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**JULY - AUGUST,
2003**

Mirial Gainer returns to Japan.



Missionary Mirial Gainer received word the last of July that she had sufficient funds in her account to return to Japan- Glory!. She is due to depart August 15th.

Thank You for the extra efforts put in by so many of you in her behalf. Please continue to remember her in your prayers and in your monthly giving to the South Carolina Plan of Support.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

In spite of horrendous traffic trying to get to the convention, "rivers of red ink" from most departments, and a sound system that never did work quite right our national meeting turned out to be a good meeting. The new department heads were able to share their vision through their messages and the business went along fairly smoothly.

We elected an entirely new slate of General Officers, christened many new missionaries, and helped make a mark on Tampa through our many service projects.

More details are available on Page 5

INDIA REPORT from Missionary Carlisle Hanna:



Pastor Bolen

PRAISE: Jurdapani church is about ten miles from the main church at Sonapurhat. When the church was built an older believer gave the land and kept the people hard at work. After his death the people seemed to grow cold and unconcerned about their worship and witness. Pastor Bolen (Who oversees this work along with 27 other churches, including the Sonapurhat Church) recently reported an answer to prayer. Revival has come to this church and it is now full with not enough room for the people to get inside

(Glory!). He recently baptized four families that came to Christ from Hinduism. How wonderful are the blessings of God.

NEEDS: Missionary Carlisle Hanna reports that the Pastors in India are in need of Motorbikes and the Evangelist are in need of Bicycles. They repair the bicycles after one year of use but they are so worn until they must be replaced after two years. There is a need for 60 bicycles by the end of this year at a cost of \$50 per bike.



Each Pastor needs a motorcycle to enable him to visit in the 20-30 churches he must oversee. Some Pastors do not presently have a motorcycle and many of the ones presently in use are beginning to wear out to the point of needing to be replaced. Each motorcycle costs \$1000.

We presently have 176 churches in India. 32 of these have simple, practical structures built through the contributions of God's people. The other churches must meet in any place they can secure until such time as fund become available to build them a church building. The need is great.

SCFWB Assistant Director, Rev. Rickey Evans mentioned about the need of money for Bikes for India in Community Free Will Baptist Church, Florence (Pastor William Justice) recently. After the service a lady came up and said she had found \$100 on the ground that week and was waiting for God to show her where to put it! She told him to purchase 2 bikes and just give credit to her church cause it was a gift from God- Glory!

CHURCH NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROJECTS:

Greenville First Free Will Baptist Church (Pastor Bobby Bowers) used their VBS to raise \$50 for the Hispanic Ministry of Gerardo and Maria Rodriguez.

Sand Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Coward (Pastor Sherwood Lee) raised \$500 in their VBS for the Children's Home in Turbeville

Lynches River Free Will Baptist Church, Lake City (Pastor Jason Miles) used their VBS to raise \$650 for 13 Bikes for India

Poplar Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Hemingway (Pastor Harry Cooper) raised \$200 in their VBS in order to buy 4 Bikes for India

The Youth of **Mt Ariel Free Will Baptist Church**, Conway (Pastor Kenny Baxley) collected \$100 during VBS for the Aycock Brazil Land Project. According to the Director the Youth really enjoyed taking part in a mission project that enabled them to help build a new church for the Lord in Brazil.

Florence First Free Will Baptist Church (Pastor Lee Patrick) used their VBS to raise \$600 to assist Missionary Mirial Gainer on her return to Japan.

The VBS at **Bethany Free Will Baptist Church**, Timmonsville (Pastor Phil Bozeman) was able to raise \$1151.50 to assist Missionary Mirial Gainer in her work in Japan.

Bay Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Timmonsville (Pastor Larry Monday) collected \$300 during their VBS to help the Ladies Auxiliary Benevolent Fund. They also placed 22 Bibles in the Sanctuary in honor of the VBS workers. Director, Lynne Amerson, said the Youth Choir members really enjoyed drawing the scenery for VBS and acting as the Puppeteers and that the VBS was a great blessing to the children and to the Church.

Midlands Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia (Pastor Earnest Barnes) donated \$215 from their VBS to Miss Mirial Gainer to assist her in her work in Japan.

