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## SC FWB State Meeting

The South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association met for its Sixty-Ninth annual session at Gilead Free Will Baptist Church in Scranton on February 24-25, 2011, and was hosted by the Eastern Conference. The General Board met on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at Gilead Church and heard all reports in preparation for the state meeting. The theme for this year's meeting was "The Importance of a Watchman" (Isaiah 21:6). The Thursday morning session opened with the congregational hymn led by Reverend Mark Leonard. The meeting was opened in prayer by Reverend Timmy Larrimore, and the response was given by Assistant Moderator Reverend Danny Stone. The meeting was called to order by State Clerk Mike Jones, and Moderator Sherwood Lee shared a devotion about the need of "God's Wisdom."

Due to the National Association of Free Will Baptist increasing the annual fee per church, our State Association voted to increase the annual state dues per church from \$175 to \$235 per year. This is an increase of about \$5 per month per church. The State Association voted to start the "Norwood Gibson Minister Help Fund" to help South Carolina Free Will Baptist ministers in times of hardship or crisis.

The South Carolina Free Will Baptist Home for Children Board requested the endorsement of the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association for the Children's Home to be fully licensed by the SC Department of Social Services. The State Association voted to accept this endorsement with the understanding that if the licensure in any way alters, compromises, or conflicts with the mandate, mission, and message of God's Word as charted by the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association, that it will forfeit and voluntarily seek closure to the relationship with the Department of Social Services.

The Thursday morning message was brought by Reverend Chris Jackson, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in



Simpsonville, and afterwards, Gilead Free Will Baptist Church provided a wonderful meal for everyone in attendance. (Continued on Page 2)

## SC Women Active for Christ State Meeting

The South Carolina Women Active for Christ state meeting was held on March 19, 2011, at Fairview Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg. The theme for the meeting was "Jesus, the Divine Caregiver," and the theme verse was I Peter 5:7. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting, and the meeting opened with worship in song. SC WAC State Coordinator Mrs. Pam Hackett thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Special singing was provided by Trena Ross. Reverend Roy Harris was the guest speaker. He shared a message regarding "Caring for the Care Giver." His message related to his own personal testimony and experiences of taking care of his wife during her time with terminal cancer. After the message, Fairview Free Will Baptist Church provided a brunch meal for everyone in attendance. After the brunch, the meeting continued with various committee and state ministry reports. The following top giving plaques were presented to local WAC groups:

### Beaver Creek District:

Foreign Missions - First FWB Church, Chester

Home Missions - First FWB Church, Inman

### Central District:

Foreign Missions - Little Star FWB Church, Johnsonville

Home Missions - Little Star FWB Church, Johnsonville

### State District:

Foreign Missions - Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham

Home Missions - Liberty FWB Church, Manning

### Over All State WAC Giving:

Foreign Missions - Little Star FWB Church, Johnsonville

Home Missions - First FWB Church, Inman

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Pictured Left: Roy Harris shares a message with the South Carolina Women Active for Christ on "Caring for the Care Giver."

## SC FWB State Meeting-Continued

The Thursday afternoon devotion was brought by Reverend Daggett Duncan, pastor at New Vision FWB Church in Rock Hill. Reports were heard from various state representatives and missionaries. The Nominating Committee report was given, and most leaders were recommended to retain their positions. The few changes included Reverend Allan Austin replacing Reverend Theron Scott on the Home Mission Board and Reverend Byron Scherer replacing Reverend Kevin Riffe on the Children's Home Board. During the state meeting, SC Home Mission Board Director Reverend Earl Hendrix presented a plaque of appreciation to Reverend Theron Scott for his faithful service of 12 years on the SC Home Mission Board. Also during the Thursday afternoon session, Reverend Doug Mathis brought a devotion in the place of Reverend Joe Cagle who had passed away the week prior to the meeting. Reports continued to be given by state and national representatives, and the meeting recessed until Thursday evening.

During the Thursday evening service, Executive Secretary Todd Smith presented a plaque of appreciation to the top 10 overall giving churches, and he also presented an umbrella with the SC FWB logo to pastors of the top 25 overall giving churches, in addition to the top supporters of the State Office. Mrs. April Smith, wife of Reverend Wayne Smith, provided special music. Reverend Blake Coghill led the congregational music, and a special offering was received for the SC FWB State Youth Ministries. Prior to the message by Reverend Bruce Kimbrel, special music was present by Reverend Blake Coghill, and Reverend Thad Jacobs dismissed in prayer.

The Friday morning session opened with a congregation hymn and devotion by Reverend Sean Fortner, the Associate Pastor at First FWB Church in Inman. Ryan Lewis shared a report for the National Association of Free Will Baptist Executive Office. He shared that the 2011 July convention will be a celebration of 75 years for our denomination. A devotion was brought by Reverend John Cody, and various reports continued to be heard from national representatives and Free Will Baptist colleges. The Final Credentials Committee report revealed that there was a total of 133 in attendance with 122 churches being represented.

The Friday morning worship service was opened with special music by Reverend Jim Fairchild, Reverend Todd Parrish, Reverend Mark Leonard, and Reverend Bruce Kimbrell. The message was brought by Reverend Wayne Snipes, the pastor at First FWB Church in Myrtle Beach. It was announced that the 2012 state meeting would take place February 23-24, 2012, and the meeting adjourned. Gilead FWB Church was given a rising vote of thanks, and they provided a wonderful noon meal to close out the meeting.



Pictured Above: Rev. Earl Hendrix presents a plaque of appreciation to Rev. Theron Scott for 12 years of service on the SC Home Mission Board.



Pictured Left: Rev. Doug Mathis preaching. Pictured Right: Dr. Chris Jackson preaching.



