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## WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED

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### IN HEAVEN

51 PRECIOUS SOULS were saved on Roll Call Sunday as Free Will Baptists met to celebrate the Resurrection of our Blessed Lord. Many churches enjoyed significant increases in attendance on this special day but the number that mattered the most was the number of souls added to the roll books of Heaven.

Roll Call Sunday is an annual opportunity for us to get a measuring stick of our growth as a denomination and for our churches to push for extra attendance as they invite visitors to the church for this special day.

Amazingly, **the number one church in attendance this year was the Mullins-Marion FWB Church** only a week after the loss of Pastor Bill Jacobs! What a tribute to the stability and Christian character of this fine Church.

A complete list of the attendance of all reporting churches is included later in this paper, as well as the list of the top ten attended churches and some other helpful information.

THANKS to everyone who worked so hard to make this day a success- and a special thanks to the moderators of the various conferences for the extra work they did to get the results tabulated.

**Rev. Bill Jacobs**, founder and Pastor of Mullins-Marion FWB Church for 35 years, went to sleep in his chair and woke up in the arms of the Lord on Sunday, April 13th. Brother Bill was a solid soldier in our ranks and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include wife, Arlis and children: Tony, Timothy, Tregiana, and Thad; and a host of grandchildren and church members that were greatly loved by this man of God. (Additional Story and Pictures on Page 3)



**Rev James Crowe**, left this life for his heavenly reward on Tuesday, March 25th. Brother James was the former pastor of Community FWB Church, Otway FWB Church, Salem FWB Church, Unity FWB Church, and High Hill FWB Church. He was presently attending Hillside FWB Church.

Surviving are his wife, Diane, and children: Traci, Tricia, and Jamie. Brother James preached his final sermon as the main speaker for the Eastern Conference the Saturday before his death. He will certainly be missed.



**Rev Johnny Hudson** fought his final battle with pain on Monday, March 17th. Brother Johnny was the pastor of Bethel FWB Church for 12 years but sickness deprived him of the opportunity to be an active pastor during the last years of his life; although he had a tremendous testimony among the doctors and nurses who cared for him. Survivors include wife, Mavis, and children: Bryon, Jimmy, and Lynn. Joyfully, Brother Johnny was a member of the SCFWB Minister's Benevolent Fund and the Executive Secretary was able to carry his widow a check for \$2000 on the day of his death to help during this critical time.



<b>BEAVER CREEK CONF</b>				
	<b>00</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>
1 Canaan, Lancaster	91	95	114	95
2 Converse	85	85	75	103
3 Enoree First	150	179	98	94
4 Fairview, Spartanburg	178	149	200	275
5 First, Chesnee	124	158	148	178
6 First, Chester	207	231	220	237
7 First, Greenville	95	138	137	141
8 First, Greenwood	45	59	80	47
9 First, Inman	521	525	512	517
10 First, Simpsonville	47		68	81
11 First, Una	127	101	113	128
12 Gaffney, Gaffney	129	75		126
13 Greer, Greer	86	76	73	54
14 High Point, Lancaster	514	320	220	249
15 Hope, Spartanburg	62	84	76	55
16 Landmark, Anderson	140	197	150	103
17 Lesslie, Rock Hill	37	20	59	51
18 Liberty, Lancaster	119	275	352	371
19 Lockhart, Lockhart	190	153	177	124
20 Northgate, Greer	0	57	34	45
21 North Spartanburg	142	104	178	157
22 Parkway, Spartanburg	162	224	176	205
23 Southside, Spartanburg	41	50	39	57
24 Southside, Aiken	18	39	49	71
25 Valley Falls	507	637	577	533
26 Westgate, Arcadia	350	275		300
27 Whitney	115	115	175	150

