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# GOVERNOR PRESENTS MISSIONARY CARLISLE HANNA WITH ORDER OF THE PALMETTO



Governor Jim Hodges bestowed South Carolina's highest civilian honor, the Order of the Palmetto, upon veteran Missionary Carlisle Hanna on Thursday, November 16, 2000. At a service attended by Brother Carlisle's family and over 60 pastors and friends from across the state, Brother Carlisle was honored for years of service and dedication to the work of God in India.

Brother Carlisle was nominated for this award by Pastor Buddy Seay (White Savannah FWB Church), Brother Robert Rabon (The Prayer Center, Conway), Senator John Land of Manning, Representative Liston Barfield of Conway, our state Moderator, Rev Sherwood Lee, and many denominational leaders. The Order of the Palmetto was initiated by Governor John West in 1971 and



quickly became recognized as the highest honor award given by the state. In presenting this award Governor Hodges said, "Rev. Hanna has been an humble servant of his faith, his God, and his fellow man, and, as such, has been a great ambassador for South Carolina. He is truly deserving of our state's highest honor".

(More on Brother Hanna's accomplishment on page 2. Thanks to Rev Leroy Lowery for these photos)

## State Meeting- February 22-23



The South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist will hold its 59<sup>th</sup> annual session on February 22-23, 2001. The services will **be hosted by Gilead FWB Church** (Eastern Conference) outside Lake City. Messages will be delivered by the "Smiths"- Ansel and Todd, with devotions given by Kevin Smith, Mike Wilson, and Tony Trott. The Thursday Night

Service will feature Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Director, James Forlines.

**Hotel Information:** (Tax will be added to all rooms)

\*\*Headquarters Hotel- Holiday Inn Express, 202 N Ron McNair Blvd, Lake City.

1-800-488-5719 (843-394-3010). \$54.00 (1-2 adults)

\*\*Days Inn 170 S Ron McNair Blvd, Lake City. 843-394-3269.

Single \$40.99. Double \$45.99

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Single- \$39.60, Double (2 beds)- \$48, Triple (3 beds)- \$59, King - \$48

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The Free Will Baptist State Office and Book Store Wish you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **Happy New Year**



**POPLAR HILL PASTOR APPRECIATION:** From time to time Poplar Hill FWB Church (Hemingway, SC) will have a time of food and fellowship on Wednesday Nights. The men will fry fish, grill chickens, or something like that and the ladies will bring a covered dish.



Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> started out as just a regular time of fellowship until the Pastor asked the blessing on the food. Then it was announced that it was **Pastor Appreciation Night**. Pastor Harry Cooper and his wife Carolyn were directed to look in the corner where they were surprised to find a table covered in presents and cards full of really nice green stuff. Poplar Hill is good about surprising their Pastor this way and they are to be commended for their loving spirit.

**PASTOR RECOGNITION:** Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> was a very special day for Pastor Robert Rose. The good people of **Mt Elon Free Will Baptist Church** (Pamplico) honored Brother Rose for his 35 years of pastoral ministry. Nearly half of that ministry has been spent with the Mt Elon FWB Church and the church presented him with a plaque to commemorate the occasion. He was also presented with a number of cards and gifts; after which everyone enjoyed a delicious fellowship meal.



Brother Robert serves on the South Carolina Home Mission Board and is one of the most prolific writers in our midst. We congratulate him on this well deserved recognition.

## REACHING YOUR COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST.

One of the most important missions of Free Will Baptist Churches is reaching the Lost for Christ. Pastors and churches are always looking for help in this area so I thought I would highlight several **successful plans that several of our churches are using to reach their community for Christ:**



\* \* \* **PIE (People Involved In Evangelism)**- Pastor Leroy Lowery and Southside FWB Church in Darlington use this plan. Once per month people meet at the church for a time of food and fellowship (Some volunteer to cook and clean). Following the time of food and a time of prayer teams are given a Pie (some volunteer to cook these each month) and go to their assigned home (The pastor has already called and made an appointment with the people). Other volunteers remain at the church as baby sitters so every family has the opportunity to take part in this ministry.



This plan is well received by the church and by the people who get the pies! It has brought new families into the Church, uses a wide variety of volunteers, and has prompted this church into recently building a brand new sanctuary!

