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SC WAC State Meeting

The South Carolina Women Active for Christ 66th annual state meeting was held on Saturday, March 15, 2014, at Mt. Ariel Free Will Baptist Church in Conway. The theme for the meeting was "He Knows My Name," and the theme verse was John 10:27, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me..." After prayer and congregational singing, SC WAC President Mrs. Pam Hackett welcomed everyone to the meeting. Committees were appointed, and after a short break, the offering was received while Miss Morgan Logan sang a special in song. After the roll call by Secretary April Smith and special singing by the host church, Mrs. Carolyn Riddick provided the message for the meeting. After her message, various reports were heard from committees and representatives. Missionary Neil Morgan shared greetings and a report on their mission work in Uruguay. Afterwards, ladies were reminded of the wonderful time at the 2013 combined SC/NC WAC retreat, and everyone was encouraged to attend the 2014 Women Active for Christ retreat which will be held September 12-13, 2014, at the White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro, NC. Thomas Smith and Hannah Reid shared testimonies about their upcoming summer ETEAM mission trips. During the financial report, State WAC Treasurer Cathy Logan recognized the following top giving churches to missions based on an average per member:

Beaver Creek District - First, Inman (Home Missions) / First, Chester (Foreign Missions)

South Carolina Conference District - Sand Hill, Coward (Home Missions) / First, Darlington (Foreign Missions)

Central District - Mt. Ariel, Conway (Home Missions) / Little Star, Johnsonville (Foreign Missions)

Overall Giving - First, Inman (Home Missions) / Little Star, Johnsonville (Foreign Missions)

After closing remarks and appointment of delegates to the 2014 WNAC Fort Worth Convention, it was announced that next year's SC WAC state meeting will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2014, at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Conway. A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church Mt. Ariel Free Will Baptist Church, which did a great job in hosting the state meeting, and they provided a wonderful meal for everyone in attendance after the meeting.



Pictured Left to Right: Carolyn Riddick, Loreida Austin, Carolyn Snipes, Deborah Locklear, Sandra Dail, April Smith, Cathy Logan, Morgan Logan, and Pam Hackett

SC/NC Combined WAC State Retreat

The 2014 South Carolina / North Carolina Women Active for Christ combined retreat will be held September 12-13, 2014, at the White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro, SC. The guest speaker will be Kristi Johnson. This year's theme is "From Pit Dwelling to High Rise Living." The theme verse is Psalm 40:2. The cost is \$75 per person. Please send a non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 due by May 30, 2014, to Cathy Logan, 1580 Potter Road, Lancaster, SC 29720. For additional information, contact SC WAC President Mrs. Pam Hackett at hackettp71@bellsouth.net or 864-680-3150. We look forward to a great 2014 SC WAC retreat!

SC FWB State Meeting

The South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association 72nd annual state meeting was held February 27-28, 2014, at Turning Point Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg. The General Board met on Wednesday, February 26, 2014. The state meeting opened on Thursday morning with the congregational song, "Heaven's Jubilee." The morning devotion entitled "Why We Have a Pulpit" (Nehemiah 8:1-8) was brought by Reverend Sammy Sutton, the pastor at North Spartanburg Free Will Baptist. The meeting was called to order by State Clerk Reverend Tommy Hill, and Assistant Moderator Danny Stone gave the response. Reverend Todd Black, the host church pastor, brought greetings and welcomed everyone to Turning Point FWB Church. State Moderator Reverend Sherwood Lee seated the delegates and welcomed visitors and missionaries. Mrs. Pam Hackett gave the SC Women Active for Christ report, and Executive Secretary Todd Smith gave the SC FWB State Office and Bookstore reports. Mr. Larry Hawkins shared information about the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Various state leaders had met on November 19, 2013, and appointed a Feasibility Study Committee to bring back recommendations to the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association regarding the future of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children property. It was proposed and passed to close the FWB Home for Children and to utilize the property of the Home to benefit other South Carolina Free Will Baptist ministries. The existing Children's Home Board was dissolved, and the Feasibility Study Committee was elected to serve as the ruling committee to make recommendations to the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association concerning the Home for Children property. The Feasibility Study Committee will bring back more information and recommendations at the February 2015 state meeting. For more information pertaining to the FWB Home for Children, visit www.scfwb.com.

South Carolina Home Mission Director Reverend Mitch Edge shared the Home Mission report, and SC Home Mission Board Member Reverend Allan Austin presented a plaque to Reverend Earl Hendrix for his many years of faithful service on the SC Home Mission Board and as the SC Home Mission Director. After recess, there was a time of memorial for Hispanic Pastor Antonio Jimenez, who passed away in February 2014. He served as the pastor of the Midland Hispanic Mission Church. NAFWB Hispanic Director Reverend Rick Bowling led in a memorial prayer.

