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SC WAC State Meeting

The South Carolina Women Active for Christ met for their annual meeting at Beulah Free Will Baptist Church in Pamplico on Saturday, March 20, 2010. The theme for the day was "Celebrating Our Heritage." After congregational singing led by Mona Dukes, South Carolina Women Active for Christ Coordinator Pam Hackett welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mrs. Amy Postlewaite provided special singing after the roll call and the seating of the delegates. After the offering, Mrs. Maude Coffey, former Women Nationally Active for Christ president, provided a wonderful devotion. Mrs. Camille Scott provided special singing, and current Women Nationally Active for Christ President Rebecca Pugh provided a challenge concerning being a "Princess with a Purpose." The business followed, and the credential committee reported 120 members in attendance with 2 missionaries and 5 pastors for a total attendance of 127. The offering for the day was \$442.80. A resolution was passed encouraging women to request that Gideon Bibles be placed in hotels where there are none located. SC WAC State Treasurer Cathy Logan honored various auxiliary groups with top giving awards. The top South Carolina Conference Women Active for Christ District Foreign Mission award was given to Temple Free Will Baptist Church in Darlington, and the top South Carolina Conference Women Active for Christ District Home Mission's award was given to Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Manning. Little Star Free Will Baptist Church in Lake City accepted the award for top giving to Foreign Missions as a member of the Central District. The Beaver Creek District WAC top giving award for both Foreign and Home Mission giving was awarded to First Free Will Baptist Church in Inman. For the most overall giving for the whole state based on best giving per average member, Temple FWB Church in Darlington won the Foreign Mission award, and Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Manning won the Home Mission award. Also, SC WAC Coordinator recognized Mrs. Dena Cordell for her hard work and faithfulness in the WAC and requested prayer for Dena and Reverend Clay Cordell as they would be moving to a new ministry. Nominating committee members were appointed for 2011, and everyone sang "Find Us Faithful" as the closing chorus. The 2011 SC WAC state meeting will take place at Fairview Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg on Saturday, March 19, 2011. (See Page 2 for SC WAC state meeting pictures.)

SC CTS Youth Competition Meeting

The South Carolina CTS/NYC State Youth Competition meeting took place on Friday through Saturday, April 30 - May 1, 2010, at Whitney Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg. Young people competed in music, art, and Bible categories. There were 125 in attendance with nine churches being represented. Whether they placed or not, each young person did a wonderful job and had the opportunity to exercise their talents for the Lord. Next year's CTS State Youth Competition meeting will take place at the Columbia Original Free Will Baptist Church on Friday through Saturday, April 29-30, 2011. (See page 3 for a complete list of State CTS winners.)



Pictured Above: CTS Judges - Jennifer Keefe, Carolyn Riddick, Torri Finch, Brenda Montjoy, and Elfrieda Monday

National Association Sponsors Day of Prayer

This year, Free Will Baptists across the country will join together to fast and pray for the 2010 National Association of Free Will Baptists on Sunday, July 11, 2010. Churches are encouraged to emphasize prayer in their services. According to Keith Burden, executive secretary, "While we encourage Free Will Baptists to pray for the convention throughout the year, we want to set aside one day where we all join together in a focused effort to pray for this year's meeting." He went on to add, "Prayer is the essential ingredient for a God-honoring convention!" Convention Prayer Coordinator Danny Phillips added his encouragement. "I encourage everyone to pray faithfully for convention leaders and speakers...I am sure this is true of our convention leaders and speakers as well." For more suggestions for the Day of Prayer, visit www.onemag.org.

SC WAC State Meeting - Continued



Wanda Carlson receives the Home Mission most giving overall award for Liberty FWB Church for the SC Conference, and they also won the Foreign Mission award for overall giving for the whole state.



First Inman is presented with the top giving Foreign and Home Mission award for the Beaver Creek.



Pictured Left: Angie Coker receives the Foreign Missions top giving award on behalf of Little Star FWB Church as a part of the Central Association.



Pictured Left: SC WAC State Coordinator Pam Hackett and Dena Cordell



Pictured Above: Maude Coffey shares a devotion with the ladies at the SC WAC state meeting.



