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SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST RAISE \$17,244.16 FOR THE SC FWB CHILDREN'S HOME

The annual SC Women Active for Christ state meeting was held this year at Turning Point FWB Church, Spartanburg, SC. The meeting proved to be another event that revealed the great impact that the Women Active for Christ are having upon the kingdom of God! There were 172 present at the meeting. The theme for the meeting was "Together with God," and the theme verse was Matthew 28:19. The thought for the day was "Supporting Missions Around the World." It was noted that the SC WAC gave over \$60,000.00 during the past year to missionaries and other causes around the world!

The following new officers were elected at the meeting:

- Coordinator - Pam Hackett
- Asst. Coordinator - Patty Newton
- Secretary - Faye Hanna
- Treasurer - Rhonda Ensley
- Field Worker - Leslie Atkinson
- Members at Large - Carolyn Snipes (BC), Mary Byrd (SC), and Carolyn Riddick (SC). All officers are pictured below.



Roach, the Children's Home Director, expressed great appreciation for their sacrifice.

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The SC WAC project for this past year was to raise money for the South Carolina Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Turbeville, SC. The total raised for the Children's Home was \$17,244.16. Rev. Roy

\$285,000.00 OFFER RECEIVED FOR STATE OFFICE PROPERTY

At the annual South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association meeting in February, the state body voted to sell the State Office property in Florence and relocate to Turbeville, SC. Several individuals inquired about the property; however, there were two potential buyers that submitted offers within a reasonable amount of appraisal value.

On April 17th, an offer of \$285,000 was submitted by a Florence area businessman. The State Office will receive \$100,000 up front for the property and an additional \$185,000 at the time of closing, which will be determined by our State Office. This will allow the process of building the new office in Turbeville to begin immediately, and it will allow us to determine the time of the relocation within this year.



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Beaver Creek District Women Active for Christ Meeting

On March 3, 2007, the Beaver Creek District Women Active for Christ (BC WAC) met at First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, SC, for their annual district meeting. The theme was "Believers Together." The theme verse was Hebrews 11:3. The thought for the day was "United Together for Missions." Awards were given to the following WAC groups: 1) Foreign Missions - First, Greenville, 2) Home Missions - First, Chester, and 3) 2006 State Project - High Point, Lancaster. There were 138 registered in attendance for the meeting. It was noted at the meeting that the National FWB WAC dues have increased from \$10 to \$15; therefore the BC WAC dues increased to \$17 per member. At the meeting, special music was presented by Dena Cordell and Misty Todd. Patty Newton from First Free Will Baptist Church, Inman, SC, was the guest speaker for the day. The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: Coordinator - Joyce Bowers, Assistant Coordinator - Pam Hackett, Secretary - Carolyn Snipes, Treasurer - Cathy Logan, Assistant Treasurer - Patty Newton, Mission Action - Lynn Pittman, Mission Prayer - Gail Hill, Mission Study - Kim Murray, and Field Worker - Dena Cordell (pictured below). The men and ladies at First FWB Church, Greenville, SC, served a delicious meal at the end of the meeting. The 2008 Beaver Creek District meeting will be hosted by First FWB Church, Greenwood, SC.



Beaver Creek District
WAC Officers



First, Chester receives
Home Missions Award



Highpoint, Lancaster
receives 2006 State
Project Award



First, Greenville
receives Foreign
Missions Award

Mrs. Mary Kuhn, Member at Community FWB Church, Florence, SC, Turns 100 Years Old



On April 15th, Community FWB Church celebrated the 100th birthday for one of its members, Mrs. Mary Kuhn. The party was given by her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Peters and other family members. Rev. Willie Justice and his wife, Devonda, say that Mrs. Kuhn always welcomes everyone with a radiant smile. Mrs. Kuhn is a retired nurse and stopped working at the age of 83.

Though she is not working a public job, she still works around her house, trimming bushes and tending to flowers. She is a living testimony of the blessings that God has to offer those who love and are faithful to Him.

Steve McCutcheon Elected to Serve as Associate Pastor at Tabernacle FWB Church, Coward, SC



Danny Stone, pastor at Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church, Coward, SC, reported that the church recently elected Steve McCutcheon to serve as Associate Pastor at their church.

Bro. Steve is a member of the Eastern Conference. He and his wife, Sharon, have a baby boy named Christian. Bro. Danny also reported that 7 people have joined Tabernacle Church in recent weeks.