Pictured Above: Reverend Leroy Lowery ask questions from the floor regarding the Children's Home licensure procedures.



Pictured Above: Reverend Sean Fortner preaching. Pictured Top Right: Reverend John Cody preaching. Pictured bottom right: Fellowship during the meal.



## SC WAC State Meeting-Continued

The meeting continued with Resolutions Committee report given by Mrs. Faye Hanna. The following were changes made to the standing resolutions: Article V - "It shall be the duty of each District Treasurer to send all monies and reports to the State Treasurer by December 1st." This change will enable the SC WAC Treasurer adequate time to reconcile and close out all accounts and report in a timely manner to the Women Nationally Active for Christ.



Pictured Right: SC WAC Officers L to R: Pam Hackett, Patty Newton, Wanda Carlson, Cathy Logan, Sandra Dail, Carolyn Snipes, and Rachel Fowble



## SC Conference District WAC Annual Meeting



The South Carolina Conference District Annual Women Active for Christ meeting convened on February 26, 2011, at Westside Free Will Baptist Church in Johnsonville. Mrs. Amy Postlewaite (pictured left) spoke about the Bulgaria mission work that she and her

husband Reverend Jonathan Postlewaite have been approved for by Free Will Baptist International Missions. In her speech, Amy used different coffee cups to represent how God has different cups for different people and illustrated the fact that we all are to serve Him. Peace Free Will Baptist Church in Florence and New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church Women Active for Christ groups joined the SC Conference District WAC. Special music was given by Mrs. Camille Scott. During the business session, the ladies voted to discontinue their annual Mother/Daughter Banquet and Prayer/Praise Rally and encourage each local church to have their own Mother/Daughter Banquet and Prayer/Praise Rally to accommodate the demands of each local church's schedule. The Nominating Committee voted on the following SC District WAC officers: Wanda Carlson, Coordinator; Merinda Parrish, Assistant Coordinator; Marjorie McAlister, Treasurer; Members at Large: Annie Saverance, Carolyn Cooper, Annell Lee, and Faye Owens; and Sandra Dail, Retreat Coordinator. The ladies set a goal to raise \$4,000.00 to help jumpstart the Postlewaite's account. Before the meeting concluded, missionary parents had the privilege to share about their experiences as the parent of a missionary. Westside Free Will Baptist Church in Johnsonville did a great job hosting the meeting.

## Central District WAC Annual Meeting

The Central District Women Active for Christ (WAC) annual meeting was held at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Conway on Saturday, February 19, 2011. The theme for the meeting was "Guiding Light." The theme verses were John 1:4-5. The thought for the day was "Jesus the Light of the world is our Guide worthy to be worshipped and followed." Mrs. Janet McClellan opened the meeting by leading in the congregation hymn "Send the Light." Reverend Paul Hyman shared the morning devotion, and special music was brought by Donna Bell. Various reports were heard from district and state ministries. Mrs. Angie Coker shared a report about last year's Mother/Daughter Banquet. Mrs. Joy Edwards shared a report about the Prayer and Praise Rally, and Mrs. Dorothy Inman shared a report about last year's state meeting. Before the morning message, Jennifer Jordan provided special music, and Executive Secretary Todd Smith preached the morning message. Socastee Free Will Baptist Church voted to join the Central District WAC. The meeting concluded with prayer and lunch was provided by Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church.



Pictured Above - Central District WAC Officers Left to Right: Gail Huggins, Kim Miles, Angie Coker, Iris Jordan, Rhonda Hucks, Caroline Inman, Deborah Locklear, Janet McClellan, and Dorothy Inman

### Beaver Creek District WAC Annual Meeting

The Beaver Creek District Women Active for Christ annual meeting was held on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at Whitney Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg. The theme for the meeting was "Body Builders." The theme verses were Ephesians 4:15-16, and the thought for the day was "Building Together with His Word." Everyone was welcomed to the meeting, and Mrs. Brenda Montjoy, member at Whitney Free Will Baptist Church, provided special music. Coordinator Mrs. Pam Hackett gave opening remarks, and various reports were heard. After the break, committee reports were shared, and Jenny Sellers provided special music. The message was brought by Mrs. Sarah Fletcher (pictured above), Editor for the WNAC magazine. Officers were elected, and the prayer of dedication was given by Mrs. Fletcher. The resolution, finance, and final credentials reports were given, and the meeting was adjourned.



### In Memory of Mrs. Stella Young



Mrs. Stella Young, age 85, wife of Reverend Murrell Young, passed away on Thursday, February 17, 2011, at Lake City Community Hospital after an illness. Born in Clarendon County, she was a daughter of the late Jesse and Linnie Coker.

Mrs. Young was a housewife, mother, pastor's wife, and member at the Olanta Free Will Baptist Church in Olanta. Surviving are her husband, Reverend Murrell Young; five daughters, Margaret Young (Charles) Lynch, Harriette Young, Myra Young (Glenn) Hewett, Reba Young Owens, and Connie Young (Larry) Haselden; and two sons, Robert (Roxanna) Young and Fred (Cindy) Young. She is also survived by twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren. Mrs. Stella Young's funeral was held on February 19, 2011, at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend LaWayne Poston, Reverend Frank Sedgwick, and Reverend Doug Mathis officiated the service. The family expresses gratitude to Agape Hospice for all the care they provided. Memorials are encouraged to be made to the FWB Children's Home, PO Box 229, Turbeville, SC 29162. Mrs. Stella was a humble and faithful servant of the Lord, and she will be greatly missed!

