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ROLL CALL REFLECTIONS

Roll Call Sunday dawned as a rainy stormy day in South Carolina! It was a wonderful day as we celebrated



the Resurrection of our Lord but a horrible day of inclement weather. If you add to the weather factor the fact that many of our churches are in the middle of a flu epidemic you will get an idea of the obstacles South Carolina Free Will Baptist Churches faced on Easter Sunday / Roll Call Sunday this year. In spite of this, the Lord hon-

ored the efforts of His people and 13,460 people made their way to Free Will Baptist Churches on this day and, most wonderful of all, **76 people made the decision to receive Christ as their personal Savior- Glory!**

The complete list of Roll Call attendance for the past 6 years is found on pages 6-7. Please remember that it is not the size of your church but the effort you put in to reach people for Jesus that counts. For example- Free Welcome (Pastor Billy Baker) and Riverside (Pastor Mike Gerald) over doubled their attendance from the year before and Cornerstone, Chester (Pastor Melvin Pressley) over tripled his attendance in a year- Glory!

South Carolina Free Will Baptist Churches are on the move. It is great to be part of such a great group of people.

SOME INTERESTING ROLL CALL NUMBERS

Of the 119 churches who reported this year (3 did not report) some very good news emerges:

- 15 churches had attendance in excess of 200!

- 55 churches (nearly half!) had attendance of 100 or better!

- Only 9 churches had attendance 30 or below compared to 15 churches where attendance was 30 or below 6 years ago.

>Home Mission Success:

- Rev. Todd Smith at our Home Mission work in Aiken is the only reporting Church that has shown an increase in attendance for all 6 years.



- Rev. Gerardo Rodriguez at our Hispanic work in Spartanburg has reported an increase in attendance all three years of the existence of his mission work.



- Rev. Earl Hendrix, chairman of the S C State Home Mission Board and pastor of First FWB Church of Inman, is the only church to report attendance in excess of 500 for each of the past 6 years.



SCFWB Home for Children Director, Rev. Roy Roach, would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support and let everyone know that the Children's Home is continuing to fulfil its mission of caring for God's little ones. Brother Roy would be glad to come to your church and share about the ministry of the Home and what it is doing to impact children for the Lord.

Dorm Parents are needed. If you would be interested in this ministry then contact the Home at (843) 659-2880



Paula and Roy Roach

CHURCH NEWS

(If God is doing something good at your church then the rest of our churches need to hear about it. Pictures [in .jpeg or .tiff format] and articles are greatly appreciated)

Happy Home FWB Church, Andrews- It was a joy for the SCFWB Executive Secretary to be able to preach the morning message and then take part in the dedication of the newly paved parking lot at this Church on Sunday, March 20th. Pastor Ron Ogle shared that since his arrival in January of 2004 God has really blessed the Church. In addition to paving the parking lot, they have purchased 6.5 acres of property across from the Church, installed a water filtration system, and put new windows in the fellowship hall. A great blessing in all of this is that every thing that was done has been paid "in full" and the Church is completely debt free!



Congregation of Happy Home FWB Church dedicate their new parking lot.

Brother Ron also wanted to "brag" a little on the people of the Church by declaring that it has been a joy to pastor such a great group of people who are so dedicated and eager to hear the word of God. They have done everything they could to make the new Pastor feel at home.

St. John FWB Church, Pamplico- Pastor Andrew Gleason shares this good news: April 2, 2005 was a glorious day for St. John and Gilead FWB churches. The two churches joined forces to have a benefit yard sale for the SCFWB Children's Home and raised more than \$4000.00 through sales and donations. To God be the glory for the wonderful turn out and all the contributions that were received to make this a great success. A special thanks to all who worked hard on this project, and to Gilead church for providing their facilities for the sale. I pray that other churches in our state will "go the extra mile" to help our Children's Home this year.



