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SCFWB give \$937,235.51 in 2002

South Carolina Free Will Baptists again opened their hearts and their pocketbooks to support the work of God in our state and around the world in 2002. In spite of a weak economy and numerous church building projects, Free Will Baptists continued to honor their obligation to God and His work by sharing of their resources. What a joy to be a part of such a group of people.

The top 15 givers for 2002 are listed below and numerous other reports are scattered through out this paper. A complete report will also be given at the State Association meeting.

A **SPECIAL WORD OF PRAISE** to the top giver for 2002- Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville. This generous church gave nearly twice as much as the number 2 giver. What a joy to see how God has blessed this church as it has decided to be a faithful steward of the resources that have been given to it by God.



Rev Jacob Creech, Pastor of Horse Branch FWB Church

1	Horse Branch, Turbeville	-----	\$75,251.79
2	Westside, Johnsonville	-----	\$40,336.70
3	Peace, Florence	-----	\$33,756.15
4	Bethany, Timmonsville	-----	\$30,600.00
5	Lockhart, Lockhart	-----	\$30,132.97
6	Florence First	-----	\$28,044.64
7	Liberty, Lancaster	-----	\$25,900.00
8	Lebanon, Effingham	-----	\$25,178.72
9	Sand Hill, Coward	-----	\$24,650.80
10	Temple, Darlington	-----	\$20,361.98
11	White Savannah, Conway	-----	\$20,213.76
12	Anon- Travis Poston Land Fund Gift	-----	\$20,000.00
13	Cornerstone, Whiteville	-----	\$18,600.00
14	Gilead, Lake City	-----	\$18,300.95
15	Darlington First	-----	\$18,054.00

The Remaining list of giver is located on Page 2-3.
THANKS to EVERYONE who gave.

2003 State Association will meet with Peace FWB Church, Florence on February 27-28

The 61st Annual Session of the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists, Inc. will meet with the Peace FWB Church of Florence, South Carolina on Thursday and Friday, February 27-28, 2003. This will be the first time many from across our state will get the privilege of seeing the new sanctuary at Peace and they are in for a treat.



Peace FWB Church. 897 3rd Loop Road. Pastor Donnie Miles- (843) 667-6285

This beautiful facility offers ample seating in a comfortable design that will enable everyone to feel close to the business and preaching services.

The business session will be led by state moderator, Rev Sherwood Lee, and will include the acceptance of the revised state constitution (A copy of which should be in the hands of state pastors by the middle of January) as well as other business items and reports.

Free Will Baptists also enjoy good preaching and this session has some great speakers on the program:

Thursday Morning- Rev Richard Huggins, Pastor of Damascus FWB Church, Conway.

Thursday Devotion- Rev Robbie Hiott, Pastor First FWB Church of Charleston.

Thursday Night Mission Service- Rev Larry Powell, Director, NAFWB Home Missions

Friday morning Devotion- Rev B.L. Efird, Associate Pastor of First FWB Church, Inman

Friday Morning Message- Rev Larry McAlister, Pastor of Gilead FWB Church, Lake City

Friday afternoon Devotion- Rev Jacob Creech, Pastor of Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville.

The **General Board** will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003 in the Sanctuary of Peace FWB Church. Everyone is invited to this meeting. Hotel information and a map to Peace Church are located on the back page of this "Informer".