The Thursday morning message was preached by Dr. David Gibbs Jr, founder of the Christian Law Association. After lunch, the Parsons family opened with special singing, and Dr. David Gibbs shared a seminar and provided a question and answer time for ministers. Afterwards, SC FWB Student Ministries Director Reverend Bruce Kimbrel shared a report on the National Youth Conference and the youth competition ministry in South Carolina, and Youth Ministries Director Teddy Rabon shared a report and announcements regarding summer camps and the teen retreat. After additional reports were heard, missionaries Carlisle Hanna (India), Bobby Poole (Brazil), and Neil Morgan (Uruguay) brought greetings and shared reports about their various ministries. After NAFWB Executive Secretary Keith Burden shared a report from the National Executive Office, Reverend Allen Goodman prayed, and everyone recessed until the Thursday evening worship service.

During the Thursday evening worship service, Executive Secretary Todd Smith presented plaques of appreciation to top giving churches. An offering was received for Dr. David Gibbs and the Christian Law Association. After the Parsons family provided special music, Dr. David Gibbs preached the evening message. After the worship service, the meeting was recessed until Friday morning.

The Friday morning business session opened with the congregational hymn "I'll Live in Glory," and Brother A.C. Allen opened in prayer. A devotion was shared by Reverend Bobby Timmons, the pastor at Bay Branch Free Will Baptist Church in Timmonsville. The following National department representatives shared greetings and brought reports: Brother Clint Morgan (International Missions), Brother David Brown (Foundation), Dr. Matt Pinson (Welch College), and Brother David Womack (Randall House Publications). Afterwards, the Parsons family shared special music, and Dr. David Gibbs preached the closing message. It was MSC to give Turning Point FWB Church in Spartanburg a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality in hosting the 2014 state meeting. The meeting was adjourned, and those in attendance enjoyed a wonderful meal by the host church in the fellowship hall.

Reflections from South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Ministries



SC WAC Recognitions for Top Giving Churches at the SC WAC State Meeting - March 15, 2014



Turning Point FWB Church Musicians Providing Special Music During the SC FWB State Meeting



SC Conference District WAC Leaders, Missionary Bobby Poole, and Missionary Neil and Mandi Morgan and Family being honored at the District meeting at Horse Branch FWB Church on February 22, 2014



Reverend Sammy Sutton Sharing a Devotion at the SC FWB State Meeting



NAWB Home Mission Director David Crowe Preaching at the Combined Camp Meeting Service prior to the SC FWB State Meeting at Turning Point FWB Church



Dr. David Gibbs, Jr. Preaching at the SC FWB State Meeting



SC FWB State Meeting Attendees

Reflections from South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Ministries



SC FWB Assistant Moderator Reverend Danny Stone
Assisting in Moderating the State Meeting



SC FWB State Moderator Honors Missionary Bobby Poole
with a Plaque for His and Mrs. Geneva's Faithful Service as
Missionaries in Brazil



Reverend Bobby Timmons Sharing a
Devotion at the SC FWB State Meeting



State Moderator Sherwood Lee
Recognizing Turning Point FWB
Church Members for their Hard
Work and Great Job in Hosting the
2014 SC FWB State Meeting

FWB IM Director Clint Morgan
Bringing Greetings at the SC FWB
State Meeting



Missionary Carlisle Hanna (India) and
His Son Dr. Don Hanna Bringing Greet-
ings at the SC FWB State Meeting



Kidney Transplant Survivor and
Missionary Mother Mrs. Faye Hanna
Shares a Message at the Beaver Creek
District Annual Meeting on March 1,
2014, at Fairview FWB Church