### Psalm 116:15

**"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."**

### In Memory of Reverend Joe Cagle



Reverend Joseph Cagle, age 72, passed away Sunday, February 13, 2011 at McLeod Regional Medical Center. Born July 12, 1938 in Johnsonville, he was the son of the late Willis Cagle and the late Nonnie Cagle. Reverend Cagle was serving as pastor at Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in

Johnsonville. His other pastorates included New Prospect FWB Church, Mill Branch FWB Church, St. John FWB Church, and Hillside FWB Church. Under God's guidance and direction, he helped start the New Prospect Christian School. Reverend Cagle previously served as a National Association of Free Will Baptist General Board member and also served as Chairman of the Board of the Hannah/Salem/Friendfield Fire Department for 18 years. Survivors include his wife, Jeraldine C. Cagle; sons Joel Michael Cagle (Karen) and Scott Stephen Cagle (Cynthia); granddaughters Terica Lee Cook and Anna Cagle; grandsons Lance Cagle and Zachary Cagle; great-granddaughters Sydney Cook and Addyson Lee Cagle; and great-grandson, Braydon Lee Stone. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church. Reverend Tommy Haselden, Reverend Todd Smith, and Reverend Larry McAlister officiated the funeral service. Reverend Cagle was a faithful servant of the Lord among Free Will Baptist and will be greatly missed!

### In Memory of Mrs. Anne Truett



Mrs. Anne Truett, 65, widow of the late Reverend Sam Truett, passed away Saturday, February 19, 2011, at 11:50 PM at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, North Carolina. Mrs. Anne Truett was born on June 8, 1945, in Darlington County, South Carolina. She served alongside of her husband Reverend Sam

Truett, who served as a pastor for several years in South Carolina Free Will Baptist churches, including First FWB Church, Kingstree; Beulah FWB Church, Pamplico; Faith FWB Church, Darlington; and Black River FWB Church, Andrews. The funeral was held at Bethel FWB Church in Kinston where she was a member and where her son Reverend Chris Truett is employed as a minister. A memorial graveside service was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at Grove Hill Cemetary in Darlington. Mrs. Truett is best remembered for her faithful service as a pastor's wife, mother, and homemaker. She was a godly servant, and will be greatly missed!

## Eastern Conference Meeting

The Eastern Conference convened on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Freedom Free Will Baptist Church in Ladson. Moderator Danny Stone welcomed everyone to the meeting. After a congregational hymn, Reverend Dale Yarborough, the pastor at Salem Free Will Baptist Church, shared a devotion from Acts 17. Various reports were heard from conference committees and state and local representatives. The ordaining council recommended removing the name of Arley Atchley from their roll of ministers due to lack of following proper attendance requirements. The ordaining council recommended bringing Reverend Jamie Montgomery, the pastor at St. John Free Will Baptist Church, into full fellowship with the conference, and they voted to accept Reverend Gerald McGaha, pastor at New Vision Free Will Baptist Church in Hemingway, into fellowship with the conference pending a letter of good standing from his previous conference in Georgia. During the business session, each church was encouraged to give \$150 each to Gilead Free Will Baptist Church for hosting the state meeting. During the worship service, Reverend Dale Richardson, the pastor at Freedom Free Will Baptist Church, was ordained into the Gospel ministry. Reverend Allen Fredell preached the ordination message, and Reverend Larry McAlister preached the ordination charge. Everyone gave Reverend Dale Richardson the right hand of fellowship, and the meeting concluded with prayer. The next Eastern Conference meeting will take place on May 21, 2011, at Cypress Fork Free Will Baptist Church in



Pictured Above L to R: Rev. Allen Fredell, Susan and Rev. Dale Richardson, and Ordaining Council members, Rev. Doug Mathis, Rev. Larry McAlister, and Rev. Johnny Evans

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9:30  
AM.

## Beaver Creek Association Meeting

The Beaver Creek Association met for its annual session on Saturday, January 29, 2011, at Whitney Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg. After an opening congregational hymn, Scripture reading was provided by Reverend Monte Guffey. Moderator Tim Hackett welcomed everyone to the meeting. Twenty-two churches were represented at the meeting. The Beaver Creek Executive Committee made a recommendation to have the regular quarterly meetings on Thursday evening instead of Saturdays in order to help promote church wide participation. Churches would be encouraged to join in together for their mid-week service the week of the Beaver Creek meeting in order to have a more unified lay participation. The recommendation was accepted, and future quarterly meetings are to take place on Thursday evening prior to the last Saturdays in the quarterly meeting months. After various reports were heard and after a break, the Beaver Creek Minister's Conference convened, and the Ordaining Council gave its report. It was voted to remove Chad West's name from the roll due to lack of meeting the attendance requirements. The ordaining council continues to meet with Damon Duncan for his process of licensure and ordination. During the worship service, special music was brought by Mrs. Brenda Montjoy and Mrs. Pamela Day. The message was brought by Dr. Chris Jackson, the pastor at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Simpsonville. The meeting concluded with prayer, and Whitney Church provided a meal for everyone in the fellowship hall.

## South Carolina Conference



The South Carolina Conference convened on April 1, 2011, at High Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Scranton. At their annual meeting in January, Reverend Bruce Kimbrel was voted in as the new

moderator, and he did a great job moderating his first meeting at the High Hill Church. The Ordaining Council recommended dropping the name of Dwayne Sweatman from their roll of ministers. It was passed to send a letter to the Coastal Association in North Carolina on behalf of Reverend Bobby Bragan. It was recommended to license Bobby Timmons, a member at Peace FWB Church in Florence. Reverend Gene Gilbert, the pastor at Jefferson Road FWB Church in Sumter, and Reverend Rodney Wilson, the pastor at Low Country FWB Church in North Charleston, were voted in pending a letter of good standing from their previous conferences. Reverend Allan Austin, the pastor at Beulah FWB Church, preached the evening message. The meeting concluded with prayer. The next SC Conference meeting will take place on Friday, June 24, 2011 at Jefferson Road FWB Church in Sumter.