**CENTRAL CONFERENCE**

1 Bethel, Florence	37	45	48	35
2 Cornerstone, Whiteville	187	155	160	170
3 Damascus, Conway	106	95	100	92
4 Evergreen, Conway	233	226	325	168
5 First, Hamlet	87	63	91	98
6 First, Myrtle Beach	188	238	452	355
7 Floyds, Nichols	24	39	20	22
8 Free Welcome, Conway	49	45	55	57
9 Freedom, Tabor City	0	0	35	32
10 Grace, Loris	0	0	0	7
11 Little Bethel, Jville	15	64	75	123
12 Little Star, Jville	155	148	66	130
13 Mt Trolley, Conway	140	133	220	182
14 Mt Ariel, Conway	62	75	89	76
15 Mullins- Marion, Mullins	582	344	489	607
16 New Life, Conway	29		25	44
17 Oak Grove, Conway	115	105	115	68
18 Pee Dee, Conway	86	85	87	80
19 Rains, Rains	93	66	65	85
20 Riverside, Conway	0	0	59	76
21 Socastee, Socastee	80	88	84	70
22 South Conway	88	110	102	79
23 Sweet Home, Socastee	35		40	42
24 Unity, Johnsonville	66	64	125	118
25 Westside, Johnsonville	107	230	200	220
26 White Savannah	340	330	325	315
27 Wildwood, Nichols	37	120	42	41

**PALMETTO CONFERENCE**

1 Bethel, Fort Mill	24	37	46	30
2 Bright Light, Thomasville	62	48	47	59
3 New Vision, Rock Hill	60	49	122	32
4 Peace, Spartanburg	267	242	263	221
5 Victory, Hanover, PA	87	169	130	176

**TRUE LIFE CONFERENCE**

1 Calvary, Lancaster	71	27	55	
2 Calvary, Gastonia				100
3 Cornerstone, Chester	36	24	36	41
4 Faith, Smyrna	26	50	31	19
5 Gloryland, Rock Hill	44	40	55	103
6 Heartland, Lancaster	39	26	40	52
7 Mt Carmel, York	42	37	50	111

<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>				
	<b>00</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>
1 Cornerstone, Manning	42	54	48	43
2 Cypress Forks, Manning	49	81	27	61
3 Fellowship, Manning	19	43	54	44
4 Freedom, Ladson	102	48	58	32
5 Gilead, Scranton	222	275	276	235
6 Happy Home, Andrews	74	140	102	175
7 Hickory Hill, Gresham	66	66	119	73
8 Hillside, Florence	80	72	115	92
9 Mill Branch, Johnsonville	67	57	100	110
10 New Vision, Hemingway	91	105	127	145
11 New Prospect, Pamplico	130	193	158	140
12 Olanta, Olanta	13	11	22	25
13 St John, Pamplico	77	80	103	44
14 Walker's Chapel, Sumter	22	31	35	19
15 Williams Hill, Hemingway	57	84	112	115

**SC CONFERENCE**

1 Bay Branch-Timmonsville	98	56	101	110
2 Bethany, Timmonsville	134	185	154	155
3 Bethesda, Camden	23	18	32	33
4 Beulah, Pamplico	97	84	99	110
5 Bible, Darlington	77	85	116	84
6 Black River, Andrews	73	84	110	105
7 Calvary, Georgetown	33	40	38	32
8 Camp Branch, Scranton	76	60	102	67
9 Columbia, Columbia	54	77	45	39
10 Community, Florence	59	89	115	145
11 Eastside, Florence	30	26	52	72
12 Faith, Darlington	70	80	75	75
13 Fellowship, Florence	46	47	45	38
14 First, Hartsville	28	27	31	30
15 First, Florence	314	244	324	335
16 First, Kingstree	236	195	176	98
17 First, Darlington	74	87	93	98
18 First, Charleston	56	55	52	62
19 Grace, Lake City	136	105	105	115
20 High Hill, Lake City	24	65	46	47
21 Horse Branch, Turbeville	223	198	237	266
22 Immanuel, Santee	14	28	38	29
23 Jefferson Road, Sumter	134	164	122	137
24 Lebanon, Florence	88	91	145	130
25 Liberty, Manning	45	35	36	51
26 Liberty, Orangeburg	30	27	36	32
27 Low Country, Charleston	20	40	123	80
28 Lynches River, Coward	31	55	97	84
29 Midlands, Columbia	38	34	36	36
30 Mt Elon, Pamplico	122	102	110	116
31 New Town, Lake City	50	79	51	82
32 Pamplico, Pamplico	41	36	30	41
33 Peace, Florence	269	255	353	310
34 Poplar Hill, Hemingway	48	49	55	72
35 Salem, Scranton	30	28	27	42
36 Sand Hill, Coward	83	68	120	113
37 Southside, Darlington	212	269	213	145
38 St John, Patrick	60	153	147	128
39 Tabernacle, Coward	193	148	157	115
40 Temple, Darlington	189	160	225	201
41 Victory, Andrews	37	44	25	

