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## SC FWB 2013 State Meeting

The South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association Convened for its annual meeting on February 21-22, 2013, and was hosted by the South Carolina Conference at Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church in Effingham. The theme for this year's meeting was "Faithful to the Call" (1 Thessalonians 5:24). Reverend Allan Austin, the pastor at Beulah Free Will Baptist Church, shared the Thursday morning devotion. After the General Board report was received, the body accepted the recommendation from the Nominating Committee to elect Reverend Wayne Snipes, the pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach, to a Member-at-Large position on the Executive Committee. Reports were heard and accepted by various state and national representatives. During the Free Will Baptist Home for Children report, the State Association voted to sell up to four acres of land (\$10,000.00 per acre) to the Clarendon County School District Three in Turbeville for the development of tennis courts and parking areas. Included in the motion was the fact that the Children's Home would have access to the facilities and that if the School District ceases to use the property, it would be offered back to the Children's Home for a price of \$5. The Children's Home Board is also looking into the possibility of harvesting the trees on the property for potential income for the Children's Home. The body also voted to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation of Dr. Naomi Player serving as a Member-at-Large on the Children's Home Board. Reverend Tim Hackett, the pastor at Fairview Free Will Baptist Church, was presented with a plaque and love gift in appreciation for serving 16 years on the Children's Home Board. During the Thursday morning worship service, Reverend Scott Ard preached a message from Philippians 2.

Reverend Mac Atkinson, the pastor at Lebanon FWB Church, announced that Lebanon Church was providing a free book by Rob Morgan for every minister in attendance. Lebanon Church also gave each minister a shepherd's staff, which was hand made by the men in Lebanon Church.

After lunch, Reverend Timmy Locklear, the pastor at Mt. Ariel Free Will Baptist Church, shared a devotion from 2 Timothy 2. Business continued in the Thursday afternoon session with reports being heard from various state representatives. The body voted to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation for Reverend Mitch Edge, the pastor at Parkway FWB Church, to become the Home Mission Board Director, and the body also voted on receive Reverend Chris Todd, the pastor at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenwood, as a member of the Home Mission Board. (SC FWB State Meeting Continued on Page 2)

## \$1.2 Million Given in 2012

In 2012, churches and individuals gave \$1,230,124.35 through the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Office. This issue has a full financial report beginning on page 3 of all the income and distributions for 2012.

### 2012 Giving Through the SCFWB State Office:

Beaver Creek Conference .....	\$155,228.88
Central Association .....	\$116,864.16
Eastern Conference .....	\$101,574.68
Palmetto Conference .....	\$250.00
South Carolina Conference .....	\$783,703.50
True Life Conference .....	\$4,647.00
SCWAC- Women's Auxiliary .....	\$1,050.00
Individuals & Ind. Churches .....	\$66,806.13
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,230,124.35</b>

### Top TWENTY FIVE Overall Giving Churches

1. Horse Branch, Turbeville	\$152,778.02
2. First, Florence	\$85,370.93
3. Lebanon, Effingham	\$81,954.65
4. Grace, Lake City	\$65,957.37
5. First, Inman	\$57,237.14
6. Westside, Johnsonville	\$55,037.23
7. Peace, Florence	\$44,922.60
8. Bethany, Timmons ville	\$43,906.00
9. Mill Branch, Johnsonville	\$34,120.88
10. Liberty, Lancaster	\$29,621.38
11. Gilead, Lake City	\$26,740.11
12. Sand Hill, Coward	\$26,337.75
13. Beulah, Pamplico	\$23,953.47
14. Temple, Darlington	\$22,756.19
15. Black River, Andrews	\$21,860.48
16. Bay Branch, Timmons ville	\$21,299.00
17. Tabernacle, Coward	\$20,154.16
18. Mullins-Marion, Mullins	\$17,696.45
19. Southside, Darlington	\$17,020.60
20. First, Darlington	\$15,508.00
21. Evergreen, Conway	\$13,952.40
22. Damascus, Conway	\$12,335.76
23. Mt Ariel, Conway	\$11,340.20
24. Mt Trolley, Galivants Ferry	\$10,790.17
25. Lockhart, Lockhart	\$ 9,967.33

## SC FWB State Meeting Continued

Dr. Don Hanna, Missionary Carlisle Hanna's son, brought greetings and shared information about the growth of our churches in India. Reverend Allan Austin, SC Ambassador to the World Mission Offering (WMO), brought a report and encouraged at least 60 of our South Carolina Free Will Baptist Churches to participate in this year's WMO. FWB International Mission's Director Clint Morgan brought greetings and shared a report as well.

During the Thursday evening worship service, plaques were presented by Executive Secretary Todd Smith to the top 25 over-all giving churches. The Thursday night offering went to SC Home Missions. After the offering, Reverend Bobby Bowers, member of the Beaver Creek Association, shared a message from 1 Thessalonians 5. Reverend Thad Jacobs dismissed in prayer.

During the Friday morning session, Reverend Kevin Johnson, the pastor at Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church, shared a devotion from 1 Corinthians 16. Afterwards, the final Credentials Committee report was shared indicating that there were 104 in attendance with 117 churches represented with dues at this year's state meeting. Various national and college representatives continued sharing reports. During the worship service after Miss Savannah Rabon provided special music, Reverend James Sanders, the pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church in Chester, preached a message entitled "Touched by the Hand of Jesus." It was announced that the 2014 72nd state meeting would be hosted by the Beaver Creek Association. Lebanon Church was given a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful job they did in hosting this year's state meeting, and Reverend Joey Postlewatie closed the meeting in prayer. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by Lebanon Church after the close of the meeting.



Children's Home Board Member Larry Hawkins explaining to the General Board the section of potential land being sold.



Children's Home Director Doug Chamberlain presents Rev. Tim Hackett with a plaque of appreciation for serving 16 years on the board.



