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NEW SOUTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE OFFICE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN TURBEVILLE

In the month of May, preliminary plans were approved by the Town Council in Turbeville. At the beginning of June, construction began on the new Free Will Baptist State Office. A good amount of progress has been made thus far with the construction. If things continue to progress, hopefully, the new state office can be occupied some time during the fall of this year. Below are some pictures showing the progression of the construction:



Land Adjacent to Children's Home Director's House before Construction Began



Framing Begins



Framed and Roofed



Partially Bricked with Doors, Windows, and Sheet Rock on the inside

SC FWB STATE OFFICE NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

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*Phone numbers have been reserved, but are not available for use right now. Our toll free line (800-319-2346) will continue to be available after occupancy of the new state office.

71st ANNUAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CONVENTION CONVENES IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

It was a long trip for many traveling to Little Rock, Arkansas, from the state of South Carolina in order to attend the 71st annual Free Will Baptist Convention; however, it was well worth the trip. The convention was filled with good singing, preaching, and fellowship. There were many landmark decisions that were made regarding various aspects of the denomination. The theme for this year's meeting was "Helping One Another." There were 3,614 registered for the National FWB Convention. There were 3,380 registered for the National Youth Conference (NYC). There were 1,012 registered for the Women Active for Christ convention. Some of the above registrations overlapped, but there were a total of over 6,000 different individuals registered by the time of the Wednesday evening mission service. It was a well attended FWB Convention. (Convention News Continued on Page 6)



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First, Simpsonville Celebrates Homecoming



Jackson Family Life Center



Chris Jackson and Todd Smith in his new office

On Sunday, May 5th, First Free Will Baptist Church, Simpsonville, SC, celebrated their annual Homecoming service. The event proved to be a great success. Recently, the church built the new 12,000 square foot "Jackson Family Life Center" which was dedicated in honor of their pastor, Dr. Chris Jackson. Dr. Jackson and his wife, Nancy, have served faithfully at First Simpsonville Church for 6 years. On Homecoming Sunday, the children in the church and "Upward Bound" from Columbia, SC, provided special music for the service. Rev. Todd Smith, the SC FWB Executive Secretary, preached the morning message. The week before Homecoming, Rev. Kevin Smith preached a revival at First, Simpsonville, and 9 people were saved in the revival services. Dr. Jackson also shared that over the recent weeks, 5 new families have started attending their church. We rejoice with Dr. Jackson and the First Simpsonville Church in the great blessings of the Lord!

Central Association Meeting

Rev. Buddy Seay, the moderator of the Central Association reported that the Central Association convened on Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Pee Dee FWB Church in Conway, SC. Although the conference met during the time when many were attending the National FWB Convention, the meeting was well attended. Two biological and spiritual brothers, Rev. J.W. Hyman and Rev. Paul Hyman, preached at the meeting. The Central Association Executive Committee also recommended that pastors encourage their local churches to support the new Hispanic ministry at Evergreen FWB Church in Conway. The next Central Association meeting will take place on Saturday, October 13, 2007, at Rains FWB Church in Rains, SC.

South Carolina Conference Meets

True Life Conference Meets

On May 19, 2007, the True Life Conference gathered for their quarterly meeting at Cornerstone Free Will Baptist Church in Chester, SC. Rev. Eddie Hinson, the conference's moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting. Rev. Melvin Pressley, pastor at Cornerstone FWB Church, brought the morning devotion from Isaiah 6. Rev. Mike Wilson, pastor at Calvary FWB Church, Gastonia, NC, preached the morning message from Nehemiah 1 regarding "Rebuilding the Walls." Mitzi Lee, a missionary to the native Americans in Flagstaff, Arizona, brought greetings and shared her testimony during the meeting. After the meeting, a wonderful meal was served by the people of Cornerstone Church. The next True Life Conference meeting will take place on Saturday, October 20, 2007, at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia, NC at 9:45 AM.



On Saturday, June 30, 2007, the South Carolina Conference met for their quarterly meeting at Eastside Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, SC. Rev. Todd Parrish, the conference's moderator, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Eastside Church's pastor, Rev. Eddie Riddick brought greetings and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Special Music was provided by Sandra Dail, Charlene Dail, Carolyn Riddick, and Tim Dale (pictured left).