Pastor Andrew Gleason

Black River FWB Church, Andrews- Pastor Jeff Cockrell reports that during the past three years tithes and offerings at the church have increased by 28% and individual giving to missions has increased by 50%. This has allowed the church to increase their help for world missions while, at the same time, begin the process of paving their parking lot and building a drive through shelter.



Tabernacle FWB Church, Coward- A Ground Breaking Ceremony for a new "Family Life Center" was held at the end of the Sunday Morning service on Sunday, April 3, 2005. During this special service the congregation asked the Lord's blessings, as they go out on Faith, to build this new building to enhance their ministry for the Lord.

The new building will be 125 feet by 80 feet. It will house additional classrooms, kitchen area, and a much needed larger dining room. There will be a recreational area for the children and teenagers to allow this to be used for a "Family Life Activity Center" as well as a "Fellowship Building". Construction of the new building will be done by a contractor with members assisting in projects they are qualified to perform. Pastor Danny Stone and the congregation are excited about this new work for the Lord.



Hawthorne Christian Academy Receives Generous Donations - Chester First Free Will Baptist Church's Hawthorne Christian Academy recently received several generous donations from other South Carolina Free Will Baptist Churches. Westgate Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg, SC has been a supporter of the school for several years and recently increased its monthly donation. Freedom Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster, SC sent a large donation of over \$1000. Little Bethel in Johnsonville, SC has also started sending donations on a regular basis. The staff, faculty, and students of Hawthorne Christian Academy as well as the congregation of First Free Will Baptist Church are very excited and thankful for the support of other churches in the denomination.

Hawthorne Christian Academy is currently in its third year of operation and is meeting the needs of the community in Chester by providing a private Christian education for the students in the area. This is truly a ministry in that the HCA staff has seen changes in the lives of the students attending. Some students have received Christ as their Savior and all of the students are learning on a daily basis how to live a life committed to Christ along with the challenging course material. Please add Hawthorne Christian Academy to your prayer list and pray for all aspects of the school (students, faculty, staff, finances, leadership, athletics, etc.).



Mrs. Michelle Cassady, HCA Administrator, receiving donations from First Free Will Baptist Church Pastor, James M. Sanders.

Mt Ariel FWB Church, Conway- Pastor Ronald Hewitt told Mt Ariel FWB Church on the first of March that if they reached 75 people in attendance at any service, he would take a pie in the face. On Easter Sunday, 94 were present for the service. After the service, Pastor Hewitt honored his pledge by getting a pie in the face.

Still having not learned his lesson, Pastor Hewitt announced on April 3rd that when the church reached 100 in attendance in any service that Mr. Carl Rabon could decide what the Pastor had to do. Mr. Carl decided that it would be good to have a "Dunk the Pastor Day". Anyone present will have a chance to dunk Rev. Hewitt. (Submitted by Mrs. Caroline Inman)



l-r: Carl Rabon, Caitlin McClellan, Rev. Hewitt, and Elaine Hewitt.

Liberty FWB Church, Orangeburg- Pastor Roger Tripp invited SCFWB Executive Secretary, Rev. Mike Jones as guest speaker for Easter Sunday / Roll Call Sunday. In spite of stormy, rainy weather the special program Pastor Tripp planned nearly doubled his attendance from the previous year. Special music was provided by Mr. Sonny Williams and a special "30 Pieces of Silver" offering was received before the morning message (One of the members had done the research and found that 30 pieces of silver would be worth around \$110 today. Special bags were given to anyone desiring them so they could put their offering in the bag and then hang it on a large cross at the front of the Church during the offering time).

This special service was followed by a great fellowship meal and some more good singing.



Pastor Roger Tripp

The SCFWB Executive Secretary visited First FWB Church of Greenville on April 10th to talk about God's work and to share God's Word. The Music was great (that's their choir above) and an added treat was to be able to help Pastor Bobby Bowers and Wife, Joyce, celebrate 47 years of married bliss.



