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In Honor of Roy and Paula Roach

Five years ago, Reverend Roy and Mrs. Paula Roach moved to South Carolina to serve at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Turbeville. Roy and Paula are natives of Ironton, Ohio. Reverend Roach served in the US Army as an ATI instructor and sergeant. He also served in the Vietnam War. In 1972, God called Reverend Roach into the Gospel ministry. After that time, he served in pastorates in West Virginia, Ohio, and Tennessee. He spent eleven years in home missions in Ohio. Before moving to Turbeville, he and Mrs. Paula served with the Free Will Baptist Family Ministries in Tennessee. When Reverend Roy and Mrs. Paula came to our South Carolina Free Will Baptist Children's Home five years ago, the Children's Home was almost \$500,000 in debt. Under the leadership of his ministry, the debt was completely paid in full on Friday, August 21, 2009. Feeling God's leading in their lives, Reverend Roy and Mrs. Paula Roach recently resigned as Executive Director and Co-Director of the Children's Home and will be moving back to Ironton, Ohio. Reverend Roach said, "Five years ago when we moved to Turbeville, we knew this was the Lord's will for our lives. During the past five years we've been on the mountain top, but when you have highs, there are always lows. When this happens, God can help. Only God could have reduced the debt in such a short time. I guess when you talk about the positive things about the past few years, we'd have to say it's all the children who have come into our lives here at the Children's Home. Please pray for us as we relocate back to Ohio to the home my family moved into in 1953. Our plans are to take some time to rest, perhaps hold



some revivals, but above all else, let God use us wherever he wants us to serve Him. We thank everyone who has touched our lives and made us feel welcome in the many churches across the state. Please keep in touch. Our new address is 2813 S. 8th Street, Ironton, Ohio 45638. Ph # 740-532-3466. Email: revroy@yahoo.com. With Sincere Thanks, Roy and Paula Roach"

FWB Children's Home Welcomes Parrish Family

Little did it occur to the Parrish family that when they left Turbeville in 1996 to serve a church in North Carolina that the path of God would wind its way back to the little town they fell in love with years before. On August 11, 2009, the SC FWB Home for Children Board unanimously voted to hire Rev. Todd Parrish as its new Executive Director. Rev. Parrish hopes to be fully transitioned into the job by October 1, 2009. "Brother Roy and Mrs. Paula have done an unbelievable job," Rev. Parrish said recently. "I don't know anyone who would have had enough courage and faith in God to come to the Home in the condition that Brother Roy found it when he arrived, and decide to stay in the position with the enthusiasm and drive that Brother Roy and Mrs. Paula have faithfully demonstrated. These two champions for Christ have been used of the Lord to bring the Home to the exciting place it is today," Parrish said. Undoubtedly, Rev. Parrish was referring to the growth the Home has experienced in the last few months that has enabled him to begin his tenure seeking to employ two sets of new dorm parents for the Home.

Reverend Todd and Mrs. Merinda Parrish are no strangers to the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist. Todd served as the first youth pastor of Horse Branch FWB Church from 1991-1996. While living in Turbeville, the Lord blessed Todd and Merinda with two precious daughters, Emily, 15 and Ellen, 13. Todd and Merinda graduated with honors from Free Will Baptist Bible College where they met. After attending graduate school and teaching on the graduate faculty at Middle Tennessee State University, the Parrishs moved to Turbeville in 1991.



FWB Children's Home Welcomes Parrish Family Continued

In 1996, they accepted the position of Associate Pastor Music/Youth at the Garner FWB Church in North Carolina. In 1998, the Lord called Todd to pastor the Temple FWB Church in Darlington, where he and his family served the church for almost 10 years. While there Reverend Parrish led the church in a relocation effort and \$1.5 million building program. In 2008, he resigned his position at the church and began to work full-time as a Christian Counselor, first with the SC Department of Corrections, then later opening his own office, Christian Counseling Associates in Florence. He also is a member of the counseling staff with Central Carolina Technical College working out of the campus in Lee County. He anticipates completing a Master of Arts degree in Mental Health Counseling from Webster University in May 2010. He has been a counselor and chaplain to homeless and addicted youth, incarcerated youth, and police, fire, and rescue personnel, as well as children and families in the churches where he has served. He is a certified member with Prison Fellowship and the American Counseling Association.

Todd and Merinda are excited when they consider the potential and possibilities that lie ahead for the Children's Home. "Today is a new day," Reverend Parrish says. "There have been a couple of times over the last ten years that Satan has done his best to end the ministry of the Children's Home and God has gotten an undeniable and evident victory every time. If you want to see where the hand of God is moving in a mighty way, come to Turbeville and visit the Children's Home!"

Reverend Todd Parrish declared that his vision during the first twelve months of service is to do three things: Listen, Learn, and Love...from the children, the staff, and the leadership and members of the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association. Reverend Parrish wants everyone to keep the Home in their daily prayers and wants people to come and visit often. He also asks Free Will Baptist people across the state to stay tuned for upcoming projects and opportunities. The Home exists to help hurting children find hope and healing through Jesus Christ. He encourages FWB people to contact the Home if they can help a child in need. Reverend Todd Parrish wants our State Association to know: "We truly believe that our future is bright, our God is big, our children are the greatest, and Free Will Baptist people are the best!"