Chaplain David Trogdon brought a tremendous message during the meeting. Chaplain Trogdon is a native of Fort Wayne, IN, and he serves as a chaplain under our National Association of Free Will Baptist Home Mission Department.

It was announced that the South Carolina Conference will host a youth rally on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at the Free Will Baptist Bible Church in Darlington, SC. It was also announced that the next quarterly meeting will take place at Southside FWB Church, Darlington, SC, on Friday evening, October 5, 2007.

Eastern Conference Meets

The Eastern Conference met on Saturday, July 21, 2007, at Lighthouse Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, SC. Rev. Brian Tolliver, the moderator and also pastor at Lighthouse, gave everyone a warm welcome. Rev. Tolliver also preached the morning devotion. After all reports were heard, special music was provided by the choir of Lighthouse Church. Rev. Bennie Turner, pastor at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Manning, brought the conference message. Rev. Turner was recently diagnosed with an aneurism. Having had a CAT scan recently, the doctors reported that the aneurism had not grown in the past 4 months. Please pray for Rev. Turner regarding this health issue.

The next Eastern Conference meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2007, at Freedom Free Will Baptist Church in Ladson, SC.

Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute Receives \$25,000 Gift and Graduates 9

On Saturday, May 26, 2007, the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute (GHHI) in Inman, SC, graduated 9 students. The following students were a part of the 2007 graduating class: Alvaro Alonso Blandon Agudelo, Alfredo Israel Botello, Fransisco Garcia Gutierrez, Manuel Gonzalez Tepole, Jose Luis Hernandes, Ernesto Nunes, Israel Olivos del Valle, Francisco Vidales Gonzales, and Juan Woc.

Rev. Earl Hendrix, pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church, Inman, SC, welcomed everyone to the graduation ceremony. Special music was brought by Patty Newton. Rev. Danny Dwyer, pastor at Cramerton Free Will Baptist in Cramerton, NC, brought the message for the graduation ceremony. Rev. Rick Bowling, the Director of the National Association of Free Will Baptist Hispanic Ministry, assisted in the presentation of diplomas. Bro. Rick shared with the congregation that there are more than 43 million Hispanics in America. GHHI is training Hispanic missionaries that are being sent across America to share the gospel of Christ and to plant Free Will Baptist Hispanic churches. Ridoberto Lumbreras and his wife Erica were commissioned into the ministry as they begin the process for starting a Hispanic ministry in San Diego where there are more than 60,000 Hispanics.

A special gift of \$25,000 was given to the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute by Glen and Linda Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Wright presented the special gift to Rev. Hendrix during the graduation service. Also, present at the ceremony were previous graduates, current Hispanic missionaries, teachers at GHHI, and many other special guests. After the graduation ceremony, the people at First FWB Church provided a delicious meal of authentic Hispanic food. GHHI has graduated a total of 53 students since its founding.



Earl Hendrix with
Glen and Linda Wright



Danny Dwyer speaks at
ceremony through
interpreter, Bro. Shane



Rick Bowling commissions
Ridoberto and Erica Lumbreras



GHHI 2007 Graduating Class, Professors,
and Commencement Participants

Spanish Bibles Needed



Would you like to assist in providing Spanish Bibles for the Hispanic outreach ministries in South Carolina? The cost of a Hispanic Bible is just \$5.

Please send your gift to the SC FWB State Office at PO Box 9, Turbeville, SC 29162. Be sure to designate your gift as "Spanish Bibles." These Bibles will be given to our Hispanic missionaries as needed. In advance, thank you for your participation in this worthy cause.

Two Acres of Children's Home Property Being Sold

On Thursday, June 21, 2007, the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association body met for a special called state meeting. The state body voted to sell two acres of land in Turbeville on the FWB Children's Home campus to the East Clarendon County School District Three. The property is needed for the school district to build a new office. It was unanimously voted to sell the property for \$20,000. The funds received from the sale of the property will be applied to the debt at the FWB Children's Home. Roy Roach, the Children's Home Director, reported at the meeting that when the \$20,000 is applied to the debt, the total debt would be reduced to approximately \$220,000. Please continue to pray and give toward this needy cause.