Rev. Allan Austin Preaching on Thursday



Plaques presented to the Top 3 Giving Churches (L to R): 1st -Rev. Theron Scott (Horse Branch, Turbeville), 2nd - Rev. Lee Patrick (First, Florence), and 3rd - Rev. Chris Edwards, Assoc. Pastor (Lebanon, Effingham )



Rev. Scott Ard preaching the Thursday morning message



Rev. Timmy Locklear preaching



Rev. Bobby Bowers preaching Thursday



Rev. Kevin Johnson preaching  
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Rev. James Sanders preaching on Friday

**2012 Designated Missions Giving Income**

**Beaver Creek Association**

First, Inman	\$57,237.14
Liberty, Lancaster	\$29,621.38
Southside, Aiken-Fairchild Account	\$17,500.00
Lockhart, Lockhart	\$9,967.33
Fairview, Spartanburg	\$8,794.82
Parkway, Spartanburg	\$7,612.87
High Point, Lancaster	\$7,096.65
Canaan, Lancaster	\$3,762.00
Calvary, Union	\$3,452.00
First, Greenwood	\$3,254.87
First, Simpsonville	\$2,633.00
Beaver Creek Association	\$1,680.00
First, Una	\$844.00
Landmark, Anderson	\$500.00
Hope, Spartanburg	\$368.00
Gaffney FWB Church	\$302.00
First, Enoree	\$300.00
Whitney, Spartanburg	\$212.82
Turning Point, Spartanburg	\$50.00
First, Chester	\$40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$155,228.88</b>

**Central Association**

Mullins-Marion, Mullins	\$17,696.45
Evergreen, Conway	\$13,952.40
Damascus, Conway	\$12,335.76
Mt Ariel, Conway	\$11,340.20
Mt Trolly, Galivants Ferry	\$10,790.17
Unity, Johnsonville	\$8,575.80
Little Bethel, Johnsonville	\$7,200.00
White Savannah, Conway	\$6,936.99
First, Hamlet	\$5,016.40
Little Star, Johnsonville	\$4,860.00
South Conway, Conway	\$4,299.53
Oak Grove, Conway	\$4,203.81
Free Welcome, Conway	\$2,776.55
Central Association	\$2,562.10
Wildwood, Nichols	\$1,238.00
Rains FWB Church	\$1,050.00
Bethel, Florence	\$780.00
Grace, Loris	\$400.00
Greater Vision, Bladenboro, NC	\$300.00
Cornerstone, Whiteville	\$240.00
Freedom, Tabor City	\$200.00
Pee Dee, Conway	\$110.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$116,864.16</b>

**Palmetto Conference**

New Harvest, Tradesville	\$125.00
PC Peace, Spartanburg	\$125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>

**True Life Conference**

Pine Grove, Jefferson	\$3,147.00
Calvary, Gastonia, NC	\$1,300.00
True Life Association	\$200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,647.00</b>

**Eastern Conference**

Mill Branch, Johnsonville	\$34,120.88
Gilead, Lake City	\$26,740.11
Calvary, Georgetown	\$7,089.04
Lighthouse, Florence	\$6,312.53
Williams Hill, Hemingway	\$5,642.57
Happy Home, Andrews	\$5,610.00
New Vision, Hemingway	\$3,901.50
Hillside, Florence	\$3,200.00
Cornerstone-Fellowship, Manning	\$3,040.35
Cypress Fork, Manning	\$1,922.70
Eastern Conference	\$1,500.00
Freedom, Ladson	\$1,050.00
New Prospect, Pamplico	\$845.00
St John, Scranton	\$600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$101,574.68</b>

**South Carolina Conference**

Horse Branch, Turbeville	\$152,778.02
First, Florence	\$85,370.93
Lebanon, Effingham	\$81,954.65
Grace, Lake City	\$65,957.37
Westside, Johnsonville	\$55,037.23
Peace, Florence	\$44,922.60
Bethany, Timmons ville	\$43,906.00
Sand Hill, Coward	\$26,337.75
Beulah, Pamplico	\$23,953.47
Temple, Darlington	\$22,756.19
Black River, Andrews	\$21,860.48
Bay Branch, Timmons ville	\$21,299.00
Tabernacle, Coward	\$20,154.16
Southside, Darlington	\$17,020.60
First, Darlington	\$15,508.00
FWB Bible, Darlington	\$9,250.00
Low Country, N Charleston	\$7,044.84
Mt Elon, Pamplico	\$6,957.95
Lynches River, Coward	\$6,300.00
First, Charleston	\$6,103.48
New Town, Lake City	\$5,935.75
Jefferson Road, Sumter	\$5,716.22
Liberty, Manning	\$5,664.11
Columbia Original	\$5,199.75
Poplar Hill, Hemingway	\$4,800.00
First, Hartsville	\$4,766.24
Eastside, Florence	\$4,625.74
Faith, Darlington	\$3,542.00
Fellowship, Florence	\$3,256.86
South Carolina Conference	\$1,970.00
First, Kingstree	\$1,300.00
Immanuel, Santee	\$995.00
Bethesda, Camden	\$900.00
Liberty, Orangeburg	\$414.11
St John, Patrick	\$145.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$783,703.50</b>

**SC WAC Gifts**

WAC State	\$600.00
WAC Beaver Creek	\$250.00
WAC Central District	\$200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,050.00</b>