**Non Conference Churches**

Comunidad Hispanic	0	0	0	70
Lighthouse, Florence	0	0	0	45

**ATTENDANCE BY CONFERENCE**

Beaver Creek	4547
Central	3392
Eastern	1353
Palmetto	518
South Carolina	4060
True Life	426

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE**

2000	13,561
2001	12,328
2002	14,590
2003	14,296

**AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

2000	108
2001	99
2002	119
2003	119

**TOP TEN ATTENDANCE  
2003**

1 Mullins- Marion	607
2 Valley Falls	533
3 Inman, First	517
4 Liberty, Lancaster	371
5 Myrtle Beach, First	355
6 Florence, First	335
7 White Savannah	315
8 Peace, Florence	310
9 Westgate	300
10 Fairview	275





Brother Bill's children honor his memory at the funeral by singing praises to the Lord.

A People Person who never met a stranger, a friend to preachers, a soul winning church builder, a devoted family man. All of these and more describe the life and ministry of **Rev. Bill Jacobs**. Thousands of well wishers came to the Church on the Monday night after his death to offer condolences to his wife and family (They began at 6:30pm and it was after 11:30pm before the final person came through the line- with many others leaving without going through because of the length of the line).

The day of his funeral found the church, the fellowship building, the choir, and all available spaces crammed with friends and family to take part in the service honoring the life and ministry of "Preacher Bill". This service turned into a celebration of God's goodness and grace as preacher after preacher described the character and Godly conduct of this soldier of the cross.

This church, the community, and our state have all lost a very valuable asset but we know that God always has a plan so we rest confident in God's care and provision in the future.



Mrs. Arlis and the family say their final earthly farewell.



6 men officiated at the funeral service with many, many other preachers attending to honor brother Bill.

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**Dr. Roy L. Thomas**, former General Director of the Home Missions Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, went home to be with the Lord Sunday night, March 23, 2003, at his home in Greeley, Colorado. His battle against pancreatic cancer was bravely fought, and victory was his when he left this life and stepped into a hero's welcome in Heaven - the place he had preached about for fifty years.

Dr. Thomas was born in Greeley, Colorado, and grew up on a farm near Buhl, Idaho. He accepted Christ as his Savior in 1951 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Buhl, Idaho. He was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister in 1954, the same year he was married to his wife, Pat. He organized the First Free Will Baptist Church of Artesia, New Mexico that same year.

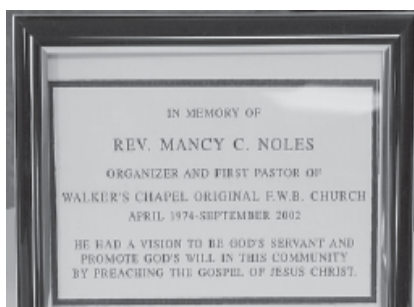
After serving the Artesia congregation for two years, he moved to Nashville, Tennessee to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College. He graduated with honors from that institution in 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. While a student he pastored two different churches in Tennessee---Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church and First Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield, Tennessee.

Dr. Thomas was sent to Denver, Colorado as a home missionary by the National Home Missions Board in 1961 where he established the First Free Will Baptist Church of that city. The church became self supporting in two years, after which he served for two terms on the National Home Missions Board. He furthered his education by earning a Masters of Divinity Degree from Luther Rice Seminary in 1978, and was granted a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Bethany Seminary in 1989.

In December 1970 he was appointed as Associate Director of the National Home Missions Department, Nashville, Tennessee, and became General Director in 1978. He served in that position until his retirement in December 1995, making a total of 25 years on the National Home Missions staff, and a total of 35 years' affiliation with the Department.

While he served as General Director of the Home Missions Department, there were over 200 churches established throughout the North American continent and the U.S. owned islands of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Under his leadership, the Home Missions Department sponsored thousands of Evangelism and Church Growth Conferences, and the Old Time Camp Meeting at the National Convention. He also started the Church Extension Loan Fund, the Helping Hands Church Building Team, the Associate Missionary Program, the Aquila and Priscilla Program, the Tentmaker Program, and developed many Evangelism and Church Growth publications. He also authored the books, Planting and Growing a Fundamental Church and published The Journal of Benjamin Randall, and many other historical Free Will Baptist and church growth books and materials.

