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SCFWB YOUTH CAMP

Jul6 26- 30, 2004

Junior Camp- Ages 8-12

Teen Camp- Ages 13-17

Camp Beaver Lake, Patrick, SC

Payment Information:

**Full Payments postmarked before July 15th will receive a special of \$84

**Remit a \$30 deposit postmarked by July 15th to receive the Early Bird Special of \$88.

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(All prices include a \$10 Canteen Ticket)

Make all checks to SCFWB Youth

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Junior Camp Speaker: James

"Zany" Sadler. He has preformed his clown ministry to thousands and he will incorporate Gospel Magic and Object Lessons in each message.

Teen Camp Speaker: Rev. Joe

Tolbert. This exciting young preacher has a zeal for God and a love for teens. He spoke at the spring Youth Retreat and everyone enjoyed him so much until he was invited to speak to the Youth Camp Teens.

Registration Forms, a list of activities, What to bring, and Dress Codes can be found on the application form mailed to each Pastor in the state. It is also available for download from the state web site- www.scfwb.com.



Hurry. Get your camp application in today!

The SCFWB Home for Children is looking for a new Director.

Please send Resumes to Rev. Tim Hackett, 121 Springside Dr, Boiling Springs, SC 29316

LEBANON LEGACY

State Moderator, Rev Sherwood Lee and Pastor Jacob Creech (Horse Branch FWB Church) saw the need of a Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in South India so they put tremendous time and energy into trying to raise half of the needed purchase price of \$110,000.00 during March, April, and the first half of May in order to carry a down payment with them when they visited India the last of May. Because it was called the Volena Wilson Bible Institute and it would house the Laura Belle Barnard Library, Brother Lee and Brother Creech decided to put the need before churches, auxiliaries, and individuals in North Carolina and Georgia. The response was more than expected so it appeared \$80,000 of the needed money would be available.

On the Wednesday night before we (Brother Lee, Brother Creech, Executive Secretary, Mike Jones and Assistant Director, Rickey Evans were all scheduled to go to India together) were to leave the Executive Secretary was asked to speak at Lebanon FWB Church on another subject. As a prayer request he asked Lebanon Church to pray that God would soon supply the remaining \$30,000 in order to complete the payment on the Bible Institute and to possibly be able to negotiate the price down by having the entire price instead of simply a down payment.

Friday morning (before we were to leave on Sunday) a member of Lebanon Church called and said the church wanted to contribute the \$30,000 we needed- I just believe there will have to be a "Glory!" right here!! For a long time all I could do was sit and cry and praise the Lord.

Now let me tell you "the rest of the story". Just a month earlier Lebanon FWB Church had heard about a need at the Free Will Baptist Bible College and had received a \$20,000 offering to help the Bible College finish the year in the Black! What a vision this church has for training people to carry the gospel.

Wait- There is more. The attendance at the Church has increased so much until the

sanctuary will no longer hold them and they are meeting in the Family Life Center. And now they are looking into using their facilities to help begin a Hispanic Ministry in the Eastern Part of South Carolina! Chris Fannin is the Pastor of this church with a vision for its community and the world.



Five years ago, when I became Executive Secretary, I moved just down from Lebanon FWB Church. Now every day I pray at least twice a day for the church as I drive back and forth to work. What a Joy to see how God is answering these prayers. Only Heaven will reveal the "Lebanon Legacy" of souls won to Jesus because of the sacrifice and vision of this church.



The first class of the Volena Wilson Bible Institute of South India. Man with the Tie is the director of the Institute, Stanley Raj Kumar. His wife (a teacher at the Institute) is to his left.



Pastor Chris Fannin

The trip to India by State Moderator, Rev. Sherwood Lee, Pastor Jacob Creech, Assistant Director Rickey Evans, and the State Executive Secretary was for a 3 fold purpose. 1) To Carry in the funds that had been raised for the Volena Wilson Bible Institute and to get a first hand look at the Institute. 2) To fellowship with the South Indian Pastors and to speak at the Tamilnadu (The Indian "State" where our FWB Works are located in South India) Bible Conference. 3) To visit Missionary Carlisle Hanna and assist the work in North India in any way possible.

The trip involved 11 flights in 14 days and traveled nearly 40,000 miles but through it all the hand of the Lord was present and His continued blessings on the Free Will Baptist work in India was evident. We were able to take part in baptismal services, communion services, baby dedications, a conference meeting, and church services. We have some wonderful people and wonderful Pastors in India; worthy of your prayers and support.