Convere FWB Church, Spartanburg- Pastor Todd Black shared that the Church sponsored an auction on March 19th to raise money for their building program. The auction contained nearly 300 new items donated from over 150 local businesses and raised over \$7,000! Then on Easter Sunday during the annual resurrection offering at the church the church members gave \$10,000 over and above their tithes to the new building project. As Pastor Todd said, "Ain't God Good".

Beulah FWB Church, Pamplico- The Church held a special celebration to honor Pastor Elro Driggers and his lovely wife, Nancy on their 50th wedding anniversary, Sunday, April 3rd. A special reception was held at the end of the Sunday night service and 18 members of the Driggers family were able to be present. The next day the couple traveled on a "second honeymoon" to the church in Arkansas where brother Elro and Mrs. Nancy began their ministry. Another big celebration was planned by this Arkansas church in honor of this special event.



St John FWB Church, Patrick recently welcomed new Pastor, Rev. Jerry Johnson to their church. Brother Jerry is excited about the work and looking forward to being a part of the great FWB work in South Carolina.



Mill Branch FWB Church, Johnsonville celebrated their 42th anniversary on Sunday, March 6th. The SCFWB Executive Secretary was the guest speaker and the special music was provided by the Red White Family. A wonderful fellowship time and meal concluded this special service. Pastor Johnny Evans celebrated his 5th anniversary as pastor of this fine church just 2 weeks before this special event.



Lesslie FWB Church, Rock Hill conducted Revival services April 3-6 with SCFWB Executive Secretary as guest speaker. Pastor Doug Western and the wonderful people of this church went all out to treat the evangelist special by providing he and his wife a huge basket of fruit to snack on during their stay as well as a special coffee and snack basket. The church plans to install new carpet and pews during the month of May as they continues to go forward for Christ.



Pastor Doug Western and wife, Angie



Pastor Steward Norris prepares to enter to the new (to him) Ford van given to him by Cornerstone FWB Church, Whiteville, NC - Glory!



New Central Association Moderator, Rev. Buddy Seay, presents a plaque to outgoing moderator, Rev. Billy Baker (and his lovely wife, Marie) for his many years of faithful service.

Brother Rickey Evans recently received the following letter from Mrs. Ramona May of the Evergreen FWB Church, Conway.

"When we were told they were changing our Sunday School Literature I was skeptical. I must admit, however, that the new literature made the lesson planning easier and more interesting. The teaching essential packet really made my lessons pop and the children love the new songs. I want to sincerely thank all those who worked so hard to bring this to us."

Several requested Sunday School Literature items are now available.

1> Visitor leaflets are again available for the Adult class. This has been a much requested item so do not forget to include it in your next Sunday School order.

2> Adult Sunday School Lesson books now come in a spiral back edition. This makes it much easier for the teacher to lay the book flat while they teach. Order one for each Adult teacher.

News from Missionaries to Brazil, Bobby and Geneva Poole

Dear Friends,

It has been a while since our last update. The Lord has been good to us and we are thankful.

It is interesting how you can read a passage many times and then read it again and something new pops out at you. I had in mind the passage from Isaiah 61:1 which reads "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised (Portuguese says "the chained ones"),"... We believe the gospel of the Lord Jesus is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes but yet some are still "brokenhearted", still "captives"... blind...and chained" by their vices and sins. We had a new "spirit" in our prayer meeting as we prayed for deliverance from the bondage of vices and sins that control the lives of so many men, women and young people in the area of the city we are working in. This past Sunday night 4 came forward to rededicate and give their lives to the Lord and one of them was Mario, an alcoholic we have been praying and working with for the past 12 years! Pray with us for those that are captives, blind and in chains. The power of the gospel can and will set them FREE!