Thank you for your prayers and support of the South Carolina Free Will Baptist Children's Home!

Palmetto Conference Convenes at New Harvest



The Palmetto Conference met for its forty-fifth conference meeting on Saturday, August 15, 2009, at New Harvest FWB Church in Tradesville, SC. The meeting opened with the congregational hymn "At

Calvary." Host pastor Rev. Darrell Morgan and the Assistant Moderator Reverend Henry King welcomed everyone to the meeting. Reverend Daggett Duncan gave the response. The Scripture reading was brought by Reverend King from Psalm 22. Reverend Darrell Morgan preached the message from John 1, entitled "We Have Found the Messiah." After all business reports had been heard and accepted, the New Harvest Church provided a meal for everyone in attendance. The next Palmetto Conference will take place on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at New Vision FWB Church in Rock Hill at 10:00 AM. (Pictured above: Pastor Darrell Morgan and his wife Julie)

Eastern Conference Meets at St. John



The Eastern Conference met on Saturday, August 22, 2009, at St. John FWB Church in Pamplico, with 15 out of 15 churches being

represented at the meeting. Serving his last meeting after being moderator for four years, Reverend Brian Tolliver welcomed everyone to the meeting. Reverend Danny Stone opened the meeting in prayer. The congregation sang the opening hymn, "Victory in Jesus." Reverend Tony Lynch shared the devotion from Isaiah 1. Reverend Doug Mathis opened the business session with prayer. After the rules of decorum and the roll call of churches and ministers was completed, everyone recessed for a break. After the break, reports were heard from various missionaries and state ministries. The Eastern Conference voted to license into the Gospel ministry Dale Richardson and La Wayne Poston. The conference also voted to send a love gift of \$300 and a letter to Reverend Roy and Mrs. Paula Roach for their faithful years of service at the FWB Children's Home. Special music was provided by Mr. Kevin Ardy, a member of St. John Church, and Reverend Michael Calder brought the morning message from Psalm 127:1, entitled "Where Does the Motivator Get Motivated?" After the meeting was adjourned, St. John Church provided a wonderful meal for everyone in the fellowship hall. The next Eastern Conference meeting will take place on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at Mill Branch FWB Church at 9:30 AM.

Cornerstone Hosts Central Association



The Cornerstone Free Will Baptist Church in Whiteville, NC hosted the Central Association meeting on Saturday, July 11, 2009. Moderator Reverend Buddy Seay welcomed everyone to the meeting. Reverend Jack Strickland shared the morning devotion from John 10:9-10. After the rules of decorum were read, host

pastor Reverend Steward Norris welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the clerk Reverend Stephen Hyman. After the roll call of ministers and churches, reports were heard from various missionaries and state ministries. The Central Association will be hosting the 2010 South Carolina Free Will Baptist state meeting and voted for Evergreen FWB Church in Conway to be the host church. The conference voted to give Reverend Roy Roach \$500 for his faithful years of service at the Children's Home. Reverend Timmy Locklear preached the morning message from Isaiah 43 and Luke 12. It was recognized at the association meeting that Rev. McLeod Strickland has been a member of the Central Association for 50 years. He came into the Central Association August 29, 1959. The next Central Association meeting will meet on October 10, 2009, at Damascus Free Will Baptist Church in Conway at 9:00 AM.

Calvary, Union Hosts Beaver Creek



Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Union hosted the quarterly Beaver Creek meeting on Saturday, July 25, 2009. Moderator Tim Hackett welcomed

everyone to the meeting. Scripture was read by Reverend Mitch Edge. Various reports were heard from state ministries and missionaries. Executive Secretary Reverend Todd Smith preached the morning message. During the business session, the ordaining council recommended to ordain Sean Fortner, Associate Pastor at First FWB Church in Inman. Also, the Beaver Creek Association voted to give Reverend and Mrs. Roy Roach a love gift in the amount of \$2,000 for their faithful service at the FWB Home for Children. The Calvary FWB Church provided refreshments for everyone in the fellowship hall, and the meeting proved to be a great opportunity of fellowship. The next Beaver Creek meeting will take place at First FWB Church in Chester on Saturday, October 31, 2009.

80th Birthday Celebration for Missionary Carlisle Hanna

Over 150 people gathered in the Family Life Center of Grace FWB Church of Lake City, SC on Saturday, August 1, 2009 to celebrate the 80th birthday of Missionary Carlisle Hanna (His birthday is actually August 3rd but this Saturday date was chosen in order to allow more people to attend), Family and friends mingled together over cake and snacks until the formal program began at 3:00pm. Each of Missionary Hanna's children (Don, Mark, and Brenda Kay) gave a stirring testimony about their father's influence in their life. Testimony about Missionary Hanna's love and concern was also given by Brenda Kay's husband, Michael, and emails were read from many in India sharing their love and appreciation for "Uncle". A slide presentation showing early pictures of Missionary Carlisle Hanna and his family was presented before the service was adjourned into fellowship.