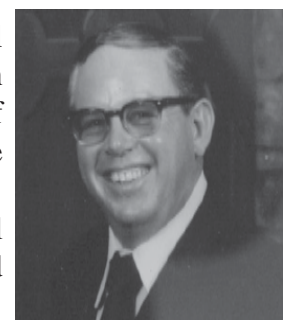
Dr. Thomas is the father of two children---a son, Mark, a former home missionary who pastors Highland Hills Free Will Baptist Church, Greeley, Colorado and a daughter, Patsy who is the wife of Howard Gwartney, former home missionary who pastors East Valley Free Will Baptist Church, Mesa, Arizona.



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April 13th was not only Home Coming at Walker's Chapel FWB Church, Sumter; it is also the day that the congregation honored the memory of **Rev. Mancy Noles** for his work of founding and pastoring this church by placing a plaque on the sanctuary in his memory.

A good day of fellowship, food, singing, and preaching all showed that brother Mancy's work continues to go forward even after his promotion to Glory.





Jan Efird install the new 2003 SCWAC Officers

**South Carolina W AC Convention**  
**March 15, 2003**  
**Valley Falls FWB Church Spartanburg, SC**  
(Written by Mrs. Faye Hanna)

What do you get when 210 women (well, maybe a few men scattered around) gather in mid-March? A lot of excitement as a year of auxiliary work is reviewed mixed with a lot of anticipation as another year lies ahead

in which South Carolina Women Active for Christ can proclaim His name in our homes, places of work, Sunday School and CTS classes, Churches, in Home missions, and in Foreign Missions around the world. What a blessing we had at Valley Falls FWB Church in Spartanburg at the 2003 WAC Convention. Ladies started gathering as early as 8:00 a.m. to prepare for registration, attend committee meetings, and to peruse the packet of information prepared by Teresa Smith. The beautiful auditorium with banners proclaiming the theme "Bound Together in Service" provided an immediate welcome.

As Carolyn Riddick began the piano prelude, the spirit of God could be felt in the hearts of women from all parts of our beautiful state. Mona Dukes got us moving with some choruses (and her usual shenanigans!). Faye Hanna called the convention to order and from that point on there was no stopping the WAC ! The only glitch of the day was a broken tape which prevented Leilani Reid from rendering a special song, but the children from our Children's Home stepped up and blessed our hearts with a song. By the way, Leilani is planning to share her song with us at the **Retreat (set for September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Lookup Lodge)**.

Mary Reid gave the treasurer's report and presented the missions' plaques to Immanuel FWB Church (Home Missions) and First FWB-Darlington (Foreign Missions).

Our hearts were blessed by the speaker at our morning worship service. Mirial Gainer, Missionary to Japan, shared from heart her love for the people of Japan and her desire to share Christ with them. We were challenged to lift up the broken-hearted wherever God's path leads us.

In addition to the regular mission giving, the **2003 special project for the SCWAC is to raise \$8000.00 for the Missionary in Residence House** on the grounds of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Marjorie Workman, Executive Secretary of WNAC, shared information concerning this endeavor. Faye Hanna presented a garden marker to Mrs. Workman as a "stepping stone" to our project. An offering of \$2,155 was received (we heard a GLORY when that figure was announced!) and the auxiliaries will continue work on this project and bring their offerings to the September Retreat. The furnishings will be given in memory of Gwen Hendrix who for many years led the women of the State of South Carolina in sacrificial giving for missions.

Our meeting would not be complete without reports from various departments. Mike Jones, Rickey Evans and Shiloh Hackett gave reports from the Promotional Office, Book Store and Children's Home. The remainder of the business session progressed smoothly, which is the trademark of our South Carolina WAC! Without violating too many of Robert's Rules of Order, the women voted to give 20 chairs to the Aiken Home Mission and to give \$1000 .00 to Mirial's account.

The last item of the day was election of **officers for 2003-2004**.  
Coordinator -Faye Hanna   Assistant Coordinator -Patty Newton  
Secretary -Teresa Smith   Treasurer -Mary Reid  
Field Worker -Patsy Hyman  
Members at Large -Camille Scott, Carolyn Riddick and Mary Byrd

The Valley Falls women outdid themselves with the luncheon. The gym was beautifully decorated, and we were served a delicious meal as if we were in a nice restaurant.

Thanks to all who made this day so special.



Faye Hanna presents Marjorie Workman a stepping stone for the SCWAC project in Nashville

**A man's point of view about the State WAC Meeting**  
as reported by Rev. Van Powell.

The weather outside was frightful. Rain and cold air greeted the delegates as they arrived at the State meeting of the WAC of South Carolina. Yet as one entered the sanctuary of the Valley Falls Free Will Baptist Church, there was a totally different atmosphere. There was a tremendous amount of warmth that was found as the ladies greeted each other, some as if had been a " long time of no see." The church was a buzz with excitement, ladies chatting, hugs a plenty, and smiles bursting forth on faces.