Pastor Chris Fannin reported that **Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church**, Effingham averaged over 100 in VBS and raised over \$700 to be divided between the Pooles (Brazil) and Mirial Gainer (Japan)

Jefferson Road Free Will Baptist Church, Sumter (Pastor Rusty Conyers) averaged 42 children with 25 workers in their VBS this year. They could do this because 2 ladies brought 15 students on the church van each night. 92 were present for the Sunday Night closing service with one junior girl accepting Christ as Savior (Glory!). The boys vs girls coin offering brought in \$300 for missions.

Light House FWB Church, Florence (Pastor Brian Tolliver) is not presently affiliated with any conference but their VBS raised \$331 for Missionary Mirial Gainer to help her return to Japan.

Pastor Frank Sedgwick of **Hickory Hill Free Will Baptist Church** reported a wonderful experience during a Baptismal Service on Sunday, June 22nd. The Church had gathered at the river (as they have many times recently in baptizing 27 souls since Easter Sunday) and Brother Frank began to preach a message God had given him on the way to the Baptismal Service. As they entered the river for the Baptismal Service the original 2 people who came to be baptized had swelled to 11; and one of the 11 was the mother of Pastor Frank (Glory!). He also reported that the Church has a new prison ministry in which many souls are being saved and lives changed because of the Gospel.



2003 STATE OFFICERS

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Don Squires of White Savannah FWB Church (Pastor Buddy Seay) was licensed by the Central Conference during their July meeting. He is available for speaking engagement and can be contacted by mail at 841 9th Ave, Aynor, SC 29511, by phone at (843) 358-8255, or via email at five4him@sccoast.net.

Grace Free Will Baptist Church of Loris dedicated their new building on Sunday, June 22nd with a full house in attendance as several singing groups helped praise the Lord for this great day. The dedication message was given by SCFWB Executive Secretary, Mike Jones. This was followed by a baby dedication and a fellowship meal.



Outside View of Grace FWB Church

Pastor Larry Bell looked at the Loris area and realized we did not have a Free Will Baptist church there so he, and 4 families, decided to start a work in this area. They met in Brother Larry's home while they looked for a suitable location to build. Because of building codes in this Hurricane prone county they soon learned that building in the county was too expensive for a church of their size. God finally lead to a building in downtown Loris that could be renovated and the city gave permission for the members to do most of the work themselves. Because of this they were able to enter the newly remodeled building debt free- Glory!



Inside view as Sunday School begins

Rocky Pass FWB Church (Pastor Billy Poe Jones) donated this new church 8 pews while they were meeting in Pastor Larry's home. When they prepared to move into the new building the city said they could only put in 8 pews in order to meet fire codes! The back of the building is divided into Sunday School rooms that can be



Dedicate a building, dedicate a baby. What a great day!

opened to be used for a fellowship building. It is a beautiful building that we pray will make a mark for God in the Loris area.

Once again this year the SCFWB Executive Secretary had the privilege of attending the annual "God and Country" celebration at **Victory FWB Church in Hanover, Pennsylvania**. Pastor Buck Riffe is battling cancer and he became so ill until he had to be hospitalized on Saturday before the big celebration but he insisted that we continue with all the activities.



The cool shaded lot beside the Church provides a great location to worship God and celebrate our freedom.



The Hanover American Legion Honor Guard presented the flag and fired a 21 gun salute in memory of those who died defending our country.

We always meet for this service on the shaded lot beside the church so we can enjoy the outdoors, witness to the neighborhood, and enjoy some great grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. A large congregation brought their lawn chairs and blankets and settled in for a good time of praising the Lord for our freedom as Americans and as Christians. The colors were presented by an Honor Guard, the pledges were led by the youth of the Children's church, Brother Quentin Tate shared about God's care in combat and the joy of our freedom before several excellent songs by groups from the Church. Rev. Mike Jones delivered the morning message on "The God America Needs to Know" before we adjourned for a



Youth Pastor, Jason Myers led the singing

time of fellowship and food highlighted by some more marvelous singing.

Continue to pray for Pastor Buck as he battles with cancer; and for this good church as they go forward during his sickness. We look forward to seeing them again August 15-16th when the Palmetto Conference holds their quarterly conference at Victory FWB Church.



Walker's Chapel FWB Church, Sumter recently called **Marco Cannon** as their pastor. Brother Marco comes from attending White Savannah FWB Church, Conway.



Oak Grove FWB Church, Conway called **Rev. Rick Brown** as Pastor. Brother Rick comes from serving as Youth Pastor of Faith FWB Church, Rockingham, NC.