South India Pastors meet with State Moderator, Sherwood Lee before the South India Conference



The theme for the South India Bible Conference was "Witnessing for Christ in spite of Persecution"



Immanuel FWB Church of Kotagiri. The first FWB Church in India begun by Missionary Laura Belle Barnard



Senior Pastor David Raj Kumar instructs 12 candidates for Baptism before Pastor Muthan and Pastor Stanley Raj Kumar perform the Baptism.



The Volena Wilson Bible Institute



Missionary Carlisle Hanna's broken wrist will probably require surgery upon his return to the States.



Evangelist and Church planters in North India take a break from their intense Bible study and soul winning courses



Pastor Jacob Creech presents Director Stanley Raj Kumar a plaque designating the library as the Laura Belle Barnard Library. Books that were carried out by our group are on the table



Soul Winner, Rickey Evans meets with, according to Missionary Carlisle Hanna, one of the best soul winners in India

Everywhere there were children, smiling and playing and ignoring the conditions around them- and dying without Jesus unless someone tells them!!



Pastor Ronen Guha dedicates a new baby at Friendship FWB Church in North India

TESTIMONY BY MISSIONARY TO JAPAN, MIRIAL GAINER: Some of you have wondered if the high cost of missions in Japan is worth it. Let me share what I learned recently from Mr. And Mrs. Kagoshima. Mrs. Kagoshima became one of my English students the first year I lived in Bihoro. She also became my friend, sharing many lunches and other times together. She listened intently to all the Bible lessons and asked many questions. All she learned she shared with her two children and her husband. She soon became a seeker. At the end of my first term there, she became a believer and was baptized while I was on stateside assignment.



When I returned to Bihoro she was 1 of 6 in my discipleship class as well as continuing in my English classes. She grew in the Lord and began witnessing in the classes she was teaching at a nursing school. As before, she continued to share with her children and husband all she was learning about Jesus and the Christian life. Soon I had the joy of leading her husband in the sinner's prayer and later attending his baptism. She led her son and daughter to the Lord. They were baptized while I was on my last stateside assignment.

After I returned to Japan the fall of 2003, I had opportunity to visit them in Bihoro. They asked me to dinner to introduce me to 10 other people who had come to salvation because of my witness in Bihoro. We enjoyed a celebration of Thanksgiving not only for the four Kagohimas who had become baptized believers, but also for those other 10 baptized believers. Mr. And Mrs. Kagoshima continue to reach out to others.

Only time will show the final number of people whose hearts and lives have been changed because Christians in the USA gave-many sacrificially-to enable me to be God's witness in Japan.



Children's Home Director, James Wilhide admires the new generator provided for the home.

Generator for the Children's Home - During last winter's ice storm several business men from Turbeville and from Horse Branch Free Will Baptist Church realized that if the SCFWB Home for Children is without electricity then they have a MAJOR problem. Talk led to action and a generator was found that was big enough to run most of the functions of the Children's Home in the event of a power outage.

These men solicited the money for the generator, purchased the generator, build a house to house the generator, and provided the hook up necessary for it to work as it should- Is there a Glory anywhere in the house?

Trying to provide for 30 children with no water or electricity or heat is very difficult. Add to that the fact that the children get a little afraid during these times and you can see what a great Blessing this generator will be.



Riverside Free Will Baptist Church of Conway dedicated their beautiful new Sanctuary on Sunday, June 6, 2004. Build largely through the work of the congregation, this latest church in the Conway area stands on a lovely lot on busy Highway 90.

135 people attended this big day of celebration that included messages from 4 ministers and a special time of singing before everyone enjoyed some wonderful Free Will Baptist Cooking. Mike Gerald is the Pastor.



l-r: Pastor Mike Gerald accepts the keys to the church from Trustees: Tucker Wilson, Dwight Mishoe, Chuck Jordan, Frank Semones

SCFWB State Ladies Retreat- August 27-28 at Lookup Lodge. This year's theme is CATS (Christ Always The Solid Rock). Your \$10 Pre-registration fee is due by July 2nd.





South Carolina Free Will Baptist **HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

THE DIVINE SERVICE - The great gold rushes of history began when men caught sight of the sparkling nuggets, which lay on the ground or in cool, clear streams. However, it was inevitable that digging in the dark depths of the earth would claim the greatest treasures. Such is the case with the history of Free Will Baptists in South Carolina. Consider, for example, the General Session of 1858, which is especially important because it allows the first documented examination into our heritage.