Special blessings during the past days:

1. Easter Sunday night we had 6 children who came forward during the invitation to accept the Lord Jesus.
2. We had 11 for our Men of Iron (Homens de Ferro) breakfast this past Saturday.
3. Our grandson, Andrew, helped us cut grass at the Camp. I thought it fair to pay him for his work. He did not want to accept anything, saying that just to drive the riding lawn mower was pay enough. We gave him about \$7.75. A few day later his mother was at the house and we mentioned that Andrew did not want to take the money. She said, yes she knew, and that he had taken the money and put it in the Missions offering at church. The First Church is underwriting the support of a young lady, from the Church, working in China.
4. Fabio, a student in the Seminary, had a chance to work with YOUTH WITH A MISSION in south Brazil during his vacation from work and his studies. He DOWNGRADED his motor scooter so that he could have enough money to pay for his mission trip.
5. We have 35 students enrolled in the Seminary this semester. For the past couple of years most of our students have been men, about half married and the other half single. This semester we have a number of young unmarried ladies studying. Our pastors need good Christian wives to help them in the ministry. Praise the Lord with us.
6. The Camp "Jeová Shamá" (the Lord is present) is doing well. We have been able to rent it for retreats and camps, which helps pay the bills and the improvements being made.

We are here in Brazil, because you our people, have prayed, have given and have had a vision of the real need of the world. In our 44 years in Brazil a lot of things have changed but the real need of Brazil and the rest of the world, has not changed. Brazil and the world's real need is still JESUS. We are truly "co-laborers" together.

May the Lord bless you in a real special way. Bobby and Geneva Poole



The house converted into a church where the Pooles are now working. The building on the right has recently been purchased and will help them expand this ministry.

Dear South Carolina Friends & Supporters,

It's hard to believe, but our time in South Carolina is quickly coming to an end. We will leave for Michigan on April 13th, for the second half of our stateside assignment. Our past three months have consisted of many different activities. Traveling. Powerpoint presentations. Fellowship dinners. District meetings. Hugs. Visiting churches. Spending time with family. And now...Good-byes.

Although our hearts are heavy and saddened to have to go, we do not leave empty-hearted. Our hearts are full of great memories and new friendships, and our kids' hearts ring with the joy of meeting new children from across the state.

We also do not leave empty-handed. We truly appreciate all that you've done for us, not only during these few months, but also for the years since we've been in Spain. We thank God for you, and you are a vital part of our ministry. If you'd like to receive our e-mail updates or regular mail newsletters, PLEASE get in contact with us.

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SCFWB ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE 2000 - 2005

