturday afternoon we touched some 1250 homes with some 50 workers in the streets telling people about Jesus and His love for them. There were some 40 from the First FWB church youth group (John Poole is pastor) and some 10 from the Marincek church. At the same time we had a “Fiends Club” meeting at the Church (meets the first Saturday of each month). Some of our church people were involved in this and could not go out for the work on the streets. Also we had a group that served refreshments for the Friends Club and prepared lunch for the group that was working from door to door.

At the same time two groups went out to work with groups of children that would be playing in the streets. A young man, who graduated from our Brazilian FWB Bible College last year, and who has worked on at least 4 different occasions with Youth With a Mission in street evangelism projects, led these two groups. From the testimonies that were given, the afternoon was a real spiritual blessing to every participant. For some it was the first time they had ever shared their faith and presented the plan of salvation to someone. Praise the Lord with us.

The services on the week-end were a blessing. Retire missionary Jim Combs was our speaker and did an excellent job of presenting the Gospel message.

Have you heard the expression, “It was too much of a good thing”? It must have been because in the wee hours of Monday morning Geneva was in the Emergency Room of the hospital. She over did it a bit. She was given no medications and the problem seemed to have been due to just “over doing it”. She slept some during the day and last night went to bed at 8:30 P.M. and woke up about 7:30 A.M. today. We will have to learn that we are not as young as we used to be! Also, it could have been, in part, the fact that as of yesterday, she has been married 46 years!

Thanks you all for your love, prayers and concern for us and for the work here. In Christ, ... Bobby and Geneva



Artist view of Marincek Church Pooles want to build

You Decide- You Choose: ...as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. (Joshua 24:15)

Submitted by Rev. Joe Cagle, Pastor of Little Bethel FWB Church

Someone asked, "Show me what Christian Education has to offer."

Christian Education

Public School

1- The Bible The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. (Proverbs 9:10)

No Bible, No Godly Wisdom
No right, No wrong
Only Human Reasoning

2- Prayer: Prayer is obedience to God.
Luke 11:2 "Jesus said, 'When you pray.'"

No Prayer in Jesus Name

3- Creation: Gen 1:27 "So God created man,"
Gen 5:2 "Male and female create He them

Evolution- May be the most ignorant of all
No facts, no truth, a theory of man.

4) Abortion: Exodus 20:13 "Thou shalt not kill"
Luke 1:41 "The babe leaped in her womb"
Ps 139:13 "...thou (God) hast covered me in my mother's womb" Since 1973, between 40 and 50 million unborn children have been killed by abortion. Each year 1.2 million babies are knowingly put to death by abortion

A Woman's right to choose

5) Homosexuality: Levi 18:22 "Thou shalt not be with mankind as with womankind, it is abomination"
Rom 1:26-27 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

Taught as a normal life-style
Just born that way. How do their numbers grow? They cannot reproduce, so they must recruit - - maybe your child or grandchild

For quality of Education, there is nothing to compare. Christian education teaches children even in kindergarten to read and to write. Leading educators agree that Christian education is the greatest quality available. At least 2 grade levels above other schools.

Christian reasons for choosing Christian schools and churches reason to include financial support in the budget:

1) We will not choose for our children those who teach acceptance of evolution, or acceptance of abortion, or acceptance of homosexuals. Our own South Carolina Superintendent of Education said, "Not to allow homosexuals to teach in our public schools would be un-American."

2) Thank God for America. We can choose who we want to teach our children and our Free Will Baptists churches can choose to support Christian schools who have so much to offer our boys and girls a real education and exalt our Savior Jesus Christ.

Some parents say Christian education shelters our children from the real world. Godly parents know that Christian education prepares them to face the world and to resist the worldly influences they will encounter each day.