## National Association of Free Will Baptist Convention July 17-20, 2011

in Charlotte, North Carolina

For a program of speakers, lodging information, and pre-registration details, feel free to visit [www.nafwb.org/2011conv](http://www.nafwb.org/2011conv) or you can obtain the details in the April/May 2011 issue of *One Magazine*. To subscribe to *One Magazine*, visit [www.onemag.org/subscribe.htm](http://www.onemag.org/subscribe.htm) or call 877-767-7659.

## Central Association Meeting

The Central Association met for its 270th session on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Greater Vision Free Will Baptist Church in Bladenboro, North Carolina. Moderator Reverend Tommy Bryson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chris Johnson, licensed into the Central Association in January 2011, shared the morning devotion from John 6. Reverend Junior Tyler gave the host pastor welcome. A petitionary letter from the South Conway Free Will Baptist Church was submitted to the conference to receive their newly appointed pastor, Reverend Chris McEachern. The Central Association voted to increase their quarterly dues to \$105 per quarter per church in order to compensate for the increase in state and national dues. The Ordaining Council recommended to receive into the conference Reverend Kevin Johnson, the pastor at Evergreen FWB Church in Conway. Various reports were heard from missionaries, conference, and state representatives. Reverend Buddy Hill (pictured below) preached the morning message from Psalm 87. Everyone enjoyed a meal provided by the Greater Vision Church after



the meeting. The next Central Association meeting will take place at Little Star FWB Church on July 9, 2011.

## Hyman Accepts Pastorate at Oak Grove



Reverend Paul Hyman, a member of the Central Association, accepted the pastorate at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Conway in January 2011. Reverend Hyman

was saved November 5, 1967, and was ordained into the Gospel ministry in December 1980. He grew up in Oak Grove FWB Church, and now they are honored to have him as their pastor.

### True Life Association Food Drive

Everyone is invited to collect non-parishable food to bring to the next True Life Association meeting to take place at Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, June 18, 2011. For questions, feel free to contact Reverend John Cody at (803) 927-7860. All donations are greatly appreciated in order to help the needy!

## Larrimore Accepts Pastorate at New Life



Reverend Kenneth Larrimore accepted the pastorate recently at New Life Free Will Baptist Church in Conway. He previously served as the pastor at New Town FWB Church. He is the son of Reverend Kenneth Larrimore, pastor at Pee Dee Free Will Baptist Church. New Life Free Will Baptist Church welcomes Reverend Kenneth Larrimore and his wife Pam to their church.

## Thomas Ordained into the Gospel Ministry

On Saturday, April 16, 2011, at Gloryland Free Will Baptist Church in Rock Hill, Reverend Randy Thomas (pictured below center) was ordained into the Gospel ministry. He and his wife Kathryn has two children. He was saved in March 1982 at Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas, North Carolina, under the ministry of Reverend Marvin Carson. He was licensed as a minister at the Emmanuel Church as a member of the Piedmont Association. Having been ordained into the Gospel ministry through the True Life Association, he has accepted the pastorate at Gloryland Free Will Baptist Church. We welcome Pastor Thomas and his wife Kathryn

to the Gloryland Church and the True Life Association.



Pictured Left Top: Reverend Timmy Locklear, pastor at Mt. Ariel FWB Church in Conway helps serve chili in their youth fund raiser chili cook off. Winners were: Vivian Causey (1st Place), Terry Springith (2nd Place), and Michelle Hucks (3rd Place). The chili cook-off raised \$274. Pictured Left Bottom: Valentine King and Queen Fund Raiser. This event raised \$498. (L to R: Rev. Tim Locklear, Rhonda Inman, Steven Locklear, Lauren Locklear, and Elijah Little.)



### Living Water Sunday at Lebanon

In recent years Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church of Effingham has suffered with poor water pressure and frequent water failures due to the usage of an old house well. This well furnished the church parsonage and a congregation (that has tripled in the past 4 years). When the church had to move into the Family Life Center in order to accommodate the increased attendance, they found that building codes now required a sprinkler system for the planned new Family Life Center.

Having contacted the Clerk of County Council Mrs. Connie Haselden, daughter of Reverend Murrel Young, it was determined that Lebanon is located at the juncture of three districts in Florence County. It was also revealed that Florence County had turned control of its water supply over to the City of Florence. With Mrs. Connie's help and the blessings of the Lord, all of the forms were completed and approved, and the water line was extended down Friendfield Road to the front of Lebanon FWB Church.

In celebration of this great blessing a Living Water Celebration was held at Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, March 27, 2011. Special guests were Florence Mayor, Stephen Wukela; District Four representative, Mitchell Kirby; and former District Two representative and now Lieutenant Governor, Ken Ard (all pictured below). Each special guest was recognized and received a Bible engraved with his name. The church had special prayer for the guest, and a special testimony was shared by Lieutenant Governor Ken Ard. Following a message on "Obtaining Living Water" by Pastor Mac Atkinson, Jr, everyone was given an engraved water bottle and enjoyed a time of food and fellowship.