16	Immanuel, Santee	-\$17,248.71	88	WNAC Simpsonville	-\$1,330.00
17	Parkway, Spartanburg	-\$16,795.22	89	Little Star, Johnsonville	-\$1,330.00
18	Victory, PA	-\$15,449.47	90	Midlands, Columbia	-\$1,298.00
19	Fairview, Spartanburg	-\$15,402.33	91	WNAC SCD Liberty, Manning	-\$1,290.05
20	Beulah, Pamplico	-\$15,166.59	92	Victory, Andrews	-\$1,289.97
21	Inman First	-\$14,915.50	93	WNAC High Point	-\$1,268.00
22	North Spartanburg, Inman	-\$14,209.76	94	Central Association	-\$1,265.56
23	Whitney, Spartanburg	-\$13,896.36	95	Wildwood, Nichols	-\$1,250.68
24	Mill Branch, Johnsonville	-\$13,654.54	96	WNAC SCD Black River	-\$1,225.21
25	Southside, Darlington	-\$12,222.07	97	Olanta, Olanta	-\$1,200.00
26	Grace, Lake City	-\$10,855.54	98	New Life, Conway	-\$1,200.00
27	Mt Trolly, Galivants Ferry	-\$10,434.75	99	WNAC Whitney	-\$1,185.00
28	Bay Branch, Timmons ville	-\$10,137.46	100	Lesslie, Rock Hill	-\$1,152.00
29	Hanna, Carlisle	-\$10,000.00	101	WNAC CD Oak Grove	-\$1,150.00
30	CalvaryFWB, Swannanoa,NC	-\$10,000.00	102	Unity, Johnsonville	-\$1,140.00
31	Tabernacle, Coward	-\$9,855.00	103	Salem, Scranton	-\$1,120.42
32	Mt Elon, Pamplico	-\$9,427.40	104	WNAC CD Little Star	-\$1,100.00
33	Pamplico, Pamplico	-\$9,142.08	105	WNAC SCD Eastside	-\$1,095.00
34	Cash	-\$8,958.30	106	Bethesda, Camden	-\$1,080.00
35	Myrtle Beach First	-\$8,390.00	107	Beaumont, Spartanburg	-\$1,054.45
36	Landmark, Anderson	-\$7,800.00	108	WNAC SCD Mt Elon	-\$1,051.00
37	St John, Scranton	-\$7,712.00	109	BC Ministers Conference	-\$1,040.00
38	Hamlet First	-\$7,537.00	110	WNAC SCD Southside, Dar	-\$1,036.48
39	Black River, Andrews	-\$6,811.55	111	S C State Association	-\$1,000.00
40	Poplar Hill, Hemingway	-\$6,660.75	112	New Prospect, Pamplico	-\$965.00
41	Freedom, Lancaster	-\$6,570.44	113	Una, Una	-\$950.00
42	Chester First	-\$6,506.84	114	Kingstree First	-\$950.00
43	New Vision, Hemingway	-\$6,506.28	115	MEMORIALS	-\$945.00
44	High Point, Lancaster	-\$6,419.27	116	WNAC Greenwood	-\$935.00
45	South Conway, Conway	-\$6,399.32	117	Eastern Conference	-\$900.00
46	New Town, Lake City	-\$6,335.00	118	WNAC SCD Horse Branch	-\$875.07
47	WNAC SCD Darlington First	-\$5,823.97	119	Calvary, Lancaster	-\$852.00
48	Greenville First	-\$5,195.00	120	WNAC SCD Beulah	-\$847.56
49	FWB Bible, Darlington	-\$5,135.00	121	Pine Grove, Jefferson	-\$811.53
50	Low Country, N Charleston	-\$4,900.49	122	WNAC SCD Peace, Florence	-\$802.00
51	Fellowship, Florence	-\$4,763.90	123	Adams, Theodore/Lora	-\$800.00
52	Faith, Darlington	-\$4,623.81	124	Eastside, Florence	-\$750.00
53	St John, Patrick	-\$4,509.55	125	Free Welcome, Conway	-\$745.88
54	Columbia Original	-\$4,446.00	126	Westside Youth Group	-\$688.83
55	Evergreen, Conway	-\$4,350.00	127	WNAC Parkway	-\$684.00
56	Freedom, Ladson	-\$4,217.16	128	Darlington Area Churches	-\$675.00
57	Valley Falls, Spartanburg	-\$4,000.00	129	PHELPS, EDWARD-SANDRA	-\$600.00
58	Camp Branch, Scranton	-\$3,845.32	130	WNAC CD Mt Ariel	-\$600.00
59	Damascus, Conway	-\$3,844.00	131	Rains, Rains	-\$576.26
60	WNAC Chester	-\$3,723.00	132	WNAC North Spartanburg	-\$575.00
61	Little Bethel, Johnsonville	-\$3,625.00	133	Calvary, Georgetown	-\$573.50
62	Jones, Mike	-\$3,605.00	134	Cypress Fork, Manning	-\$550.00
63	Hickory Hill, Gresham	-\$3,130.30	135	Faith, Smyrna	-\$550.00
64	Happy Home, Andrews	-\$3,080.00	136	Liberty, Manning	-\$541.28
65	WNAC Inman	-\$2,780.00	137	Greenwood First	-\$531.87
66	Mt Ariel, Conway	-\$2,750.00	138	WNAC ED Gilead	-\$525.00
67	Arcadia, Arcadia	-\$2,700.00	139	WNAC Greenville	-\$505.00
68	Southside, Aiken	-\$2,577.57	140	WNAC ED Mill Branch	-\$500.00
69	Williams, Zellene	-\$2,543.22	141	Walker's Chapel, Sumter	-\$500.00
70	Enoree First FWB	-\$2,400.00	142	Bell, Rev Larry	-\$500.00
71	Liberty, Orangeburg	-\$2,279.44	143	Samuel Hucks	-\$500.00
72	Williams Hill, Hemingway	-\$2,223.00	144	SC Conference	-\$500.00
73	New Vision, Rock Hill	-\$2,107.24	145	WNAC Fairview	-\$490.00
74	WNAC SCD Sand Hill	-\$2,088.00	146	WNAC Lockhart	-\$458.71
75	WNAC SCD Temple	-\$2,083.27	147	RAPER, JAMES EARL	-\$450.00
76	Flowers, Sue 2446	-\$1,990.00	148	WNAC SCD Grace	-\$437.84
77	WNAC Liberty, Lancaster	-\$1,962.00	149	Jones, Paula	-\$425.00
78	Northgate, Greer	-\$1,938.00	150	WNAC Canaan	-\$415.00
79	WNAC SCD Faith	-\$1,900.00	151	Heart Land, Lancaster	-\$400.00
80	Hartsville First	-\$1,830.77	152	WNAC SCD Bay Branch	-\$371.00
81	Lynches River, Coward	-\$1,700.00	153	Socastee, Socastee	-\$356.00
82	Jefferson Road, Sumter	-\$1,688.55	154	WNAC Hope, Spartanburg	-\$350.00
83	Greer First, Greer	-\$1,621.58	155	Converse, Spartanburg	-\$315.88
84	WNAC SCD Immanuel	-\$1,555.00	156	HUGGINS, MARY DEAN	-\$315.00
85	Charleston First	-\$1,513.00	157	HARRELSON, TONY	-\$300.00
86	WNAC State	-\$1,409.00	158	WNAC ED Williams Hill	-\$300.00
87	WNAC Valley Falls	-\$1,370.00	159	EVANS, RICKEY	-\$275.00
			160	Peace, Spartanburg	-\$250.00