\* \* \* **GROW (God Rewards Our Work)**- GROW is based on dividing your church into 4 different teams- the “G” Team, the “R” Team, the “O” Team, and the “W” Team. The “G” team visits on the first Tuesday of each month. The “R” team always has the second Tuesday in each month– and so forth. If a month has 5 Tuesdays then everyone meets together on that Tuesday to make a big push to “catch up” on any missed contacts and to make a big push to reach the community.

Peace FWB Church, Florence (Pastor Donnie Miles) has used this program very successfully. **Assistant pastor Ron Moore** coordinates the ministry but assignment are given by a Team Captain for each group. When “Grow” members arrive on their night they are directed to either visit, write letters, or make phone contacts according to the information provided to the captains by Brother Ron. The program is flexible and adaptable to a church’s situation.



Begun on the first Tuesday in January of this year, this program has enabled Peace FWB Church to make thousands of contacts and has had a positive impact on the growth of the church (As evidenced by their new 1.6 million dollar sanctuary). Many comments from visitors have been received about how much they appreciate the friendliness, excitement, and concern of the people because of these contacts.



L-r: Rev James Wilhide, Deacon Wayne Snipes, Rev Tim Snipes, Mrs Wendy Snipes, Rev Tim Larrimore

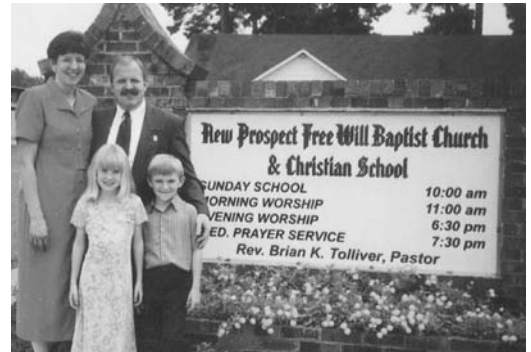
On Sunday Night, November 12, 2000, **Rev Tim Snipes was ordained** into the Gospel Ministry at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church of Lancaster. Pastor Tim Larrimore preached the message on "Preach the Word". Brother Tim Snipes' present "boss", Rev James Wilhide, gave the Ministry Charge and urged Brother Tim and his wife, Wendy, to "Be Filled with the Spirit". Special music was provided by Robert Lloyd and Dianne Hamrick..

At the conclusion of the service Liberty FWB Church presented Brother Tim with a new Bible, gave he and his wife each a check for \$100, and honored them at a fellowship reception. Brother Tim and wife, Wendy, are presently serving as dorm parents at the Free Will Baptist Home for Children in Turbeville but Brother Tim would be happy to speak at your church or activity any time scheduling will permit.

New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church surprised new pastor, **Rev Brian Tolliver**, with **Pastor Appreciation Day** on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The church presented its shocked Pastor with a new suit of clothes, which was most appreciated, along with numerous comments of encouragement and support. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner with all the trimmings.

New Prospect FWB Church and Christian School held its annual **Bike-A-Thon** and Walk-A-Thon on Saturday October 14. **Over \$8200 dollars was raised from individual and corporate sponsors** and over 100 riders and walkers participated in the 20 mile bicycle course and 5 mile walking course through the Prospect Community. Way to Go!

New Prospect also recently completed building a **new Fellowship Building**. It is wonderful to see how God has blessed this work for the Savior in Sheminally and we are thankful for their continued progress. (One of these days I hope to get an ariel photo of places like New Prospect, Mullins-Marion, and First Inman so people can see the Church with all the Out Buildings around them. It will make your heart just swell up with thankfulness as you see the tremendous work God is doing among Free Will Baptist Churches in South Carolina.)



The Brian Tolliver Family in front of new Church sign- Wife Shirley, Pastor Brian, Children: Brooke and Adam.

**Pastor Kevin Smith** is all smiles at Arcadia FWB Church in Spartanburg. In the past 2 years they have had almost 100 salvation decision and nearly the same number to join the church (Is there a Glory anywhere out there!). During that time they have also done many upgrades to the present building facilities- new furnaces, Air Conditioners, paint all the building, put in chandeliers, and add a new sound system.



Recently, the Church realized they were going to have to build in order to accommodate their growth. That is when they looked at their present location and saw the need to become more visible in the community. The Lord blessed and they were able **to purchase 4.5 acres of land on Highway 295 in Arcadia** (Prime location, just down from a major mall. To show you how prime, it has already gained \$5000 in value in the first month after its purchase!). The Church plans to pay off the land as soon as possible and then begin a building program. Now you know why brother Kevin was asked to be a devotional speaker at our State meeting in 2001.