Pictured Above: Mrs. Rebecca Pugh, current WNAC President speaks to the ladies about being a "Princess with Purpose."



Pictured Left and Right: Temple FWB Church receives the award for the most giving to Foreign Missions per member as a member of the SC Conference District, and they also receive the award for the most giving overall in the state based on the most money per average member.



SC WAC State Meeting Theme Verse: "The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be forever." Psalm 37:18

Greetings from WNAC President Rebecca Pugh

With reports coming in from all our Free Will Baptist agencies about about economical issues, you may have wondered what is going on in WNAC. Our team of leaders, your WNAC staff and WNAC executive committee continue to strive to coordinate our women's ministry with godly wisdom. We are still seeking God's guidance on our new executive director nominee. In 2009, your WNAC office staff made sure \$404,305 of designated contributions got to their destinations. This amount was up from \$346,412 in 2008. These kinds of wonderful gifts for projects and missions require someone to accurately channel them. Our home office provides this service. Currently, offerings and gifts to the WNAC home office are down about \$5,000 from last year in the first quarter. Yet, our women have always found a way to support God's work in WNAC regardless of the economy. In addition to channeling funds, your WNAC staff also maintains the Steward Provision Closet. It is a beautiful supply area of household goods for our home and international missionaries, children, and Bible Institutes. Your Together With God editor, Sarah Fletcher, designs and produces our denomination's women's magazine. Our website, www.wnac.org, has a daily blog and provides information about our ministry. Please continue to support the WNAC home office so that we may carry on the Lord's business for, in, and through our women. We look forward to what God has for us in the coming year and hope to see you in Oklahoma!

SC CTS/NYC State Winners
by Mrs. Kim Driggers

Bible Memorization

1. Connor Morgan – Grade 1 - Horse Branch
2. James Gray – Grade 2 - Peace
3. Madison Salyer – Grade 3 - Peace
4. Hannah Ridgeway – Grade 4 - Liberty
5. Kaylin Ridgeway – Grade 6 - Liberty
6. Jessica Hyman – Grade 8 - Bay Branch
7. Kaylynn Wells – Grade 10 - Temple
8. Horse Branch Group Memo. Gr.3 - Horse Branch

Other Bible

9. SC #1 Bible Millionaire - Horse Branch
10. SC #2 Bible Millionaire - Temple
11. Denise Wiggins – 4th Grade Sword Drill - Peace
12. SC # 1 Tic Tac Toe - Whitney
13. SC # 1 Bible Bowl - Whitney
14. Truth Quest Jr. High - Kayla Kimbrel Temple

Vocal Solo, Duets, Trios, and Ensembles, Instrumentals

15. Madison Coker – Age group B - Horse Branch
16. Noah Shute – Male Age group C - Sand Hill
17. Kayla Kimbrel – Female Age group C - Temple
18. Emily Parrish - Female Age group D Horse Branch
19. Andrew Estes - Male Age group D Whitney
20. Brothers for Christ (Noah & Nicholas Shute) - Sand Hill
21. Parrish Duet (Emily & Ellen) - Horse Branch
22. Liberty Trio (Hannah, Kaylin, Jonathan) - Liberty
23. Phoebe Singletary Keyboard - Bay Branch
24. Suzanne Smith - Clarinet (Woodwinds) - Whitney

Drama

25. PFC Trio (Ellen Parrish, Ashley Floyd, Madison Coker) - Horse Branch
26. Six for the Savior - Horse Branch
(Camille, Ashley, Emily, Ellen, Madison, & Carson Lee)
27. Dusty Hancock Individual Drama - Horse Branch
28. Madison Coker - Illustrated Storytelling - Horse Branch
29. C & E (Camille and Emily Drama Duo) - Horse Branch
30. Parrish & Coker (Emily and Carson Lee) - Horse Branch
31. Horse Branch Drama Group B - Horse Branch
32. The Perfect Church - Bay Branch

Art

33. Jordan Hembree - Drawing - Whitney
34. Hunter Langston - Photography - Temple
35. Hunter Langston - Textiles - Temple
36. Alexis Inman - Textiles - Temple
37. Dustin Moore - Photography - Peace, Florence

We extend a congratulations to all these and all those who participated in this year's CTS/NYC youth competition on a job well done!