South Carolina Free Will Baptist 2013 Designated Income

Top 30 Giving Churches

SC Horse Branch, Turbeville	\$174,469.35
SC Florence First	\$81,225.12
SC Westside, Johnsonville	\$54,933.51
SC Peace, Florence	\$42,338.60
SC Lebanon, Effingham	\$40,510.42
SC Bethany, Timmons ville	\$39,631.85
SC Grace, Lake City	\$35,596.06
SC Beulah, Pamplico	\$30,950.66
EC Mill Branch, Johnsonville	\$29,894.92
SC Sand Hill, Coward	\$26,913.00
BC Inman First	\$26,450.00
EC Gilead, Lake City	\$24,237.38
SC Black River, Andrews	\$23,366.18
BC Liberty, Lancaster	\$22,417.12
SC Bay Branch, Timmons ville	\$20,139.00
CA Mullins-Marion, Mullins	\$19,413.00
SC Darlington First	\$16,458.90
SC Temple, Darlington	\$14,840.29
SC Southside, Darlington	\$14,536.35
BC Lockhart, Lockhart	\$14,478.61
SC Tabernacle, Coward	\$12,620.00
CA Damascus, Conway	\$11,130.75
CA Evergreen, Conway	\$10,990.70
CA White Savannah, Conway	\$10,557.32
CA Mt Trolly, Galivants Ferry	\$10,407.00
CA Mt Ariel, Conway	\$9,457.62
SC FWB Bible, Darlington	\$8,500.00
CA Little Bethel, Johnsonville	\$8,490.00
EC Lighthouse, Florence	\$7,454.31
CA Unity, Johnsonville	\$7,200.00

Beaver Creek Association

BC Inman First	\$26,450.00
BC Liberty, Lancaster	\$22,417.12
BC Lockhart, Lockhart	\$14,478.61
BC Southside, Aiken	\$6,791.67
BC Fairview, Spartanburg	\$6,248.09
BC Parkway, Spartanburg	\$5,799.99
BC High Point, Lancaster	\$5,347.22
BC Greenwood First	\$3,583.00
BC Canaan, Lancaster	\$3,452.00
BC Calvary, Union	\$3,002.00
BC Una, Una	\$2,314.00
BC Simpsonville, First	\$2,300.00
BC 0 Beaver Creek Association	\$1,860.00
BC Enoree First FWB	\$300.00
BC Southside, Spartanburg	\$200.00
BC Hope, Spartanburg	\$50.00
Total	\$104,593.70

Central Association

CA Mullins-Marion, Mullins	\$19,413.00
CA Damascus, Conway	\$11,130.75
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CA Mt Trolly, Galivants Ferry	\$10,407.00
CA Mt Ariel, Conway	\$9,457.62
CA Little Bethel, Johnsonville	\$8,490.00
CA Unity, Johnsonville	\$7,200.00
CA Hamlet First	\$5,418.00
CA South Conway, Conway	\$4,455.98
CA Little Star, Johnsonville	\$4,145.77
CA Central Association	\$2,473.00
CA Bethel, Florence	\$1,567.00
CA Wildwood, Nichols	\$1,535.00
CA Free Welcome, Conway	\$1,379.00
CA Cornerstone, Whiteville	\$855.00
CA Freedom, Tabor City	\$400.00
CA Grace, Loris	\$400.00
CA Greater Vision, Bladenboro, NC	\$301.52
CA Pee Dee, Conway	\$95.00
CA Oak Grove, Conway	\$25.00
Total	\$110,696.66

Eastern Conference

EC Mill Branch, Johnsonville	\$29,894.92
EC Gilead, Lake City	\$24,237.38
EC Lighthouse, Florence	\$7,454.31
EC Happy Home, Andrews	\$6,560.00
EC Calvary, Georgetown	\$6,356.00
EC St John, Scranton	\$4,025.00
EC Cornerstone-Fellowship, Manning	\$3,225.04
EC Hillside, Florence	\$3,200.00
EC New Vision, Hemingway	\$3,175.00
EC Williams Hill, Hemingway	\$2,140.00
EC Hickory Hill, Gresham	\$1,642.00
EC 0 Eastern Conference	\$1,450.00
EC Cypress Fork, Manning	\$993.17
EC New Prospect, Pamplico	\$780.00
Total	\$95,132.82

Palmetto Conference

PC New Vision, Rock Hill	\$465.88
PC Peace, Spartanburg	\$150.00
Total	\$615.88

True Life Conference

TL Pine Grove, Jefferson	\$1,805.00
TL Calvary, Gastonia, NC	\$1,100.00
TL Mt Carmel, York	\$150.00
Total	\$3,055.00

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SC Southside, Darlington	\$14,536.35
SC Tabernacle, Coward	\$12,620.00
SC FWB Bible, Darlington	\$8,500.00
SC Mt Elon, Pamplico	\$6,564.00
SC Columbia Original	\$6,371.20
SC Lynches River, Coward	\$6,000.00
SC Jefferson Road, Sumter	\$4,552.85
SC Poplar Hill, Hemingway	\$4,500.00
SC Fellowship, Florence	\$4,417.22
SC Low Country, N Charleston	\$4,385.29
SC New Town, Lake City	\$3,932.80
SC Charleston First	\$3,375.30
SC Hartsville First	\$3,155.35
SC Eastside, Florence	\$2,744.59
SC Immanuel, Santee	\$2,315.00
SC Kingstree First	\$600.00
SC South Carolina Conference	\$500.00
SC Faith, Darlington	\$485.37
SC Liberty, Manning	\$443.00
SC Liberty, Orangeburg	\$386.73
SC Community, Florence	\$165.43
Total	\$691,923.42