161	Griffin, Kathy	-\$250.00
162	Mullins-Marion, Mullins	-\$235.00
163	Pee Dee, Conway	-\$225.00
164	WNAC SCD Camp Branch	-\$210.00
165	WNAC CD Westside	-\$207.50
166	WNAC CD Myrtle Beach First	-\$200.00
167	High Hill, Scranton	-\$200.00
168	Community, Florence	-\$200.00
169	WNAC BC	-\$200.00
170	Jones, Ronnie-Bonnie	-\$200.00
171	Rogriguez, Gerardo	-\$195.27
172	WNAC SCD Fellowship	-\$190.00
173	WNAC SCD Lebanon	-\$189.00
174	Hillside, Florence	-\$175.00
175	WNAC Westgate	-\$165.00
176	WNAC SCD New Town, Lake City	-\$160.00
177	Mt Carmel, York	-\$139.00
178	AYCOCK, DAVID	-\$135.00
179	Granny Ruth's Mission, New Vision	-\$125.21
180	Sweet Home, Myrtle Beach	-\$125.00
181	Maranatha (Florence 1st)	-\$125.00
182	Fellowship, Manning	-\$125.00
183	Bethel, Fort Mill	-\$120.00
184	HARRELSON, BILLY	-\$120.00
185	WNAC SCD Lowcountry, Charleston	-\$105.00
186	WNAC CD	-\$100.00