## 2012 Designated Missions Giving Income

### Various Churches / Businesses / Individuals

Anonymous	\$30,090.00
Cramerton FWB Church, Cramerton, NC	\$9,233.00
Prospect Independent Methodist Church	\$3,715.00
Victory, Andrews	\$2,982.84
Parrish, Todd and Miranda	\$2,000.00
Southern Wood Products	\$2,000.00
Morgan, Robert and Gayle	\$1,900.00
Maranatha FWB Church, NC	\$1,792.44
Sanders, Robert and Dorothy	\$1,520.00
Calcutt, Brett	\$1,500.00
Roca De Salvacion Hispanic Church	\$1,000.00
Pathfinders Transportation, INC	\$1,000.00
Parrish, Bill and Frances	\$1,000.00
LLOYD, Fostine and Alton	\$680.00
Brown, Patsy G. Hyman	\$588.00
Laurinburg, First	\$542.00
Cash	\$541.00
Cusaac, Don and Darene	\$500.00
Jones, Mike and Paula	\$480.00
Wright, Skinner M.D.	\$400.00
Cradle to Crayons, Inc.	\$300.00
Seay, Buddy and Vicki	\$300.00
Johnson, Tim and Kristi	\$250.00
Hyman, Daniel and Angie	\$250.00
First FWB Church, Jacksonville, NC	\$219.35
Coker, Larry and Jane	\$200.00
Gibbs, Kevin	\$200.00
Minister Ministry	\$150.00
McKay, Joseph and Gloria	\$150.00
Unity FWB Church, Smithfield, NC	\$150.00
Bethlehem United Methodist, Lake City	\$102.50
Causey, Cristal and Richard	\$100.00
Conway FWB PH Church	\$100.00
Davis, Donald	\$100.00
Williams, Larry and Shirley	\$100.00
Tilley, Tony and Patricia	\$75.00
Monday, Larry and Elfrieda	\$55.00
Tech Services	\$50.00
Bass, Leonard and Pam	\$50.00
Watts, Carlton or Jackie	\$50.00
Woodard, Emma	\$50.00
Edwards, Brad and Shanna	\$50.00
Tolson, Virginia and George	\$40.00
Mcrae, Walter A	\$40.00
Gateway FWB Church	\$30.00
Day, Pamela and Van	\$30.00
Parrott, Frank and Joyce	\$25.00
Lee, Sherwood-Vada	\$25.00
Hicks, Kay	\$25.00
Odom, Jean	\$20.00
Howell, Lang and Carolyn	\$20.00
WNAC NC	\$15.00
Pate, Richard and Lynn	\$10.00
Coastal WAC, NC	\$10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,806.13</b>

## 2012 Distributions from Designated Giving

### 2012 DISTRIBUTIONS:

Truth and Peace	\$1,718.00
National Co-op Gifts	\$513.53
Welch College	\$102,340.45
Board of Retirement	\$2,485.41
NAFWB Executive Office	\$3,669.99
FWB IM & Missionaries	\$446,690.70
Home Missions & Missionaries	\$100,265.44
Rest of the Family	\$707.73
Master's Men	\$144.13
Andy Moore (Brazil)	\$90,118.36
Gwen Hendrix Hisp Inst	\$743.45
Friends of India	\$84,939.83
Beacon Baptist Missions	\$2,159.94
Mark Riggs - Enviame	\$395.00
Faith FWB, Goldsboro Missions	\$37,481.81
Chip Maye	\$300.00
Pavel Clippa-Romania	\$4,000.00
Direct Missionary	\$48,372.10
Noel Sparks	\$4,912.99
Operation Kid to Kid	\$1,020.15
Hannah's Home of South Florida	\$508.88
Billy Fields	\$2,620.99
Jacob Berry	\$2,620.99
Hope in Lancaster	\$2,620.99
Cumberland Youth Camp	\$759.00
Stan Degraw	\$200.00
Fred Carraway (NC Home Missions)	\$1,440.00
Southeastern College/Students/Choir	\$20,679.65
Gateway College	\$395.00
Christian Law Association	\$3,272.67
Radio Bible Class	\$240.00
Guy Owens	\$10.00
Charity Rescue Mission, TX	\$600.00
Hebron Colony	\$1,485.00
Gideons International	\$1,534.00
Lighthouse Ministries, Florence, SC	\$600.24
Bud Biven	\$1,200.00
Larry Hudson	\$279.00
Ray Hollifield	\$570.00
Jack Lassiter	\$3,424.68
Chad Watson	\$83.36
Kenny Allen	\$1,100.00
Bride of Christ	\$14,398.95
SC State Association	\$250.00
Beaver Creek Bible Institute	\$803.05
FWB Children's Home, Turbeville	\$99,193.86
S C FWB Christian Schools	\$1,200.00
SC FWB State Office	\$70,967.84
Liberty, Orangeburg	\$1,400.00
Poston Baggett Loan Fund	\$58.86
SC Home Missions / Jim Fairchild	\$61,326.56
SC FWB CTS - NYC	\$358.86
SC FWB Youth Camp	\$3,158.86
E-TEAM Members	\$11,683.00
WNAC Provision Closet	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$1,230,124.35</b>

## Land “Laid in the Lap”

Five years ago, the 5.15 acres and house adjacent to Turning Point Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg was listed for sale at \$250,000.00. The property was obtained by investors who were ready to sell the property in 2012. A recent listing showed the property valued at \$159,000.00. When the church and Pastor Todd Black were approached about buying the property, they indicated they were not willing to purchase the property unless they could get it for less than \$80,000.00. A negotiator who we will call Mr. Bill counter offered at \$87,500.00. However, Pastor Todd Black and the church had prayed and believed that \$70,000.00 was the figure they should offer for the purchase of the land and house. One particular day while Pastor Todd Black was at the church, he saw Mr. Bill at the house adjacent to the church, and Mr. Bill began to show him all the new improvements such as paint, electrical, and plumbing that had been made to the house. Mr. Bill countered an offer of \$75,000.00 and asked Pastor Todd Black to pray about this offer. With the land and house being listed for \$159,000.00, it would have to be a sheer miracle for Turning Point Church to get it for \$70,000.00. However, Pastor Todd Black had prayed and asked the Lord if He wanted them to have the land and house, to just lay it in their laps, and they would pursue it. Pastor Todd Black indicated to Mr. Bill that if he were to pray about it more that God just might say \$60,000.00. Twenty minutes later, Mr. Bill accepted the offer of \$70,000.00. God had practically “laid it in their lap,” but now they had to get approved for a loan to purchase the land and house. A bank indicated that they needed to put \$14,000.00 down to borrow the needed money. When presented to the church, members gladly gave \$18,000.00 above and beyond their tithes to pay down on the property. The banker also inquired about the possibility of getting the church’s existing larger loan. Pastor Todd Black indicated to the banker, “Save us 1% and knock two years off the existing loan, and we will consider.” It was asking a lot, but it would save the church \$125,000.00 over the full term of the loan. The bank accepted the offer and took over the existing larger church loan and also provided the loan for the property adjacent to the church. Pastor Todd Black indicated, “The Lord allowed investors to purchase 5.15 acres of land with a house and high price. He allowed them to clear off the wooded area and obtain a tamed lawn. He allowed them to make improvements of new electrical and plumbing throughout the house with a new septic system and new paint job. Then God allowed them to turn around and sale the property to Turning Point Church for \$70,000.00. Then God allowed a bank to take over their existing larger church loan paying in full the new property acquisition from the money saved, with several thousand dollars to spare. THAT’S MY GOD!” Pastor Todd Black also indicated that they would be doing more work on the house to develop it into a ministry center to house visiting evangelist and missionaries. They will also use the house for needed space for their “Bible Buddies Ministry,” a possible church library, and food closet. Turning Point Free Will Baptist Church now has a 12 acre campus. Pastor Todd Black concluded, “God wanted it, He got it, and it will surely be used for His GLORY in the future!”