**PUBLICATION DEADLINES:** If you have information for "The Informer" you should be aware that beginning in 2001 we will begin going to press on the following dates- January 15, March 15, May 15, July 15, Sept 15, Nov 15. Articles must be submitted a week before these dates to be included.

## FOREIGN MISSION NEWS:

From **Andy and Andrea Moore**- Well, the time has finally come. All of our planning, promoting, praying, and preparing is about to pay off. We will be departing for the mission field of Brazil on January 2, 2001. We have already shipped our things to



Brazil and hopefully we will be able to get them out of customs quickly. The annual Field Council meeting will be the week after we arrive and the first of February we will start language school in Brazil. We pray that our going will challenge others to evangelize their world and

go to the regions beyond.

The **David Aycock Family** is finishing up last minute details and preparing to enjoy their last Christmas in the States for a number of years as they prepare to depart for Brazil on January 1, 2001.

**Rev Carlisle Hanna** is finishing up his work in the states before he departs for India on January 4, 2001. As soon as he arrives on the field he will begin intensive preparations for the Golden Jubilee of Free Will Baptist work in India to be celebrated in March. Many of our South Carolina Pastors hope to attend this very special event.

**Tim and Kristi Johnson** are home for several weeks in order to allow the grandparents to spoil Alejandro! They will return to Spain around the first of the year.

**Mirial Gainer** continues her work while battling several health problems. Pray for God to bless as she celebrates Christmas in Japan.

Some highlights from the South Carolina Conference Mission's Conference held in September of this year:

**Amount Raised-** \$18,655.92 (Glory!)

**People yielding their life to God to be used in Mission Work-** 2 (Known to the Promotional Office).

**Services held-** 97 (In a 2 week span- Missionaries really worked and traveled during this period).

**Inspirational stories-** Let me share just one: A lady from Brazil passed the First FWB Church of Florence and saw on their sign that a missionary from Brazil would speak that night. She came to the service and **Missionary David Aycock led her to trust Christ as Savior.** Now she and her family are active members of First FWB Church and are stirring the Young Married Class to try to go to Brazil next year in order to do some work for our Brazilian missionaries. (What a GREAT God we serve)



Governor Hodges, Rev Carlisle Hanna, and Family

Carlisle Hanna- **Order of the Palmetto** (continued)

(Much of the following information was used in nominating Brother Carlisle Hanna for the Order of the Palmetto).

Rev Carlisle Hanna is 71 years old. He was appointed as a missionary to India in October of 1951. His wife, Marie, served faithfully by his side until her home going in April of 1998. His children, Brenda Kay, Donald, and Mark were also very active in his ministry as they grew up on the Mission field.

Brother Carlisle began his missionary work in Sonapurhat, North India, going from village to village holding Bible studies and worship services. He also conducted Bible Training schools and special retreats. A special emphasis of Brother Carlisle has always been the hostel (children's home) ministry. From this ministry has come pastors, teachers, and civil servants in India.

Since 1972 the Hannas have been the only Free Will Baptist missionaries remaining in India. That meant they had to oversee all of the work in North and South India.

In 1977 Brother Carlisle was given the responsibility of overseeing a World Relief Commission project to put down 20 tube wells, construct 4000 feet of irrigations channels and purchase 10 mobile pump sets for irrigation in West Bengal. This project was designed to irrigate approximately 100 acres of land so the people could cultivate two or three crops instead of one uncertain crop.

Brother Carlisle also introduced the growing of wheat and cattle breeding to provide milk for nourishment and meet the hunger needs of the people of India.

During his terms of service in India, Brother Carlisle has endured natural disasters, physical sickness, Satanic attacks, and numerous threats to his life and work. Through them all he has remained true to God, his work, and Free Will Baptist.

Because of that, even as high an honor as the "Order of the Palmetto" will fade into insignificance one day when finally he faces the Lord and hears, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter into the joys of your Lord." But, until that day, we are thankful for the recognition given to this man of God for his faithful service.



**Charles Watkins** was licensed by the Great Commission Conference during their October meeting at Greer FWB Church. He (and his wife, Joyce) are excited about working for the Lord. He can be contacted at- 1663 McBee Hwy, Jefferson, S C 29718 (803) 475-5145



**Rev Tommy Upchurch** is an active member of New Vision FWB Church of Rock Hill and is available to pastor or fill in. He can be contacted at 1648 Hall Spencer Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730 (803) 328-3797.