BEAVER CREEK CONF	00	01	02	03	04	05
Canaan, Lancaster	91	95	114	95	185	215
Converse	85	85	75	103	121	104
Enoree First	150	179	98	94	125	90
Fairview, Spartanburg	178	149	200	275	251	228
First, Chesnee	124	158	148	178	241	148
First, Chester	207	231	220	237	278	172
First, Greenville	95	138	137	141	145	90
First, Greenwood	45	59	80	47	55	61
First, Inman	521	525	512	517	523	513
First, Simpsonville	47		68	81	91	109
First, Una	127	101	113	128	153	158
Gaffney, Gaffney	129	75		126	110	108
Greer, Greer	86	76	73	54	66	20
High Point, Lancaster	514	320	220	249	91	125
Hope, Spartanburg	62	84	76	55	58	35
Landmark, Anderson	140	197	150	103	170	156
Lesslie, Rock Hill	37	20	59	51	67	81
Liberty, Lancaster	119	275	352	371	374	338
Lockhart, Lockhart	190	153	177	124	120	104
Northgate, Greer	0	57	34	45	117	131
North Spartanburg	142	104	178	157	87	47
Parkway, Spartanburg	162	224	176	205	265	202
Southside, Spartanburg	41	50	39	57	30	31
Southside, Aiken	18	39	49	71	79	101
Westgate, Arcadia	350	275		300	203	301
Whitney	115	115	175	150	123	130
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION						
Bethel, Florence	37	45	48	35	52	30
Cornerstone, Whiteville	187	155	160	170	197	143
Damascus, Conway	106	95	100	92	87	116
Evergreen, Conway	233	226	325	168	203	107
First, Hamlet	87	63	91	98	76	61
First, Myrtle Beach	188	238	452	355	228	190
Floyds, Nichols	24	39	20	22	34	33
Free Welcome, Conway	49	45	55	57	66	165
Freedom, Tabor City	0	0	35	32	24	21
Grace, Loris	0	0	0	7	13	n-r
Greater Vision, Bladenboro					59	97
Little Bethel, Johnsonville	15	64	75	123	94	94
Little Star, Johnsonville	155	148	66	130	68	56
Mt Trolly, Conway	140	133	220	182	160	169
Mt Ariel, Conway	62	75	89	76	74	94
Mullins- Marion, Mullins	582	344	489	607	619	518
New Life, Conway	29		25	44	26	32
Oak Grove, Conway	115	105	115	68	82	106
Pee Dee, Conway	86	85	87	80	61	65
Rains, Rains	93	66	65	85	113	120
Riverside, Conway	0	0	59	76	43	88
Socastee, Surfside Beach	80	88	84	70	78	73
South Conway, Conway	88	110	102	79	107	165
Sweet Home, Myrtle Beach	35		40	42	25	23
Unity, Johnsonville	66	64	125	118	115	125
Westside, Johnsonville	107	230	200	220	135	137
White Savannah, Conway	340	330	325	315	337	421
Wildwood, Nichols	37	120	42	41	35	n-r
SOUTH CAROLINA CONF.						
Bay Branch, Timmons ville	98	56	101	110	90	113
Bethany, Timmons ville	134	185	154	155	186	112
Bethesda, Camden	23	18	32	33	24	18
Beulah, Pamplico	97	84	99	110	100	110
Bible, Darlington	77	85	116	84	86	95
Black River, Andrews	73	84	110	105	140	144
Camp Branch, Scranton	76	60	102	67	78	60
Columbia, Columbia	54	77	45	39	55	47
Community, Florence	59	89	115	145	200	150
Eastside, Florence	30	26	52	72	77	90
Faith, Darlington	70	80	75	75	75	82

The Central Conference had **2 churches that exceeded 400** in attendance on Roll Call Sunday- Glory!

> Pastor Neil Hinson and the Mullins-Marion FWB Church had 518 in attendance.



> Pastor Buddy Seay at White Savannah FWB Church, Conway had 421 in attendance.



Parkway FWB Church, Spartanburg- We had a wonderful service Sunday morning and our night service with some 200 in worship. The greatest news is that two of our teens recently gave their heart to the Lord. Several of them shared that they thought they were always saved because their parents had them in church from an early age but soon realize that they were not. One even called me Thursday morning and said that he just accepted Christ in his life while working on the job.

Then on Sunday morning we had two more to give their life to the Lord (4 saved altogether). Not only that but just about every teen stood and give their testimony on how the Lord had saved them, how their church meant so much to them, and then, to my surprise, they said many kind words about our Teen Director and the Pastor.

The Sunday night service was in two parts. We baptized 8 new souls for Christ, all except one was a teen. Some of their parents were surprised, but grateful to see their teen stand and say that they really have accepted Christ now. I shared with the church that some kids grow up in church and are taught Christian values and assume they are saved. Some soon find out with the pressures of life, school, and friends that they give in to peer pressure and disappoint their parents and themselves. I shared that a relationship with the Lord is a personal relationship. We may grow up in Christian homes, but we must realize that it is a personal confession before Christ.