This is a letter from South Carolina's Hispanic Missionary, Rev Gerardo Rodriguez. The Pictures are from his one year Anniversary celebration on July 13th.

Beloved supporters in Christ... What great joy is to be able to write you!

We are rejoicing these days to see the hand of God moving in our midst. We will be celebrating our first year working among the Hispanics in July. Sometimes when we see the persons that are regular attenders on Sunday in numbers of 40, 50, 60 or 70, someone may think, "how effortless it is to work with Hispanics". Let me tell you my beloved that appearances are deceiving! When we evaluate our tasks, we see that there is no doubt that God is good! We see that His spirit has worked and continues to do so.

We have experienced all types of trials. We were expelled from Wal-Mart on two occasions, and expelled once from the Dept. of Health for the sole reason of witnessing about our Lord to Hispanics. We have witnessed some real tragedies among the Mexicans. There have been fathers strung out on cocaine; men trapped in alcoholism, causing them to lose their wife, children, jobs and money; Criminal Domestic Violence; child abuse; mothers being jailed for child abuse; stepfathers committing criminal sexual acts; witchcraft; Christians far from God; spiritual chains of Catholic idolatry and Jehovah Witness and Seven - Day Adventist; married men and women committing adultery; tragic deaths; trailers crowded with two or three families living together in filth; without giving details of their

chilling stories of what they experienced coming across the desert to get into this country...

Finally, we could write a book, but the good thing about all of this is that while in the middle of so much tragedy, and disillusion we can see how God has blessed by allowing us to reach some of these people through the "***Hispanic Community Free Will Baptist***".

It is much more than simply the numbers of those in regular attendance on Sunday that is important.

These people should be growing in the faith, and in faithfulness to God in order to break the chains of the past. We can say that it is no easy task. Anyway, we are content with the people that come to church.

We know that there are Hispanic churches in the Spartanburg area that have labored for five years with only 30 regular attenders, and other churches with one year of labor with only 10 regular attenders. It is not by our merit, but by God's merit that we do what we need to do in laboring for Him.

We give thanks to God with joy for His provision of a ***Christian bilingual English instructor*** for the English classes that will begin in August for the Hispanic people. The ***Hispanic Community Free Will Baptist Church*** is the first church in Spartanburg to take the initiative to have these English classes for the Hispanic community. We hope to use this opportunity to evangelize many more!

We had much to share, but we want to thank all of you for your prayers, monetary support and encouragement! Believe us when we say we need it! Thank you friends for your love. Sometimes we don't understand all that you say to us because of the language barrier, but we understand your love. Thank ***you God for all things!***

In Him Pastor ***Gerardo, Maria, Lucas and Franco Rodriguez***

EDITOR NOTE: The Air Conditioners broke as soon as the services began but this did not stop anything. We simply moved over to the Una FWB Fellowship Building and put out chairs. Soon it was standing room only but no one seemed to mind as the services continued for three hours. When the invitation was given at the end 12 PRECIOUS SOULS CAME TO ACCEPT CHRIST AS THEIR SAVIOR. Maybe our English Churches need to have some 3 hours services!!



A welcome awaited us at the Hispanic Community Free Will Baptist Church



Mrs. Maria directs the Youth Choir



Over 100 people, including National Hispanic Director, Rev. Rick Bowling gathered for the one year anniversary.



Pastor Gerardo presents plaques to several members (I sure wish I knew what he said to them!!)



Mrs Mina Balderrama and her daughter, Elisa will be teaching the English Classes

Congratulations to the **National Winners from South Carolina** in the National Youth Conference:

Age A (1st-3rd Grade): Camille Driggers/ Whitney Thigpen(Horse Branch) Vocal Duet. Emily and Ellen Parrish (Temple) Group Drama.

Age C (7th-9th Grade): Bryce Mims (Horse Branch) Vocal Solo. Mary Kathryn Driggers/ Maggie Driggers (Horse Branch) Vocal Duet.

Age D: (10th-12th Grade): David Gibson / Heather Postlewaite (Florence, First) Keyboard Duet. Grant Cannon (Horse Branch) Graphics.

NATIONAL NEW CONTINUED. This year at the National Association we:

Registered . . . 5,778 people in three concurrent conventions, including 556 ordained ministers, 92 deacons, 31 local church delegates, 73 state delegates, 47 home missionaries, 38 foreign missionaries, plus 3,390 for the National Youth Conference and 778 for the WNAC convention.