The excitement seemed to intensify as they became aware of the theme of the meeting, "BOUND TOGETHER IN SERVICE." Truly one could say that this was a perfect motto as these ladies truly were bound together by the love of Christ in service for Him.

As the meeting was called to order, you could sense the presence of the Holy Spirit as He settled the folk down and continued to guide them in their meeting. Any time the Lord blesses, Satan wants to defeat. Several time things seem not to go right, yet God always has plan and His plan worked mightly this day. The meeting was carried out with love and harmony and in the end, God got the glory.

After the wonderful, spiritual, working meeting, the host church served a lunch fit for a king, ah, queen !! As always, it is a pleasure to visit with the ladies of the South Carolina WAC and observe as they work, fellowship, and do what is needed to accomplish the task that the Lord has given them. Yes, they are BOUND TOGETHER IN SERVICE in South Carolina WAC.



## Beaver Creek Bible Institute Graduation.

Friday, March 21th was a very special night for 7 students of the Beaver Creek Bible Institute. Four years of intense study was about to culminate in graduation.

Pastor Jimmy Sanders welcomed the Family, Friends, and well wisher to these special services at First FWB Church of Chester. Spe-



Rick Bland, Roy Miller, Barbara Miller, Jerry Bailey, James Tindall, and Joey Griffin. Not pictured Rick Warren. These earned A Bachelor of Theology

cial music led to Beaver Creek Bible Institute Director, Rev David Carter, introducing Rev. Jimmy Sanders as the special Speaker. Brother Jimmy preached a powerful message from John 2:1-10 about "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do". In addition to the 7 Bachelor of Theology degrees given to the 4 year graduates, 63 other diplomas were given out for 1,2, or 3 years programs of study.

Several items of note was the recognition of one individual who did not graduate from High School but was now graduating from a Bible Institute and another who had graduated with a 4 year degree 2 years before but decided to continue study and had accumulated 6 years of perfect attendance.

The Beaver creek Bible Institute begins another session the Last Monday in September with branches in Spartanburg (Rev David Carter, Director), Chester (Rev Jimmy Sanders, Director) and Lancaster (Rev Timmy Larrimore, Director)



Director, Rev David Carter, shows off a picture given to him in honor of his work that shows Jesus praying. It was shaped by using all the words of the New Testament.

### FIRST YEAR - BIBLE DIPLOMA

Rev. Dennis Tolley, John Revels, Marlene Moore, Karen Moore, Mickey Stanley, Ruby Lovern, Melody Stout, Christie Wines, Rev. Alan Ruff, David Strickland, Robin Strickland, Bobby Jarrett, Allen Easler, Joey Mills, Chris Whitt, Danielle Whitt, Rev. Kevin Pearson, Rev. Steven Henderson, Barbara L. Miller, Donald Miller, Jackie Gwin. Claude Gwin Jr., Carol W. Efird, Carolyn Sullivan, Ronald Casey, Charles Moseley, Wayne M. Jordan, Tony Roberts, Jackie Roberts

### SECOND YEAR - ASSOCIATE DIPLOMA

Donna Puttman, Ronnie Sandrock, Hilda Lancaster, Ann Edwards, Helen Gosnell, Teresa Larson, Joel Simpson, Jackie Hughes, Tasha Grovenstein, Alan Aldridge, Eddie H. Stevens, Shannon Powers, William Bass, Rickey Bryson, Rob Minelli

### THIRD YEAR - GRADUATE DIPLOMA

Ron Sandrock, Tamala Sandrock, David Johnson, Candy Tate, Eugene Rabon, Mary Davis, Linda Kinsey, Beth West, John Adimaro, Rhonda Adimaro

### POST GRADUATES

Rev. Bo Dunford- six years perfect attendance (Glory!), Betty McCorkle, Melvin M. Pressley, Rick Sharpe, Gloria Sharpe, Terry Doster, Geraldine Darby



L-r: Rev. Lowery, Helen Thompson, Thelma O'Neal, James O'Neal, Abigail Rolfe, Lee Smith, Jackie Smith, Rev. Steve McCutcheon, Marie Smith, Christ Smith, Rachel Monkus

## AWARDS BANQUET PEE DEE BIBLE INSTITUTE

March 27th was a special time for the students of Pee Dee Bible Institute as they completed another semester of studies. The courses covered were Old Testament Survey and Understanding People.