St. John Church, Pamplico Renovates Sanctuary, Adds Educational Wing, and Builds Picnic Shelter

Recently, St. John Free Will Baptist Church, located in Pamplico, SC, renovated and expanded their sanctuary, added an educational wing to the back of the fellowship hall, and built a picnic shelter behind the fellowship hall. The newly renovated sanctuary and educational wing were dedicated to the Lord in a special service on Sunday, May 28, 2007. Rev. Todd Smith, the SC FWB Executive Secretary, brought the message for this special service. There were 96 in attendance. Rev. Bruce Jones, St. John's pastor, shared with the congregation that all the renovations and additions to the church were completed debt free. St. John Church owns the property to the left of the church building with hopes to build a new sanctuary in the future. We praise the Lord for what He is doing in and through this wonderful church!



Newly Renovated Sanctuary



Pastor Bruce Jones



Educational Wing and Picnic Shelter



Enjoying a delicious meal after the dedication service

Vacation Bible School For Missions

Lighthouse Host VBS for Bicycles for India

Lighthouse Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, SC, held its biggest Vacation Bible School during the week of June 18-22, 2007. The VBS utilized the parable of the "Sower and the Seed." The attendance grew from 35 to 52 in just 4 days. The teen class started with 11 in attendance on Monday and ended up with an attendance of 22 on Friday evening. The total VBS offering for the week was \$476.24, which will be used to purchase bicycles for India. The VBS ended on Friday with a "Harvest Fun Festival" with lots of food, fun, and fellowship with over 100 in attendance. Rev. Brian Tolliver, moderator of the Eastern Conference, is the pastor at Lighthouse Church and is doing a tremendous job!



Harvest Fun Festival

Bethany Host VBS for Johnson's Account and also Celebrates Flag Day



The 2007 theme for Vacation Bible School at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Timmonsville, SC, was "Search for Truth." There was an average of 80 in attendance throughout the week. A total of

\$600 was raised for the Tim and Kristi Johnson account. Tim and Kristi are serving with the Free Will Baptist International Missions in the country of Spain.

On Sunday, June 10th, Bethany Church hosted a special Sunday to recognize Flag Day and the importance of our American Flag. The idea for the event began from a

conversation Pastor Earl and Mrs. Bernice Hanna had regarding the desecration of the American flag. Gifts were given to those who dressed the most patriotic. It turned out to be a great day!



Special Gifts Given to Those Most Patriotic in Dress

Vacation Bible School For Missions Continued...

Lebanon VBS Benefits Home and Foreign Missions

Lebanon FWB Church of Effingham held their annual Vacation Bible School June 3-8, 2007. This year's theme was "Take the Plunge," and it turned out to be one of the best Vacation Bible School times in recent memory with a record average attendance of 155 each night. This year's offering was designated to help a Home Mission project (Rev. Chris Fannin in Arizona) and a FWB International Mission project (Bikes for India with Missionary Carlisle Hanna), and over \$600 was raised to split between these worth while projects. A large number of visitors attended this special week and at least one new family began attending Lebanon FWB Church as a result of what they saw during this week.



Pastor Mac Atkinson, Jr "Takes the Plunge" in the dunking booth to help raise funds for the VBS Projects

Horse Branch VBS Benefits Johnson Account

Horse Branch FWB Church in Turbeville held their annual Vacation Bible School June 11-15, 2007. The total offering given toward the VBS project was \$1000, which was able to assist the Tim and Kristi Johnson account. **The Johnson account has consistently remained over \$10,000 in the negative in recent months.** This offering will help in reducing this deficit. We appreciate Pastor Mike Edwards and the Horse Branch congregation for their hard work in making this contribution possible. Please pray about what the Lord might have you to do in assisting with the Tim and Kristi Johnson account.



Horse Branch VBS attendees and workers after the Friday evening program

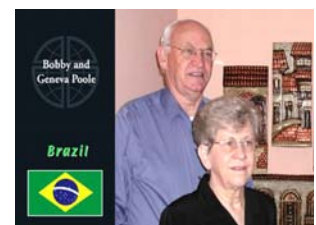
NINE BAPTIZED IN BRAZIL



While working with the Ave. Itatiaia Church in the wealthy part of Ribeirão Preto, the Pooles had the opportunity to start a mission church in a subdivision called Marincek. Marincek is a poorer class government housing project with 955 homes. A lady and her small children had to take several bus connections in order to attend church with her sister in the Ave. Itatiaia Church. This lady's husband was an alcoholic. There were no churches in her area, and it was a golden opportunity to start a new work. A house was purchased in the subdivision, and the back yard was covered to create a meeting hall. The Marincek work was started as a mission church of the Ave. Itatiaia Church. Since that time, two more houses have been purchased, and plans are to start building the church auditorium on the

space where the third house now stands, as soon as the plans are approved by the city government. In the month of June, nine people came to the know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and were baptized. Mario, the community drunk and ex-husband of the lady that led to the starting of the work in Marincek, was the first to be baptized. In addition, eight children were also baptized.