## Cason Accepted the Pastorate at Black River



Reverend Daniel Cason was ordained into the ministry at his home church Ephesus Free Will Baptist Church in Blounts Creek, North Carolina on May 6, 2012. Daniel is the son of Reverend Reuben Cason. Daniel became a believer in April 1998. He graduated from Bethany Divinity School with a Pastoral Ministry degree.

His wife Camille, who was saved in March 2000, graduated from Southeastern Free Will Baptist College with a Secondary Education degree. Daniel accepted the pastorate at Black River Free Will Baptist Church in Andrews in June 2012. We welcome Daniel and Camille to South Carolina and to Black River Church.

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## Gullege Accepted the Pastorate at Calvary, Lancaster



Reverend Mitch Gullege, a member of the True Life Conference accepted the pastorate at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster. He was ordained through his home church Freedom Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster in February 2012 and transferred into the True Life Conference on March 16, 2013. We welcome Reverend Mitch Gullege to the True Life Association

and to Calvary Free Will Baptist Church.

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## Moseley Accepted the Pastorate at Poplar Hill



Reverend Charles Moseley accepted the pastorate at Poplar Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Hemingway in December 2012. He and his wife Cindy were married in 1990 and have two daughters, Kristin (21) and Whitney (18). Charles

became a believer in 1982. For about six years, they were under the ministry of Reverend Timmy Larrimore at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster. Charles served as pastor of the Greer Free Will Baptist Church for three years. He’s currently enrolled with Welch College taking correspondence courses. Poplar Hill Free Will Baptist Church was founded during the Civil War as Corinth Church and years later became Poplar Hill Church. We welcome Charles and his wife Cindy to Poplar Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

### Appreciation for Doug and Deborah Mathis



Reverend Doug Mathis grew up in Morganton, North Carolina. He served as the pastor at Way of the Cross Free Will Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina for ten years. Afterwards, he came to South Carolina as pastor at Williams Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Hemingway, where he served for 17 years. He recently accepted the pastorate at Homer's Chapel

Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina. While in South Carolina, he served on the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association Executive Committee for 13 years, coming on as Assistant Treasurer initially and eventually serving as member-at-large. His wife Mrs. Deborah was very active in the New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church Christian School ministry. Doug also served in leadership positions as a member of the Eastern Conference. We appreciate Doug and Deborah for their many years of service amongst Free Will Baptist in South Carolina.

### Barnes 50th Wedding Anniversary



Reverend Ernest and Mrs. Carole Barnes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 29, 2012. Joined by their family and friends, they had a service in which they renewed their vows. Music was provided by Margaret

Hampton. The service was officiated by their son-in-law, Reverend David Carlson. The Barnes' have three daughters, ten grandchildren, and one great grandson. They began their lives together in Blakely, Georgia. Reverend Barnes attended Free Will Baptist Bible College. After graduating from college, the Barnes' went to Albany, Georgia as home missionaries where they started Berean Free Will Baptist Church. They also served in South Carolina, including Faith Church in Darlington and as home missionaries and started Midland Free Will Baptist Church in West Columbia. Their daughter, Mrs. Wanda Carlson stated, "I have often heard about a poem that hung in their first apartment. The title to that poem was 'Don't Quit.' I have never heard my parents say they were going to quit on their marriage. They have been there for one another and for their family and friends. God has blessed them with many years together with anticipation of many more to come."

### Hillside Honors Mrs. Lola Mae Harrelson

Hillside Free Will Baptist Church in Florence honored Mrs. Lola Mae Harrelson with a surprise 90th birthday celebration service on Sunday, January 20, 2013. Her grandson Reverend Jody Wynn, the pastor at the Free Will Baptist Bible Church in Darlington, brought the morning message, and a meal was provided for everyone in the fellowship hall after the service. Mrs. Lola Mae had 10 children (7 living), 16 grand children, 16 great grand children, and 4 great-great grand children. She has been at Hillside Church almost 49 years and has served as a children's Sunday school teacher, ladies auxiliary member, Vacation Bible School worker, and much more. She was presented with a plaque of appreciation during the special celebration service. She has been a great asset to Hillside Church, and we extend our appreciation to her for her many years of service.



Pictured Left to Right Back Row: Pastor Larry and Mrs. Lucy Hughes and Mrs. Kristy and Reverend Jody Wynn. Pictured front: Mrs. Lola Mae Harrelson

### Justice Honored for 41 Years of Sunday School Attendance

Mr. Henry Justice, a member of Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church in York, was honored on Sunday, February 24, 2013, for perfect attendance in faithfully attending Sunday school for 41 years. Pastor John Cody said, "Henry hasn't missed Sunday school in 41 years." Mr. Henry Justice is the father of Reverend William Justice, the pastor at Community Free Will Baptist Church in Florence. We commend Mr. Henry for such a great accomplishment.



Pictured Left: Rev. John Cody presented Mr. Henry Justice with a perfect attendance 41-Year Sunday School Pin.