Various / Individual

ZZ Anonymous	\$40,257.00
ID Bethlehem FWB Church, Hartsville	\$24,885.76
ZZ Brown, Patsy or Duane	\$2,930.75
ID Victory, Andrews	\$2,555.53
ID Cramerton FWB Church, Cramerton, NC	\$1,220.00
ID Prospect Independent Methodist Church	\$1,200.00
ZZ Sanders, Robert and Dorothy	\$1,200.00
ZZ Blackston, Douglas and Blanche	\$1,000.00
ZZ Calcutt, Bobby and Sue	\$1,000.00
ZZ Calcutt, Brett	\$1,000.00

Various / Individual Continued

ZZ Pathfinders Transportation, INC	\$1,000.00
ZZ Stone, Gail	\$1,000.00
ID Maranatha FWB Church, NC	\$688.52
ZZ Jones, Mike and Paula	\$480.00
ID Laurinburg, First	\$419.00
ID Greer First, Greer	\$324.00
ZZ Seay, Buddy and Vicki	\$300.00
ZZ Jones, Phillip and Dessie	\$275.00
ZZ Smith, Todd and Teresa	\$225.00
ZZ Morgan, Robert and Gayle	\$200.00
ZZ S&M Entertainment LLC	\$200.00
ZZ Hill, Tom and Maryglenn	\$200.00
ID Marietta FWB Church, GA	\$200.00
ID First FWB Church, Jacksonville, NC	\$145.00
ZZ Daykin, Sandra	\$100.00
ZZ Haire, Murray or Dorothy	\$100.00
ZZ Tripp, Roger and Sybil	\$50.00
ID Gateway FWB Church	\$30.00
ZZ Quigley, Frederick	\$25.00
ZZ Lee, Ada and Everette	\$25.00
ZZ Kennedy, John D.	\$25.00
ZZ Bratton, John	\$25.00
ZZ Booth, Emily	\$25.00
ZZ Green, Becky	\$25.00
ZZ Morris, Barney	\$20.00
Total	\$83,355.56

SC WAC Income

WNAC BC Liberty, Lancaster	\$1,033.00
WNAC SCD	\$600.00
WNAC CD Mt Ariel	\$560.00
WNAC SCD Mt Elon	\$450.00
WNAC SCD Black River	\$345.00
WNAC SCD Fellowship	\$300.00
WNAC SCD Peace, Florence	\$300.00
WNAC SCD Sand Hill	\$200.00
WNAC BC Simpsonville	\$160.00
WNAC SCD Temple	\$130.00
WNAC BC Whitney	\$125.00
WNAC BC Canaan	\$120.00
WNAC BC Enoree	\$100.00
WNAC BC	\$100.00
WNAC BC North Spartanburg	\$100.00
WNAC BC High Point	\$85.00
WNAC SCD Beulah	\$30.00
WNAC CD Little Star	\$10.00
WNAC CD Oak Grove	\$10.00
Total	\$4,758.00

Little Bethel Pastor Appreciation



Terry and Ann Dennis

Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church celebrated a surprise “Pastor Appreciation Day” on October 6, 2103, for Pastor Terry Dennis. During the service after the choir sang a special, Pastor Terry Dennis started toward the pulpit but

was interrupted by the leadership of the church who came up and presented him with a plaque of appreciation, a love gift, and a home-made cake for him and his family. Afterwards, he was asked to be seated, and the choir sang one of his favorite hymns. During the service, it was acknowledged that he has served as the pastor at Little Bethel FWB Church since December 2011. Church Clerk Mrs. Julie Altman said, “We had a wonderful day in the Lord’s house with our church family and friends.” Little Bethel FWB Church extends their great appreciation to Pastor Terry Dennis and his wife Mrs. Ann for their faithful service to the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Terry and Mrs. Ann have two children and six grandchildren and are a blessing to their church and community.