After service we had a fellowship for one of our young Marines. Brother Phillip Seay from our church is being sent to Cuba for one year and may be sent to Iraq. This young man is a very dedicated Christian and is very faithful to his family and church. We had a special Marine cake made for him, and yes we had Ice Cream too. Brother Tood Black and his fine church had joined us for a joint service together. I believe that this is good to do sometimes. He also had two teens to give their heart to the Lord. We are very excited about what the Lord is doing in our churches, and we give the Lord all the praise and glory for what is Being done!!! (Submitted by Pastor Mitch Edge).



S C Conf. (Continued)	00	01	02	03	04	05
Fellowship, Florence	46	47	45	38	39	41
First, Hartsville	28	27	31	30	30	26
First, Florence	314	244	324	335	747	280
First, Kingstree	236	195	176	98	180	150
First, Darlington	74	87	93	98	141	61
First, Charleston	56	55	52	62	58	40
Grace, Lake City	136	105	105	115	129	100
High Hill, Lake City	24	65	46	47	48	42
Horse Branch, Turbeville	223	198	237	266	241	245
Immanuel, Santee	14	28	38	29	31	20
Jefferson Road, Sumter	134	164	122	137	142	139
Lebanon, Florence	88	91	145	130	225	201
Liberty, Manning	45	35	36	51	90	78
Liberty, Orangeburg	30	27	36	32	38	63
Low Country, Charleston	20	40	123	80	103	96
Lynches River, Coward	31	55	97	84	84	76
Midlands, Columbia	38	34	36	36	41	52
Mt Elon, Pamplico	122	102	110	116	84	57
New Town, Lake City	50	79	51	82	97	42
Pamplico, Pamplico	41	36	30	41	48	49
Peace, Florence	269	255	353	310	369	309
Poplar Hill, Hemingway	48	49	55	72	77	54
Salem, Scranton	30	28	27	42	38	26
Sand Hill, Coward	83	68	120	113	88	88
Southside, Darlington	212	269	213	145	142	234
St John, Patrick	60	153	147	128	80	109
Tabernacle, Coward	193	148	157	115	180	110
Temple, Darlington	189	160	225	201	225	267
Victory, Andrews	37	44	25	69	47	47

PALMETTO CONFERENCE	00	01	02	03	04	05
Bright Light, Thomasville, NC	62	48	47	59	51	53
New Vision, Rock Hil	160	49	122	32	62	39
Peace, Spartanburg	267	242	263	221	228	318
Victory, Hanover, PA	87	169	130	176	158	195

EASTERN CONFERENCE	00	01	02	03	04	05
Calvary, Georgetown	33	40	38	32	60	73
Cornerstone, Manning	42	54	48	43	42	41
Cypress Forks, Manning	49	81	27	61	70	53
Fellowship, Manning	19	43	54	44	28	26
Freedom, Ladson	102	48	58	32	106	83
Gilead, Scranton	222	275	276	235	205	169
Happy Home, Andrews	74	140	102	175	151	117
Hickory Hill, Gresham	66	66	119	73	133	59
Hillside, Florence	80	72	115	92	92	92
Lighthouse, Florence	0	0	0	45	65	85
Mill Branch, Johnsonville	67	57	100	110	138	158
New Vision, Hemingway	91	105	127	145	125	103
New Prospect, Pamplico	130	193	158	140	200	139
Olanta, Olanta	13	11	22	25	11	21
St John, Pamplico	77	80	103	44	82	61
Walker's Chapel, Sumter	22	31	35	19	25	37
Williams Hill, Hemingway	57	84	112	115	125	84

TRUE LIFE CONFERENCE	00	01	02	03	04	05
Calvary, Lancaster	71	27	55	80	72	n-r
Calvary, Gastonia				100	130	111
Cornerstone, Chester	36	24	36	41	12	38
Faith, Smyrna	26	50	31	19	30	35
Gloryland, Rock Hill	44	40	55	103	88	67
Heartland, Lancaster3	9	26	40	52	53	41
Mt Carmel, York	42	37	50	111	70	65

Non Conference Churches	00	01	02	03	04	05
Comunidad Hispanic FWB Church, Una	0	0	0	70	84	105

News from Missionary Carlisle Hanna

(4-10-05)- We had a really bad nor'wester (storm) last night right after prayer meeting. Trees were down on houses here but I did not hear of people being killed.