### 2013 FWB ANNUAL CONVENTION

July 21-24, 2013 - Tampa, FL

IMPACT TAMPA - Saturday, July 20, 2013

\*IMPACT is a one day event where Free Will Baptist across the denomination come together on Saturday before the National Convention begins to help area churches with service projects, door to door evangelism, and help with other areas of need. For more information on this, and also if you would like to help serve as an usher at the convention, visit [fwbmastersmen.org](http://fwbmastersmen.org) for details.

### Olanta Church Honors Pastor Young

The Olanta Free Will Baptist Church had a special service on Sunday, February 10, 2013, to honor Reverend Murrell Young for his 88th birthday. The "Samaritans" and Lisa Altman sang during the morning worship service. Reverend Murrell Young was ordained through the Eastern Conference in April 1978. His first pastorate was at St. John Free Will Baptist Church in Pamplico. He also served pastorates at Gilead Free Will Baptist Church in Scranton, Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Manning, and Rains Free Will Baptist Church in Conway. After some time being away, he came back to serve as the pastor at the Olanta Free Will Baptist Church in Olanta in 1988 and has been there ever since. His wife Mrs. Stella Young went home to be with the Lord on February 17, 2011, and he continues to serve faithfully as a minister of the Gospel. He has 42 grand and great grandchildren.



Pictured Left to Right: Rev. LaWayne Poston, who serves assisting Rev. Young at the Olanta Church, Mrs. Emmarie Poston and Reverend Murrell Young

### Postlewaites Commissioned for Bulgaria

A special missionary commissioning service was held at First FWB Church in Darlington on January 5, 2013, for Jonathan and Amy Postlewaite. Reverend Joe Postlewaite welcomed everyone. Scripture reading was provided by Jonathan's brother and sister-in-law, Reverend Joey and Mrs. Katie Postlewaite. After congregational singing, Jonathan's sister Hannah Postlewaite read Scripture from Acts 1:8 and Matthew 9:35-38. The message and missionary charge was brought by FWB IM Director Clint Morgan. SC FWB Executive Secretary shared a charge to the church and prayed the prayer of dedication. Special music was then provided by Reverend Bruce and Mrs. Crystal Kimbrel, and their daughter Kayla. Reverend Darren Walker closed in prayer, and a special reception was held following the service. Missionary Jonathan and Amy Postlewaite and their daughters Anna Grace and Jonna Faith are now serving in Bulgaria as missionaries. To keep up with their ministry, visit [www.fwbgo.com/postlewaite](http://www.fwbgo.com/postlewaite), and you may also contact them at [jpostlewaite@fwbgo.com](mailto:jpostlewaite@fwbgo.com).



Pictured Left to Right: Jeff Turnbough, FWB IM Director Clint Morgan, Katie and Joey Postlewaite, Hannah Postlewaite, Jonathan Postlewaite, Pauline and Joe Postlewaite, Amy Postlewaite with Anna Grace and Jonna Faith, and Amy's Parents, Bobby and Brenda Lawrence

### First, Simpsonville Family Night

On February 9, 2013, the Women Active for Christ at First Free Will Baptist Church in Simpsonville sponsored "Jesus Loves You Family Night" with a Valentine Banquet. They had a spaghetti supper in the Jackson Family Life Center, and activities included a Bible Trivia Contest in which they asked Bible questions, alternating between the children and adults. Also, the church had a special surprise birthday party on Sunday, February 17, 2013, for Mrs. Nancy Jackson, Pastor Chris Jackson's wife. First, Simpsonville honored Mrs. Nancy for all her love and hard work that she does for the church, children's church, and the "His Hand's Ministry Team."



Pictured Left to Right: Pastor Chris and Mrs. Nancy Jackson, and their son Josh and his wife Amber.

Pictured Right: Rev. Chris & Mrs. Nancy Morgan and Bible Trivia winners Alex Watson and Martha Massey



### Community Burns Note on Family Life Center



Community Free Will Baptist Church in Florence held a "Note Burning Service" on Sunday evening, December 30, 2012. They completed their new Family Life Center in 2009. They

took the old fellowship hall in the church and converted it into three class rooms, put down new flooring, and also installed a new sound booth in the sanctuary. The original cost of the Family Life Center was \$125,000.00. During the building of the Family Life Center, the plumbing, electrical, and heating and air were donated to the church. After all the donations and what had already been raised, they only had to borrow \$45,000.00, and it was paid off in three years. During the special service, the "11th Hour Gospel Group" provided special music. Various individuals shared testimonies regarding the history of the church. At the end of the service, Pastor William Justice and Executive Secretary Todd Smith burned the note on the building. Following the service, everyone enjoyed a meal in the fellowship hall.

### SC WAC State Meeting

The South Carolina Women Active met for their annual state meeting on March 16, 2013, at First Free Will Baptist Church in Inman. The theme was "God's Mighty Hand." Mrs. Patty Newton brought the host church welcome. Afterwards, SC WAC President Mrs. Pam Hackett recognized Reverend Dennis Tolley and his family. Their grandson Konner spent several days in the hospital after his birth, and God brought him through. Mrs. Lisa Tolley, Reverend Dennis Tolley's wife, read a poem in recognition of God's goodness to their grandson Konner. Mrs. Sandra Dail then led everyone in worship in song. After a short break and delegates were seated, Mrs. April Smith, wife of Reverend Wayne Smith, provided special music during the offering. Various reports were heard after Mrs. Wanda Carlson called the roll. Special music was provided by the "Weaver Trio." WNAC Executive Director Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges was the guest speaker. After her message from Philemon, she had a question/answer time for ladies to ask questions about how to help get more ladies involved in their Women Active for Christ ministry. SC WAC State Treasurer Mrs. Cathy Logan gave the treasurer's report and presented awards to top giving churches. For the SC Conference District, Mt. Elon Free Will Baptist Church was presented with the award for the most giving to Home Missions. As a member of the SC Conference District, Temple Free Will Baptist Church was recognized for top giving to Foreign Missions. Central District certificates were presented to Mt. Ariel Free Will Baptist Church for top giving to Home Missions and Little Star Free Will Baptist Church for Foreign Missions. As a member of the Beaver Creek District, Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster was presented with the top giving certificates for both Foreign and Home Missions. For overall state wide giving, Temple Free Will Baptist Church was recognized for their giving to Foreign Missions, and Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster was recognized for their giving to Home Missions. After reports, announcements, and election of officers, the meeting was closed in prayer, and First, Inman provided a bagged lunch for everyone in the fellowship hall which was beautifully decorated by the ladies in the church.