Church Member Honored for 95th Birthday

Pastor Pete Minor and Mrs. Leerie Thomas



Mrs. Leerie Thomas, member at Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Santee, was truly surprised when her church family honored her on March 16, 2014, for her 95th birthday. Other than times of being sick, Mrs. Thomas has faithfully attended Immanuel Church. She said, “I had an idea that they would have birthday cake and ice cream for me, but I was surprised when they planned a whole meal and service for my birthday.” Pastor Pete Minor is grateful to Mrs. Thomas for her years of faithful service at Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church.

Alexander Memorial Correction

The following is a correction regarding the memorial to Reverend Carroll Alexander that was listed in the Winter 2013 Informer Edition: “Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Anna Lee Alexander; daughter Martha Jane Drake (Paul) of Columbia; son Ken Alexander; grandchildren, Brittany and Bethany Drake, K.C. Alexander, Kimberly Carol Alexander, Kyle Christopher Alexander, Martha Diane Drake; sister, Nancy Hart; and former daughter-in-law, Laura Alexander. His life and ministry made a great impact for Christ, and he will be greatly missed.

Oak Grove Raises Funds for Member

Pastor Paul Hyman Presents a Check to Mrs. Elaine Skipper



On Sunday, March 16, 2014, Pastor Paul Hyman of Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Conway presented a check in the amount of \$4,607.00 to Mrs. Elaine Skipper to help with the medical needs of her husband

Mr. Danny Ray Skipper. The ladies and the men of the church came together and had a fund raiser to help with the medical expenses for Brother Skipper due to him having been diagnosed with cancer. Letters were also sent to area churches, and some of them responded as well to help with the need. Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church is very grateful to all the ones who participated in the fund raiser, contributed money, and supported the cause of helping Brother and Mrs. Skipper with this great need. They also extend a special thank you to Mr. Mackey Britt and his wife Joann and also Randy Hucks from Damascus Free Will Baptist Church who came and helped cook the fund raiser meal. Please remember the Skipper family in prayer.

Tabernacle Pastor Appreciation



Pastor Danny and Mrs. Angie Stone

On Sunday, February 23, 2014, Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church in Coward honored Pastor Danny Stone and his wife Mrs. Angie with a special service. Tabernacle decided to have their appreciation service

in a different month other than the normal pastor appreciation month. Pastor Danny knew about the service, but there were still a few surprises. Tabernacle presented Pastor Danny and Mrs. Angie with a very generous monetary gift. The children sang for them during the service. At the end of the service, Brother Tracy Yarborough and Brother Brian Floyd presented a very comical skit about Pastor Danny. The biggest surprise was that Pastor Danny's son, Reverend Joel Stone, brought the morning message. After the service, everyone enjoyed the fellowship and a wonderful meal in the family life center.

24TH Annual Couples' Retreat



The 24th Annual Couples' Retreat sponsored by Peace Free Will Baptist Church in Florence and Pastor Donnie and Mrs. Trudy Miles was held February 7-8, 2014, at the Beach Cove Resort in Myrtle Beach. Ninety-five couples gathered this year from North and South Carolina representing ten

different churches. Brother Keith Plott was the guest musician, and Tennessee Promotional Director Reverend Glenn Poston was the guest speaker. Spanky and Michelle Strickland from Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Timmons ville won the grand prize drawing of \$100 off next year's retreat. All in all, the Lord blessed, and it was a wonderful time of rest and relaxation as well as spiritual nourishment. Pastor Donnie and Mrs. Trudy Miles invite you next year for the 25th Annual Couples' Retreat.

Memorial Rev. David Hutchinson

David and Mildred Hutchinson



Reverend David Elwood Hutchinson, 84, of Pamplico, SC went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Reverend Hutchinson was born in Florence

County, SC a son of the late John Calvin Hutchinson and Veatrice "Vera" Hyman Hutchinson. He was a veteran of the US Army having served during the Korean War. He attended the Free Will Baptist Bible College, which is now known as Welch College, in Nashville, TN and had been a Free Will Baptist minister for 50 years, having served pastorates in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina. He was a member of Mt. Elon Free Will Baptist Church in Pamplico and worked with the Department of Agriculture's ASCS offices in Columbia and in various counties in South Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Jonathan Paul Hutchinson and Joseph Ray Hutchinson as well as brothers, Dallas Hutchinson, Thurman Hutchinson and L. Hutchinson, who passed away as a toddler. Surviving are his devoted wife of 60 years this June, Mildred Maye Byrd Hutchinson of Pamplico; sons, Timothy David (Suzan) Hutchinson, Sr. of Nashville, TN and Stephen Daniel (Kim) Hutchinson of Chipley, FL; daughter, Rebecca Jean Hutchinson Morgan of Pamplico; 17 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren; brother, Kelly Hutchinson of Pamplico; sisters, Barbara Ann Davis of Timmons ville and Willie Mae Smith of Florence; a number of nieces and nephews and a host of other loving family members. Please send memorials to Welch College, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205, www.welch.edu or to the Free Will Baptist International Missions, 5233 Mt. View Road, Antioch, TN 37013, www.fwbgo.com. His funeral was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at Mt. Elon Free Will Baptist Church, and he was buried in the church cemetery.