**Southside FWB Church, Aiken Debt Retirement.** Our Home Mission work in Aiken has a debt of \$230,000. If that debt can be paid off it will ease the financial burden of this work and save over \$200,000 in Interest! In order to accomplish this Missionary Todd Smith has begun a program called **101 churches in the year 2001**. He is asking 101 churches to give a full loan payment of \$2400 that will be applied to the principle and erase this debt. (In appreciation for your help he has arranged for the Pastor and his wife to have a "Night Get Away" at the Wyndham Hotel & Resort in Myrtle Beach. This special night will include a seafood buffet for supper and a breakfast buffet). Contact Brother Todd for more details; and become 1 of 101 in 2001.



The Promotional Director just dropped in on the Sunday Night service of Evergreen FWB Church of Conway recently (If at all possible, your Promotional Director is going to be in church every Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday night, and as many special services as possible. And it sure is exciting to see how God is blessing in churches all across our state).

**Pastor Billy Poe Jones** preached a powerful message from the heart of a Pastor that greatly blessed the Promotional Director. And the facilities at Evergreen are simply marvelous. May God continue to bless this Church as it goes forth for God.



**Pastor Tony Miles** was all smiles about the Home Coming at Little Star FWB Church, Johnsonville. Special music during the 10am service was followed by a message from the state Promotional Director and then a wonderful noon meal. The Church was filled for this service and a good spirit prevailed.



The Promotional Director has the privilege of visiting in the Sunday Night Revival Services at Gloryland FWB Church, Rock Hill. A powerful, Spirit filled service where God Blessed. It was great to see how **Pastor Phil Lemmons** has led this church to remodel a deserted store and make it into the facilities they have today. They are on a prime location on a main road and we look for God to continue to Bless.



**Home Coming Services at Sand Hill FWB Church** (Pastor Sherwood Lee), Coward were a real Blessing. The Church was packed to overflow, the music by the "Covenant Quartet" from the FWB Bible College was very good, and the Promotional Director enjoyed getting to preach to all those folks. The only question I have is how did Evangelist Bobby Jackson preach at Lebanon Church that morning and still get in line at Sand Hill before the Promotional Director!





The **Eastern Conference SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION** was held Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Mill Branch FWB Church, Johnsonville. Pastor Johnny Evans brought the devotion before Leader Stacey Altman conducted the business of the convention. A Skit was presented by the young people of New Vision FWB Church of Hemingway before Singer from Happy Home FWB Church of Andrews and Hillside FWB Church of Florence used their talents for the Lord. 118 attended this meeting and they anticipate even more at their next meeting the first Saturday in April of 2001.



Pastor Reedy Saverance presents Children's Home Secretary, Susanna Bazen, with a check for over \$10,000 for Miracle Day from Lebanon FWB Church

**MIRACLE DAY** at the FWB Home for Children in Turbeville was held in conjunction with the annual Children's Home Day (Always the first Saturday in November)- Over \$41,000 in special offerings were received on this special day. That brings the total received this year for this special project to \$95,084 ! (When you add in the Gold City Concert and the Golf Day activities). This will be applied toward the \$150,000 debt from the loan used to complete the Boy's Dorm.

The cafeteria was full to overflowing with the 400 people in attendance for this special day. And even the cooks got to enjoy the special activities as the meal to feed all these hungry Free Will Baptist was provided by Eddie Clowney's Catering Service.

Special Music provided by Dianne Hamrick and Ricky Wilhide really touched the hearts of everyone present to begin the day's program. Then **Rev Pat Minihane** (Former resident of the Children's Home and present pastor of Sand Hill Baptist Church in Kershaw) sang several heart stirring songs, gave his testimony about how the Children's Home had

changed his life and led to his salvation, and then preached a powerful message on the topic "Things we cannot afford to Change"- Our Convictions about right and wrong, Our Compassion for the Lost and those in need, Our Christ Centered emphasis in all our endeavors, and our emphasis on the need of developing Christian Character in our own lives and in the lives of Children.