FWB Children's Home
By Reverend Todd Parrish

In the past month we saw 10 new children added to our Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Turbeville, giving us a total of 22 children that are gathered around the table for supper each evening (17 children served plus 5 children belonging to our dedicated dormitory staff members). In 2009, the Lord enabled us to become debt free. As we journey through 2010, we realize that there is much that needs to be done. Many of our buildings are in desperate need of repair due to a lack of funds and man power to fix them. We recently completed a campaign to raise \$10,000 to replace the roof on the boy's dormitory, and now that we have funds in hand, we plan to begin working very soon. We also thank God for faithful friends who solicited funds and materials to totally landscape our campus last Fall. It is our desire to communicate to all of our supporters and partners that the South Carolina Free Will Baptist Home for Children is YOUR "Home." We need your help...and we WANT your help! God has entrusted each of us to provide a loving, safe, and Godly place for hurting kids to find hope. Let me thank you for all you have done for us and all that you are going to do! Please pray about ways that you and your church can help us in 2010. Our total income in 2009 was \$381,543.58, a decrease in income of almost \$205,000 from the previous year. Since we rely solely upon the support of our churches and friends, we need your prayers and support as we journey through the year. We know we can count on Free Will Baptist people to help our kids! Let me also ask for the opportunity to come and present the ministry of the SCFWB Home for Children at your church, Master's Men, or Women Active for Christ. Again, from my heart, I say THANK YOU! Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Lord, the wonderful children, and our Free Will Baptist denomination. If we can be of any help to you, please feel free to call. May God bless each of you!

Peace, Spartanburg Renovates Fellowship Hall



On Sunday March 7, 2010, the newly renovated fellowship hall of Peace Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg was dedicated to the Lord in honor of Sister Doris

Bullman. The fellowship hall has taken on many upgrades including ceramic tile flooring, new windows, doors, bathrooms, and more. The newly renovated building is now named the "Doris Bullman Fellowship Hall." Mrs. Bullman was a trooper for the Lord, always reaching out to those in need, and displaying a gracious work of benevolence. Mrs. Bullman's grandson Chip Thornton, gave moving words to begin the service and Libby Bullman and Cathy Murphy, daughters of the late Doris Bullman provided the special music. Pastor Chuck Thornton (pictured above) preached the dedication service, and Reverend Todd Black led in the dedication prayer. Mrs. Bullman's son Ronnie unveiled a beautiful plaque and picture in honor of the special day. Pastor Chuck and Jim Murphy concluded the service with a release of doves.

First, Florence Celebrates BIG DAY

It was another exciting BIG DAY weekend at First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence on April 10th and 11th. It began on Saturday with 310 people who attended the Carnival (but didn't attend Sunday), which included a great service with Cowboy Larry, hot dog lunch, and fun time on inflatables. The weekend continued in excitement on Sunday with 720 in our services, making a total of 1,030 in attendance for the weekend. A stirring message was preached from John 3, and 11 people came forward for salvation during the invitation as well as a number of people who rededicated their lives to God. After the services on Sunday, the church fed everyone bbq and chicken bog, with all of the trimmings. Big Days are hard work, but they really pay off. Pastor Lee and Mrs. Julie Patrick said, "Our



staff and church people worked hard to make this day a success. To God be all the glory!"

Liberty, Lancaster Easter Drama



The members of Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster worked very hard and were able to host an Easter drama entitled "Watch The Lamb." It was held the Saturday and Sunday nights before Easter with over 800 in attendance. It was also performed again on Easter Sunday morning with over 300 in attendance.

Pastor Timmy Larrimore said, "We thank the Good Lord there were at least 15 souls saved. Special thanks to David and Jenny Sellers for their hard work."