Please pray for Mario and the children who have decided to follow the Lord. Bobby and Geneva Poole are missionaries to Brazil. **At the end of the month of June, their account was over \$9,000 in the negative.** Please pray about what God would have you to do in regard to supporting the ministry of the Pooles.



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Commission for Theological Integrity Recommends Marriage Appendix to FWB Treatise

In accordance with the suggestion of the body from the 2006 FWB Convention in Birmingham, Alabama, the Commission for Theological Integrity formulated and proposed the below appendix addition to the FWB Treatise. The below appendix was laid on the table due to the fact that it is a Treatise change and will be voted on at next year's convention meeting.

Both Scripture and nature as designed by God affirm the lifelong, covenantal union of one man, being male as created by God, and one woman, being female as created by God, in a one-flesh relationship. This one-flesh relationship is emblematic of the union of Christ and His church. It is the sole and beautiful context of the divine plan for the marital relationship of man and woman as image-bearers of God, as well as the foundation for the family as the basic, divinely ordained unit of human society. Violations of this one-flesh union, whether heterosexual or homosexual, premarital or extramarital, contravene the divine plan for the family and for the conception and rearing of children, bringing spiritual despair, guilt, and death to individuals and cultures. (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18, 20-25; Exodus 20:14; Deut. 5:18; Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Cor. 7:1-5; Eph. 5:21-33; 1 Thess. 4:3-5; Hebrews 13:4)

Randall House Promotes D6 Program

Randall House Publications has launched a program which emphasizes the Deuteronomy 6 teaching relating to providing spiritual instruction in the home. They are encouraging individuals, families, and churches to participate in the D6 program. In order for churches to receive a potential discount on their Sunday School literature, they must order all the take home materials for each category for which they have a Sunday school class. These take home tools include the following: My Cuddle Time Bible Story Book, Explorers Guide Levels 1 and 2, Direction Student Magazine, and Horizon Student Magazine. Due to the fact that some churches utilize Clear Living Magazine and other churches utilize the Classic Randall House material, purchasing the Clear Living Magazine is not a requirement to receive the discount; however, we encourage churches to order this take home tool as well.

The South Carolina Free Will Baptist Christian Bookstore will apply the appropriate discount to your church's order when your church signs up to be a D6 church. Please call the SC FWB Christian Bookstore as soon as possible if you would like to participate. **The South Carolina Free Will Baptist Christian Bookstore is here to help you meet all the needs of your Sunday School! Please don't hesitate to let us know if we can assist you in any way.**

International Missions Undesignated Giving Proposal Sparked Much Discussion on the Business Floor

Rev. James Forlines, the Director of Free Will Baptist International Missions, reported at this year's convention that the FWB International Board has been discussing a potential change in the way funds are given through FWB International Missions. Although the full plan has not been completed, during their April 2007 meeting, the FWB International Board unanimously approved a plan to restructure the mission's funding system. The plan calls for a strategy to transform the system from missionary-centered accounts to undesignated giving over a three-to-five year period. In addition to approving a preliminary plan, the board also authorized a communication campaign to inform the entire denomination about the transition and its ramifications. However, at the 2007 FWB Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, there were many questions on the business floor of the meeting regarding the ramifications of such a system of giving. In light of the many questions, the following motion was passed: "The moderator is to appoint a committee to evaluate the support plan being proposed by the Board of Directors of International Missions, in light of the 'Together Way Plan' as it now stands, in allowing this department to do away with designated giving, and they are to also offer appropriate recommendations." The moderator appointed the following men: Tim York, William Smith, Randy Bryant,

Ernie Lewis, Danny Williams, Randy Wilson, Tim McCullough, and Melvin Worthington. The committee is to bring back a report with recommendations at the July 2008 FWB Convention in Charleston, WV.



Rob Connelly and James Forlines Answer Questions During the FWB IM Report

Roger Reeds Died at 79



Free Will Baptist visionary, Dr. Roger C. Reeds, died on May 2, 2007 following an extended illness. Converted in 1947 and called to preach the following year, Reeds is best remembered for founding Randall House Publications (the Sunday School and Church Training Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists).