187	True Life Association	-\$100.00
188	WNAC Arcadia	-\$100.00
189	Miracle Miinistry	-\$100.00
190	Saverance, Reedy	-\$100.00
191	WNAC CD New Life	-\$100.00
192	Driggers, Elro-Nancy	-\$100.00
193	JONES, BRANDON	-\$95.00
194	Oak Grove, Galivants Ferry	-\$67.15
195	Freedom, Tabor City	-\$65.00
196	Bell, Lawrence	-\$50.00
197	Sizemoore, Jerry	-\$50.00
198	Langston, V.C /Ann	-\$50.00
199	Strickland, Judy	-\$50.00
200	Gloryland, Rock Hill	-\$49.00
201	Bright Light, Thomasville	-\$40.00
202	WNAC SCD Pamplico	-\$38.22
203	WNAC Lesslie	-\$30.00
204	Riverside, Conway	-\$25.00
205	WNAC Southside, Aiken	-\$25.00
206	Collins, Muriel	-\$25.00
207	Hanna, Andy	-\$20.00
208	Trinity, Wilmington	-\$20.00
209	Allen, Judy	-\$10.00
210	Carnes, Thelma	-\$5.00
211	Bethel, Florence	-\$5.00
TOTAL		\$937,235.51

Where the money was sent- Remember **100% of all money you send to the SCFWB State Office is sent to the designated Ministry.** NOTHING is taken out by the State Office for expenses.

Foreign Missions	\$328,410.53
FWB Bible College	\$65,198.04
Southeastern College	\$24,289.98
National Home Missions	\$126,874.02
National Executive Office	\$3,775.02
Other National Agencies	\$2,602.62
India Land/Special Projects	\$69,835.01
Non-Nashville Foreign Missions	\$11,657.82
Beaver Creek Bible Institute	\$6,789.69
Children's Home	\$119,691.52
SCFWB State Office	\$72,706.78
State Home Missions	\$42,367.20
WNAC Gifts	\$42,122.69
Roger Johnson Medical	\$4,130.00
Other State Ministries	\$11,475.69
Other Ministries	\$5,308.90
TOTAL	\$937,235.51

Beaver Creek	\$184,025.04
Central	\$135,780.89
Eastern	\$ 63,239.23
Palmetto	\$ 18,111.92
South Carolina	\$419,624.23
True Life	\$ 2,090.00
SC WAC	\$ 48,115.88
Individuals	\$ 66,248.32

Rev Rickey Evans became full time Assistant Director/Book Store Manager on January 1, 2003. He has a heart for the Lord's work, for lost souls, and for Free Will Baptists and he is ready to help you with all your Christian Literature and Supply needs.



He will work Monday - Thursday from 9-5 at the FWB Christian Book and Supply Store. Friday is his day off, Saturdays he will be carrying our traveling book store to conferences and special meetings, and Sundays he will be visiting in FWB Churches all across our state to conduct Soul Winning Conferences, Preach the word, inform, and encourage.

He can be reached at (843) 662-8682 or 1-800-319-2346 for Sunday School Literature, VBS Literature, Church Supplies, song books or any other way he can help your church in its ministry.

(One of the first projects Brother Rickey began was a "Suit Swap" program for Pastors. Many Pastors have good suits in their closets that they have outgrown (not Worn out!). They can bring these suits to the FWB Book Store and we will have them available for other preachers that can wear that size so they will do good instead of collect dust.)

PASTOR KENNETH UPRIGHT RETIRES

The Christmas gathering at Liberty FWB Church, Manning, SC was more special than usual this year. Pastor Ken Upright and wife, Evelyn, had announced their retirement from Pastoring. The good people of Liberty did not allow this time to become sad, however. They decided to turn it into a time to celebrate the life and ministry of these two fine people.



In honor of the 17 years that Brother Ken has been the Pastor of this Church the Church secretly took up an offering and presented Brother Ken and Mrs. Evelyn a check for \$1000 (Glory!). This will be a big help as the Uprights move from the parsonage into a new home and they need to get appliances and furnishings.

Brother Ken plans to continue with his Christian Book Store and Tax Business in Manning but he will now be available for revivals, special speaking, and as a fill in pastor. His tax expertise may also be very useful to help a church determine the best way to structure the pay package of a pastor.

Pastor Upright's ministry encompassed 40 years and has included ministry in Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee as well as in South Carolina. In addition to his work as Pastor in South Carolina he also directed the State Youth Camp, Promoted and taught at the Bethel Bible Institute (Florence, SC), had an active prison ministry, and was headmaster of a Private School.