### Gilead Pastor Appreciation Service

A surprise Pastor Appreciation Service was held at Gilead Free Will Baptist Church in Scranton on Sunday night, January 30, 2011. Sadly, around 3:45 PM on Sunday afternoon, Reverend Larry McAlister's wife's mother passed away. A tremendous amount of prepared food and other factors made it necessary to go on with the "Appreciation Surprise" with only Associate Pastor Mike Bishop and his wife Jennifer represented. Preacher Larry and Mrs. Retha McAlister were able to return to the church by 6:30 PM, and were able to hear many of the wonderful testimonies about the impact Pastor Larry and Retha and Associate Pastor Mike and Jennifer had on the lives of the church family. The testimony time was followed with a message by Reverend Mike Jones, and then a fellowship supper was enjoyed by all. A basket full of cards and gifts were delivered to the pastors as an expression of thanks for the wonderful job they were doing at Gilead.



Pictured L to R:  
Mrs. Retha and  
Rev. Larry  
McAlister and  
Rev. Mike and  
Mrs. Jennifer  
Bishop.

### Liberty, Lancaster Easter Drama

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster held an Easter drama entitled "Watch the Lamb" on April 16-17, 2011, with over 1,000 attending and 18 salvation decisions. Pastor Tim Larrimore expresses appreciation to all who had a part but most of all "God gets all the glory." Pictured below is the cast from the Easter Drama.



### SC Free Will Baptist Summer Camps

Don't forget to pre-register for South Carolina Free Will Baptist Teen Camp and Jr. Camp.

Camp Brochures, Medical Release Forms, and pre-registration information can be found on the South Carolina Free Will Baptist Youth page at the following link:

[www.scfwb.org/youth\\_ministries.htm](http://www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm)

## The Moore Update - Brazil and Beyond Ministries



Our annual Family Retreat held in Barbacena, Brazil on March 5-9, 2011, was a great success. Over 200 Brazilians attended this exciting event. The preaching by pioneer missionary Bobby Aycock stirred many hearts. The altars were full and our

churches were greatly challenged for the work of God. Thank you for your prayers for this event.

Our work here in Juiz de Fora continues to do well. Our attendance is growing and we are conducting several Bible studies during the week. Please do pray for the conversion of a young man named Tiago (James) who has recently started attending.

We would like to thank our good friends in South Carolina for your faithful support of our ministry. We are particularly grateful for the numerous Ladies Auxiliaries that have worked hard to raise much needed funds for our mission account. Without your prayers and support this ministry would not be able to go on. We praise God for your involvement and commitment to this ministry. Together, South Carolinians are impacting Brazil for the cause of Christ.

Serving in Brazil,

Andy, Andrea, Levi, and Lily Moore

\*To keep up with the Moore Family and their ministry in Brazil, visit their website at [www.brazilandbeyond.org](http://www.brazilandbeyond.org). Thank you for your prayers and financial support for them!

## Fernando Bustamante - SC Home Missions

I want to thank you all for your support and prayers, because I know that in these days that I have been sick, you all have prayed for me. Now the Hispanic ministry in South Carolina has been through some tough moments, as you know the economy has not been any better; therefore, the Hispanics have been suffering. Also, since the economy has not been so good for the people in our churches, many of them are constantly moving. Below are some praise and prayer requests:

- The church in Florence this past year had 50 saved and 15 people baptized.
- The church in Columbia had 60 saved and 25 baptized this past year.
- The church in Conway had 43 saved and 17 baptized this past year.

We are looking for a place to change the meeting place of the Conway church. Please pray for us regarding this. In the month of January, we started a FWB church in Morelos, Mexico. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

## The Morgan Road - Neil and Mandi Morgan



Greetings to our brothers and sisters of the Free Will Baptist Churches in South Carolina. We thank God for each of you and your commitment to the spread of the Gospel both at

home and around the world.

Over the last six months, we have been busy about the work of learning the Spanish language. When we arrived in Costa Rica this past August, we were only able to say a few words. Now, we are able to speak in simple sentences about a variety of topics. We hope to soon be able to connect those sentences in flowing conversations about the Good News of Jesus Christ to those we meet, both here in Costa Rica and in Uruguay.

These past months have taught us much about the faithfulness of God and the faithfulness of many of you to remember to remember us in prayer and support. Over the past six months, we have battled many illnesses. This we believe in large part is a combination of our bodies adjusting to a new climate and new allergens, in addition to the desire of the enemy for us to fail. As always though, God has faithfully provided the strength, health, and energy we have needed, along with some dear friends to lend helping hands.

We know the Bible teaches that the prayers of a righteous man availeth much. Therefore, we ask each of you to continue to pray for the following:

- Pray for the lost in Uruguay.
- Pray for direction for the missionaries currently in Uruguay and us as we prepare to go.
- Pray for our health.
- And pray for Free Will Baptist International Missions.

Though these are tough times, these are exciting times. For we look forward to how our great God will provide for His Gospel to be spread to the ends of the earth. Thank you again for being such a faithful part of His command to "GO."

For His Glory, Neil and Mandi Morgan

\*To keep up with the Morgans online and obtain up-to-date prayer requests and information, visit [www.themorganroad.com](http://www.themorganroad.com). Thank you for praying for them.

## Bobby and Geneva Poole - Brazil

Dear Family, Pastors, Friends and co-laborers,

These have been some of the busiest days of our lives! We have seen the hand of the Lord working each moment of each day. We tell our people, the building we are building is not the “church,” it is the place where the church meets. So we have been busy building a building and building a “church”. We have not had earthquakes or a civil war, but the devil has been very active. One couple, separated, are now back together and trying to get their lives back together. Two men, drunkards, that we have been dealing with for over 10 years, have gone from bad to worse! Pray for us. Another couple talked to me about getting married. There are two precious little girls involved, the oldest fathered by a different man. They have been attending for about three months now, but with their schedule, it has been hard to get a time to sit down and talk with them.