Pictured Above - SC WAC State Officers Left to Right: Mrs. Pam Hackett, President; Mrs. Deborah Locklear, Central District Member at Large; Mrs. April Smith, Secretary; Mrs. Cathy Logan, Treasurer; Mrs. Patty Newton, Vice President; Mrs. Carolyn Snipes, Beaver Creek Member at Large; Mrs. Sandra Dail, Feild Worker; Loreid Austin (not pictured), SC Conference District Member at Large

### Central District WAC Meeting

The Central Women Active for Christ met for their annual meeting on Saturday, February 16, 2013, at Mt. Ariel Free Will Baptist Church. After congregational singing, Central District Coordinator Mrs. Caroline Inman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Reverend Timmy Locklear, the pastor at Mt. Ariel Free Will Baptist Church, brought the morning devotion. Special music was brought by Ladosca Hucks. The treasurer's report was shared by Mrs. Dorothy Inman. After the roll call by Mrs. Rhonda Hucks, various reports were heard from district and state representatives. Special music was provided by Reverend Eddie and Mrs. Sherry Carter, and afterwards, Mrs. Sherry Carter shared the morning message. Donna Bell and Deborah Locklear led the chorus time. Afterwards, a meal was enjoyed by everyone in the fellowship hall.



Pictured Above - Central District WAC Officers: Caroline Inman, Coordinator; Deborah Locklear, Asst. Coordinator; Rhonda Hucks, Secretary; Dorothy Inman, Treasurer; Mary Hyman, Mission Prayer; Faye Miles, Mission Action; Angie Coker, Mission Study; Sharon Suggs, Song Leader; Iris Jordan, Field Worker; and Donna Bell, pianist

### SC Conference District WAC Meeting

The SC Conference District Women Active for Christ meeting was held on Saturday, February 23, 2013, at Grace FWB Church in Lake City. Wanda Carlson welcomed everyone to the meeting. After the roll call by Loreida Austin, committees were appointed. After various reports were given, E-TEAM members Caitlin Todd from West-side Church and Jacob Austin from Beulah Church shared testimonies. Special music was provided by Gaye Dawn Gibbs and Susanna Bazen. After a testimony by Sandra Dail, a special song was brought by Brandy Moore before FWB IM Director shared the morning message. After the meeting, Grace Church provided a wonderful meal for everyone in the fellowship hall.



Pictured Above - SC Conference District Officers Left to Right: Annell Lee, Mary Byrd, and Annie Saverance (Members at Large); Katie Postlewaite, Asst. Coordinator; Wanda Carlson, Coordinator; Loreida Austin, Secretary; and Marjorie McAllister, Treasurer



### Beaver Creek District WAC Meeting

The Beaver Creek District Women Active for Christ annual meeting was held on Saturday, March 2, 2013, at Canaan Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster. Mrs. Candy Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting. After a congregational hymn, various reports were heard including a testimony from E-TEAM member Miss Hannah Reid. After the break, Juanita Brooks, Sherry Rivers, and Diane Rabon brought special music. Cathy Logan shared the treasurer's report and recognized Liberty Free Will Baptist Church for being the top giving church to both home and foreign missions. Hispanic Missionary Fernando Bustamante brought the morning message with his daughter Mayan interpreting. Afterwards, Mrs. Dawn Fortner sang a special song. A closing prayer of dedication was offered for district officers, and Canaan Church provided a wonderful meal for everyone in attendance.



Pictured Above - BC WAC District Officers Left to Right: Pam Hackett, Coordinator; Gail Hill, Missionary Prayer; Carolyn Snipes, Secretary; Cathy Logan, Treasurer; Dawn Fortner, Asst. Coordinator; Candy Campbell, Mission in Action; and Lynn Pitman, Field Worker

### Memorial to Jennifer Bishop



Mrs. Jennifer Bishop, 30, loving mother and wife of Reverend Mike Bishop (Associate Pastor at Gilead FWB Church in Scranton), passed away Monday, March 18, 2013, at her home after an illness. She was born on November 12, 1982, a daughter of Carl Carpenter and Melody Smith. She was a graduate of Lake City High School and East Tennessee State University, where she

earned a degree in Elementary Education. She was a very loved third grade teacher at J.C. Lynch Elementary School, as well as an active member at Gilead FWB Church, where she served as a Sunday school teacher and in many other capacities. Jennifer and Mike have one son Isaac (5). Her funeral was held at Gilead FWB Church on Saturday, March 23, 2013, and was officiated by Reverend Harold Blakenship and Reverend Larry McAlister. She was buried at Lake City Cemetery on Sunday, March 14, 2013. Her testimony and faith has left a lasting legacy, and she will be greatly missed.

### Jacob Austin (E-TEAM France)



Jacob Austin, a member of Beulah Free Will Baptist Church in Pamplico and the son of Reverend Allan and Mrs. Loreida Austin, will be going on a mission trip with E-TEAM France this summer. He is a sophomore at Hannah-Pamplico High School. Jacob indicated, "I am really excited about the chance to be a part of

E-TEAM. It is something that I have wanted to do for a long time. I feel God has called me to minister to people in other countries, and I am looking forward to what He is going to do with and through me this summer in France." E-TEAM is a ministry of Free Will Baptist International Missions. To donate to Jacob's E-TEAM trip, visit [www.fwbgo.com/eteam/jaustin/](http://www.fwbgo.com/eteam/jaustin/).