Adopted . . . a \$23.2 million denominational budget for the following agencies: Foreign Missions—\$8.6 million; Home Missions—\$4.5 million; Free Will Baptist Bible College—\$5.5 million; Sunday School and Church Training—\$3.1 million; Executive Office \$723,000; Retirement and Insurance—\$397,000; Master's Men—\$130,000; Free Will Baptist Foundation—\$183,000; Music Commission—\$4,000; Historical Commission \$2,800; Commission for Theological Integrity—\$4,850; Media Commission—\$6,000.

Gave . . . a Wednesday evening missionary offering topping \$22,000. Undesignated funds will be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

Removed . . . the probation imposed on the Mexico Association in 2002 after a question arose regarding autonomy of the local church. The Association brought its documents into conformity with the *Treatise* during the year clearing the way for delegates to lift the probation.

Required . . . badges for admittance to convention events for the first time in 67 years. The badge requirement prompted 3,905 individuals to pre-register.

Handed . . . the world to Don Robirds, director of public relations for the Foreign Missions Department, who retires this fall after 41 years with the agency as a missionary to Brazil, editor of *Heartbeat* magazine and the creative mind behind media expansion. General director James Forlines called Robirds to the platform during Wednesday's business session where he gave the 68-year-old minister/journalist a large engraved globe. Delegates honored Robirds with a standing ovation.

Resolved . . . that marriage as instituted by God is intended to be a union between a man and a woman. Same-sex unions are unbiblical. Attendees were urged to contact their Congressmen and express opposition to same-sex marriages.

Referred . . . two resolutions to the Executive Committee for further study. One item proposed that convention attendees pay a \$10 registration fee. The other suggested that national conventions meet biennially (every other year) beginning in 2012.

Resolved . . . that pastors educate their congregations regarding the theological differences between Islam and Christianity.

Resolved . . . in light of the current economic climate, rising costs of operation and administrative deficits reported that national agencies reduce budgets where possible even to the point of downsizing in order to bring costs in line with income.

Voted . . . to meet in Memphis, Tennessee, for the July 15-19, 2012, convention.

Left . . . Tampa with a new slate of general officers. Perhaps for the first time since 1935, all four association officers will be rookies: Tim York—Kentucky (moderator), William Smith—Ga (assist moderator), Randy Bryant—Florida (clerk), Ernie Lewis—Illinois (assist clerk).

Praised . . . Executive secretary Keith Burden for his first report to delegates. The 49-year-old former Oklahoma pastor called his first year a time of transition as he wrestled with financial challenges that resulted in staff salary reductions and elimination of the editorial assistant position with *Contact* magazine.

Commissioned . . . home and foreign missionaries during Wednesday night's missionary service. With more than 5,000 people watching, Home Missions director Larry Powell gave the charge to the new missionaries while 85 current home and foreign missionaries gathered around to lay hands on them. FM Board chairman Milton Worthington led the commissioning prayer.

Said . . . "Amen" when FWBBC president Matt Pinson, addressing the fact that the college has been graduating fewer pastoral ministry students, promised delegates, "We're going to fix the problem! We will graduate more pastoral ministry students." The school has added three visiting professors to the pastoral ministry department.

Riveted . . . their attention on Mike Cousineau and John Weaver for two hours Tuesday morning in the Foreign/Home Missions Rally. A standing-room only crowd heard descriptions of gunfire, satanic opposition and the power of prayer in Ivory Coast and Afghanistan. Cousineau was pistol-whipped and taken out to be executed by robbers who invaded the international school where he served. He managed to escape when his assailants stopped to reload their weapons.

Invested . . . more than \$4 million in the Tampa economy. This includes hotel rooms, food, shopping, gasoline and more.

Reached . . . out to the Tampa community when more than 900 Free Will Baptists (youth and adults) worked in service projects at Tampa Bay Dream Center, Second Harvest Food Bank, Tampa Homeless Shelter, McDonald Training Center and a blood drive (collected 115 units of blood) in the NYC-sponsored "Reach That Guy" campaign.

Nodded . . . approval when told that the Home Missions Department plans to establish the "Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute" in Inman, South Carolina, to train Hispanic pastors.