The building is almost finished. All the tile work is done, the painting almost finished but the ceiling lacks a couple or three more days of work. The electrician will be ready to install the light fixtures as soon as the painting and ceiling work are finished. We have put buying benches on the back burner, along with the air conditioning units. We will have to use the old benches and install a few fans, until we can do better. God is building His Church!

On the financial side, we are having a serious problem with the devaluation of the dollar. A gallon of gas is now about \$6.00. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian Church, “ But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly: and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” Are there needs that need to be met in the International Missions Department? Yes, there are! But as great as the needs may be, we feel that God wants us to give in love for Him and the work He has given our Free Will Baptist. Praise the Lord we serve a living Savior, One who is coming again to take us all up to live with Him for eternity!

Because of Calvary and the empty tomb,  
Bobby and Geneva



Pictured Left:  
Inside of the new  
church and its  
continual progress  
church toward  
completion in  
Brazil.

\*To keep up with the Pooles online, visit the following website: [www.fwbgo.com/missionaries/poole/](http://www.fwbgo.com/missionaries/poole/)

## Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute by Reverend Earl Hendrix

Perhaps the question comes to your mind, “Why do we need a Hispanic Bible Institute, and is it worth supporting?” We now have a total of 124 who have graduated from the Gwen Hendrix Free Will Baptist Hispanic Bible Institute in Inman, South Carolina and the Mid-West campus in Houston, Texas.

### **Purpose:**

- To teach, train, equip, and prepare men of God for full or part-time ministry among Hispanic people
- To train people to reach the Hispanic Community with the Bible message of salvation.

**Philosophy:** The training is intense, full-time, and hands on. The classroom learning is accompanied by hours of prayer and hours of practical service among the Hispanic people in the surrounding area each week.

**Plan of Study:** There are five months of intense training, five days a week in the classroom. There are six hours of classroom learning a day, followed by two hours of hands on learning in the evenings.

**Course of Study:** Methods of Bible Study; Homiletics; Old Testament; New Testament; False Cults; Discipleship; Church History; Theology; Urban Missions; Life of Christ; Pauline Epistles; Pentateuch; General Epistles; Apologetics; Personal Evangelism; and Prayer and Ministerial Ethics.

**Organization:** The Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute is governed by the National Home Missions Board under the direction of Hispanic Director Reverend Rick Bowling with daily operation under the direction of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Inman.

Please consider putting the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute in your church budget. Support can be sent through the SC FWB State Office, PO Box 9, Turbeville, SC 29162.

In advance, thank you for your support, and most of all, thank you for your prayers! May the Lord bless you!

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## Mirial Gainer - Japan

Thank you so much for your continued prayer and financial support. As you know, 2010 was a very hard year for my mother and myself, but also for all of the Japan team. Our faith has been sorely tried. Satan has attacked us continually, but God has been faithful. Several people became Christians in 2010. The Miharashidai Church Plant has made a giant step toward full church status. It now has a Japanese pastor, Brother Sasaki. We are praising the Lord about this. I return to the Mayo Clinic March 19th. The doctors will continue tests on my heart at that time. I will also have speech therapy from my throat surgery when I go back to the Mayo Clinic. Thank you for all you so for us. Thank you for partnering with me in the work in Japan. May God richly bless your every effort for Him. Mirial

## **Forlines Resigns as General Director of FWB IM**

Antioch, TN— James Forlines tendered his resignation as general director of Free Will Baptist International Missions on February 10, 2011, in agreement with the board, according to Chairman Danny Williams. “After carefully considering the challenging circumstances we are facing, the board believes a change in leadership is necessary,” asserted Williams.

Forlines has a long and fruitful relationship with International Missions, as a leading supporting pastor, board member, and as general director since 1999. During his tenure, the Mission experienced rapid growth, structural reorganization, and financial development. Under Forlines’ oversight the Mission has seen extraordinary overseas growth in conversions, baptisms, and churches planted. An emphasis on partnering with national leadership around the world has been a hallmark of Forlines’ tenure.

Forlines has led the Mission to refocus its efforts from single-church plants to facilitating church planting movements. The Hanna Project, a non-governmental organization which conducts humanitarian projects bringing help, hope, and healing to at risk areas, was founded in 2004, and has proven extremely successful.

Williams expressed the board’s gratitude to Forlines and respect for his passion, integrity, and tireless efforts. “He accomplished some things no one else could have done,” stated Paul Creech (GA). “As long as Christian missions exists on earth,” Robert Morgan (TN) declared, “his contributions will be remembered.” Randy Wilson (OK) affirmed, “We have nothing but the highest admiration and respect for James’ passion and vision for world missions.” His wife, Anita, has made countless sacrifices in support of James and the Mission, and the board extends special honor to her.

Forlines said of his time at International Missions, “I am grateful the Lord chose to use me for these years. I will greatly miss my colleagues and friends both in North America and around the world. To Him be the glory for the things that have been accomplished.”

Chairman Williams confirms that veteran missionary and current Hanna Project Director Clint Morgan has agreed to serve as interim general director. The board is confident that Morgan will provide effective leadership during the transitional period. Forlines will assist with the transition. The executive leadership of the Mission will now be comprised of Morgan as interim general director, Jeff Turnbough as deputy director of field operations, and Rob Conley as director of financial operations.

Board members attending this special session were Danny Williams (AL, chairman), Randy Wilson (OK, vice-chairman), Tom McCullough (MI, secretary), Paul Creech (GA), Nelson Henderson (AR), Jeff Manning (NC), Greg McAllister (CA), and Dr. Robert Morgan (TN). Tom McCullough was unable to attend in person, but participated in the full session via SKYPE (Internet video conference call).