### Kayla Kimbrel (E-TEAM France)



Kayla Kimbrel, a member of Temple Free Will Baptist Church and the daughter of Reverend Bruce and Mrs. Crystal Kimbrel, will be going on a mission trip with E-TEAM France this summer. She has gone on two E-TEAM trips in the past (Uruguay and Cuba), and she said, "On both trips, God

has shown me what 'telling the world' is all about. God has given me a heart for missions, and after college, I see myself serving God by devoting my time and talents to inspiring people in need of medical attention to follow Christ." E-TEAM is a ministry of Free Will Baptist International Missions. To donate to Kayla's E-TEAM trip, visit [www.fwbgo.com/eteam/kkimbrel/](http://www.fwbgo.com/eteam/kkimbrel/).

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### Hannah Reid (E-TEAM Chicago)



Hannah Reid, a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenwood and granddaughter of Reverend Paul and Mrs. Mary Reid, is going on a mission trip with E-TEAM Chicago this summer. She is 16 years of age and a junior at Greenwood High School. She accepted the Lord as her Savior at the age of 5 and later rededicated her life to the Lord upon realizing that she wanted to serve Him more faithfully. At her church, she sings in the choir and assists in Junior Church. She said, "Being accepted to serve with E-TEAM Chicago is a great honor for me, and I am very excited about this opportunity to serve the Lord. E-TEAM is a ministry of Free Will Baptist International Missions. To donate to Hannah's E-TEAM trip, visit [www.fwbgo.com/eteam/hreid](http://www.fwbgo.com/eteam/hreid).

### Caitlin Todd (E-TEAM Uruguay)



Caitlin Todd, a member at Westside Free Will Baptist Church in Johnsonville, will be going on a mission trip this summer with E-TEAM Uruguay. She has been accepted to Columbia International University where she plans to study psychology and hopefully from there go into missions. Caitlin said, "I have been saved since a young age, but everyday I feel like God is teaching me something new and shaping me in some way. God has used many experiences to strengthen my faith. The highlight of my high school years has been to participate in E-TEAM, and I know God has great plans for E-TEAM Uruguay!" To donate to Caitlin's E-TEAM trip, visit [www.fwbgo.com/eteam/ctodd](http://www.fwbgo.com/eteam/ctodd).

### Brianna Coker (E-TEAM Cuba)



Brianna Coker, a member of Horse Branch Free Will Baptist Church, is going on a mission trip this summer with E-TEAM Cuba. Brianna is 15 years of age and a sophomore at East Clarendon High School. This will be Brianna's first E-TEAM trip experience, and she said, "I am very excited to see what God is going to do. Please pray that during

our trip to Cuba God will show me clearly his purpose for my life." To donate to Brianna's E-TEAM trip, visit [www.fwbgo.com/eteam/bcoker](http://www.fwbgo.com/eteam/bcoker).

### Cody McKay (E-TEAM Cuba)



Cody McKay, a member at Bay Branch Free Will Baptist Church in Timmonsville, is going on a mission trip this summer with E-TEAM Cuba. This is Cody's third year participating in E-TEAM. He stated, "I have been on teams to Chicago and Panama where God opened my eyes and tested my faith.

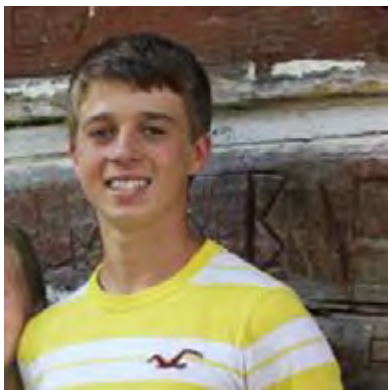
Each year on E-TEAM, I have learned different things, not only about myself but about God and other people. E-TEAM is a great way to share the Gospel, and it has truly changed my life. One of the biggest lessons that I have learned is that I take too much for granted. I have air conditioning and a nice bed, but many people don't have these things. After E-TEAM, I plan to go to college and study for some type of mission work." To donate to Cody's E-TEAM trip, visit [www.fwbgo.com/eteam/CEMCuba](http://www.fwbgo.com/eteam/CEMCuba).

### Austin Barrett (E-TEAM Cuba)



Austin Barrett, a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenwood, will be going on a mission trip this summer with E-TEAM Cuba. Last year, Austin went on a mission trip with E-TEAM Tokyo. Austin attended a church for 13 years before coming to First, Greenwood. Not long after being at First, Greenwood, he went to Pastor Chris Todd and explained that he wasn't sure that he was truly a Christian. Austin said, "My pastor sat down and talked with me, and I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. Since then I've realized how much He has done in my life and the importance of working for Him instead of my own glory. I find it an honor to work for Christ and am excited about working for Him in Cuba." To donate to Austin's E-TEAM trip, visit [www.fwbgo.com/eteam/abarrett](http://www.fwbgo.com/eteam/abarrett).

### Austin Fairchild (E-TEAM Panama)

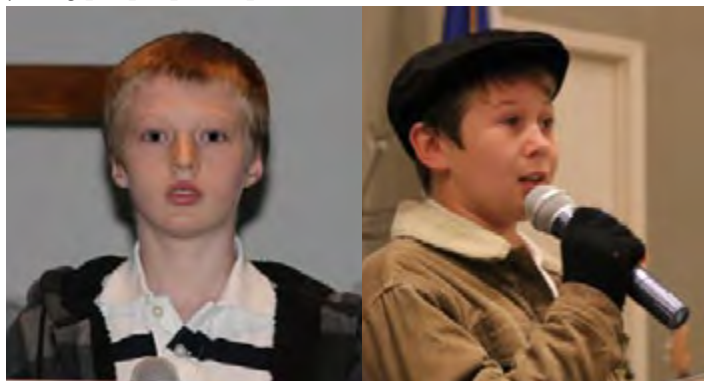


Austin Fairchild, a member at Southside Free Will Baptist Church in Aiken, will be going on a mission trip this summer with E-TEAM Panama. Austin is the son of Reverend Jim Fairchild. His family has been involved in four church plants over the past twenty five years. Austin is 17 years

old and feels that God has called him into the ministry. As a part of his mission trip, his team will be holding services, helping with Vacation Bible School, and sharing the Gospel in various parts of Panama. Austin said, "It is my prayer that this trip will affect many Panamanians for eternity." To donate to Austin Fairchild's E-TEAM mission trip, visit [www.fwbgo.com/etteam/afairchild/](http://www.fwbgo.com/etteam/afairchild/).