Be sure to check out the **NEW SC WAC website** at www.scwac.com for WAC news and information. The SC WAC would like to express special appreciation to Doug Western, pastor at Leslie FWB Church, Rock Hill, SC for designing the site!

Pastor Honored for 40 Years of Service



Rev. Earl E. Hendrix, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Inman, SC, was surprised on Sunday, March 25, 2007, when he walked into the sanctuary to find his congregation already engaged in singing. The “surprise” Celebration was to celebrate his 40 years of service to his congregation. An arrangement of 40 roses beautified the sanctuary (35 red roses for the service of Rev. Earl and Gwen Hendrix and 5 pink roses in memory of the years he has served without his spouse and partner in ministry).

Guests of honor included family members, a host of friends, and fellow preachers. Guest speakers included Mayor Wright Gaines (Mayor of Inman), Rev. Bobby Bowers, Mr. Beason, and Doug King. Other speakers were Charles Tapp (Chairman of the Deacon Board), Ginger Bagwell (one of the first converts at First, Inman), Tim Keever, and a taped message from Rev. Van Dale Hudson, who could not be present.

Pastor Hendrix was presented with a Seiko watch with inscription denoting his 40 years of service, and he also received a new suit. In addition, the congregation is building a church in Mexico honoring Rev. Hendrix and his work to the Hispanic ministry. As of this date, the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute has graduated more than 40 students who have answered the call to minister to their people in the United States and in Spanish speaking countries.

Following the morning service, the ladies continued the Celebration by serving a delicious meal of salad, roast beef, potatoes, green beans, rolls, and dessert to everyone who attended.

We applaud Rev. Hendrix for his long years of service and dedication to our Lord Jesus Christ. Rev. Hendrix is still active in the pulpit and the ministries of the church and has no plans for retirement “any time soon.”

White Savannah Celebrates Pastory Buddy Seay’s Birthday



On Sunday night, March 25th, White Savannah Free Will Baptist Church celebrated Pastor Buddy Seay’s birthday by giving him a surprise 44th birthday party. They presented him with two suits as a special token of appreciation. Rev. Seay has served as pastor for almost 15 years at White Savannah Free Will Baptist Church in Conway, SC. He serves on the South

Carolina Free Will Baptist Executive Committee as Assistant Moderator. He is also well known for preaching his “**Family Revival**” series in many churches. Below is a sampling of messages that he utilizes when he holds a “Family Revival”:

- 1) Overcoming a Weary or Wounded Spirit,
- 2) Why are our Weddings running out of Wine?,
- 3) Cutting your Wife to the Bone, and
- 4) Pushing your Husband over the Edge!

Feel free to contact him if you would like to host a family revival series at your church (Mobile: 843-455-7028).

Poplar Hill Celebrates Pastory Harry Cooper’s Birthday



On Sunday morning, April 22nd, the service started just as usual. However, after the children sang, they turned to Pastor Cooper and sang “Happy Birthday to You.” Afterwards, the song director announced that Bro. Harry

would not be preaching, but that his brother, Willie Cooper, would be preaching the morning message. Eventually, many of Pastor Harry Cooper’s immediate family members entered the worship service. It all was a pleasant surprise. After the morning worship service, everyone went to the fellowship hall for a delicious meal. The church and family members presented Bro. Harry with gifts. A cake with the wording, “Call Ole Dixie, Preacher Harry is 60,” was made for this special occasion. It was a day that Pastor Harry Cooper will long remember.

**First FWB Church, Florence, SC
Celebrates “BIG DAY”**



It was another exciting “BIG DAY” weekend for Pastor Lee Patrick and the folks at First FWB Church of Florence, SC on March 24th and 25th. It began on Saturday with 201 people who attended the “Carnival,” which included a service, a free meal, and lots of fun. The weekend continued in excitement on

Sunday with 610 in worship service, making a total of 811 in attendance for the weekend. After the morning worship service, the church fed everyone BBQ, chicken



bog, and all the trimmings. The “Big Day” weekend proved to be worth all the effort when 1 child was saved on Saturday, 1 adult was saved on Sunday, and 4 individuals were saved the following week!