His vision for quality Free Will Baptist Sunday School curriculum blossomed, and today Randall House Publications provides ministry resources for churches and organizations around the world. Following his retirement from Randall House, Dr. Reeds pastored Trinity FWB Church, Goodlettsville, TN. Please remember the Roger Reed family in your prayers.

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Bowers Receives Award For 12 Years on Retirement Board



At the 2007 Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, Ray Lewis, the FWB Retirement Director, presented a plaque to Rev. Bobby Bowers for serving on the FWB Board of Retirement for 12 years from 1995 to 2007. Rev. Bowers previously pastored the First

FWB Church in Greenville, SC, for 39 years and has been a vital part of Free Will Baptist ministries in South Carolina. In the 12 years of being a member of the FWB Board of Retirement, Rev. Bowers only missed one board meeting, and that was due to surgery. Rev. Bobby Bowers is to be commended for his faithful service in this capacity!

Rev. Bobby Bowers saw many wonderful changes in his years as a board member. It is a wonderful opportunity for churches to assist in their pastor's retirement. One illustration given at the convention was the fact that if an individual contributed \$10 a month to his retirement and began doing so at the age of 25, then at the end of 40 years at the average rate of 8.68%, the funds would have multiplied to a little over \$41,000.00. A church's investment into a pastor's retirement is just one of many ways of showing their appreciation for him.

WNAC CONVENTION NEWS



Pam Hackett, South Carolina Women Active for Christ Coordinator, was presented two awards for an article and program that she submitted to the Women National Active for Christ (WNAC). She placed second for her program "Paint Your World," which she used in the commissioning service for the South Carolina Beaver Creek Women Active for Christ officers. Also, she placed second for her article "A Penny Worth of Seeds," which was an article about an actual story that took place at Fairview Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg, SC. At this year's WNAC convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, there was a total of 1,012 that registered. The theme for this year's meeting was "Travel Light." The WNAC resolutions this year related to the Cleo Pursell FWB International and FWB Home Mission scholarships. Four students, enrolled in the new Panama seminary, will benefit \$500 each from the Cleo Pursell Scholarship Fund. Also, the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Cleo Pursell Fund. At this year's meeting, Marjorie Workman, WNAC Director, announced her retirement, which will go into effect at the 2008 Convention. Also, at this year's meeting, Rebecca Pugh (TN) was elected as the 2007-2009 WNAC President. Last of all, the WNAC Emphasis offering has been changed to Mother's Day as opposed to previously being in the month of August. This year's WNAC Convention was a great success.

National Youth Conference (NYC) Competition Results for South Carolina Winners

There were four churches from South Carolina that represented winners at the National Youth Conference: Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmonsville; Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville; Sandhill FWB Church, Coward; and Temple FWB Church, Darlington, SC. All participants did a great job! Below is a list of the winners for the various competitions:

Horse Branch FWB Church Group Drama (Category D) 3rd Place - Horse Branch
Horse Branch Group Drama (Category A Group Drama) 2nd Place - Horse Branch
Horse Branch Ensemble (Large Vocal Ensemble) 1st Place - Horse Branch
Brandy Floyd (Drama) - Horse Branch

*Brandy will serve with the 2008 Youth Evangelistic Team.

Kaylynn Wells (Grade 7 Bible Memorization) 1st Place - Temple
Jessica Hyman (Grade 5 Bible Sword Drill) 2nd Place - Bay Branch
Whitney Thigpen (Vocal Solo Category C) 2nd Place - Horse Branch
Kelsey Hill and Nicholas Shute (Vocal Duet Category A) 1st Place - Horse Branch
Ashley Floyd and Noah Shute (Vocal Duet Category B) 2nd Place - Horse Branch
Paige Ellis (Creative Writing Poetry Category D) 2nd Place - Sandhill
Bonnie Battista (Graphic Art Category B) - Temple
Alexis Inman (Photography Category A) 3rd Place - Temple
Maysey Floyd (Keyboard Solo Instrumental) 3rd Place - Horse Branch
D. J. Pappas (Individual Drama Category A) 3rd Place - Horse Branch
Cody McKay and Jessica Hyman (Group Drama Category B) - Bay Branch

Bonnie Batista, Emily Parrish, and Ellen Parrish (Vocal Trio Category B) 2nd Place - Temple

Kayla Kimbrel, Kaylynn Wells, and Ellen and Emily Parrish (Group Drama Category C) 2nd Place - Temple

Amber & Camille Driggers, Brianna Coker, & Allison Robinson (Vocal Quartet Category B) 2nd Place - Horse Branch

Gowdy Canon (Youth Worker of the Year Award) - Horse Branch. Gowdy now serves as volunteer Youth Minister at North West FWB Church, Chicago, IL.