Peace, Florence Missions Banquet

Peace Church has a missions emphasis each Spring to coincide with World Missions Offering Sunday. This year they enjoyed another Missions Banquet. A committee spent many hours of hard work planning the banquet and eliciting help from many people to make it a wonderful evening. Tickets were sold for \$5 each, all of which went to the World Missions Offering. The food was prepared by ladies in the church. There was an "international" table with food from many foreign countries as well as "American" food too. Many of the classrooms were decorated with memorabilia from different countries where our FWB missionaries serve. Each person was given a "Passport Program" booklet which had trivia questions that could only be answered by visiting each "country" classroom and looking for the clues. Missionaries Neil and Mandy



Morgan, Mirial Gainer, and E-Team Appointee Jamie Hammers were the speakers for the evening. All in all, it was a wonderful evening of missionary interaction, good food, and good fellowship from which everyone received a blessing. (Pictured L to R: Lane Ward, Missionary Mirial Gainer, and Madison Taylor)

In order to provide more space for news articles, Executive Secretary Todd Smith's schedule is not included in this issue; however, it can be viewed online at www.scfwb.com. Also, feel free to connect with us on facebook by searching for SC FWB or [facebook@scfwb.com](https://www.facebook.com/scfwb.com). If you would like to receive our weekly email update, feel free to drop an email to ToddSmith@scfwb.com and put "weekly update" in the subject line. Thank you and May the Lord bless you.

First, Darlington Missions Banquet



On Sunday, April 25, 2010 First Free Will Baptist Church in Darlington held a missions banquet in honor of World Missions Day across the

denomination. Reverend Jacob Creech and his wife Mrs. Betty were the special guests. Reverend Creech gave a wonderful presentation about the mission work in India. The Creeches and the presentation were very well received. Many people were pleased to find out from Reverend Creech that one of the church buildings in India had been funded by Reverend Robert Edwards, a former pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Darlington.

Morgan Wears Clemson Hat in G010 Walk



Missionary Neil Morgan and his wife Mandi had a competition to see who could raise the most funds for the G010 Walk, an on-going mission event retracing the steps Laura Bell Barnard that will end at the National Free Will Baptist Convention in

July. The loser, though there are never losers when you are raising money for missions and the spread of the Gospel, received the opportunity of wearing a Clemson Tigers hat for the 10 miles of their walk. Since Neil and Mandi are both Gamecock fans, this was a severe consequence; however, for many of you who support them, it was a delight to see. Mandi raised \$6,313, and Neil raised \$5,914 for a total of \$12,227. They are both to be commended for their efforts in raising funds for the GO10 Walk, and being a good sport, Neil wore the Clemson Tiger hat with a smile. Also, it is official. Neil and Mandi Morgan have the “green light” to go to the mission field in August. They will be departing on August 16, 2010, to go to Costa Rica to begin language school on August 25, 2010. Their missionary commission service will take place on Sunday afternoon, August 8, 2010, at Horse Branch FWB Church in Turbeville, SC, which is Mandi’s home church. Please pray for them as they make preparations to go to the mission field, and please pray for their family members as they send Neil and Mandi off to the mission field for eventual service in Uruguay.

Update on the Moore’s Ministry in Brazil

Good things are happening in Brazil! The work continues to progress. The gospel is being proclaimed, souls are being saved, churches are being planted, and pastors are being trained. It is never a cheap, easy, or simple process. However, Jesus said He would build His church. He just requires us to be faithful. There is a great excitement in our movement about the congregation in Juiz de Fora. We praise the Lord that at our six month anniversary service, we had over thirty Brazilians present! Your prayers and support are vital and urgent to keep this ministry going. Please continue to support our ministry as it is now an extension of First FWB Church in Inman. Together we can continue to reach out to the Brazilian people. Your gift, whether sent through the SC State Office or directly to First FWB Church Inman, 90 Blackstock Rd Inman, SC 29349, earmarked Andy Moore, is greatly needed and appreciated. You are invited to visit our website www.brazilandbeyond.org to stay informed about our ministry. Taking the Gospel to Brazil and Beyond, Andy, Andrea, Levi, and Lily Moore