The Institute is in its eleventh year of service to the churches in the Pee Dee Region of South Carolina. The Fall Semester will begin September 8th with studies in New Testament Survey and Soul Winning. The School is located at Southside

FWB Church in Darlington. Contact Pastor Leroy Lowery for information at (843) 395-2054.



Rev. Jim Puckett and Rev Ron Moore recall the impact Brother Elro had on their ministries.



Brother Elro and Mrs. Nancy enjoy the new Rocking Chairs given by the Church

The Certificate said he was a member of Salem FWB Church and he was now an ordained Free Will Baptist Minister. It was signed by Rev. M. L. Mellette, Rev. Sheldon Bullard, and Rev. Irwin Hyman. It was dated March 29, 1953. The Name on the Certificate was **Rev. Elro Driggers.**

50 years to the day after his ordination, the congregation of Beulah FWB Church conspired together to hold a special celebration in honor of Pastor Elro's Fifty years of faithful service to the Lord. His family helped keep him occupied so that everyone could gather and surprise him on this Saturday afternoon.

The fellowship building had been beautifully decorated with banners listing all of the churches Brother Elro had served and bulletin boards were filled with pictures of churches and memories. One of the great treats was the surprise visit by Rev Jim Puckett (State Missions Director from Oklahoma) and his brother Ron. Brother Jim was the first of many preachers called to the ministry under Brother Elro's Preaching.



This board showed pictures of all churches Brother Elro Pastored- First FWB-Pine Bluff, AR, Fellowship FWB- Flat River, MO, Wisconnette FWB- Jacksonville, FL, First FWB- Miami, FL, Woodbine FWB- Nashville, TN, Bethany FWB- Timmonsville, SC, High Hill FWB- Lake City, SC, Beulah, Pamplico, SC.

**Liberty FWB Church, Orangeburg** celebrated its 16th anniversary on Sunday, April 6th with 68 in attendance. Former pastor, Rev. Jerry White brought the Home Coming Message. Then the church enjoyed the favorite activities of Free Will Baptists- Eating and singing! Pastor Roger Tripp is excited about the work God is doing and is looking forward to soon being able to place a new steeple on the Church.



**Andrew Gleason** was licensed by the Eastern Conference at their last meeting and is available to speak- You can contact him at (843) 221-7649



The Congregation of **Lighthouse FWB Church, Florence**, gave Pastor Brian Tolliver a surprise birthday on March 16th following the evening service. He received generous gifts of money, a gift certificate, and shaving cream and soap (is that a grooming hint?!).

This Sunday also kicked off Charter Membership month with 25 charter members joining by April 6th. The Church also held its first baptismal service on April 6th with 4 young people following the Lord in Baptism- Brooke Tolliver, Adam Tolliver, Tyler Knox, and Brooke Haywood.



Enoree FWB Church dedicated their new Fellowship Building on Sunday, March 23rd as part of their annual Home Coming Service. Standing in the doorway preparing to cut the ribbon are Mrs Sally Vaughn (the oldest member of the Church) and Mr W. D. Seay (oldest charter member of the Church). Also pictured is Rev Earl Hendrix (First FWB Church, Inman) who preached the Home Coming Message.

Rev. Billy Vanderford is Interim Pastor of this fine church.

Open letter to South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists from the First FWB Church of Una, SC.

Dear Fellow Churches,

I just wanted to thank you for your generous gift in response to our crisis. It is heartwarming and encouraging for you to willingly and cheerfully act in our behalf during such a difficult time as this. Your response has been both beneficial emotionally and spiritually as well as financially. It was as I said at the State meeting, "a refreshing and uplifting experience, a shot in the arm to our people to encourage them that we are not going through this thing alone".



**NOTE:** Your gifts and some cooperation from the bank has allowed the Church to pave their parking and prepare their sound system. There are still many obstacles to be overcome but it appears the congregation will finally be able to move into the new building sometime in May. Your continued prayers and support are appreciated.