Lockhart Church 100 Year Anniversary Service



Bill Vanderford
preaching

Pastor Brian
Bishop

Lockhart Free Will Baptist Church in Union celebrated their 100th year anniversary service on April 6, 2014.

After Pastor Brian Bishop welcomed everyone to the service, "Land of the Sky Boys" from Asheville, North Carolina provided special singing. Reverend Billy Vanderford, pastor at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Enoree, who is originally from the Lockhart Church provided the morning message. The Lockhart Church started on Easter Sunday, 1914 in a building and area now known as the Lockhart Village. They later relocated to their current property in 1985. Their pastors include the following: Rev. J.A. Martin (1914-1924), Rev. Vess Meadors, Rev. Paul Jordan (1937-1940), Rev. Ernie Rash (1941-1942), Rev. J.C. Stafford (1925), Rev. Rome Woodson, Rev. Brooks Thrift, Rev. A.B. Lowry (1927), Rev. Noel Vance, Rev. L.D. Revis (1934-1939, 1943), Rev. Charles Matthews (1940), Rev. A.F. Lawter (1945-1965), Rev. Frank Cantrell (1965-1969), Rev. J.B. Rice (1969-1972), Rev. Roger Gosnell (1972-1973), Rev. David Hutchinson (1974-1978), Rev. Billy Buchanan (1978-1981), Rev. Mike Messer (1981-1983), Rev. Ronnie Adkin (1983-1988), Rev. Randy Tipton (1988-1990), Rev. Danny Keen (1991-1994), Rev. Tommy Bryson (1994-1998), Rev. Fred McCracken (1998-1999), Rev. Richard Conyers (2000-2005), Rev. Brian Bishop (May 2005 to present). Lockhart FWB Church has touched many lives over the past 100 years in their local community and around the world through their support of missionaries and ministries. We commend them for their faithful service to the Lord.



Southeastern College News by Mrs. Sarah Marcum

Southeastern Free Will Baptist College spring break started off well with the "Sounds of Victory" beginning their choir tour. The choir traveled to Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina. The month of April was busy with a Southeastern sponsored senior class trip and Spring Conference. The Spring Conference on "Revival and Renewal" was held April 14-16, 2014. The college made some changes in this year's conference that they believe will help revitalize their conference while keeping the continued focus of "Knowing Him and Making Him Known." One major change was the inclusion of breakout sessions on Tuesday morning on subjects such as, law in the local church, finances, youth ministries and media in the local church. Speakers included Jim Marcum, Scott Coghill, Gene Williams, David Gibbs, Jr., Ron Davis, and key note speaker David Crowe. May 9th concluded the year with Jeff Jones speaking at their commencement service. Please pray for the fourteen graduates as they enter into new areas of ministry. This summer is full of travel with the Sounds of Praise Ensemble, Redeemed Quartet, Majesty Trio, and Adoration Trio as they visit many churches and camps. Please pray for Southeastern College as they continue educating students for the Lord's work.

Longino Accepted Pastorate at First, Greenville

Alan and Teresa Longino

Alan Longino, member of the Beaver Creek Association, became the pastor at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville on September 8, 2013. He and his wife Teresa have two sons, Eric (38), and Justin (27), and one granddaughter, Aubrey (2). Alan and his wife joined the First FWB Church in Greenville in April 1990. He served there as a Sunday school teacher and deacon and was later licensed to preach in 2007 and ordained on May 24, 2008. Reverend Longino accepted the call to preach under the ministry of Reverend Bobby Bowers. He expresses a debt of gratitude to Reverend Bobby and Mrs. Joyce Bowers for their faithful ministry and discipleship in his life.



Mike Jones Life Center Dedication

Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church in Effingham recently completed their Family Life Center, which has been named in honor of Reverend Mike Jones. The Mike Jones Family Life Center dedication service was held on Sunday, March 9, 2014, at Lebanon Church. During the special service, Pastor Mac Atkinson preached a message on stewardship, entitled "Give God What He Has Given You." The membership at Lebanon Church has tripled in the past seven years going from 168 to 504. In the past seven years, they have seen 300 salvations and baptisms and went from 75 in their old sanctuary to over 500 in their new sanctuary. They currently have a radio ministry and also send out over 500 DVD's of their services on a monthly basis. The new family life center will serve not only as a fellowship hall but also has additional Sunday school classes, as well, to meet the growing needs of the church. After the worship service, Pastor Mac Atkinson, Reverend Mike Jones and his family cut the ribbon welcoming everyone into the Mike Jones Family Life Center for a delicious meal. We commend the Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church for their faithful work for the Lord.