(Pictured: Missionary Carlisle Hanna surrounded by his children (Brenda Kay {Michael}, Don {Milly}, and Mark {Beth}) and grandchildren-Tina, Tim, Caleb, Bonnie, Lainey)

Lesslie, Rock Hill Welcomes Bordeaux Family



Lesslie Free Will Baptist Church in Rock Hill recently welcomed Reverend Troy Bordeaux as pastor. Troy is a native of Rockingham, NC from Faith FWB Church. Troy's wife Hilary is a native of Clarksville, FL from Traveler's Rest FWB Church. Troy and Hilary have one daughter Hannah, born March 2009.

Both Troy and Hilary attended Southeastern Free Will Baptist College in Wendell, NC. Troy served as an Associate/Youth Pastor at Wildwood FWB Church in Wilson, NC. He is transferring from the Palmer Association and began his ministry at Lesslie FWB Church in December 2008. We extend a welcome to the Bordeaux family to South Carolina.

Bay Branch VBS and Baptism

Bay Branch Free Will Baptist Church in Timmonsville held their annual Vacation Bible School the week of June 22-25, 2009. They had a total of 90 in attendance with 55 children and 45 adults. The theme for this year's VBS was a "Prayer Safari." During the week of VBS, the children raised \$689.00. What made the whole week of VBS an even greater success was when Allee Parnell gave her heart and life to the Lord Jesus. Allee's pastor Reverend John Driggers baptized her on Sunday, August 9, 2009.



Mullins-Marion VBS



Mullins-Marion Free Will Baptist Church held its annual Vacation Bible School July 20-24, 2009. The theme was "Passport to the Promise Land." Mrs. Esther

Sawyer said they averaged over 200 in attendance each night. Logan Hinson, Pastor Neil Hinson's granddaughter described Vacation Bible School: "During Bible School this year, we followed Jesus' life story all the way from Bethlehem, Nazareth, and the Sea of Galilee to Calvary, where Jesus died for our sins. I think everyone should have the opportunity to learn about God, especially children. We made crafts, sang songs, and played games. We also had a contest between the boys and the girls to get money for the Children's Home. We raised \$1,280.00!! Bible School is the place to bring your children for fun and education about the Lord."

Dorm Parents Needed

Dorm Parents are needed for the FWB Home for Children. If you are interested or know someone who you would like to recommend, please contact the Children's Home at 843-659-2880.

Bethany Vacation Bible School



Bethany FWB Church held its Vacation Bible School the week of June 22-26, 2009. Over 20 volunteers came out to help with Bethany's VBS this year. The children raised \$200 for the Aycocks in Brazil.

Youth Pastor Reverend

Josh Horton said, "You never know what to expect from VBS, but praise the Lord because we had a wonderful VBS with an average attendance of 30! Every day was marked with a new theme and activities. We trust and know that God is building His kingdom and calling little children to come to Him. The most important news of VBS was that three young girls trusted in Christ as their Lord and Savior!"

Happy Home VBS

Happy Home FWB Church in Andrews set a goal for this year's Vacation Bible School to raise \$1,320.00 to donate to the FWB Home for Children. With only one night of VBS left, the hope of reaching that mark seemed very slim. Going into the last night of VBS, they were \$700 short of their goal. However, they had a competition between the boys and girls, and if the boys won, Mrs. Priscilla Jacobs would get a pie thrown into her face by her husband Reverend Thad Jacobs. If the girls won, then Pastor Thad Jacobs would get a pie thrown into his face by Mrs. Priscilla. Pastor Thad Jacobs said that was all it took because on the last night, they took up over \$700 for a grand total of \$1,435.10 to donate to the FWB Home for Children. For the great effort of the children, both Pastor

Thad Jacobs and his wife Priscilla took a pie in the face.



Pictured Left: Children's Home Director Rev. Roy Roach receives the gift from Happy Home FWB Church from VBS.

Aiken Loan Fund

The Southside FWB Home Mission Aiken Loan has been reduced to \$58,248.62. Would you consider helping to reduce this debt by sending your love gift to the "Aiken Loan Fund" through the SC FWB State Office, PO Box 9, Turbeville, SC 29162.

Williams Hill Honors Pastor and Wife

Williams Hill FWB Church honored their pastor, Reverend Doug Mathis and his wife Debbie with a surprise "Pastor Appreciation" on Sunday, August 16, 2009. Special singing was provided by the youth and others from the church. Preacher Doug and Debbie waited patiently for their "special" guests to arrive. The "Southern Sisters" and their brother Cleatus came all the way from Atlanta to be with the Mathis family on their special day. They received gifts from the Southern Sisters for swimming, new clothes for a much needed makeover, and some chicken from KFC. The group ended by singing "When All Gods Children Get There." Pastor Doug Matthis has been at Williams Hill Church for the past 13 years. They are loved and appreciated by their



church and their community. May the Lord continue to bless them as they do God's will.

Midland Joins Columbia and Donates Property

The Midlands Free Will Baptist Church recently combined with the Columbia Original Free Will Baptist Church after Reverend Earnest Barnes accepted the pastorate at the Columbia Church. For the past few years, the Midlands Church has allowed a FWB Hispanic Church to utilize their property for church services. The Hispanic Church was started under the ministry of Home Missionary Fernando Bustamante. Upon joining with the Columbia Church, the Midlands Church voted to donate their church property and parsonage to South Carolina Home Missions for use by the Hispanic Church. On Thursday, August 6, 2009, the SC FWB Home Mission Board, Reverend Earnest Barnes, and the Hispanic Church met to finalize all the legistics of turning over the property to SC FWB Home Missions. After the meeting, the Hispanic Church provided an authentic Hispanic meal for everyone in attendance. The SC FWB Home



Mission Board is grateful to the Midlands Church for great kindness in contributing this church for missions and the spread of the Gospel.