Much attention has been paid to the names and locations of the churches, and the identities of the early ministers. Certainly this information is of infinite value in the search for an expansive, in-depth understanding of our identity. But a little digging into the recorded facts will yield nuggets of great value that give a context and structure to the factual record.

While there are several rich veins of information that could be mined in the early records, this article and the next article will deal briefly with two pertinent questions. First, what were the attitudes of the pioneer Free Will Baptists towards the preaching of God's Word? Second, what problems or issues did the ministers of 1858 perceive as important? There is no recorded statement or stated doctrine that answers these questions, but a careful examination of the Minutes gives remarkable insight into their frame of mind.

The first item of interest is the selection of the men who were charged with the awesome responsibility of proclaiming God's Word to His people. There were nine sermons delivered during the four-day session. Three ministers who were allowed to preach twice delivered six of those nine sermons. This distinct honor belonged to Samuel Moore, Samuel McKenzie and John Wilson. The common denominator for these three is that each appears to have had a strong link to Redding Moore. Their selection appears to reinforce their ranking as the senior leaders of the fledgling movement after Moore's death. Thus, it can be concluded that the General Conference placed a high value on the wisdom and experience of godly men who had a deep understanding of their heritage, and who embraced the values and faith instilled by the labors and teachings of Moore.

Perhaps nothing is more indicative of the sense of solemnity and awe that accompanied the preaching of the word than the repeated use of the phrase "introduced the divine service." There are three points in the proceedings of the General Conference where this particular phrase was used. Each time the body would forsake the consideration of business, and enter into a period of worship. This period would consist of two or three sermons. Time, it appears, was not an important factor during the early days of the General Conference. It should also be noted that apparently business meetings were not conducted in the church. On one occasion, the Minutes observe that "On Motion by Eld J. Wilson secd by Brother B Richburg that conference retire to the place prepared and give place for preaching." Later in the proceedings, it was recorded that "On Motion by Br J. H. Johnson secd by J. J. Filyaw that the Delegates retire to the church, by the directions of the committee of arrangements the stage was arranged and the congregation entertained by the ministers named on this list." Of course, their use of the word "entertained" had an entirely different connotation than our modern usage. After all, they viewed it as a "divine service."



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The Youth group of Bethany FWB Church, Timmons ville, wanted to raise some money to help Ms Bethany Crowson in Japan so Youth Director, Johnthan Postlewaite told them that if they would have a car wash and raise as much as \$800 then he would let them cut off all his hair- famous last words!! The picture to the right is the youth group hard at work. The one to the left is Pastor Phil Bozeman's wife, Lydia giving brother Johnthan a VERY close hair cut.



Lighthouse FWB Church, Florence, held its first deacon ordination service on Sunday, May 16th in order to ordain Charles Critcher as deacon.

L-R: Mrs. Bobbie Critcher, Deacon Charles Critcher, Pastor Brian Tolliver, Mrs. Shirley Tolliver, Mrs. Julia Tapp, Deacon Tandy Tapp

Lt. Colonel Charles Edge, the brother of Rev. Mike Edge and Pastor Mitch Edge (Parkway FWB Church), was promoted to his rank in the United States Army during a special ceremony in the joint chief of staff's office in May. He is now assigned to the Pentagon. Pastor Mike Edge is a Captain in the South Carolina State Guard and, in spite of the fact that the Pentagon has 12 chaplains, he was asked to pray before the ceremonies. The promotion ceremony was followed by a tour of the Pentagon, including the area destroyed during 9/11.



Charles and Mike Edge at the Joint Chief of Staff's Office



Williams Hill FWB Church, Hemingway recently took up a special offering to get rid of their Pastor!! Pastor Doug Mathis and wife, Debbie, will celebrate their 25th Anniversary on June 21st so the Church took up a special offering on Pastor Appreciation Day (May 30th) of \$1,200.00 to send them on a vacation- Glory! "Backed by Grace", a singing group in the Church also took the Pastor and his wife to a fancy dinner in Georgetown to show their appreciation.

May 30th was also the beginning of VBS and the Church averaged 85 with \$800 received for Missions. All in all, May 30th was a good day!!