**\$50,000 Bus Given to
Grace FWB Church, Lake City, SC**



During a recent Sunday morning worship service at Grace FWB Church, Lake City, SC, Pastor Carol and Susanne Bazen

were requested by a deacon to stay in the church while he allowed everyone else to leave the building. After everyone left the sanctuary, Bro. Carol was handed a set of keys. Upon walking outside, he saw a \$50,000 bus that had been donated to the church. The church has been wanting a bus to use for special trips. Also, Grace FWB Church recently experienced a good bit of damage on their roof due to a storm, but they are very grateful for the insurance coverage which helped provide them with a much needed church roof!

**Pee Dee Bible Institute Graduation
at Southside FWB Church, Darlington, SC**

Pee Dee Bible Institute, a ministry of Southside Free Will Baptist Church, Darlington, SC, presented diplomas to four new graduates and also presented certificates to ten students on Sunday evening, April 1, 2007. Sis. Evelyn Coe, a student at the school, provided the special music for the graduation ceremony. Rev. Todd Smith, the SC Free Will Baptist Executive Secretary, shared the graduation message. Following the graduation, everyone was welcomed to participate in a time of fellowship and refreshments for the students and their guests.

Pee Dee Bible Institute has made Bible Education and Church Training available to the people of the Pee Dee region of SC for the past 15 years. The school offers 16 different courses over a period of four years in order for a student to earn a diploma. For further information regarding the Pee Dee Bible Institute, feel free to contact Rev. Leroy B. Lowery at 843-395-2054.



Pictured from L to R: Rev. Todd Smith, Barbara-Wright Bruce, Thelma O'Neal, James O'Neal, Tony Carter, and Rev. Leroy Lowery.

**Liberty FWB Church, Orangeburg, SC
Celebrates 20 Years**

On Sunday, April 22, 2007, Liberty FWB Church, Orangeburg, SC celebrated 20 years of ministry. Rev. Earl Hanna, the church’s first pastor and church planter preached during the morning service. Also, Rev. Roger Tripp, Liberty’s former pastor, preached during the Sunday evening service. On March 1986, Rev. Earl and Mrs. Bernice Hanna moved to Orangeburg, SC as Home Missionaries. The following year, on Sunday, March 1, 1987, the church celebrated it’s first service. A wall full of pictures, along with a picture album from Mrs. Bernice Hanna, were provided on this special Sunday so that everyone could view the history of the church. The service ended with a tremendous meal!



Pictured L to R: Roger (previous pastor) and Sybil Tripp, Earl (church founder) and Bernice Hanna, Billy (current pastor) and Marian Powell

SC Youth Conference (CTS) Competition

The State CTS Convention was held on Saturday, April 28, 2007, at Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville, SC. Four churches were in attendance. Brian Sargent led the congregation in singing. After the welcome and devotion by Bruce Kimbrel, the competitive activities began. The following will be representing our state at the NYC in Little Rock, Arkansas in July:

Bible Memorization

1st Grade	Maysey Floyd	Horse Branch
2nd Grade	Kelsey Hill	Horse Branch
3rd Grade	D. J. Pappas	Horse Branch
4th Grade	Brianna Coker	Horse Branch
6th Grade	Hannah Pappas	Horse Branch
7th Grade	Kaylynn Wells	Temple

Sword Drill - 5th Grade

1st Place	Jessica Hyman	Bay Branch
2nd Place	Ellen Parrish	Temple

Sword Drill - 6th Grade

1st Place	Kayla Kimbrel	Temple
2nd Place	Camille Driggers	Horse Branch

Tic Tac Toe

- 1st Place - Temple FWB Church (Kaylynn Wells, Tyler Donaldson, Emily Parrish)
 2nd Place - Horse Branch FWB Church (Carson Lee Coker, Kemper Cannon, Whitney Thigpen, and Matthew Hicks)

Bible Bowl

Horse Branch Church (Will Thigpen, Ben Johnson, Brandi Floyd, Rebecca Cannon)

Truth Quest Sr. High

Maggie Driggers - Horse Branch Church

Vocal Solo

Kelsey Hill	Horse Branch
Kayla Kimbrel	Temple
Whitney Thigpen	Horse Branch
Maggie Driggers	Horse Branch

Vocal Duet

Kelsey Hill and Nicholas Shute	Horse Branch
Ashley Floyd and Noah Shute	Horse Branch
Whitney Thigpen / Rebecca Cannon	Horse Branch



Trio - Temple (Bonnie Battista, Emily Parrish, Ellen Parrish)

Quartet - Horse Branch (Amber Driggers, Camille Driggers, Brianna Coker, Allison Robinson)