Cornerstone Extends Fellowship Hall



The Cornerstone Free Will Baptist Church (Central Association) in Whiteville, NC, extended their existing fellowship hall for more seating and added a gymnasium. The addition began in January 2009 and

was completed just in time for Vacation Bible School. Reverend Steward Norris said, "The new addition to the fellowship hall was a blessing from the Lord!" Through the physical difficulties that Pastor Steward has faced recently due to a stroke, God has continued to grow the Cornerstone FWB Church.

Southside, Darlington Back to School Celebration

Southside Free Will Baptist Church celebrated "Back to School Day" on Saturday, August 15, 2009. There were about 50 in attendance. The day was filled with lots of fun including face painting, inflatables, puppet show, ice cream, hot dogs, and much more. Reverend Chris Edwards, the SC FWB Christian Book and Supply bookstore manager, shared a devotion the day of the event. All in all, it was a great youth event, and the adults had fun as well.



Pictured right: Mrs. Peggy Lowery helps serve icees at Southside's Back to School Day.

Eastside Homecoming



On Sunday, August 16, 2009, Eastside Free Will Baptist Church in Florence celebrated its 55th Homecoming service. Eastside Church was started in 1954. Children's Home Director Reverend Roy Roach spoke during the Sunday school hour sharing the needs of the FWB Home for Children. By the time the morning worship

service started, there was standing room only. Pastor Eddie Riddick (pictured above) extended a warm welcome to everyone in attendance. The Gospel quartet "Cross Anchor" provided special music during the morning worship service. Executive Secretary Todd Smith preached the morning message, and the Eastside Church provided a delicious meal for everyone in the fellowship hall following the homecoming service.

Memorial to Rev. Leonard Williams



Reverend Leonard Bernard Williams went on to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 22, 2009. Reverend Williams is survived by his wife Zellene Williams and three daughters, Eunice, Marilyn, and Zena. He grew up in Lexington

County and later worked in Washington, D.C. at the Pentagon during World War II. He and Mrs. Zellene were married at the First FWB Church in Florence on June 17, 1956, and enjoyed a wonderful marriage of 53 years. Reverend Williams was ordained shortly after their marriage in 1956 at the First FWB Church in Florence and has been a member of the South Carolina Conference for many years. Reverend Williams passed away at the age of 84 after recent physical complications. He served in pastorates across South Carolina and also supplied the pulpit when needed. His funeral took place on July 24, 2009, at Community FWB Church in Florence. The funeral was officiated by William Justice, Monroe Harrell, and Guy Owens. Reverend William Justice and his family provided special music during the funeral. Reverend Williams was buried at Florence Memorial Gardens. He was a faithful servant of the Lord and will be greatly missed.



South Carolina State Retreat

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October 2-3, 2009

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Please contact Pam Hackett at 864-599-9512 if your
WAC group is interested in reserving a table for
crafts or cookbooks.

Freedom, Ladson Camp Meeting



Freedom Free Will Baptist Church in Ladson held their third annual “Camp Meeting” June 7-11, 2009. Pictured above are some of the ministers that participated in the camp meeting. Pictured L to R: Rev. Kenneth Grindstaff, Rev. Davon Johnson, Rev. Timmy Hodge, Rev. Allen Fredell, Rev. Jeff Duncan, Rev. Frank Sedgwick, Rev. Nathan Jennings, Rev. Jamie Montgomery, Rev. Rocky Reese, Rev. Gary Gibbons. Not Pictured: Rev. Darwin Cook, Rev. Jeff Silver, Rev. Doug Mathis, and Rev. Dennis Tolley.

St. John, Pamplico “Friends and Family Day”

God has been blessing at St John FWB Church in Pamplico. There have been 14 souls saved and many Christians renewed since May of this year. On Sunday, August 16, 2009, “Friends and Family Day” was held with 200 in attendance. A “Building Fund” program was started to further uplift God’s kingdom. Pastor Jamie Montgomery and the congregation are excited to see what God has in store for them next.



Pictured Left: The congregation listens as Mrs. Summer Calder provides special music on Friends and Family Day.

Ridge Church Wooden Pens

Reverend Benjamin Randall was very influential in founding Free Will Baptist around 1780. The very first Free Will Baptist Church was built in 1819 in New Durham, NH. FWB Master’s Men department has been organizing groups to help restore the First FWB Church in New Durham, NH. As they have taken out old wood from the church, wooden writing pens have been made from the scrap wood. We have some of the pens available at the SC FWB Christian Book and Supply for \$50. Each pen is numbered. Ten dollars from each pen will go to the SC FWB State Office, and the remainder will be divided between Master’s Men and the future restoration projects of the Ridge Church. There are a limited number of supply. Please call the FWB bookstore at 843-657-2091 to order your Ridge Church Wooden Pen and preserve a piece of Free Will Baptist history!