The Members of Williams Hill FWB Church went to great effort and energy to produce the Easter Musical Drama "Bow the Knee". Praises went up and blessings came down as they celebrated the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Five Myths about Spain

By Kristi Johnson

Many people have come to visit Spain and said, "Oh, Spain isn't anything like I thought it would be." When we probe further, we see that many people are expecting a country more like Mexico than Spain. For this reason, we thought we would share five myths about Spain to help you see the real Spain.



Alejandro presents Kristi her Mother's Day gift

Myth #1- Spanish Food is just like Mexican Food- Tacos and burritos are NOT typical foods here. In fact, we have only been able to find "Mexican" food items in recent years. Mexican food is considered an ethnic food by the Spaniards.

Myth #2- Spaniards are very poor. Most of the people are middle class and live very much like we do in America. They drive cars (many even have two), live in house or apartments, shop at grocery stores, drink Coke, and take yearly vacations.

Myth #3- Spain looks like a desert. Although Spain has a dry climate with low humidity, the landscape is very beautiful. We live in the Sierra region of Madrid and can often see snow-capped mountains from our house. There are many parks nearby with green grass, beautiful flowers, and shady trees.

Myth #4- If you studied Spanish in High School, you will sound just like a Spaniard. Although we refer to the language that we speak as Spanish, it is really called, "Castilian". The main difference is the accent. While most South American countries would pronounce the letters "c" (followed by an "i" or "e") and "z" with a "s" sound, here we use a "th" sound. For example, the word "trozo" (meaning a piece of something) would sound like "TRO-tho" in Castilian Spanish

Myth #5- All Spaniards are practicing Catholics. After receiving their religious freedom 25 years ago, many Spaniards are now rebelling against any form of organized religion. They would fit into the category of post-modernism. They are not open to anyone who tries to tell them what to do, but are searching for their "freedom" in many places.

Remember to PRAY for the National Association Meeting, July 18-22, 2004. Pray for the Planners, Pray for the Speakers, Pray for the Leaders, Pray for those giving reports. Above all, Pray for the Lord to use this meeting to make a difference in Kansas City because of the testimony and witness of 6000 Free Will Baptists.

Good News from Spain: The Villalba Church received some good news recently. As many of you know, the mayor's office of Galapagar decided to appeal (again) the decision to give the church a license to build. After meeting with our lawyer, they decided to drop the appeal. Now our architect will meet with the city officials to present the plans and seek approval. Please pray that everything goes well and there are no more delays in this long-awaited building project.



Believers gather to pray on the land for the site of the Villalba Church in Spain.



Have you prayed for Missionary Todd Smith and the Work in Aiken this week?? Brother Todd is building a strong, fundamental Free Will Baptist Church in an area of the state without a Free Will Baptist witness. The work is begun

but it is not finished yet. Continue to uphold him with your prayers and support.

HISPANIC REPORT

Hello dear friends!

My wife and I happily greet you across the pages of "The Informer". We would like for you to be able to understand the Spanish language. If only we could express ourselves in perfect English when we see each other face to face in church, association meetings, or other mission events. June 2nd is the second year anniversary of our arrival in the United States. So many things have happened in such a short amount of time.

To have the Hispanic church doors open today is without a doubt tremendous, and the most important blessing that God has given us! This task requires dedication, a heart always open, and above all patience. The patience that we speak of helps us as we confront all kinds of situations especially posed within the Mexican community that live in the United States. There are times when you feel both strength and courage abandon you, and other times the "load" is too heavy to carry on ones shoulders but then God provides the strength we need.

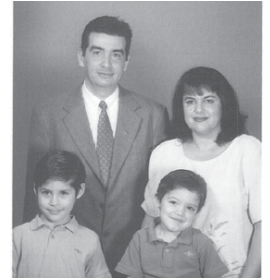
There is no lack of problems in the Spanish ministry, but there exists the other side of the coin. That side is the joy of listening to testimonies of changed lives. The other night a thirty three year old mother, gave a public testimony of how God had saved her from the depravity of alcohol. She gave glory to God for not drinking one drop of beer for a full year! This same young mother had been in prison for her drinking problem...Today she is a faithful part of our congregation, and will be baptized in July.

Many times, missionaries that are from other countries (remember my wife is from Brazil and I am from Uruguay...) miss our families, friends, church, language, customs, food, climate, etc...but to see God work in the life of needy people encourages us, and gives us energy to continue the fight. We never even imagined having indigenous Mexican tribes in our church speaking a different dialect! There are Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Salvadorians, Cubans, Brazilians, Uruguayans, Ecuadorians, and indigenous Mexicans in our Hispanic Church.