Ensemble - Horse Branch (Maysey Floyd, Nicholas Shute, Kelsey Hill, D.J. Pappas, Taylor McKenzie, Madison Coker, Noah Shute, Brianna Coker, Allison Robinson, Amber Driggers, Ashley Floyd, Camille Driggers, and Hannah Pappas)

Art Entries

Photography (Alexis Inman)	Temple
3-D Art (Aryana Inman)	Temple
Promotional Graphics	Temple

Keyboard Solo

Maysey Floyd	Horse Branch
Tyler Donaldson	Temple

Individual Drama

D. J. Pappas	Horse Branch
Hannah Pappas	Horse Branch
Brandi Floyd	Horse Branch

Group Drama

Horse Branch (Maysey Floyd, Nicholas Shute, D.J. Pappas, Taylor McKenzie, Madison Coker)

Bay Branch (Jessica Hyman, Cody McKay)

Temple (Ellen Parrish, Emily Parrish, Kaylynn Wells, Kayla Kimbrel)

Horse Branch (Maggie Driggers, Ben Johnson, Ericson Coker, Brandi Floyd, Spenser McKenzie, Carson Lee Coker, Matthew Hicks, Tara Coker)

Greetings from Tim and Kristi Johnson in Spain

As we write, we are enjoying beautiful spring weather here in Spain. After months of coats and scarves, we are finally able to go out in short sleeves. Spain is famous for its "sunny" weather and we are happy to see it! However bright the skies are here, we feel like we have a cloud hanging over us. We found out recently that our mission account is \$6000 in the red, which is very disturbing. It's difficult to concentrate on the work of the new church plant while knowing that our account is suffering. Many of you have been giving faithfully and may be asking WHY. The main reason is that in the last few years, the Euro has become so strong against the dollar. Our buying power has been weakened by almost 35%, which makes a huge difference. For example, the gallon of milk that used to cost \$3.00 now costs about \$5.00. And a simple cup of coffee (a staple in Spain) has gone up from \$1.20 to \$1.60. Even though these costs are just small examples, you can imagine what it means for our evangelism budget, expenses for the Outreach Center, and overall ministry expenses. For those of you who are supporting us, we would like to encourage you to continue. We know that God has used His people in so many ways to support us, encourage us, and pray for us. And for that we are very thankful. PLEASE KEEP PRAYING that God will provide the needed funds to erase this deficit. ¡Gracias! Tim, Kristi, Alejandro, and Ana

SC WAC STATE MEETING CONTINUED

Stewardship plaques were given for the highest missions giving churches. Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church WAC (Effingham, SC) received the plaque for the highest giving to Foreign Missions. They averaged giving \$586.67 per member for 13 members. The Home Missions plaque was presented to Low Country Free Will Baptist WAC, Charleston, SC. Their WAC gave an average of \$654.86 per member.

Appreciation and a special plaque was given to outgoing SC WAC Treasurer, Mary Reid, for her 13 years of service to the SC WAC. Also, commendations and a special presentation were given to the outgoing SC WAC Coordinator, Faye Hanna, for 30 years serving in various roles with the SC WAC. Faye will continue to serve with the WAC as Secretary. Both of these women deserve our heart felt gratitude for their labor of love these many years.



Roy Roach expresses appreciation to the SC WAC



Mary Reid is presented a plaque for serving as the SCWAC Treasurer



Faye Hanna is presented with roses and a memory scrapbook from the SC WAC



Tempe Brown, the guest speaker, shares a message and special music with the SC WAC



Faye Hanna introduces Pam Hackett, the new SC WAC Coordinator



Turning Point FWB Church, Boiling Springs, SC, prepared a delicious meal

SC WAC Retreat

The SC WAC Retreat will take place this year at the White Oak Conference Center, 633 Mobley Hwy, Winnsboro, SC, on September 21-22, 2007. If you have not already registered and would like to attend, please contact Patty Newton at 864-472-2863 to inquire about availability. A \$20 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration, and the remaining balance of \$39 is due upon arrival.

2007 Women Active for Christ Project - "Equipping Our South Carolina Missionaries"

Goal: \$24,000 (\$4,000 per missionary family).

Purpose: To help missionaries with equipment costs.

Additionally, each local WAC group is encouraged to write letters, cards, and emails to our six South Carolina foreign missionary families throughout the year.