Ordination Service for Sean Fortner

Sean Fortner of Inman was recommended by the Beaver Creek Association for ordination by the First FWB Church in Inman, SC. The ordination service was held on Sunday, August 16, 2009. The service began with an opening song by the choir. Special music was provided by Joshua Barnett. Reverend Earl Hendrix brought the message and charge from 2 Timothy 4:1-5, entitled "Making Full Proof of thy Ministry." After the message, Executive Secretary Reverend Todd Smith led in the prayer of anointing and dedicating Sean into the Gospel ministry. After Sean was presented with a Bible by Reverend Hendrix, the deacons of the church were given the opportunity to come to the pulpit and share comments and challenges to Sean and his family. Reverend Sean and his wife Dawn and their two children, Dylan and Kylie, have already been a great asset to the ministry of the First



FWB Church in Inman. Please continue to pray for them as they continue their journey in ministry.

Pictured - Back Row: Dawn and Sean Fortner and Pastor Earl Hendrix. Front Row: The deacons and their wives (not listed in order) - Larry and Rhonda Ensley, Bill and Nancy Scruggs, Charles and Carolyn Tripp, Ricky and Kathy Burrell, Steve and Tina West, Lane and Kim Hendrix.

Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute



The Gwen Hendrix Hispanic, located on the campus of First FWB Church in Inman, began their semester on July 6, 2009 and goes to November 27, 2009, with ten students.

The institute now has a total of eighty serving the Lord in their prespective fields where God has called them to labor since the institute started on January 10, 2004. The Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute has graduates serving in the United States, Mexico, El Salvador, Peru, Columbia, Chile, Guatemala, Coasta Rica, and Puerto Rico. Two present students are planning to return to Puerto Rico to start a Free Will Baptist Church. You have an open invitation to visit the institute and meet the students.

First Free Will Baptist Church, 90 Blackstock Rd, Inman, SC. Telephone (864) 472-2864

Earl Hendrix, Pastor - Telephone (864) 278-8040

Sean Fortner, Associate Pastor - Telephone (864) 316-9535

Turning Point Deacon Ordination

On Sunday August 2, 2009, Pastor Todd Black ordained two men as deacons and installed three men into the deacon ministry at Turning Point Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg, SC. Harold Jackson had previously been ordained and was installed as a Deacon. David Fowler and Damon Duncan were ordained and also installed during this special service. Pastor Todd mentioned that all three of these men have a servant's heart and are a great asset to the work of the Lord at the Turning Point Church.



Pictured L to R: Pastor Todd Black, Harold Jackson, Gail Jackson, David Fowler, Cathi Fowler, Damon Duncan, Kara Duncan.

GO10 Walk for the World



Go10 Walk for the World invites young people to experience a life changing commitment to missions by participating in a 2,500-mile walk for the world. Retracing Laura Belle Barnard's life journey in the States, the walk commemorates her courage as it encourages a new generation of young people to be involved in sharing the gospel with their friends and the

world. Joe Wilson, GO10 project leader, stated, "I am excited about the potential this project has to impact the lives of so many of our young people. While the effort will raise funds for International Missions, we hope it will do much more. My desire is for it to raise up a new generation of youth who are passionate about reaching the world for Christ." The walk will begin Easter Sunday at Miss Barnard's home church in Glennville, Georgia, and conclude in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the 2010 National Association. Visit go10walk.com for more information and ongoing updates on the route and participants. The SC FWB Regional GO10 Coordinator is Reverend Bruce Kimbrel who also serves as the SC FWB NYC Director. For questions about the GO10 Walk or for details on how to participate in this great event, feel free to contact him at 843-307-4016



Moore News



Three months ago, our family moved to the city of Juiz de Fora, which has a population of over 500,000 people. We are preparing to start a new work here. We are looking for and praying about a meeting place. We plan to start services later this month. A Free Will Baptist church in this city is very important to the continuing expansion of our movement in this region of Brazil. This summer (our winter) we were privileged to host a youth group from the States as well as two summer interns. We participated in our regional youth camp in July. The theme was "Sowing and Reaping." We were reminded that to reap a harvest for the glory of God, there is the hard work of sowing that must be done first and that He gives the increase. We also had a children's day activity at one of our churches in Barbacena, with over 200 participating. Both of these events resulted in conversions, for which we praise the Lord.

We appreciate the state of South Carolina and all that you do and have done to keep us on the field during this past decade of missionary service in Brazil.

Serving in Brazil, Andy, Andrea, Levi, and Lily Moore

Johnson Report



We are having a busy summer! During the second half of June, we hosted the Spain E-team, who helped us with several ministry projects and spent time learning about Spanish culture. Soon after they left, Alejandro and Ana went to church camp for a week. Our "Crocodile Dock" VBS was held during

the last week of July. We were so thankful for local believers and their involvement this year. Our dock and set were designed and built by Nino. Charo organized and served all of the snacks. Mónica led our music time and also worked as a group leader. Tarek and Michelle helped in various ways as well. We taught an average of 30 children each evening. We are thankful for the 42 different children who attended, and especially for the 12 children who came from unchurched families. Help us pray that there will be lasting results from our swamp-filled week. The website for FWB International Missions has had some major changes over the past few months. Check it out at www.fwbgo.com. Follow links to "missionaries" and then "Johnsons" to see photos and updates from our family. If you'd like to receive our weekly e-mail updates, just let us know at tjohnson@fwbgo.com. Thanks for your support and prayers! Tim, Kristi, Alejandro, and Ana Johnson

Poolle Update



It was a normal prayer meeting and just a normal Bible study, at least that was what I thought, but the subject I had chosen went on for four Wednesday nights. The subject was "Our accountability to God". The folks got involved in a good classroom type discussion about all of this, asking questions and making comments. So after the first study, I said, "We will finish this next week," and I had to repeat this phrase two more times. I asked the Lord to give us insight on the questions raised. In I Corinthians 4:5, we see when the Lord comes He will "bring to light the hidden things of darkness" and "will make manifest the counsels of the hearts". All of this began to fall into place as we remembered that we were created for His glory.