We are sure that God goes before us, and sure that, thanks to the men and women with vision, this has been possible in South Carolina. We have not completed two years work yet, but sometimes it seems like we've been working for twenty years instead. This work requires a lot, from us personally, but it also asks a lot from everyone who wants to be involved with the Hispanic task. So I bring a challenge to you today. You have two options: one is to believe the need doesn't exist, and the other is to take the challenge. We want to encourage you. It is not important if you are a pastor or a member of a local church...Unite with us in the battle through your prayers and support!

Sincerely in Christ...

Rev. Gerardo, Maria, Lucas and Franco Rodriguez



Editor's Note: Brother Gerardo's account continue to operate in the red- largely due to the fact that he cannot speak English well enough to explain his vision and his heart to the people in our Churches. His vision is real and his work is tireless. Will you consider adding him to your church's monthly giving?



The Graduates 1-r: Elias Perez, Guadalupe Hernandez, Jesus Delangel

The First Graduation for the **Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute** was held on Saturday, May 1, 2004 at the First FWB Church of Inman. Special guests included NAFWB National Director of Hispanic Ministries, Rev. Rick Bowling and the Chairman of the National Home Mission Board, Rev. James Puckett. This moving ceremony highlighted the accomplishments of this first class and ending with the ordination of Rev. Jesus Delangel into the Gospel Ministry by Rev. Earl Hendrix, Pastor of the Inman First FWB Church.

The next class begins July 12th with 8-10 people already expressing interest in attending. Pray for the Lord to continue to use this institute to make a difference for Christ among our Hispanic Community.

After Graduation:

Rev. Jesus Delangel, along with wife, Vilma, and their children, Katherine and Isaac are beginning a Hispanic Church in Greenfield, California

Rev. Elias Perez returned to Tuxtepec, Mexico where he will assist in the ministry of the Good Samaritan Orphanage with his father.

Guadalupe Hernandez returned to Johnson City, Tennessee, where he will be assisting in the Siempre Gozosos Hispanic Church with Rev. Shane Wilson.

Professors who gave these students over 600 hours of instruction!

Rev. Shane Wilson
Rev. Simon Reyes
Rev. Alfredo Botello
Rev. Nicholas Chavez
Rev. Fernando Bustamante
Rev. Rufo Gomez
Rev. Gerardo Rodriguez



Rev. Shane Wilson presents Rev. Jesus Delangel his certificate of ordination following his ordination service at the end of Graduation.

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS OFFERED AT PEE DEE BIBLE

INSTITUTE - The cross-cultural mission field of Hispanic people has arrived at the very door of our churches. Thankfully Free Will Baptist across the state of South Carolina are rising to the challenge in various ways. The Gwen Hendrix Bible Institute in Inman, SC is on the cutting edge of this endeavor training Hispanic pastors and church workers for our state and the nation. Also, Bro. Gerardo Rodriguez is doing a remarkable job at Spartanburg, SC. Furthermore, the pastors and churches are reaching out in various ways in other parts of our state. It is truly exciting to see the involvement of Free Will Baptist toward this effort.

However, one of the major obstacles to our success is the language barrier. We English speaking Southerners do not know how to speak the language of the Hispanic people coming into our communities so this frustrates our desire to reach them for Christ. To address this need the Pee Dee Bible Institute will be sponsoring a course on "Conversational Spanish For Christian Workers". Rev. Chris Fannin, pastor of Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church will be the instructor. Bro. Fannin is very fluent in Spanish because of his five years as a Home Missionary to Luquillo, Puerto Rico. The course will be offered at the Fall Semester of Pee Dee Bible Institute located at Southside Free Will Baptist Church in Darlington, SC. It will be held on Monday nights for two hours each session from September 13 to November 29, 2004. The cost is \$25.00 per student. For further information call Rev. Leroy Lowery at 843-395-2054.



SCFWB CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS



In Greenville, SC, at our 2004 FWB State meeting, our Executive Committee, our General Board, and our State body voted to recommend and to encourage our churches to include S. C. FWB Christian schools in our budget or our plan of support.

Brethren, I know all of these schools. Your financial support will be used wisely. Rest assured it will not be used to pay pastor's salaries. These pastors take less and give much to provide Christian education to our youth. I am not at present directly involved with any of our Christian schools, except for support.

However, I do know they will use our support to keep tuition low and provide the very best education available anywhere in the world for our children.