[Want to learn more about the home, see pictures of the Children or staff?- [WWW.Homeforchildren.org](http://WWW.Homeforchildren.org)]



Can't find that Perfect Christmas Gift for your Pastor, a Church worker, a Family Member, or someone you are trying to reach for Christ?? Why not give them a **GIFT CERTIFICATE** from the Free Will Baptist Book Store.

These Certificates come in any amount you desire and make a great gift that is appreciated by everyone.

**MARK THESE CONFERENCE DATES:**

**Eastern Conference** Quarterly meet- Saturday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at Hill Side FWB Church in Florence.

**Central Conference** Quarterly Meet- Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2001 at Mt Tolly FWB Church, Galivants Ferry

**True Life Conference** Quarterly Meet- Saturday, January 20, 2001 at Calvary FWB Church, Lancaster

**South Carolina Conference** Annual Meet- Thursday- Friday, January 25-26, 2001 at Southside FWB Church, Darlington.

**Beaver Creek Conference** Annual Meet- Saturday, January 27, 2001 at High Point FWB Church, Lancaster

**Palmetto Conference** Quarterly Meet- Friday night and Saturday, February 23-24, 2001 at Gilead FWB Church, Lake City

**Great Commission Conference** Semi-Annual Meet- Saturday, April 14, 2001 at Pine Grove FWB Church, Jefferson.

**State Association Meeting**- Thursday and Friday, February 22-23, 2001 at Gilead FWB Church, Lake City.

## WOMAN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST (WAC)

**KIDS AND KITCHEN:** This year the ladies of our state have adopted a project of raising \$5,000.

A Thousand (\$1,000) of this will be given to the FWB Children's Home in Turbeville to go toward their building fund. The remainder of the \$5,000 will be given to our Aiken Home Mission work for the completion of their kitchen (You know how we Free Will Baptist like to eat. So a Free Will Baptist Mission needs a good kitchen!)



**STATE WAC MEETING-** Saturday, March 17, 2001 at the First FWB Church of Inman.

-New Format: The WAC executive board will be trying a new format for this meeting and they are really excited about the changes. The program for this meeting will be mailed the first of the year.

-Resolutions: All resolutions for consideration need to be sent to Mrs. Teresa Smith (308Greenwich Drive, Aiken, SC 29803) by March 1, 2001. Please be praying about any resolutions that your ladies auxiliary may have.

South Carolina Conference **WAC PRAYER AND PRAISE RALLY** was held on Saturday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at Fellowship FWB Church of Florence. Their Theme was



“Portraits of Prayer” and many of the ladies dressed up in old fashion clothes to show that things change but the need of prayer remains constant.

Following a time of Praise and Worship the ladies divided up into 3 groups that prayed on an alternating basis for Family, Missions, and our Nation. This was followed by a worship service highlighting the singing talents of Mrs Crystal Kimbrel and a message by Miss Judy Smith and “KC”. Then a delicious meal was served by the host church.



KC said, Visit me at [www.KornerKidsnCompany.com](http://www.KornerKidsnCompany.com)

## College Singing Group in our area:

“Sounds of Praise” from Southeastern FWB College will be at Lockhart FWB Church (Pastor Richard Conyers) on Sunday Feb 18, 2001 at 11am.

“Rejoice” from FWB Bible College:

They will take part in 2 nights of **Area Youth Mission Rally** (to familiarize Youth about, and expose Youth to, the Summer Missionary Program).

- Friday Night Jan 19<sup>th</sup>- Peace FWB Church, Florence (Pastor Donnie Miles)

- Saturday Night, Jan 20<sup>th</sup> - First FWB Church of Myrtle Beach (Pastor Jimmy Brown)

They will also be part of Worship services:

- Sunday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> (AM), First FWB Church of Myrtle Beach

- Sunday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> (AM), New Prospect FWB Church, Pamplico (Pastor Brian Tolliver).

### ATTENTION SINGING GROUPS.

I would like to compile a list of church singing groups that would be willing to help other churches during Revivals, Home Comings, and Special Services. This list would be published in the “Informer” for the benefit of our Pastors.



Send your name, address, the phone number of a Contact Person, and a letter from your pastor stating that you are in good standing in your church to:

Rev Mike Jones, Promotional Director  
P O Box 13266 Florence, SC 29504  
(Must be received my March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001)

### A note from the Randy Powell Family:

“We sincerely appreciate your response to Randy’s Transplant Fund. So far we have received \$3250. Please know that we are very grateful. Continue to pray for us as Randy waits for the transplant”

**Pastor Darren Squires** reported that over 130 people were saved during their October presentation of “Is that your Final Answer”so they are presenting “Is that your Final Answer II” Dec 8-9, 15-16 at Socastee FWB Church. Call 843-236-4929 for more info.