Please remember the following prayer request:

1. Our SS Campaign during August and that we will be able to gather in fruit the months that follow.
 2. Our building plans have been APPROVED! Pray as we get things organized to build, getting a contractor, and everything that is involved in building.
 3. Seminary classes started this week. We are going into the last half of our 37th year. Pray for teachers and students.
- Our deepest thanks to all our people in SC for their gifts and prayers. God bless us all!

In Christ, Bobby and Geneva

Morgans Commissioned



This National Association meeting will be one that we will never forget. During the Wednesday night service we were officially commissioned by the denomination to serve our Savior and FWB in Uruguay. It was a humbling experience to stand on a stage full of missionaries who have served faithfully both home and abroad for many years. Over the past summer, we have had the opportunity to visit three different Vacation Bible Schools. We attended "Son Rock Kids Camp" at Liberty FWB Church in Manning, "Studio GO! Game Show" at Sandhill FWB in Coward, and "Crocodile Dock" at Horse Branch FWB in Turbeville. It was fun seeing familiar faces and meeting many new people. We were also encouraged by the emphasis these VBS programs placed on missions. We have also been excited to hear of churches supporting us with their VBS offerings to help our efforts to spread the gospel in Uruguay. Thank you to all these churches! - Neil and Mandy Morgan

Reflections from the 2009 National Association of Free Will Baptist Convention



Ashley, Debbie, and Steve Brogden



Above: Business Session - Back L to R: Sherwood Lee and Jake Creech. Middle: Cliff Wilson. Front: Jeff Cockrell



Pictured Left: Mrs. Rebecca Pugh (WNAC President) and Mrs. Pam Hackett (SC WAC Coordinator). Mrs. Pam won awards for two programs: "Unknown Soldier" (2nd Place) and "Mighty Mom" (1st Place). She was also elected to serve as WNAC Member-at-Large.



Pictured Left: NYC Teen Worship



Pictured Left: Going from one event to another - Pictured L to R: Suzzanna and Oneal Thigpen, Savannah and Liana Pace.



Camille and Theron Scott enjoy a meal together after a long day of events at the National Convention.



Mark and Myra Leonard assist with Impact Cincinnati on Saturday.



Karen and Madison Coker, Priscilla, and Mrs. Gloria Floyd enjoy time together after the evening service.

NAFWB Convention Business High Lights

Executive Office -Executive Secretary Keith Burden indicated that the Executive Office remained in solid financial footing but cautioned that future conventions must address greater funding needs. He praised first-year convention manager Ryan Lewis, ONE Magazine editor Eric Thomsen, and the other members of his staff for their work.

Randall House -The agency reported a \$61,000 profit in 2008, and Randall House won 11 Awards of Excellence from the printing industry. The purchase of a digital press allows the agency to personalize curriculum for local churches, print books on demand, and print state papers at a reasonable cost. Hunter also introduced a new book by the late Jonathan Thigpen titled Teaching Students, Not Lessons.

International Missions -International Missions revealed extensive plans to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the department at the 2010 convention in Oklahoma City. The department has plans for a walk-through museum at the convention featuring artifacts from the Mission's history. In addition, missionaries and international leaders from around the world will be flown to Oklahoma City to participate in the celebration.

FWBBC -President Matt Pinson indicated that plans are moving forward to relocate the college to Gallatin, Tennessee. A Nashville real estate development firm is working with officials to sell the current campus. Forty-one donors have pledged \$2.1 million to pay for the Gallatin property while another \$1 million in gifts-in-kind has been committed.

Home Missions -The Home Missions Department reacted to the financially challenging year by downsizing but reported no deficit missionary accounts. Church planters now serve in 65 cities, and 14 Hispanic churches have been established across the U.S.

Board of Retirement - "We believe we are coming out of the present crisis," General Director Ray Lewis told delegates regarding the recent economic upheaval that resulted in the agency reporting a 32% (\$10 million) loss in 2008. He reminded listeners that over the life of the plan, the agency has averaged a 7.5% annual increase. The department marked 40 years of service to the denomination on June 30, 2009. Assets the first year (1969) were \$11,707. In 2008, they topped \$34 million. Seventy-four individuals joined the retirement plan last year, bringing the total number of participants to 2,394.

For a full report of the National Association of Free Will Baptist convention business, feel free to see the most recent issue of One Magazine by going to www.onemag.org, or you may request a copy by calling the NAFWB Executive Office at 877-767-7659.