Brother Ken is a graduate of FWBBC and lacks only 4 hours of having his Master's degree from Bethel Theological Seminary. He and Mrs. Evelyn look forward to continuing to be active in Christian work as well as spending time with their 3 Children in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Oregon; as well as spoiling their grandchildren.



Rev Gerardo Rodriguez was Ordained on Sunday Night, December 29, 2002 at the First FWB Church of Inman.

This special service was highlighted by the attendance of Brother



Rev Rick Bowling translates for the mother of Rev Gerardo Rodriguez

Gerardo's mother from Uruguay and the members of the Comunidad Hispanic FWB Church (This is the Hispanic Church Brother Gerardo is beginning and over 40 members from this church attended this service in spite of the fact that they had been in their own service only hours earlier).

Pastor Earl Hendrix led the service and gave the charge to the Church. Rev Jeff Cochran

read the scripture, Chairman of the board of deacons, Mr Charles Tapp read the examination requirements, Vice Chairman of the board of deacons, Mr Kevin Drake, led in prayer, National Hispanic Director, Rick Bowling, preached a powerful ordination message (and translated his own message!), and SCFWB Executive Secretary, Mike Jones, led in the laying on of hands.

The testimony of Brother Gerardo's mother about her struggles to live for Christ amidst early persecution and her great joy at seeing all 4 of her children actively involved in God's work brought tears of joy to our eyes. The testimony of wife, Maria, about how she saw God at work in her husband's life as he visited the sick and continually looked for more "lost sheep" helped us to see the deep dedication of Brother Gerardo. And the testimony by Pastor Earl about how Brother Gerardo earned the title the "Wal-Mart Evangelist" helped us to see his determination to reach the world with the Gospel- Brother Gerardo began by passing out papers inside Wal-Mart. He was told he could not do that so he began passing them out in the parking lot. Again, he was told he could not do that so he had business cards made up and now he gives them out every chance he gets as he visits in Wal-Mart!



Members of his church present Pastor Gerardo with a special gift

Brother Gerardo is a joint Home Missionary with the South Carolina State Home Mission Board trying to build Hispanic works in Spartanburg and, eventually, all over South Carolina. He is worthy of your support and you are encouraged to include him in your giving budget this year (He is listed on our Plan of Support Forms).



Pastor Earl Hendrix and Hispanic Director Rick Bowling sit with the Gerardo Rodriguez family before his ordination.



State Home Mission Board Director, Rev Earl Hendrix congratulates Rev Gerardo on his ordination

NAME CHANGE: New Covenant FWB Church of Spartanburg recently changed its name to **BEAUMONT** FWB Church in recognition of the community where they minister. Pastor Mikell Edge expressed optimism about the future growth and potential of the Church after a new beginning Revival and church dedication had an average attendance of 45.



PILGRIM PRAISE at Mt Carmel FWB Church (Reported by Pastor John Cody).

Two of our Men and their wives spearheaded a Pilgrim's dinner at the Church fellowship hall Thanksgiving Day. Brother Wyatt Ervin And Brother Tom Skeen along with their wives and other volunteers from the church prepared Thanksgiving dinners for upwards of 200 people of the disabled, elderly, and Out of work people around our area. God wonderfully blessed with provision of The Turkey & dressing and vegetables along with desert for a full meal which was served at the fellowship hall and a lot of plates were delivered by others of the church to people who had no way of coming to the church or were too ill or could not drive.

Already plans are being made to make this an annual event at our church. People were brought to tears by such generosity and the deliverers said they received the greater blessing because they were able to help someone who could not help themselves Praise God for the labor of love among the members in Mt. Carmel Church for one another and for their neighbors and friends.

LIGHTHOUSE FWB CHURCH BEGINS: Rev Brian Tolliver has begun a new Free Will Baptist church in the building that was formerly South Oak FWB Church (Approximately 5 miles south of Florence). The South Oak Church group joined with Peace FWB Church several years ago and the building was being used by a non-Free Will Baptist group until recently. Brother Brian said he had always had a burden to begin a FWB Church and this was an excellent opportunity to reestablish FWB on this busy highway.