## **FWBBC ‘Holds the Line’ on Tuition Costs**

NASHVILLE, TN—In a bold move geared to help parents and students struggling with the economic downturn afford a college education, Free Will Baptist Bible College announced a tuition freeze for the 2011-2012 academic year, according to President Matt Pinson. The college’s decision to “Hold the Line” on tuition and all other basic costs (room and board, miscellaneous fees, and more) keeps the sticker price within range of families balancing the realities of financial stress in the worst economic crunch since the Great Depression.

“Our current and prospective students and their parents are taking a hard look at the financial bottom line,” President Pinson said. “While we can’t change the recessed economy our Free Will Baptist families face, we wanted to take a positive and bold step to make a difference where it mattered most—tuition and other expenses. And we did! This is an important move for all of us. The Board of Trustees and the college administration are making every effort to keep the cost of an FWBBC education as affordable as possible.”

This marks the first time in almost 50 years that no increase in tuition or other expenses has occurred at FWBBC. With families becoming more rigorously selective in choosing a college for their children, freezing tuition costs for a year will spotlight the student-friendly atmosphere of FWBBC.

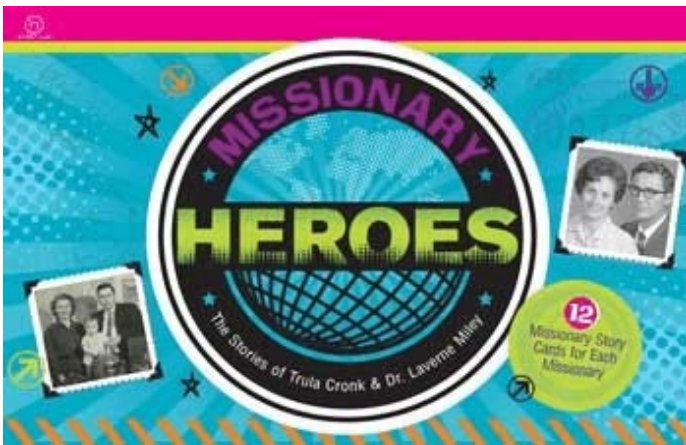
David Williford, FWBBC’s vice president for institutional advancement, said, “Thank God for the faithful support of our donors whose financial commitment to the mission of FWBBC makes this decision to flat-line tuition for 12 months a possibility. It needed to be done, and I’m so glad the Trustees made the decision, but it would not have happened without the generous gifts of our donors.” The college’s enrollment services staff will be pushing the word out nationwide this spring and summer to prospective Free Will Baptist students and parents regarding FWBBC’s cost freeze on tuition.

Rusty Campbell, director of enrollment services, said, “We plan a news blitz as soon as possible with post cards, emails, letters, phone calls, website updates, chapel announcements, and more. This is a unique moment, and we want to spread the good news as far and as fast as we can. The ‘Hold the Line’ decision on tuition costs may well be the deciding factor for a number of prospective students and their parents.”

FWBBC began charging tuition for the first time in 1948. While the college operated from 1942 until 1948 without tuition fees, economic conditions in post-World War II America plus rising costs to maintain an expanding curriculum and a professional faculty placed FWBBC on the same page with other U.S. colleges as a tuition-driven institution.

## The Right Kind of Heroes

Do you want the children in your church or family to learn about some real heroes in life? Get Randall House's "Missionary Heroes" package of 12 colorful 11"x17" story cards (\$24.99 plus S&H) about some great missionaries who sacrificed for the furtherance of the Gospel. It also includes an audio CD for familiarizing the teacher or for student listening. It is a must for every family and church library! Call our SCFWB Christian Book and Supply at 800-319-2346 to order your copy, or better yet, stop by and visit us at 1169 Atkinson Street in Turbeville! Don't forget our SC FWB Churches get a 5% discount on everything except VBS and Sunday school literature. We are here to serve you in any way possible!



## FWB Children's Home by Reverend Todd Parrish

Words cannot express our gratitude for the faithful support of our kids. We also want to thank God for 61 years of blessings serving hurting children. We are currently serving 22 children, not including the five staff children. We are DEBT-FREE! Praise the Lord! We ended 2010 under budget and in the BLACK!

Our children are active in school sports and church youth activities. A sewing class is being taught on Friday afternoons. One of our boys serves on the school council. Schoolwork and grades are improving, and the task of getting the new children on grade level continues to improve. We are scheduling services for 2011. Please call us at 843-659-2880 if you would like for us to come and share in a part of your worship services.

As of October 11, 2010, all three dormitories are now OPEN and serving children. Howard and Kellie McNeal (Lake Butler, Florida) have agreed to join our staff as new dorm parents in the Little Boys Dorm. This is an answer to much prayer, and we praise God for His provision.

The annual Fox Hunt Benefit held on March 5, 2011, was a HUGE success, raising \$29,000.00 for our Children's Home. Please come and visit us! Thank you for what you have done and are doing for our children.

## Student Missions Coordinator

Antioch, TN—Neil Gilliland, member care consultant for Free Will Baptist International Missions, announced recently that Courtney Edwards will replace Joni H. as student missions coordinator. "I have been involved with E-TEAM from its inception," stated Neil Gilliland, Ph.D. "It has a rich heritage of outstanding leaders. Like those who have served before her, Courtney brings not only the skill set needed, but also a deep passion for world missions. We welcome her to the International Missions family."

Miss Edwards, a 2010 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, holds an associates degree in business. Courtney brings multi-faceted perspectives and understanding to E-TEAM, having served as both an E-TEAM student and as Joni's assistant last year. "Courtney did an amazing job assisting with E-TEAM," Joni enthused. "Her awesome love for students and missions is joined with great enthusiasm to get people involved. I am super excited to see what God is going to accomplish through her in this ministry."