National Youth Conference 2009

The 2009 National Youth Conference made a profound impact upon the lives of the 1,917 students who attended. Teens who attended Global Purpose Seekers seminars learned how to use Scripture, mentors, prayer, their conscience, and experiences to make wise decisions in discerning God's will. The cross-cultural setting of the GPS-X International Marketplace prompted one student to observe, "Now I have a better idea of how to pray for missionaries." Teens and children who attended creation video sessions were equipped to defend their faith against attacks by secular philosophies that deny the reliability of God's Word. On Tuesday night, Ken Ham, founder of Answers in Genesis and The Creation Museum, provided overwhelming evidence to support a young earth to an overflow crowd in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom. He described an earth shaped by a catastrophic global flood and supplied relevant answers to many questions that can weaken the faith of today's Christian students. Attendance is on the rise as 969 students participated in competitive activities, a six percent increase over last year. Student registration was up by five percent (97 more teens and children), and total attendance increased by 254, topping out at 4,186. Participants logged 2,433 hours of community service and collected 69 units of blood at the blood drive.

The following South Carolina churches were represented at the NYC competitions this year: Liberty FWB Church, Manning; Peace FWB Church, Florence; Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville; Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmonsville; Temple FWB Church, Darlington; Sand Hill FWB Church, Coward; and Whitney FWB Church, Spartanburg. For students that participate in Bible competition, a trophy is given to first, second, and third place winners. For students that participate in music and arts categories, a first place trophy or ribbon is given to each contestant, and second and third place winners receive honorable mention. Below and on page 11 are the South Carolina Free Will Baptist contestant winners.



Bible Memorization
Grade 1 - 3rd Place -
Lane Ward - Peace,
Florence



Bible Memorization
Grade 3 - 3rd Place -
Maysey Floyd - Horse
Branch, Turbeville



Bible Memorization
Grade 9 - 1st Place -
Kaylynn Wells - Temple,
Darlington



Bible Memorization
Grade 12 - 1st Place -
Maggie Driggers - Horse
Branch, Turbeville

Pictured Left:
Maggie
Driggers also
won \$1,500
in scholar-
ships to Free
Will Baptist
Bible College.



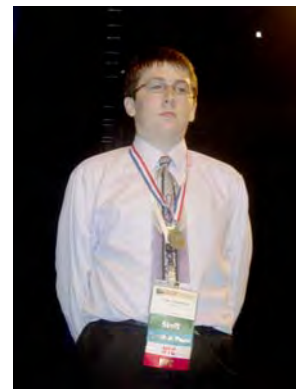
Bible Sword Drill -
Grade 6 - 3rd Place -
Matthew Shumate -
Whitney, Spartanburg



Bible Bowl - 3rd Place -
Juliana Pace and Rebekah
Ward, Peace, Florence



Duet Vocal Ensemble -
Cat. B - 1st Place - Brothers
for Christ / Also, Noah Shute
(right) - Cat. B - Vocal Solo -
1st Place



Keyboard Solo - Cat-
egory D - 1st Place -
Tyler Donaldson -
Temple, Darlington

Pictured
Left: Tyler
Donaldson
will also be
apart of the
2010 YET
Team

**Reverend Bruce Kimbrel, SC NYC Director said, "Out of all the National Youth Conference competi-
tion combined, approximately 38% of the first, second, and third place winners were from South Caro-
lina. All participants are to be commended for a job well done."**

National Youth Conference 2009 SC Competition Winners Continued



Quartets - Category C - 1st Place - Grace Quartet - Temple, Darlington



Vocal Solo - Category A - 1st Place - Gracelyn Coker - Horse Branch, Turbeville



Group Drama - Category A - 1st Place - Horse Branch, Turbeville



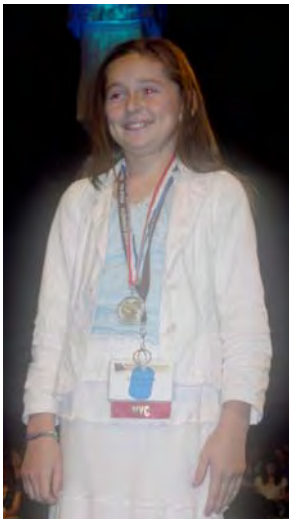
Trios - Category C - 1st Place - PFC Trio - Horse Branch, Turbeville



Keyboard Ensemble - Category D - 1st Place - 4 Hands 4 Him - Temple, Darlington



Ensembles - Category C - 1st Place - Six for the Savior - Horse Branch, Turbeville



Fabric Art - Category B - 1st Place - Alexis Inman - Temple, Darlington

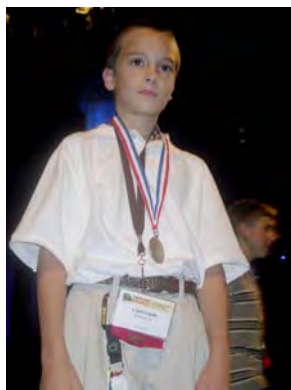
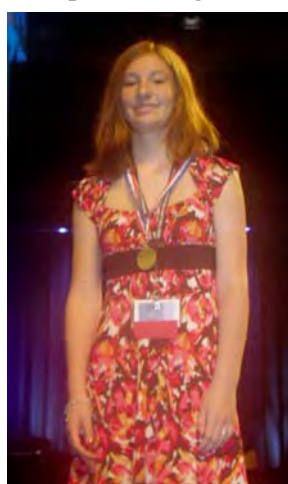