David and Annette Aycock,
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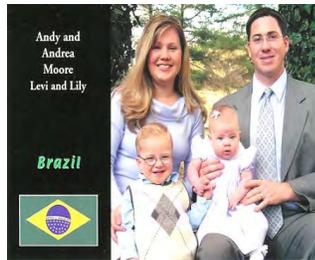
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Greetings from Mrs. Pam Hackett, the SC WAC President



Do you ever feel like you can't do enough to help others? Do you have a desire to help those not only in your church and community, but also to help those serving on the mission field? One person cannot meet the needs of everyone everywhere. That is why the Women Active for Christ (WAC) ministry is important! We as women can come together to make a greater impact on those in need around us in our churches and in our districts. Free Will Baptist women in the state of South Carolina have a wonderful opportunity to belong to one of the greatest organizations our denomination has to offer and that is to be part of the WAC. Are you doing your part in service to the Lord; do you feel like you need help doing the work? Together, we can accomplish much for the Master. Be an active participant in your WAC!

All the district meetings are over, and the State WAC Meeting has come and gone, so what do we do next? First, if you're a local or district elected new officer this year, please mail their name, position, address, and email address to Faye Hanna, 2751 Vox Highway, Hemingway, SC, 29554, or you can email this information to her at fhaca@yahoo.com. Second, plan to attend the WAC State Retreat on September 21-22, 2007, at White Oak Conference Center in Winnesboro, SC. The theme is "The Harvest Is Great," and our speaker will be Tempe Brown. We will be sending out more information about the retreat at a later date; so please remember to send addresses or email addresses to Faye Hanna. White Oak has allowed us to have an extension on the reservations, but space is limited. Please send your \$20.00 (remainder of \$39.00 to be paid upon arrival) to Patty Newton, 7 Ladson St., Inman, SC, 29349, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Last, but not least is the third item we need to focus upon, which is the state project. In Philippians 4:13, Paul stated: "I (we) can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (us)."

This year we would encourage any auxiliary that would like to set up a craft/cookbook booth at the retreat to please send this information to me at 121 Springside Drive, Boiling Springs, SC, 29316, or you can email at hackettp71@bellsouth.net. Booth space will be limited and participants will be chosen according to the first groups to sign up.

I would also like to thank Doug Western personally for the great job he has done with our new SCWAC web site, www.scwac.com. We appreciate you!!

Sincerely, Pam Hackett



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SC FWB CAMP INFORMATION

TEEN CAMP (ages 13-18) will be held June 11-15, 2007 at "The Anchorage" in Lake Waccamaw, NC. The cost is \$185 per camper, and a \$50 deposit is needed by May 8th.

JUNIOR CAMP (ages 8-12) will be held June 25-29, 2007 at Camp Pee Dee in Marion, SC. The cost is \$125 per camper. A \$50 Deposit is needed by May 22nd.

Send deposits to:

Bruce Kimbrel
103 Gann Dr
Darlington, S C 29532

For More information, including the brochure about camp, the registration form, and the required medical form, visit the South Carolina Free Will Baptist web site at www.scfwb.com, or this information can be obtained by contacting:

Rev. Cyrus Shoffner
(843) 398-9923- Home
(843) 858-0195- Cell.



Even though there is a deadline set for turning in applications, please check with Rev. Cyrus Shoffner for further details regarding availability, or feel free to contact him if you are interested in sponsoring a child for camp!

Greetings from the South Carolina Free Will Baptist Executive Secretary



It has been amazing to watch the Lord at work over the past few months in the State Office. It has been a very busy but rewarding time. I enjoyed attending the Beaver Creek District WAC meeting at the beginning of March. It was also a joy to be with our SC WAC at their annual meeting in March. Four of our SC minister's quarterly conferences met in the month of April. I had the privilege to worship with 15 of our South Carolina Free Will Baptist churches over the past couple of months for special services. In addition, we received an offer on our State Office property in Florence, and we have begun preparation for construction on the new State Office in Turbeville. We count it an honor to serve with you in God's Kingdom work! If I can ever be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call.

You are greatly appreciated,
Todd Smith

**DON'T FORGET TO PRE-REGISTER FOR
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE
WILL BAPTIST ANNUAL CONVENTION
TO BE HELD IN LITTLE ROCK,
ARKANSAS, JULY 15-19.**

For more information or to pre-register for the annual FWB Convention, feel free to visit the National Association of Free Will Baptist web site at www.nafwb.com.