Pastor Darren also has begun a **Spanish Ministry** each Sunday at the Church and God is really blessing.

## HISTORICAL GLIMPSES

By Historical Commission Chairman, Rev Joe McKnight

(The Continuing story of South Carolina Free Will Baptist pioneer, Redding Moore as he helped establish the first Free Will Baptist Churches in South Carolina)

Our knowledge about the family life of Redding Moore provides both answers and questions. The records indicate that he had seven children, born between the years of 1803 and 1842. Given that Redding was born in 1780, he would have been in his early 60's when the youngest child was born. Documented knowledge about the children varies from fairly extensive to very little. We will focus on the Moore children in another article. First, the questions surrounding Redding's wife or wives should be addressed. The only documented facts come from three records.

A deed transacted in Darlington County on February 18, 1828 recorded the transfer of 330 acres of land and a "plantation" from Redding Moore to Stephen Reavell. This deed is a very important record because the land in question closely aligns to the location of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, near Timmons ville. This gives a strong indication that Redding was involved in the founding of Bethany, which was known as Pine Log Church until 1884. We'll save that for a later article.



At the end of that deed, however, there was a "renunciation of dower interest" signed by one Ann Moore. This Ann Moore would then be the mother of the first-born, Samuel Moore. Redding and Ann would have been married prior to 1803, the birth year of Samuel. Samuel's census records indicate his birth was in North Carolina, presumably Green County. Thus, it is safe to say that Redding and Ann met and married in North Carolina around the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It can further be stated that Ann was living in 1828, since two witnesses verified that she signed the deed to Stephen Reavell. During the period from 1803 to 1825 four children were born. They were Samuel, Calvin, William James and Elizabeth.

However, the 1830 Census raises a question about how long Ann lived after signing the deed. That Census record indicates that one adult female, between the ages of 20 and 30, lived in the Moore household. This clearly could not be Ann, since she could not have been that young. The 1840 Census again indicates one adult female, between the ages of 30 and 40. This would have been the same person, but could not have been Ann. So, the evidence seems to indicate that Redding Moore's first wife was Ann, who would have been born sometime during the 1780's in North Carolina, and who apparently died between 1828 and 1830 in Marion County, South Carolina. (Continued next edition)

### The meaning of the Free Will Baptist Emblem

(As explained on the National Association of Free Will Baptist web site- [www.nafwb.org](http://www.nafwb.org))



The SHIP symbolizes the Church and represents all the members pulling in one direction, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Seeking to fulfill Christ's last command to the Church, Free Will Baptists unite in one purpose with one priority to proclaim the good news of the gospel throughout the world.

The FISH, represented in the symbol by the space between the bottom of the sail and the top of the ship's body, is one of the most popular symbols for Jesus Christ. Many believe that it was a secret symbol which identified Christians during periods of persecution. The word "fish" in the first century Greek (ichthus) is an acrostic for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.

The ANCHOR on the bow of the ship symbolizes the Christian hope of salvation, "the sure, strong and steadfast anchor of the soul."

The CROSS The mast of the ship in the emblem forms the most familiar symbol in the history of the world, the CROSS - an instrument of execution and death turned into a worldwide emblem of hope and love by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The BIBLE has always been at the heart of our life as Free Will Baptists, the centrality of the scriptures. Free Will Baptists adopt the Word of God as our only rule of faith and practice. We believe the scriptures to be inspired, inerrant, infallible and immutable.

The LOAF and CUP represent the Lord's supper, one of the gospel ordinances. This ordinance commemorates the death of Christ for our sins in the use of the bread which He made the emblem of His broken body and the cup the emblem of His shed blood. Participation in this ordinance expresses love for Christ, faith and hope in Him, and serves as a pledge of perpetual fidelity and faithfulness to Him.

The BASIN and TOWEL historically symbolize the service and outreach of the church, but for us it has an added significance of representing our practice of washing the saints' feet.

The CLASPED HANDS symbolize many things to us: fellowship, brotherhood and the warmth of our faith. Perhaps the most important thing symbolized by the clasped hands is our commitment to reach out to people around the world with the good news.