I'm for the kids! "The overwhelming reason for supporting Christian education is the absolute secularization of present day public education. With the Bible, prayer and the Christian faith being banned or disregarded in the classroom, students will inevitable have a secular worldview. Absolute moral values are replaced by moral relativism, and a secular worldview will result. However, training the mind in a Biblical atmosphere, usually develops a Christian worldview"



Rev. Robert Rose has retired from the pastorate and moved back to his home area in North Carolina. He will continue to be available, however, for fill-in speaking, revivals, or family seminars. His address is: 4535 Merrywood Lane Gastonia, NC 28052 Phone: 704-869-6275

Brother Robert has served in many positions on the State and Conference level and we will greatly miss his wisdom and spiritual discernment. He is a prolific writer and we hope “retirement” will allow him time to produce many books that will enable him to continue to share his great storehouse of knowledge.

Summer 2006 Mirial Gainer Update Thank you for the opportunity to say how much I appreciate each of you. Your prayers, notes and cards, emails, phone calls—all have been such an encouragement to me through what has been a very difficult year. I am still spending much of my time doing rehab and seeing doctors.

The doctors include Dr Tsuji, Dr Yamane, and Dr Sugimoto. Dr Tsuji is the surgeon specializing in spinal problems. Since April I see him only once each month. He continues to check my progress closely and encourages me. Dr Yamane is an orthopedic surgeon. He sees me on a more frequent basis to ensure that all is going well and that Dr Tsuji’s orders are carried out and gives me shots as needed. Dr Sugimoto specializes in internal medicine but functions as a general practitioner for me. Together they all work hard trying to take good care of me.



Dr T. Tsuji



Dr S. Yamane



Dr H. Sugimoto

Every day I’m involved in some kind of rehab in three different locations. One location is Toyooka Daiichi Hospital run by Dr Yamane and his family. I have three therapists there. Mr Yokoyama is responsible for traction. I do feel rather ‘stretched’ by my experiences with him. Ms Watanabe pains me greatly by the exercises she guides me through. She’s smaller than I am but tough! Her regimen has helped me regain mobility and strength. Mr Hishikawa is responsible for the other machines I am hooked up to. I spend Monday and Friday mornings with them. On the Saturday I see Dr Tsuji, I also spend some time in rehab with them.



Ms Watanabe and Mr Hishikawa



Mr Yokoyama

Another rehab location is the Kenko Fukushi Center of Iruma City. I go there every afternoon Monday through Saturday for 3 hours or so. The workers who help me are Ms Furumatsu, Mr Miyazaki and Mr Andou. They are always ready to lend a hand or give advice, whatever I need to ensure that I do everything correctly and don’t hurt myself.

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Ms Furumatsu



Mr Miyazaki and Mr Andou

The third rehab location is the Inariyamakoen Pool. I do water based exercises designed by Ms Watanabe each week, usually Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. I don't go on the Saturday I see Dr Tsuji.

As you may imagine, seeing doctors and doing rehab takes up the majority of my time. But there are always opportunities to share with the medical staff, therapists, other patients—all the many folks I come in contact with each day. God has certainly given me a 'hospital ministry' that continues.

Please pray with me for:

- Doctors Tsuji, Yamane, and Sugimoto, Therapists Ms Watanabe, Mr Hishikawa, Mr Yokoyama, Ms Furumatsu, Mr Miyazaki, and Mr Andou
- My witness to all my hospital and rehab contact
- My continuing recovery process

Thank you again for all your prayer support. You are an important part of building God's kingdom here in Japan. Sincerely, Mirial J Gainer



Lighthouse FWB Church of Florence recently held 2 ordination services. The picture on the left shows Pastor Brian Tolliver (left) and Eastern Conference Ordaining Counsel Chairman, Rev Larry McAlister (right), congratulating **Rev. and Mrs. Tandy Tapp** on his ordination into the Gospel Ministry (He can be reached at 115 W Tapp's Trail Effingham, SC 29541 (843) 667-8001)



On the right is Mr. Rocky Springs who was ordained as a deacon by Lighthouse FWB Church.

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Mrs. Bonnie Larrimore, wife of Rev. Leroy Larrimore (Pee Dee FWB Church of Conway) passed away on Sept 8, 2006. Funeral services were held on Monday, Sept. 11th at Pee Dee FWB Church.

Mrs. Bonnie was a wonderful lady, a great Christian worker, and she will be greatly missed