Top: Pastor Mac Atkinson and Rev. Mike Jones
Ribbon Cutting

Bottom: Rev. Mike & Mrs. Paula Jones & family
with Pastor Mac Atkinson

Genva Poole Memorial Service

While in Brazil serving her Lord as a missionary, Mrs. Geneva Hicks Poole entered her heavenly home in the early morning hours of November 20, 2013. She graduated from Pamplico Highschool in 1955, Welch College in 1959, and was married to Bobby Poole in the fall of 1960. They both would later leave their homeland and serve for 53 years as missionaries in Brazil. Due to many of her family and friends stateside not being able to attend her funeral service, a memorial service was held at Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church in Effingham on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. To open the memorial service, Executive Secretary Todd Smith opened in prayer and State Moderator Sherwood Lee read Scripture. Afterwards the congregational hymn "More About Jesus," Mrs. Geneva's son Robert, sister Elizabeth "Betsy", and son John shared remarks regarding the life of Mrs. Geneva Poole. Andraus Silva, one life of many that represented fruit from the labors of the Pooles ministry in Brazil, shared scripture reading from the Psalms. After Sarah and Anna Poole provided special music, Free Will Baptist International Missions Director Clint Morgan shared a message and presented a Bible in memory of Mrs. Geneva to her husband Missionary Bobby Poole. Mrs. Virginia Poole Justice provided special music, Missionary Bobby Poole shared closing remarks, and Reverend Jon Justice closed the service in prayer. The Poole and Hicks families extend their heartfelt gratitude for the prayers, love and support and for the many who attended the memorial service.

The Poole Family with Those Who Participated in
the Memorial Service



WMO - World Mission Offering (WMO) Sunday was April 27, 2014. Please feel free to forward all WMO gifts through the SC FWB State Office, PO Box 9, Turbeville, SC 29162. Earmark your gift as WMO, and 100% of it will be forwarded to FWB International Missions to help spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Thank you for what you have done and are continuing to do for missions and ministries at home and around the world.

Johnsons Stateside - Missionaries Tim and Kristi Johnson (Spain) are coming stateside around the beginning of July. They will be in Michigan (Tim's home state) until mid-August, and then they will come to South Carolina (Kristi's home state) in time to enroll Ana and Alenjandra in school. They will be available to travel to churches raising support and will return to Spain in December. Please remember their family in prayer for safety of travel, a smooth stateside transition, and open doors of opportunities.

Gainer Surgery - Missionary Mirial Gainer (Japan) was stateside for a few weeks during the month of May in order to have throat surgery at the Mayo Clinic. She returned to Japan on May 22, 2014. Please continue to remember her in prayer as she recovers.

Morgans Stateside - Missionaries Neil and Mandi Morgan (Uruguay) are currently stateside raising support this year. Please remember their family in prayer as they travel and pray that the needed funds will come in for them to go back to Uruguay when it comes time for them to return.

College conferred degrees on 34 students from 10 states and two other countries in commencement exercises at Memorial Auditorium on Friday, May 9, according to President Matt Pinson. Students completed degrees in multiple programs ranging from two-year associate's degrees to four-year bachelor's degrees. Thirty-five percent of the class graduated with honors. Dr. David Dockery, president of Union University and president-elect of Trinity International University, compared the list of graduates to the list of names in Paul's closing in his epistle to the Romans. He challenged the graduates to stand firm, not grow weary in doing good, and to stay true to the things learned during their time at Welch. He advocated following in the footsteps of those listed by Paul who were willing to risk everything for the cause of Christ and who found their identity in Him. Executive Director of Arkansas Free Will Baptist Tim Campbell delivered the Thursday evening baccalaureate message from James 4:13-17, imploring graduates to surrender their dreams and aspirations to the will of God as an act of sacrificial worship to Him. He reminded graduates that while we dream and plan, "our ambitions must be rooted in God's will." He concluded by telling the story of Dr. LaVerne and Mrs. Lorene Miley, encouraging graduates to emulate their willingness to be used by God to make an immeasurable difference in the lives of so many. Theology Program Coordinator and Campus Pastor Matthew McAfee was named Academic Advisor of the Year. President Pinson recognized Ron Callaway, Dr. Kevin Hester, Dr. James Stevens, Brenda Spruill, Wayne Spruill, and Ernie Thompson

for 10 years of service to Welch College. Terry Forrest was presented with a plaque recognizing his 23 years of service as he retires this spring. The college commends to you and the work of the Lord the members of the 2014 graduating class.