Photo Essay - Category A - 1st Place - Caleb Gandy - Temple, Darlington



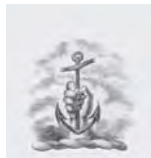
Thematic Collection - Category C - First Place - Kayla Kimbrel - Temple, Darlington

Other NYC Honorable Mention

- *Vocal Solo - Category D - 3rd Place - Maggie Driggers - Horse Branch
- *Vocal Solo - Category C - 2nd Place - Ashley Floyd - Horse Branch
- *Dramatic Duos - Category D - 2nd Place - Driggers Duo - Horse Branch
- *Choirs - Category B - 3rd Place - Horse Branch Jr. Choir - Horse Branch
- *Drawings - Category B - 2nd Place - Caleb Gandy - Temple Church
- *Banners - Category A - 2nd Place - Aryana Inman - Temple Church
- *Fabric Art - Category D - 2nd Place - Ashley Brogden - Temple Church
- *Pre-Molded Clay - Category A - 3rd Place - Amber Lemon - Temple Church
- *Essay - Category C - 2nd Place - Bonnie Batista - Temple Church
- *Essay - Category D - 2nd Place - Tyler Donaldson - Temple Church
- *Narrative Poem - Category A - 2nd Place - Denise Wiggins - Peace Church
- *Narrative Poem - Category C - 2nd Place - Kaylynn Wells - Temple Church
- *Vocal Ensemble - Category A - 3rd Place - Peace Duet - Peace Church
- *Individual Drama - Category B - 2nd Place - Brianna Coker - Horse Branch

NYC 2009 Global Seekers Purpose (GPS) Participants

There was a total of 60 participants in Global Purpose Seekers of which 27 completed the GPS Program and received recognition at the awards ceremony. All 17 SC students who registered for GPS completed the program. The following is a list of the SC FWB participants: Ashley Brogden, Brianna Coker, Camille Driggers, Ashley Floyd, Caleb Gandy, Cydney Gandy, Jamie Hammers, Skylar Moody, Dustin Moore, Georgia Pace, Ellen Parrish, Allison Robinson, Noah Shute, Victoria Smith, Cameron Smith, Hunter Smith, and Keri Wilkerson.



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Mark Your Calendar

SC WAC State Retreat - October 2-3, 2009, at the White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro, SC.

**SC Conference First CTS Preliminary Meeting - Oct 17
 Registration 9:00 AM - Salem FWB Church**

Children's Home Day - Saturday, November 7, 2009

**SC FWB State Meeting - February 25-26, 2010,
 Evergreen FWB Church in Conway.**

SC FWB Teen Retreat

Host Church: First FWB Church, Myrtle Beach

Dates: October 23-25, 2009 (Registration Oct 23 at 7 PM)

Ages: 12 to 18

Speakers: Rev. Heath Hubbard.

Cost: \$125 per person

Includes: Lodging, Meals, Nascar Theme Park, Dixie Stampede, possibly Laser Tag, and much more.

Special Presentations: Joe Wilson sharing information about GO10 and Joni Hubbard sharing information about ETEAMS.

Special Service: Bon Fire Service on Saturday evening. For More Details, contact Rev. Bruce Kimbrel (843-307-4016) or Rev. Jonathan Postlewaite (843-601-4072).



October - Pastor Appreciation Month

Don't forget - October is "Pastor Appreciation Month." Have you taken the opportunity lately to show your pastor that you appreciate him and his family for their faithful service to the Lord?

October is a wonderful time to express this appreciation

Executive Secretary Todd Smith's Schedule

August

- 6 Home Mission Board Meeting, Midlands, Columbia
- 9 Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmonsville
- 9 Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham
- 11 Meeting with FWB Children's Home Board
- 15 Palmetto Conference – Harvest FWB Church
- 16 Eastside FWB Church, Florence, SC
- 16 First FWB Church, Inman
- 18 Lake City Minister's Breakfast
- 22 Eastern Conference Quarterly Meeting
- 23 Mill Branch FWB Church, Johnsonville
- 23 Gilead FWB Church, Scranton
- 28 Friends of India Board Meeting
- 30 Lockhart FWB Church, Lockhart, SC

September

- 1 Conway Minister's Breakfast
- 4 NYC/CTS Board Preliminary Meeting
- 6 First FWB Church, Enoree
- 6 First FWB Church, Greenville
- 8 Florence/Darlington Minister's Breakfast
- 13 New Life FWB Church, Conway
- 13 White Savannah FWB Church, Conway
- 15 Lake City Minister's Breakfast
- 19 True Life Conference Meeting
- 20 Special Service – To be Announced
- 27 Peace FWB Church, Florence
- 27 Fellowship FWB Church, Florence

October

- 2 South Carolina Conference Meeting
- 4 Pamplico FWB Church, Pamplico
- 4 Jefferson Road FWB Church, Sumter
- 6 Conway Minister's Breakfast
- 10 Central Association Quarterly Meeting
- 11-15 Revival – Columbia Original Free Will Baptist Church
- 13 Florence/Darlington Minister's Breakfast
- 18 Mt. Trolley FWB Church, Galivants Ferry
- 20 Lake City Minister's Breakfast
- 31 Beaver Creek Association Quarterly Meeting

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