### Southside, Aiken Youth Service

On Sunday, January 27, 2013, Southside Free Will Baptist Church in Aiken had "Youth Sunday." The young people made the announcements, controlled the electronics, ushered, sang, and preached. Kylie Savell and Paige Funderburg opened the service with the announcements. This was followed by music which was led by Austin Fairchild. Caleb Fairchild and Reagan Fairchild provided special music. Austin Fairchild preaching the morning message. Fourteen young people participated in the service.



Pictured Left to Right: Caleb Fairchild and Reagan Fairchild providing special music for the Youth Service.

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### Victoria Baker (E-TEAM Chicago)



Victoria Baker, a member at Damascus Free Will Baptist Church in Conway, will be going on a mission trip this summer with E-TEAM Chicago. E-TEAM is a ministry through Free Will Baptist International Missions which allows teens the chance to experience the mission field, gives the opportunity to spread the Gospel,

and helps grow their relationship with Christ. Victoria is 16 years old and attends Conway High School. She was saved at the age of 8 while attending a summer Free Will Baptist youth camp. Since Victoria's grandmother was a camp sponsor, her grandmother had the opportunity to pray with her in her salvation decision after one of the youth services. Later, at the age of 12, Victoria re-dedicated her life to the Lord and gained assurance of her salvation. Her first experience of leading someone to Christ was in middle school when she won a friend to Christ. Victoria is excited about the opportunity of what God may do in her life on this year's E-TEAM trip to Chicago. She said, "Though I can never repay Him for what He has done for me, I can give my life to him and serve Him alone." To donate to Victoria Baker's E-TEAM mission trip, visit [www.fwbgo.com/etteam/vbaker](http://www.fwbgo.com/etteam/vbaker).

### Memorial to Rolla D. Smith

Reverend Rolla D. Smith, former general director of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, entered Heaven's gates around 1:45 a.m., March 15, 2013. The 92-year-old was hospitalized and diagnosed with pneumonia this year. Rolla was transferred to West Meade Place, a rehab facility, where he continued to decline and passed away. He had the unique responsibility of serving as general director two times. He was first asked to serve in 1959 and continued until 1962. Following his resignation as general director, the Missouri native was elected to the mission board where he served faithfully from August 1962 until July 1975. During those years, he also pastored churches in Missouri, Georgia, and Tennessee. The board asked him to serve a second stint as general director, and he spent another 11 years at the helm (1975-1986) of the foreign missions department. "Uncle Rolla," as missionary kids worldwide called him, loved missionary families and was passionate about getting the gospel to the regions beyond. Rolla Smith's funeral was held at Harpeth Hills Funeral Home in Nashville, Tennessee. He was buried at Hermitage Memorial Gardens. Reverend Smith leaves behind his wife Helen Ketteman Smith and daughter Beth (Vernon) Whaley.



### SC FWB Jr. Camp - Ages 8-12

July 29-August 2, 2013  
 Camp Pee Dee  
 Marion, SC

Theme: "Keeping it Clean in 2013"  
 Theme Verse: Deuteronomy 23:12-14  
 Speaker: Reverend Thad Jacobs  
 Cost: \$135 per camper

\*Deposit of \$35 and registration is due June 5, 2013



### SC FWB Teen Camp - Ages 13-18

August 5-10, 2013  
 The Anchorage

Lake Waccamaw, NC  
 Theme: "What is Your Life?"  
 Theme Verse: James 4:14  
 Speaker: Reverend Mac Atkinson  
 Cost: \$200 per camper

\*Deposit of \$35 and registration is due June 20, 2013

For brochures, registration forms, and other information,  
 visit [www.scfwb.org/youth\\_ministries.htm](http://www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm)



### Executive Secretary Todd Smith's Schedule

#### February

- 3 Damascus FWB Church, Conway
- 4 Close out Financial Books for January 2013
- 7 SC FWB Executive Committee Meeting
- 10 Fill in at Horse Branch FWB Church
- 10 Olanta FWB Church - Birthday Rev. Young
- 10 Williams Hill FWB Church, Hemingway
- 11-13 Annual FWB Promotional Director's Meeting
- 16 Central District WAC Annual Meeting
- 17 FWB Bible Church, Darlington
- 19 Lake City Area Minister Luncheon
- 20 SC FWB General Board Meeting
- 21-22 SC FWB State Meeting - Lebanon FWB Church
- 23 SC Conference District WAC Annual Meeting
- 24 Lynches River FWB Church, Scranton
- 28 Close out Financial Books for Month of February

#### March

- 1 Turbeville Minister Luncheon
- 2 Beaver Creek District WAC Annual Meeting
- 3 New Town FWB Church, Lake City
- 5-7 Randall House Affiliate Bookstore Meeting
- 10 Southside FWB Church, Boiling Springs
- 12 Florence/Darlington Area Minister Luncheon
- 15 Toumey Hospital - Rev. Bennie Turner
- 16 SC WAC Annual State Meeting - First, Inman
- 19 Lake City Area Minister Luncheon
- 23 Eastern Conference Meeting
- 24 Little Star FWB Church, Lake City
- 31 Easter Sunday with Family

#### April

- 1 Close out Financial Books for month of March
- 3 Gilead FWB Church, Scranton
- 5 SC Conference Quarterly Meeting
- 7-10 Revival - Jefferson Road FWB Church, Sumter
- 9 Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast
- 13 Central Association Meeting
- 14 Oak Grove FWB Church, Conway
- 16 SC Home Mission Board Meeting, Columbia
- 21-24 Revival - First FWB Church, Washington
- 25 Beaver Creek Association Quarterly Meeting
- 28 Mt. Elon FWB Church, Pamplico
- 30 Close out Financial Books for month of April

#### Fall Youth Retreat

Date: October 25-26, 2013  
 Place: Landmark Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC  
 Cost: \$135 per person  
 Ages: 12 and Up  
 Speaker: Reverend Kevin Smith