National Convention Announced **College Intern Program**

The Free Will Baptist National Convention is sponsoring a learning opportunity this summer for Free Will Baptist college students. The unique intern program will offer a behind-the-scenes look at convention operations, logistics and organization, according to Dean Jones, convention manager.

The program will allow up to eight students to work on staff during this year's annual July meeting in Tampa, Florida. Participants will have opportunity to work in one or more of eight areas: registration, audio/video production, technical set-up, stage management, exhibition, ushering, publications and safety/security operations.

Selected participants will receive pre-convention training and on-the-job experience, as well as room and board during their stay in Tampa on July 17-24. College students are encouraged to request more information by contacting Dean Jones, convention manager, via e-mail at dean@nafwb.org or calling 615-361-1221 ext. 344.

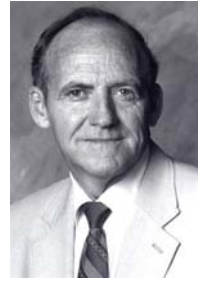
Attention Youth Workers! Looking for a way to jump start your younger students? Bring them to Springboard! Springboard (formerly T&P2) is designed to encourage and motivate your students that are currently in the 6th-9th grade.

Springboard is an annual leadership conference brought to you by FWB Student & Children Ministries and Benchmark Adventure Ministries. Springboard happens April 3-6, 2003 in North Georgia. The speaker for the conference will be Kevin Riggs, a great speaker and pastor from Franklin, TN.

Register by 03/03/03 and pay only \$99 per person (\$79 for sponsors). The registration price includes all meals, lodging and a cool conference T-shirt! For more information call 1-800-870-7030, ext. 345 or email steve@randallhouse.com.



Final Article in a Three-Part Series by Pastor Joe Cagle (Little Bethel FWB Church)
warning about some of the dangers Parents need to be aware of in today's society



PROTECT THE CHILDREN YOU LOVE

Since the powers that be are ordained of God (Romans 13:1), did I see the hand of God in the affairs of men on November 5, 2002? Did God hear our prayers and help us take the first step toward reclaiming America for God? Did the church and God-fearing people rise up and say we're through electing politicians to offices who support the murder of our unborn or partial born children? Did we say NO to the politicians who support the wicked, sinful life-style of homosexuals and lesbian?? Did we say we've had enough of liberal, humanist politicians who laugh at righteousness and ignore or scoff at God and the Bible? Just maybe we said NO to those who would try and ruin America and destroy our children. We hope so, but you can be sure Satan will still continue his assault against God's standards.

Some of the Satanic evils flooding our land are: The acceptance of Sodomites among Catholic priests of which 30% or more are homosexuals, Girl Scout clubs of which 30% or more are lesbians, Big Brothers of America and Big Sisters of America giving in to the pressure from Sodomites in July 2002 and allowing homosexual volunteers from being excluded, and Liberal Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D. NY) announcing in October 2002 that his bill now has 100 cosponsors in the House that would allow non-U.S. citizens having a homosexual relationship with a U. S. citizen the same privileges granted to any male or female alien married to a U. S. Citizen.

When the Supreme Court of America stood with the Boy Scouts of America, the homosexual activists escalated their invasion of the public school system to win the next generation. They formed the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). They won the support of the NEA, America's oldest and largest teacher's organization. The GLSEN provide instructions to homosexual teachers on how to introduce homosexual issues into the school (EX: Jewelry and material that teach other mother-father units.) The latest numbers say over 70% of public high school students accept homosexuals (Sodomites) as just another sexual expression and they were just born different.

So how did we get here with public schools designing social policies to protect and accept Sodom's homosexual behavior? For decades education has been touted as the cure for all of society's ills and humanistic leaders worldly educational leaders) have taught that man is basically good. But God's Bible (expelled from the public school) says that the heart of man is deceitful and desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:8).

Ignoring the Bible, human reasoning proceeded to teach Johnny that he came from a monkey, that God is dead, and that hell is a big party or that it doesn't exist at all. This same reasoning teaches that condoms make free sex safe sex, that there are no morals, or standards, and that what's wrong for you may be right for me. Now they are teaching that there is 1 chance in 10 someone is born homosexual and the news media is teaching that homosexuals make good adoptive parents.