While a student at FWBBC, Courtney worked in the call center helping recruit students as a member of the enrollment management team. She also assisted in planning various campus activities like Welcome Days. Hailing from the Horse Branch Free Will Baptist Church in Turbeville, South Carolina, Courtney's first experience with E-TEAM was in 2006 as a member of the Panama team.

Joni served as student missions coordinator for five years, helping define and develop this vital ministry. Although recruiting, vetting, and training students for E-TEAM comprises a large part of the student missions role, the coordinator also handles a myriad of logistical details, enlists team leaders, and engages missionary participation. Additionally, though not as time intensive, the coordinator recruits, trains, and deploys college students for individual and team ministry overseas.

Joni and her husband Heath are now employed by The Hanna Project and plan to serve as field workers in Spain. They hope to depart in January 2012. "Joni has kindly continued to fulfill some of the responsibilities of this role while focusing on preparing to go to Spain," acknowledged Gilliland, "however, the work load increases significantly this time of year. Hiring a new coordinator was absolutely necessary to continuing the excellence of the student missions programs." Courtney begins her new responsibilities on May 2, 2011.

## STATE CTS / NYC YOUTH COMPETITION

Friday and Saturday, May 20-21, 2011

Columbia Original FWB Church, Columbia

\*Contact State CTS Director Reverend Bruce

Kimbrel for details - (843) 307-4016



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### Calendar of Events

**May:**

20-21 SC State CTS/NYC Competition - Columbia FWBC

**June:**

6-11 SC FWB Teen Camp - Anchorage, Lake Waccamaw, NC  
 (visit [www.scfwb.org/youth\\_ministries.htm](http://www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm) for details)

**July:**

17-20 NAFWB Convention, Charlotte, NC  
 (visit [www.nafwb.org](http://www.nafwb.org) for details)

25-29 SC FWB Junior Camp - Camp Pee Dee, Marion, SC

### Randall House's New Heritage Series

In October of 2010 Reverend Dale Burden approached Randall House with an idea. Executive Director Ron Hunter presented the board with a detailed plan of expanding that original idea and was met with unanimous approval. After much collaboration, Reverend Dale Burden and Ron Hunter excitedly announced the new series to be released this fall entitled the Heritage Bible Series. Reaching back into the archives, Reverend Burden is significantly reworking his original writings to include the relevant application needed for a biblical worldview and working in the D6 family themes so the Heritage Bible Series for adults will fit in the D6 Curriculum Series. Reverend Dale Burden served on the Randall House board of directors from 1960 through 1986, and during that time he wrote for the Randall House curriculum for 15 years.

This new product will release in the fall of 2011 with the first lesson starting in September. If you are using any non-Free Will Baptist curriculum, this is a great time to return to a solid Free Will product and put all ages of your family into a Randall House product to insure the future beliefs of our children and grandchildren. The Heritage Bible Series will feature a printed student book and a digital teacher's guide on a CD, which allows teachers to customize and print weekly teacher's notes. Pastor Earl Hendrix said, "The new Heritage Bible Series is Biblical, fundamental, evangelistic, and doctrinally sound. I highly recommend it to be used by every Free Will Baptist adult Sunday School."

Correction: In the Oct/Nov/Dec 2010 issue of the Informer on page 7, the article entitled "Peace Church," it should have stated that Reverend Danny Keen started the church instead of Reverend Danny King.

### Executive Secretary Todd Smith's Schedule

March

- 6 St. John FWB Church, Patrick
- 8 Florence/Darlington Area FWB Minister Breakfast
- 13 First FWB Church, Myrtle Beach
- 15 Lake City Area Wide FWB Minister Breakfast
- 16 Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham
- 19 SC State Women Active for Christ – Fairview FWB Church, Spartanburg
- 20 First FWB Church, Una, SC
- 27-30 Revival – High Point FWB Church, Lancaster
- 29 Lancaster Area Minister Breakfast
- 31 Close out State Office books for March

April

- 8 SC Home Mission Meeting - Columbia
- 9 Central Association Meeting – Greater Vision FWBC
- 10 Damascus FWB Church, Conway
- 12 Florence/Darlington Area FWB Minister Breakfast
- 17 First FWB Church, Charleston
- 17 Cypress Fork FWB Church, Manning
- 19 Lake City Area Wide FWB Minister Breakfast
- 24 Turbeville Area Wide Easter Sunrise Service
- 25-26 Funeral - Mrs. Jessie Johnson, Aiken, SC
- 28 Beaver Creek Association Meeting – First FWB Church, Inman - 5 PM

May

- 1 Bethany FWB Church, Timmonsville
- 1 Mill Branch FWB Church, Pamplico - Ordination Service - Reverend Scott Ard
- 2 Close out the books for the month of April
- 9-15 Family Annual Vacation
- 17 Lake City Area Wide FWB Minister Breakfast
- 18 New Prospect FWB Church, Pamplico
- 20 SC FWB Home Mission Board Meeting
- 21 Palmetto Conference Meeting – New Vision FWB Church, Rock Hill
- 22 Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville
- 28-29 Hickory Hill FWB Church, Gresham
- 30 Memorial Day – Bookstore Closed
- 31 Close out State Office books for May

June

- 5 Poplar Hill FWB Church, Hemingway
- 6-10 SC FWB Teen Camp
- 14 Florence/Darlington Area FWB Minister Breakfast
- 19 Father's Day with family
- 21 Lake City Area Wide FWB Minister Breakfast
- 24 South Carolina Conference Quarterly Meeting
- 26 New Vision FWB Church, Hemingway
- 30 Close out State Office books for June