Welch College
Class of 2014



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Executive Secretary Schedule

January

- 8 Gilead FWB Church, Scranton
- 10 SC Home Mission Board Meeting
- 11 Central Association Meeting
- 12 Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmonsville
- 16 FWB Foundation Estate Planning Meeting
- 18 True Life Conference
- 19 Calvary FWB Church, Gastonia, NC
- 21 Lake City Area Minister Luncheon
- 21 Dorn VA Hospital - Tim Hackett
- 24 SC Conference Annual Meeting
- 26 First FWB Church, N. Charleston
- 30 Beaver Creek Association Meeting

February

- 2 Cypress Fork FWB Church, Manning
- 9 First FWB Church, Hartsville
- 11 SC FWB Executive Committee Meeting
- 11 Funeral - Rev. David Hutchinson
- 15 Central District Annual WAC Meeting
- 16 Evergreen FWB Church, Conway
- 18 Lake City Area Minister Luncheon
- 22 SC Conference District WAC Meeting
- 23 Immanuel FWB Church, Santee
- 26 SC FWB General Board Meeting
- 27-28 SC FWB State Meeting

March

- 1 Beaver Creek District WAC Meeting
- 2 First FWB Church, Simpsonville
- 4 Close out books for February
- 6 McLeod Hospital, Florence -Rev. Jake Creech
- 6 Mill Branch FWB Church, Johnsonville
- 8 Memorial Service for Mrs. Geneva Poole
- 9 Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham
- 9 Gilead FWB Church, Scranton
- 10-14 Revival Williams Hill FWB Church, Hemingway
- 15 SC WAC State Meeting
- 16 Bethesda FWB Church, Camden
- 17 Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmonsville
- 19 Mill Branch FWB Church, Johnsonville
- 22 Eastern Conference Meeting, Florence
- 23 First FWB Church, Una
- 30 Light House FWB Church, Florence

April

- 1 Close out Books for May
- 4 SC Conference Meeting
- 6 Lockhart FWB Church, Union
- 12 Central Association Meeting
- 13 Mill Branch FWB Church, Johnsonville
- 15 Lake City Area Minister Luncheon
- 20 Easter Sunday with Family
- 22 SC FWB Executive Committee Meeting
- 24 Beaver Creek Association Meeting
- 27-30 Revival Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville

SUMMER CAMPS

The theme for this year's South Carolina Free Will Baptist summer camps is "Soul Survivor." Both Teen and Junior Camps will take place at Camp Pee Dee on Austin Road (or Youth Court on some maps) in Marion.

*SC FWB Teen Camp - July 14-18, 2014 - Camp Pee Dee, Marion, SC (Ages 13-18) / Cost: \$175 per camper / Guest Speaker: Rev. Wesley Campbell

*SC FWB Junior Camp - July 21-25, 2014 - Camp Pee Dee, Marion, SC (Ages 8-12) / Cost: \$135 per camper / Guest Speaker: Rev. Chris Edwards. In addition, Teen Camp will include off site activities such as bowling, skating, and much more.

*For more information, brochures, and medical release forms pertaining to this year's Summer Camps, contact SC FWB Youth Ministries Director Teddy Rabon at 843-520-6407 or preacherteddy@gmail.com or visit http://www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm.

AVAILABLE MINISTERS TO SUPPLY PULPITS

For our SC FWB churches, below is a list of available retired ministers to help supply the pulpit in the absence of a pastor:

- Rev. Earl Hanna, Florence - (843) 617-7339
- Rev. Mike Jones, Effingham - (843) 687-4823
- Rev. Leroy Lowery, Darlington - (843) 229-2078
- Rev. James Earl Raper, Turbeville - (843) 659-2366
- Rev. Jacob Creech, Turbeville - (843) 687-2301
- Rev. Bobby Bowers, Greenville - (864) 230-0518
- Rev. Reedy Saverance, Effingham - (843) 601-1924
- Rev. James Skipper, Hartsville - (843) 393-3969
- Rev. W.D. Jones, Johnsonville - 843-472-0444
- Rev. Bennie Turner, Manning - (803)473-0286
- Rev. Paul Childers, Lockhart - (864) 545-6534