India Mission Update

In 1952, God led Carlisle and Marie Hanna to North India as missionaries. Shortly after being there, their daughter, Sheila Marie Hanna, passed away. Despite the difficulty of this situation, Carlisle and Marie continued in the work for which God had called them, and today there stands the Sheila Marie Hanna Memorial Free Will Baptist Church built by the Hanna family, along with 144 other organized churches and many preaching points and house churches. There are also 26 ministers and over 100 evangelist partners and church planters. Through all the years, there have been many ups and downs, but the Hannas stayed faithful at the task for which God had called them. In 1998, God called Marie Hanna home to Heaven, and Missionary Carlisle Hanna, “Uncle” as they call him in India, continues to serve faithfully in India. In April 2010, Reverend Mike Jones and Executive Secretary Todd Smith had the opportunity to visit our Free Will Baptist work in India. Traveling each day, visiting churches and enjoying fellowship with our India pastors, they realized the great sacrifice that had been made by the Hannas for the work to be where it is today. Also while there, a northeastern storm, much like a hurricane, came through North India and did a great deal of damage. The people continue to suffer from this storm. Please pray about what God might have you and your



church to do in helping with this need. Missionary Hanna, now 80 years of age, and our work in India continue to need your prayers and financial support. Thank you for faithfully supporting and praying for our India work.

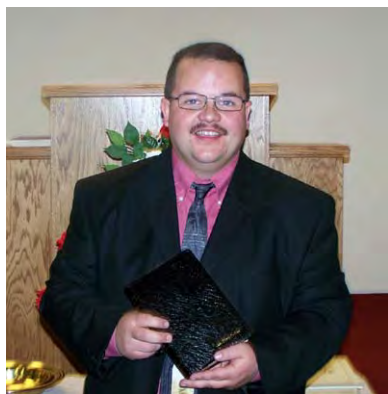
Windham Accepts Pastorate at Landmark



Reverend Stephen Windham accepted the pastorate at Landmark Free Will Baptist Church in Anderson in January 2010. Stephen and his wife Melanie, originally from Dothan, Alabama, have three children, Autumn (7), Elijah (3), and Daisy (20 months). Stephen

graduated from Bethany Divinity College, and served pastorates and youth pastorates in Georgia and Alabama. He most recently served as the pastor at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Glennville, Georgia. We welcome the Windham family to South Carolina!

Locklear Accepts Pastorate at Mt. Ariel



Reverend Timmy Locklear accepted the pastorate at Mt. Ariel Free Will Baptist Church in Conway on May 2, 2010. Reverend Timmy and his wife Deborah are originally from the Freedom Free Will Baptist Church in Tabor City, North Carolina. They have

two children, Stephen (14) and Lauren (5). Reverend Timmy was ordained through the Central Association on January 13, 2010 at Freedom Free Will Baptist Church in Tabor City. Prior to coming to Mt. Ariel Free Will Baptist Church, Reverend Timmy was serving as an evangelist preaching at various churches as needed. We welcome this wonderful family to the Mt. Ariel Free Will Baptist Church!

Liberty, Lancaster Hires Youth/Associate Pastor



On March 21, 2010, Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster voted Reverend Kevin Johnson in as their Youth/ Associate Pastor. Pastor Kevin and

his wife Keisha along with their three children will be a great blessing to Pastor Tim Larrimore and the members of Liberty.

First, Enoree Hosted Beaver Creek Association

The Beaver Creek Association met on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at First Free Will Baptist Church in Enoree. William Porter opened with Scripture reading and prayer. Pastor Billy Vanderford welcomed everyone in attendance. Clerk Bobby Bowers recognized that there were 17 churches in attendance. A motion was made to exempt home mission churches from dues. After Free Will Baptist Children's Home Director Reverend Todd Parrish's report, the conference voted to give \$700 to help provide the Children's Home with a needed commercial washing machine. A motion was also made to give Missionary Neil Morgan \$1,000 toward his account. Executive Secretary Todd Smith gave a report on the State Office and Bookstore and other state ministries. Missionary Neil Morgan brought the morning message on "Effective Ministry." The meeting was concluded in prayer. The next Beaver Creek meeting will take place on Saturday, July 31, 2010, at 9 AM at First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville.