A 20- year journey Sodomites: First, they came out and asked to be tolerated Our children watched on television as we agreed to let them do their thing, Then they asked society for acceptance of their perverted life-styles, television promoted their life-style, and many failed to tell their children it was SIN. Society then said it was not their fault, it was their orientation, thus making God to blame. Now they are demanding direct access to our children through the public schools, movies, television, and children's clubs.

What can we as Christians do? Our pulpits must come alive and cry out against this WICKED sin of sodomy. We have a direct charge from God from in Timothy 4:2 to preach the WORD. Reprove -rebuke. Be kind to the Girl Scouts selling cookies, but tell them plain we can't support their lesbian leaders. We've been silent too long. Let's be different than Lot was in Sodom. Preach Romans chapter 1 and Genesis chapter 19. Then let God rebuke the sin. Pastors, preachers, and parents go and see what is going on.

Be heard, cry out, and mount an assault on the evil being taught to our children. Flood the schools with gospel tracts that clearly show God's teaching against this wicked sin. Students cannot be forbidden to give out tracts to fellow students. Let's be heard. We have God's message. Let's suffer for Christ's sake. To God be the glory!!! AMEN!!!



The Deed to 1.08 acres of land is presented to the Trustees and Pastors of Immanuel by officers from Lakeland Investors

What a day the first Sunday in 2003 was for Immanuel FWB Church of Santee. Pastor Herman Hyman announced that their gift to the Benjamin Randall Offering had exceeded \$11,000. He then announced that 7 members of the Church had read the Bible through in 2002



Then the SCFWB Executive Secretary had the honor of preaching the charge to the church as the church received a gift of 1.08 acres of land with 500 feet of frontage on busy Highway 301. This piece of land was almost directly in front of the Church and they knew they needed to obtain it to guard against an unwelcome neighbor. They approached the Realtors just to get an idea of the cost and the Realtors decided to tithe their recent purchase of some land by giving this portion to the Church (Glory!).

In making the presentation of the land, the president of Lakeland Investors, Inc., Mr. Jerry Rogerson said they had elected the Holy Spirit as chairman of their board when they began and He was the one that led in this decision. Treasurer, Delores Clinton, and legal counsel, Ron Nester, Sr. also felt the Spirit's leadership in making this decision.

Finally, Pastor Hyman ended the service by receiving the Lawrence Washington Family as members of the Church. Lawrence and Mary Washington have been attending Immanuel for a year and they felt this was where they could use their talents for the Lord. What a Great Day for this church on the move. Rev Pete Minor is associate Pastor of this growing flock.



Pastor Hyman welcomes the Lawrence Washington Family

History of FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

WRIGHT WILSON – THE ENIGMA

(Part 2)



SCFWB Historical Commission Chairman
NAFWB Historical Commission Member
Rev Joe McKnight

Another of the mysteries surrounding Wright Wilson was his status in the General Conference of South Carolina prior to 1858. When making or seconding procedural motions on Thursday, October 7 and Friday, October 8, he was identified as Elder Wright Wilson. This title was usually reserved for ministers, with the laymen being referred to as Brother. Wilson is not listed as a delegate of any local church. During the Friday Session, he was selected to serve as alternate to deliver the introductory sermon at the 1859 Session. Interestingly, Wright Wilson was the alternate for John Wilson from Darlington. However, the motion that Wright Wilson be “enroll on the list” was not made until the morning of Saturday, the ninth of October.

At the 1859 Session, he was selected to serve as Moderator. It seems odd that he would be accorded the title of Elder, and selected to preach in the next session, if he were not already recognized as a minister. Yet, there is no evidence to suggest this was the case. Wilson would serve as Moderator and deliver the Introductory Sermon on many more occasions. The Minutes of 1863 confirm that he served as pastor of Providence and Antioch churches, located near Andrews.

A lack of Conference Minutes from the late 1860’s and early 1870’s creates a problem at this point. Wilson’s name is not mentioned in the Minutes that do exist until 1876. At that Session, it is noted that “*on motion agreed that the charges against Elder W. Wilson be forgiven him and that Brother E. Chandler see him and get him to hold his membership at sum church.*” Since there is no mention of charges in the 1874 Minutes, and no record of the 1875 Session can be found, it is likely that charges were filed against Wilson in 1875. There is no documentation to confirm what the charges were.