Smiled . . . when they learned that 22,573 people attend services every Sunday in Free Will Baptist churches in foreign countries. Foreign Missions director James Forlines reported 320 organized churches and 366 mission works in 14 countries. They are led by 87 ordained national pastors and 344 licensed and lay preachers. The agency requested permission to change its name from Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions to Free Will Baptist International Missions. The proposed name change will be discussed by delegates at the 2004 convention.



Sunday Night Service

SCFWB YOUTH CAMP 2003 (Pictures and articles by SCFWB Assistant Director, Rickey Evans)

As you are reading this article Youth Camp is over, but as I am writing it the Camp is in Full Swing. This years Camp has a total of 107 Campers and 20 Workers; with 18 Churches and 4 Conferences represented. Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham (Pastor Chris Fannin) leads the way with 16 Campers in attendance. Camp Branch FWB Church, Scranton (Pastor John Driggers) is right behind with 14 Campers.



Teen Campers with their Counselors

Bro. Carroll Bazen (Grace, Lake City) is heading up the Fun Time with the Youth divided into 2 Groups, the Lions and the Bears. The Campers seem to be having a wonderful time participating in the activities (Swimming, Canoeing, Archery, Putt Putt, and Rock Climbing).

But the best news that I can report about Camp is that Souls have already been saved and young lives have been touched for the Kingdom of God! Bro. Shiloh Hackett and Bro. Daron Dwyer have done a wonderful job sharing the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Junior Campers

On Behalf of SCFWB I want to thank the Lord, first of all, and then Bro. Richard Conyers and the Youth Board for planing a Wonderful

Camp. Special Appreciation goes out to Pastor Bill Dority and the congregation of St. John FWB Church for allowing the SCFWB Youth Board to use their facilities.

By the way Bro. Marty the Stir Fry was delicious.



Miss Ashley Boggs of the Eastside FWB Church, Spartanburg (Pastor Jimmy Miller) was recently selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC. She was selected based on her academic achievements and leadership potential. This is a great honor and we congratulate her on her achievement.

Eastside FWB Church, Florence (Pastor Eddie Riddick) recently installed a new sign for their Church. Located on a much traveled road, this sign will be a great source of ministry and Inspiration.



The **South Carolina Conference Annual Mission's Conference** will be held Sept. 28- Oct. 5, 2003. Below is a list of the speakers and where they will be speaking. Pray for the Lord to use this conference to reach many hearts with the Gospel and to stir people to lift up their eyes to the fields that are white unto harvest.

	Sunday Sept. 28 AM	Sunday Sept. 28 PM	Monday Sept 29	Tuesday Sept. 30	Wednesday October 1	Thursday October 2	Friday October 3	Saturday October 4	Sunday October 5 AM	Sunday October 5 PM
David Aycock		Bethany	First Darlington		Black River	Lebanon	Missions Rally	Prayer Luncheon	Fellowship	
Rick Bowling	Poplar Hill	Jefferson Road			Grace		Missions Rally	Prayer Luncheon	Beulah	Pamplico
Kenneth Eagleton	Horse Branch	Southside					Missions Rally	Prayer Luncheon	Sand Hill	Eastside
Carlisle Hanna	Black River	Mt. Elon			Bethany		Missions Rally	Prayer Luncheon	Kingstree	
Doug Little					Bay Branch		Missions Rally	Prayer Luncheon	Temple	Peace
Larry Powell	Lebanon	FWB Bible	Black River							
Todd Smith				Lebanon	Black River	FWB Bible	Missions Rally			



Family, friends, former members, and the congregation of First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenwood met on Sunday, June 29th for the **retirement services for Pastor Paul Reid**. 29 years earlier, Pastor Paul, wife, Mary and son, David had felt God's call to begin a church in the Greenwood area. From a mobile chapel the church moved to a renovated home. Then God blessed them to move to the present beautiful facilities located on a busy four lane road in Greenwood.



Before the final morning message from Pastor Paul the church presented him with a plaque and a nicely engraved watch. They also presented wife, Mary, a very nice painting in honor of all the hard work she had done during their 29 years of ministry. The morning message was followed by a time of reminiscing as people viewed the numerous pictures of the past activities and history of the Church decorating the walls of the Church halls as they waited for a delicious meal. A singing featuring church groups and testimony time followed the meal.



Rev Paul Reid: Son, David: Wife, Mary

Brother Paul stressed the fact that although he was retiring from being an active Pastor he would still be available to preach God's word at every available opportunity. He can be reached at (864) 229-5457.