First, Charleston Hosted SC Conference Meeting

The South Carolina Conference meeting was held on Friday, April 9, 2010 at First Free Will Baptist Church in North Charleston. Pastor Robbie Hiott gave all in attendance a warm welcome. Reverend Theron Scott brought the message. Reverend Leroy Lowry gave the presbytery board report in which the board met with Seth Morgan to examine and recommend that he be licensed for one year in the ministry. Missionary Neil Morgan gave a report about their future ministry in Uruguay. Reverend Galen Dunbar and Reverend Sherwood Lee gave reports concerning the World Missions Offering. Reverend Todd Parrish gave a wonderful report concerning the growth of the Children's Home. He explained that they went from 7 to 16 kids and were expecting more! He also explained the need for three commercial washers at the Home. At the end of his report, a motion was made to buy a washer for the Children's Home with funds from the conference. This motion passed unanimously. In conclusion, Pastor Robbie Hiott announced that May 21-22, 2010 would be a volunteer day at First FWB Church to help in repairing the church's roof. The next South Carolina Conference meeting will take place on Friday, June 25, 2010, at the FWB Bible Church in Darlington at 7 PM.

First, Hamlet Hosted Central Association

The Central Association met at First Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, April 10, 2010. Moderator Tommy Bryson shared the devotion for the day, and the message was brought by Reverend Eddie Carter. After the meeting, a wonderful meal was provided for everyone in attendance. The next Central Association meeting will take place on Saturday, July 10, 2010, at 9 AM.

In Loving Memory of McLeod Strickland



Reverend McLeod Strickland, member of the Central Association, passed away on Monday, April 26, 2010, in Conway. He was born in Horry County, and was a veteran of the US Army WW II. The Funeral was held on Thursday, April 29, 2010, at 11 AM in the Inman Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Tabor City, North Carolina. Reverend Strickland was survived by two

sons, three daughters, two brothers, fifteen grandchildren, twenty-three great grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren. He was preceded in his death by his wife Mrs. Agnes Rogers Strickland. Passing away at the age of 91, he faithfully served the Lord Jesus Christ for many years, and he will be greatly missed.

In Loving Memory of William Powell



Reverend William Charldon "Billy" Powell, 58, of Williston Road, husband of Marian Rowe Powell died Monday, April 6, 2010 at University Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. Funeral Services were held Saturday April 10, 2010 at 11 A.M. at Southside Free Will Baptist

Church in Aiken, with burial at 4 P.M. at St. John Free Will Baptist Church cemetery in Pamplico. Reverend Powell, a member of the South Carolina Conference, was a native of Lake City. He was an Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife, 2 Daughters- Heather Powell, and Beth Anders; 2 Sons- John Powell and Jamie Powell; Step-mother-Lizzie Mae Powell; 4 Brothers- Dewey, Gerald, Simon, and Jimmy Powell; 1 Sister- Dawn Powell; and 5 Grandchildren. He was a faithful servant of the Lord and will be greatly missed.

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Audra Baker

Mrs. Audra Johnson Baker, wife of Reverend Robert Baker (Central Association), passed away at Conway Medical Center surrounded by her family. Mrs. Baker was born in Marion, a daughter of the Harmon and Sallie Jones Johnson. She was a member of Damascus Free Will Baptist Church and was predeceased by one brother. The funeral service was held at 3 PM on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church with the Reverend Bobby Johnson and Reverend Ricky Evans officiating.

Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Graduation

by Mrs. Pam Hackett

Walking into the auditorium of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Inman for a graduation ceremony was something I had done many times before. I had the privilege to teach for twenty years at Inman Christian Academy and had participated in many graduations in the church sanctuary. But, on this graduation day I was representing the Women Nationally Active for Christ for providing needed items from the WNAC Provision Closet to the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute for the students. As I took my place in a pew, my mind was flooded with memories. Immediately, I began to remember all of the past graduations and proud moments of many of my former students. The Hispanic Bible Institute had been appropriately named in Mrs. Gwen's memory. Larry Powell, Director of the Home Mission Department, was the key speaker for the graduation. He challenged the graduates to be the salt of the world, flavoring it for God. He also charged them to live pure lives in a sinful world. He reminded them of the great task they held in their hands to spread the gospel. (Matthew 5:13).

