

FWB Children's Home Welcomes Parrish Family Continued

In 1996, they accepted the position of Associate Pastor Music/Youth at the Garner FWB Church in North Carolina. In 1998, the Lord called Todd to pastor the Temple FWB Church in Darlington, where he and his family served the church for almost 10 years. While there Reverend Parrish led the church in a relocation effort and \$1.5 million building program. In 2008, he resigned his position at the church and began to work full-time as a Christian Counselor, first with the SC Department of Corrections, then later opening his own office, Christian Counseling Associates in Florence. He also is a member of the counseling staff with Central Carolina Technical College working out of the campus in Lee County. He anticipates completing a Master of Arts degree in Mental Health Counseling from Webster University in May 2010. He has been a counselor and chaplain to homeless and addicted youth, incarcerated youth, and police, fire, and rescue personnel, as well as children and families in the churches where he has served. He is a certified member with Prison Fellowship and the American Counseling Association.

Todd and Merinda are excited when they consider the potential and possibilities that lie ahead for the Children's Home. "Today is a new day," Reverend Parrish says. "There have been a couple of times over the last ten years that Satan has done his best to end the ministry of the Children's Home and God has gotten an undeniable and evident victory every time. If you want to see where the hand of God is moving in a mighty way, come to Turbeville and visit the Children's Home!"

Reverend Todd Parrish declared that his vision during the first twelve months of service is to do three things: Listen, Learn, and Love...from the children, the staff, and the leadership and members of the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association. Reverend Parrish wants everyone to keep the Home in their daily prayers and wants people to come and visit often. He also asks Free Will Baptist people across the state to stay tuned for upcoming projects and opportunities. The Home exists to help hurting children find hope and healing through Jesus Christ. He encourages FWB people to contact the Home if they can help a child in need. Reverend Todd Parrish wants our State Association to know: "We truly believe that our future is bright, our God is big, our children are the greatest, and Free Will Baptist people are the best!"

Thank you for your prayers and support of the South Carolina Free Will Baptist Children's Home!

Palmetto Conference Convenes at New Harvest



The Palmetto Conference met for its forty-fifth conference meeting on Saturday, August 15, 2009, at New Harvest FWB Church in Tradesville, SC. The meeting opened with the congregational hymn "At

Calvary." Host pastor Rev. Darrell Morgan and the Assistant Moderator Reverend Henry King welcomed everyone to the meeting. Reverend Daggett Duncan gave the response. The Scripture reading was brought by Reverend King from Psalm 22. Reverend Darrell Morgan preached the message from John 1, entitled "We Have Found the Messiah." After all business reports had been heard and accepted, the New Harvest Church provided a meal for everyone in attendance. The next Palmetto Conference will take place on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at New Vision FWB Church in Rock Hill at 10:00 AM. (Pictured above: Pastor Darrell Morgan and his wife Julie)

Eastern Conference Meets at St. John



The Eastern Conference met on Saturday, August 22, 2009, at St. John FWB Church in Pamplico, with 15 out of 15 churches being

represented at the meeting. Serving his last meeting after being moderator for four years, Reverend Brian Tolliver welcomed everyone to the meeting. Reverend Danny Stone opened the meeting in prayer. The congregation sang the opening hymn, "Victory in Jesus." Reverend Tony Lynch shared the devotion from Isaiah 1. Reverend Doug Mathis opened the business session with prayer. After the rules of decorum and the roll call of churches and ministers was completed, everyone recessed for a break. After the break, reports were heard from various missionaries and state ministries. The Eastern Conference voted to license into the Gospel ministry Dale Richardson and La Wayne Poston. The conference also voted to send a love gift of \$300 and a letter to Reverend Roy and Mrs. Paula Roach for their faithful years of service at the FWB Children's Home. Special music was provided by Mr. Kevin Ardy, a member of St. John Church, and Reverend Michael Calder brought the morning message from Psalm 127:1, entitled "Where Does the Motivator Get Motivated?" After the meeting was adjourned, St. John Church provided a wonderful meal for everyone in the fellowship hall. The next Eastern Conference meeting will take place on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at Mill Branch FWB Church at 9:30 AM.