A full church greeted me as I arrived at Tabernacle FWB Church Sunday, June 29th for the **Ordination of Pastor Danny Stone**. Brother's Danny's home church (Hillside FWB Church, Florence) had joined with the congregation of Tabernacle for



Ordaining Counsel Members Rev. Rickey Evans, Rev. Larry McAlister, Rev. Murrell Young with Mrs. Angie and Rev. Danny Stone

this special occasion and even the overflow room was filled. Special music was presented by Brother Danny's son and daughter-in-law from Hillside and by Mrs Merry Grooms from Tabernacle. The message, "Being a man of God" was preached by the chairman of the Eastern Conference Ordaining Counsel, Rev. Rickey Evans before the charge by Rev. Murrell Young and the presentation of the Bible by Rev. Larry McAlister. The State Executive Secretary led in the Ordination Prayer before everyone joined together in the Church fellowship building for a time of food and fellowship.



Brother Danny and Mrs. Angie with his father, mother, son and daughter-in-law

A standing room only crowd filled the sanctuary of Sand Hill FWB Church, Coward on Sunday, June 22nd for the



Brother Joey's family shared in this special moment

Ordination of Joey Postlewaite. Mr. Joe Postlewaite (Father) introduced Rev. John Postlewaite (Grandfather) as the guest speaker. Brother John is a former Home Missionary who was pastor of 15 churches and established 6 churches in Washington and Oregon during his 59 years of preaching the gospel. Almost all of the Family are involved in Christian Ministry and it was a great blessing to add this next generation to the list of soldiers for the Lord.

The opening Prayer was given by home church Pastor Lee Patrick (First FWB, Florence), the Charge to Brother Joey was given by Pastor Sherwood Lee, the Bible was presented by chairman of the Deacon Board, Larry Hawkins, and the Certificate of Ordination was presented by South Carolina Conference Ordaining Counsel Secretary, Rev Donnie Miles (Peace FWB Church, Florence). A great meal followed in the fellowship building.

Brother Joey is presently assisting at the Martin Hill FWB Church in Booneville, Mississippi while completing his Master of Divinity degree at Mid-America Theological Seminary in Memphis, TN.



l-r: Sherwood Lee, John Postlewaite, Donnie Miles, Wayland Owens, Joey Postlewaite, Phil Bozeman, Jacob Creech, Joe Postlewaite.



SC WAC ANNUAL RETREAT at Lookup Lodge- September 5-6, 2003. This year's theme is BIRD (Believers in joy Rejoicing Daily) so we expect to see some fine feathers at this year's meeting. Guest Speaker will be Missionary to Brazil, Annette Aycock. Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. Reservation Fee is \$10, with the remaining \$38.00 due on arrival.

State WAC leader, Mrs. Faye Hanna, said she is expecting another great time of fun and fellowship and invites all of the ladies in the state to come for this annual refreshing retreat.

Mullins-Marion Free Will Baptist Church called **Rev. Neil Hinson** as their new pastor. Brother Neil has worked at the Church for 28 years as Principal/Administrator of the Church's Christian School and for a number of years has served as Associate Pastor. His wife is Billie Jean (baby sister of former Pastor Bill Jacobs and church pianist for 28 years). He has one son, Jonathan (wife Jennifer).



A Very Special **THANK YOU** from the family of **Rev. Bill Jacobs**- Arliss, Tony, Kim, Timothy, Shannon, Tregeana, Roger, Thad, Priscilla and our twelve grandchildren.

The Family of Rev. William "Preacher Bill" Jacobs wishes to express our sincere thanks to the S.C. State Association, the Central Conference, Brother Mike Jones (SCFWB Executive Secretary), all the Preachers and our churches for the many acts of kindness shown to our family during his "Transferal to his Heavenly Home." Your visits, flowers, cards, love gifts, thoughtfulness and especially your prayers and love are deeply appreciated.

May God richly bless each and every one of you in a very special way. We will miss him very much, but we know he will be looking for us to come be with him one day.



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We are sorry for the inconvenience and we encourage you to **EXAMINE AND RETURN YOUR LITERATURE CONFIRMATION FORM** on time to avoid literature being sent that you do not need. We use the Literature Confirmation Forms as guidelines to order literature and to send Sunday School and CTS material to your church. If it is kept up to date then very little material will need to be returned.



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