This graduation was very different from other graduations I had attended in the auditorium. I could sense the intense burden of the Hispanic students as they realized the magnitude of responsibility being placed on their shoulders. The need to train more Hispanics to minister in America is greater now than ever before. The United States is ranked second among nations in Hispanic population. The Hispanic students were deeply thankful for the educational opportunities provided to them by the Institute. They were most grateful for their redemption from the bondage of Catholicism and the endless path of this false religion. Many Hispanics will continue down this dead end road unless they are reached with the truth of the gospel. The graduates were earnest in their desire to be a part of the 'Great Commission' in spreading the gospel to those locked in the same destiny they were redeemed from. One hundred and three Hispanic students have had the opportunity to graduate from the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute since the doors were opened to them in 2004. The graduates are faithfully laboring in the harvest fields in the countries of Mexico, El Salvador, Peru, Columbia, Chile, Guatemala, Costa Rico, and Puerto Rico and in churches throughout America. Please remember to pray for this ministry and how God might use YOU to send forth laborers into the fields ready for harvest. The work ahead is great and only with your help will the Hispanic community be reached. Financial gifts may be sent to the SC FWB State Office, PO Box 9, Turbeville, SC 29162. Earmark your gift to the Gwen Hendrix Free Will Baptist Hispanic Institute.



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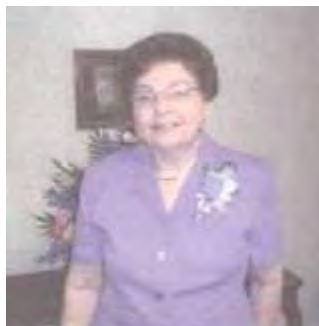
Pee Dee Bible Institute Graduation

Sunday night, March 28, 2010, was a great time in the lives of the Graduating Class of 2010 of the Pee Dee Bible Institute in Darlington. The graduates were awarded a Bible diploma and a Leadership Church Ministries Certificate from the Evangelical Training Institute of Wheaton, Illinois. The Pee Dee Bible Institute is a ministry of Southside FWB Church in Darlington.



Pictured Above L to R: Wilbur Miles; Evelyn Coe; Reverend Leroy Lowery, Institute Director; Queen Esther Coe, and Reverend DeLan McRae.

Mary Reid - Administrative Professional of the Year



On Thursday, April 22, as part of activities in observance of Administrative Professionals Week®, Emerald Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals® (IAAP) announced that Mary W. Reid was named 2010 Administrative Professional of the Year.

The prestigious award recognizes a member of Emerald Chapter, IAAP who has been active in the chapter and the community and diligent in pursuing ongoing professional development in the previous 12 months. Reid joined Emerald Chapter, IAAP in 1992. Since then, she has chaired numerous committees and served on others. In addition, has served Emerald Chapter in several officer positions. Although she is officially retired, Reid is currently concluding her second year as Chapter President. Mary is retired from the former Schlumberger Industries, Measurement Division. She is currently employed part-time as receptionist for County Bank. She also volunteers her services to First Free Will Baptist Church weekly.

SC Conference District Finals by Mrs. Pam Buck



The SC Conference held their District final NYC competition at Horse Branch FWB Church on March 12-13. Six churches were represented in the competition (Horse Branch FWB Church,

Bay Branch FWB Church, Liberty FWB Church, Temple FWB Church, Sand Hill FWB Church, and Peace FWB Church). The Bible competition was held on Friday night, with 32 young people competing. The competition continued on Saturday with 33 entries in the music/drama/creative arts categories. Reverend Bruce Kimbrel brought the Saturday morning devotion. The youth, coaches, and parents are to be commended for the commitment of their time and talent to this youth ministry of our denomination.

Turning Point - Parkway Basketball Challenge

Pastor Mitch Edge of Parkway FWB Church and Pastor Todd Black of Turning Point FWB Church in Spartanburg had an interesting idea that turned into a challenge. The two pastors tried to devise a way to give back in appreciation to their respective churches while also having fun and fellowship. The two churches had a basketball challenge. Neither church plays in an organized league, but they came together to play for a year of bragging rights and a trophy. The Turning Point team won this year's challenge 38 - 22. Both Pastors bragged on the fun and fellowship that the churches shared and hope to make "the challenge" a yearly event. Church members were very thankful of the free food that the pastors provided and a special thanks goes out to David and Cathi Fowler for providing all the hot dog



buns and onions for the special event.