Bolen has just returned from Sheila Memorial Church and he says it was awful there. Eleven of our church families lost everything. Some people were killed there. No doubt the same will be true for other villages in that area. We have these this time of year but it has been a while since we had one as bad as this. Thanks for caring and praying for our people.

We dedicated the newest church yesterday on my Marie's 77th birth anniversary. It is nice and we are so very thankful. We have Ground Breaking and begin another one tomorrow. That will be number 36. We praise our Lord.

Pr 27:23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.- Growth comes from action; not from accident.

Pr 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: - I can never get to where I want to be by remaining where I am.

Pr 14:4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean: but much increase is by the strength of the ox.- If you are satisfied being satisfied then you will never tak the trouble to climb the mountain of growth.

5 THINGS YOU SHOULD DO FOR YOUR PASTOR:

- 1) Pray for him feverently
- 2) Promote him publicly
- 3) Partner with him willingly
- 4) Protect his reputation jealously
- 5) Provide for him abundantly

5 THINGS YOUR PASTOR SHOULD DO FOR YOU:

(Taken from I Pet 5:1-3)

- 1) Feed you faithfully
- 2) Lead you willingly
- 3) Sacrifice for you readily
- 4) Serve you humbly
- 5) Show you Christ continually



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ATTEND A FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN YOUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

The National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet for their annual session in Louisville, Kentucky **July 17-20, 2005**. Convention brochures and programs are available at the SCFWB State Office.

NAFWB Executive Secretary, Rev. Keith Burden, expressed his regret that due to printing and post office delays these brochures did not arrive in time for some people to make reservations in the headquarters hotel before it filled up. Plans are underway to correct this problem before time to reserve rooms next year.



Remember that April is Foreign Mission Emphasis Month. Each church is encouraged to receive an offering that will go to the Foreign Mission General Fund and help the needs of the FWB International Missions support staff in Nashville as they assist our missionaries in planting Churches all over the world.

The **2005 SC WAC Meeting** was a great success. The 2006 meeting will be March 18, 2006 at First FWB Church of Inman.

The 2005 Ladies Retreat will be September 23-24, 2005 at White Oak Conference Center, Winnsboro, SC



Lovely ladies brought lovely special music that thrilled souls and honored God at the 2005 State WAC meeting.

Mrs. Edra Saverance, wife of Rev. Reedy Saverance went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 29, 2005. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 2, 2005 with Rev. Chris Fanning, Rev. Elro Driggers, and Rev. Sherwood Lee officiating. She was a wonderful lady, a good neighbor, and a faithful servant of the Lord.

It was a great joy for the SCFWB Executive Secretary to be able to present Rev. Reedy Saverance a check for \$1450.00 in behalf of the SCFWB Minister's **BENEVOLENT FUND**. This represents a \$25 gift from each of the 58 people presently participating in the Fund.

The SCFWB Minister's Benevolent Fund is open to all Ministers and their wives who are in good standing within their conference, as well as widows of minister's who were in good standing upon their death. The Cost is \$26 per death occurrence (\$1.00 is administration fee and the remaining \$25.00 is given upon the death of a member). Contact the SCFWB State Office for more details and for an application form.



Rev. Elro Driggers shares memories with the Reedy Saverance family.



SC WAC Director, Mrs. Faye Hanna, watches as grandson, Alejandro (Son of Missionaries to Spain Tim and Kristi Johnson), sings a special during the 2005 State WAC Meeting.



Mrs Mary Reid gives the Treasurer's report at the State WAC meeting.



Newly elected WAC Officers pray a prayer of dedication at the conclusion of the 2005 SC WAC State Meeting.