Pictured Above: Bruce Kimbrel, SC SCM Director (Left); Kim Drigger, SC District Competition Director (Left); Merinda Parrish, SC State Competition Director (Right); and NYC Winners. (Some Winners Not Pictured)



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Executive Committee Plans 2008 Meeting

On Thursday, June 31, 2007, the South Carolina Free Will Baptist Executive Committee met to plan the 66th annual session of the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists. The meeting will take place February 28-29, 2008 at Horse Branch FWB Church in Turbeville. In the past, the state meeting has been hosted by a particular conference or association; however, due to the construction and potential completion of the new state office in Turbeville, the Executive Committee voted for the State Association to host the meeting requesting that each conference participate in a combined effort in hosting the meeting. It is being requested that each conference contribute \$500 to assist with the cost of meals and expenses for the meeting. The plan is to have the dedication of the new state office building during the state meeting. Further details regarding travel directions and accommodations will be provided in the next issue of the Informer. The following is a list of speakers for the meeting.

Thursday, February 28, 2008:

Devotion - Rev. Chad West (Northgate FWB Church)
 Morning Worship - Rev. Wayland Owens
 (First, Kingtree)

Noon - Recess for Lunch

Dedication of the New State Office - Devotion:

Rev. Sherwood Lee, Moderator (Sandhill, Scranton)
 Evening Worship Service - Guest Speaker:
 - Dr. Matt Pinson, FWBBC, Nashville, TN

Friday, February 29, 2008:

Devotion - Rev. Jody Wynn (FWB Bible, Darlington)
 Worship Service - Rev. Johnny Evans (EC)
 12:00 Lunch and Adjournment

SC FWB Youth Camp



South Carolina Free Will Baptist Teen Camp took place the week of June 11-15, 2007. Junior Camp took place the week of June 25-29, 2007. Jonathan Postlewaite, Youth Pastor at Bethany FWB Church and also SC

FWB Youth Camp Board Member, shared the following report:

"I believe that the kids at this summer's Junior Camp had many unforgettable experiences. Throughout the day, they played some crazy games and shared funny jokes. They enjoyed great food prepared and served by caring adults. They spent time staying cooled off from the hot sun in the swimming pool and on a water slide. They made crafts both to take home with them and to send to children in other countries to share the story of God's love. Yet there were other experiences which I hope meant as much to the kids as they did to those of us who worked hard to make the week a success, like seeing an altar covered with kids recommitting their lives, praying for lost loved ones, and some even giving their lives to Christ for the first time. What a blessing it was to watch their attentive faces during times of preaching and teaching of God's word...I cannot wait until next year when some of these same

kids return, and I can't wait to see some new faces, hopefully from churches that did not send kids to camp this year, so that they can also share in all the great experiences with us."



God & I Time



Pictured Left: Rev. Teddy Rabon preaches.

Beaver Creek Plans FWB Historical Conference

On Saturday, September 8th, the Beaver Creek Conference will be hosting a Free Will Baptist Historical Conference. Rev. David Crowe, Director of Church Growth Development with the Free Will Baptist Home Missions Department, will be the guest speaker for the conference. The conference will take place at Fairview FWB Church, Spartanburg, SC. Lunch will be provided. The event starts at 10 AM. A digital, unpublished, 900 page copy of the Free Baptist Encyclopedia will be provided free of charge to all preachers who attend.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1) **Children's Home Benefit Golf Tournament**, Saturday, September 8th (call 843-659-2880 for details and registration information)
- 2) **SC WAC Retreat**, Friday & Saturday, September 21-22nd, at the White Oak Conference Center, Winnsboro, SC (call Patty Newton for details - 864-472-2863)
- 3) **Children's Home Day**, Saturday, November 3rd - The day includes "Open House Tours," which start at 9 AM, Special Singing at 10 AM, Worship at 11 AM, and Lunch at 12 Noon.