Another question is raised by the attempt to ensure that he continued his church membership. This is the only such action that can be found in the records of the General Conference of South Carolina. Unfortunately, the motives and implications of this action are not known. During the late 1870’s and early 1880’s churches from Andrews, Greeleyville and Manning formed the Santee General Conference. Some of these churches returned in the early 1880’s, but incomplete records make it impossible to know if Wilson was pastoring during that time. Wright Wilson died in 1881. It seems fitting that the final reference to this enigmatic life of Wright Wilson is found in the Minutes of that year. It reads that “*On motion agreed that the names of Eld. Samuel Moore, Eld. Wright Wilson, Bro. James Mathews, deceased, be enrolled on this Conference Ledger.*” The final mystery is why the name of a deceased minister would be entered into the record as a member. Perhaps it was to honor the life and work of a good man who was a faithful laborer, but apparently fell into difficulties along the way.



Busy Hwy 378 now has another reminder of the growth and influence of Free Will Baptists. **Damascus FWB Church** recently erected a beautiful sign right beside this much traveled road. Pastor Richard Huggins invited the State Executive Secretary to preach the message before the dedication service and it was a joy to feel the good Spirit of God and see how God continues to work in the midst of this thriving Church.



Pastor Richard leads the congregation in dedicating their new sign.



Pastor Richard Huggins shows off the new Guitar given to him by the Church for pastor Appreciation

More and more of our FWB Churches are erecting beautiful signs to tell people who we are and what we believe. A sign ministry can reach thousands of people each week with a church’s message about God’s word and the work going on in the Church. Thank the Lord Free Will Baptists are using every method they can to reach the world for Christ.



HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Most of the more modern motels are located near the Interstate and the shopping malls so State Treasurer, Rev Joe McKnight, contacted two of these and obtained special pricing for the State Meeting. These prices can only be guaranteed through February 15th so reservations need to be made early- Tell the hotel you are with the Free Will Baptists State Meeting.

Both of these motels are located at the junction of I-95 and I-20 close to the Magnolia Mall- 3-5 miles for Peace FWB Church

Fairfield Inn- \$54 for Doubles or Kings -140 Dunbarton Drive, Florence, SC.

Phone (843) 669-1666).

Red Roof Inn- \$40.99 for a Standard Double -2690 David McLeod Boulevard, Florence, SC (843) 678-9000).



From I-20/I-95 Junction take David McLeod Blvd to 2nd Loop Road (Pamplico Hwy). Follow 2nd Loop Road to Irby St (SouthPark Shopping Center). Turn Right on Irby- You will pass the SCFWB State Office, Wal-Mart Super Center, and Florence Baptist Temple before you come to Third Loop Road. Turn Right on Third Loop Road and Church is a mile on the right.

2002 Report on SC Plan of Support for **FOREIGN MISSIONS**

		% of budget SC is supposed to provide	2002 Amount SC needed to Provide to meet our part of their budget	2002 Actually given	2003 Amount SC needs to Provide to meet our part of their budget
David Aycock	Brazil	25%	\$25,853.94	\$15,488.68	\$24,316.98
Mirial Gainer	Japan	75%	\$76,051.62	\$54,816.94	\$72,919.70
Carlisle Hanna	India	65%	\$128,839.41	\$120,126.54	\$135,617.85
Tim Johnson	Spain	50%	\$48,928.94	\$37,728.90	\$47,154.13
Andy Moore	Brazil	50%	\$39,598.34	\$23,312.91	\$38,748.49
Bobby Poole	Brazil	50%	\$39,109.87	\$25,332.79	\$40,063.52
			\$358,382.12	\$276,806.76	\$358,820.67

NEW PASTORS:

Rev Daniel Smith- St John FWB Church, Pamplico

Rev Stevie McCutcheon- Cypress Fork FWB Church, Manning

Rev Richard Moretz- Happy Home FWB Church, Andrews

Rev Gordon Cook- Unity FWB Church, Johnsonville



Rev Richard Moretz



Rev Daniel Smith

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