I wish I had words to show you the urgent and desperate need of Christian education for our youth, not only for pure quality teaching but also for the fear of God which is the beginning of knowledge (Proverbs 1:7). If they begin without God, what comes later? Godly, well-meaning parents see the rich, wealthy public school as a place for their children to excel in sports and be recruited by the Packers, Lakers, Yankees, etc., into the sports world; as a place for them to become involved in a Hollywood career or modeling career in the glamour society; or as a place for them to become bankers, doctors, lawyers, or politicians in the business world. In REALITY they are being recruited by the homosexual and lesbian crowd and being introduced to alcohol, drugs, and only God knows how many other sinful, worldly "exciting" careers. Think one moment, homosexuals and lesbians cannot reproduce, yet they are growing in number at an alarming rate (3400 same sex marriages in 2 weeks in San Francisco alone). They are recruiting from the largest pool of youth in America: the public school system, where they are taught 35 hours per week that it is a normal, respectable, and accepted lifestyle. I just received a call requesting prayer for a young man dying with Aids, a direct result of the homosexual lifestyle. Give much, or should I say most, of the credit to the public school system, the gifted and talented crowd, the Government school, etc. I am told they teach them their parents are old-fashioned and unlearned because they believe in Christianity and that homosexual behavior is blasphemous, and a sin against God and man.

Christian education is worth every dime you have to pay and then some. It is worth every sacrifice you have to make, the material things you have to do without, and every vacation you do not get to take. Jesus said in John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men (your children) unto me." Tell Satan our children are not available. Do not allow him to recruit them into a world of darkness, sin, and death.

Please brethren and pastors in South Carolina FWB, support our FWB Christian schools and our children every month with our finances. Pray for them everyday and thank God they exist. I have heard enough people say (tearfully) "he is gay, she is lesbian, or he is dying of Aids." So far I have never heard it once from one who went through a Christian school. **THANK GOD!!!**

Sincerely yours in Christ, Rev. Joe Cagle, Pastor, Little Bethel FWB Church, Johnsonville, SC.



Pastor Nichols in front of the old Church.

Faith FWB Church, Smyrna, is in the process of relocating. They have purchased 2 acres of land at the junction of Highways 5 and 55 in Cherokee County and are in the process of converting an old house on the property into a temporary worship building until they can build a permanent structure. Rev. Marshall Nichols is the Pastor of this growing flock.



New Prospect FWB Church recently purchased an activity Bus for their Christian School activities. It is beautifully colored with the name of the Church boldly printed on the side. Pastor Phillip Tipton is excited about this new means of ministry.



St John FWB Church, Pamplico recently celebrated 2 important events. Pastor Andrew Gleason was ordained into the Gospel Ministry by the



l-r: Rev Larry McAlister, Rev Johnny Evans, Pastor Gleason and Family, Rev Rickey Evans

Eastern Conference and the Church Purchased a double wide mobile Home for a Parsonage so Pastor Gleason could live in the Church Community.



Pastor John Cody and the **Mt Carmel FWB Church, York** are rejoicing in new paved parking for the Church. This will be a big help to this growing Church and was a much needed addition.

First FWB Church of Simpsonville celebrated their Home Coming on Sunday May 2nd. SCFWB Executive Secretary, Mike Jones was the guest speaker and the large turnout of people enjoyed the worship service, the good FWB meal afterwards and then, in spite of some rainy weather, a time of family fun and games.

Dr. Chris Jackson is the Pastor.



Soon after he became president of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Matt Pinson sat in the SCFWB State Office and asked what he could do for South Carolina. My immediate response, "Send us more Pastors". He promised he would try and this year we began to collect on that promise. Rev. Neil Morgan graduated from the FWBBC this spring with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible and Mission and will assume duties as Pastor of Bay Branch FWB Church in Timmonsville on June 20th. Rev. Jonathan McKnight

graduated from FWBBC summa cum laude. He was third in his class academically and was one of three graduating seniors nominated by the faculty for membership in Delta Epsilon Chi (the national honor society for Bible Colleges). He is presently working as Assistant Pastor of Sand Hill FWB Church, Coward (Pastor Sherwood Lee).

We also "raided the staff" of FWBBC when Rev. Charles Cook agreed to become Youth Pastor of Peace FWB Church, Florence (Pastor Donnie Miles). (Sorry about that Brother Matt. We just thought we needed him more than you did!!)



2004 STATE OFFICERS

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