When I brought the news back to our people they were thrilled and the excitement of entering our new facility was renewed. It is also the light at the end of the tunnel that our people needed to see to strengthen them, as well as me, in continuing on during this unwelcomed, but, in God's plan, necessary experience. My prayer is that we get the lesson God is teaching through this incident. Thank you again for your supportive prayerful attitude and financial investment in the kingdom of God and our church. Pastor Kenneth Cash



**Parkway FWB Church**, Spartanburg celebrated their Home Coming on Sunday, March 16th with a special day of singing, preaching, and fellowship. A great group of singers from the Church opened the services and got everyone in a spirit of worship before Pastor Mitch Edge turned the service over to the SCFWB Executive Secretary for the Morn-



ing Message. Naturally, a great fellowship meal followed in the Family Life Center. It was a wonderful day of celebrating God's goodness to this church that is impacting their community for the Lord.

**Dorm Parents Needed.** The SCFWB Children's Home in Turbeville is in need of several good dorm parents. They need some daily duty dorm parents and also some who will help as relief dorm parents so that the normal Dorm Parents can get a few days off from time to time. If you would like to find out the qualifications then contact Director, James Wilhide at (843) 659-2880.



The 9th Annual **Gold City Concert** to Benefit the SCFWB Children's Home will be held at Patriot's Hall in Sumter, SC on **Saturday, June 7th**. Contact the Home for more information and for tickets. Enjoy a good night of Gospel Music while you support the ministry of the Children's Home

### STATE YOUTH RETREAT.

This year's State Youth Retreat was another grand success as 87 youth and 34 adults from all over the State came together to celebrate the Lord. The First FWB Church of Myrtle Beach (Pastor Jimmy Brown) served as host for the preaching sessions with Rev Brian Williams (Pastor of Highland Drive FWB Church in Lincolnton, NC) serving as Retreat Evangelist. He preached 5 powerful youth oriented messages that touched the hearts of those present with 21 at the altar on Saturday night pledging to remain pure and one coming forward for salvation on Sunday Morning.

Many expressed great excitement with the wonderful spirit, the good times of Christian fellowship, and the opportunity to meet other Christian young people from across our state.

**REMINDER:** SC YOUTH CAMP WILL BE JULY 28-AUGUST 1, 2003. THIS WILL BE COMBINED JUNIOR AND TEEN CAMP FOR AGES 8 AND UP.



Pastor Carroll Bazen and the Congregation of Grace FWB Church, Lake City, held a special service on Wednesday, April 16th to present a gift to Home Missionary, Todd Smith.

Pastor Carroll heard about the need the Aiken Mission had for 100 new chairs so he challenged his congregation to adopt 50 chairs as a special project. The need touched a heart string with the wonderful people of Grace FWB Church and they quickly raised all of the money needed for the 50 chairs. In fact, the money came in so quickly until Pastor Carroll then challenged his flock to raise the money for 50 new song books as well as for the chairs.

When the final offering was received on this Wednesday night Pastor Carroll was able to present Missionary Todd Smith a check for over \$2500! (Is there a "Glory!" anywhere in the house?)

# About Our Missionaries



>>Missionary to India, **Carlisle Hanna**, returned to the States on April 26th for the summer. He returned early because of the serious motorcycle accident involving his daughter and son-in-law, Brenda Kay and Michael. Pray for God's guidance for the thriving work that continues in India.

>>Missionaries to Brazil, **Andy and Andrea Moore**, returned to the States for the month of April in order to get some necessary items done about new son, Levi. They are due to return to Brazil the first week in May. Pray for these new parents and for God's direction about future plans and projects for the Brazilian ministry.

>>Missionary to Japan, **Mirial Gainer**, continues her state side assignment awaiting sufficient funds to enable her to return to Japan. Contact the SCFWB State Office [(843) 662-5010] to set up a service.

>>Missionaries to Brazil, **David and Annette Aycock**, are due to return to the State for several months beginning in August of this year. Pray for them as they make these preparations.

>>Missionaries to Brazil, **Bobby and Geneva Poole** are facing a deficient account. Pray for God's provision and for guidance as they begin another year of Seminary Ministry.

>> Missionaries to Spain, **Tim and Kristi Johnson**, are rejoicing in a permit for the church building. Pray for God's continued provision and guidance in this project.

## 2003 STATE OFFICERS

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## 2002 BenjaminRandall Offering for Home Missions

**Number 1-** Victroy FWB Church (Pastor Buck Riffe). Member of the Palmetto Conference.

**Number 4-** Immanuel FWB Church (Pastor Herman Hyman). Member of the South Carolina Conference. Praise the Lord for the generous giving of these churches.

