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Missionary Carlisle Hanna arrived at the Charleston airport on Wednesday, June 1st where he was greeted by family and friends. He plans to be in the states until at least August. Pray for those who oversee the many parts of our work in India while he is in the US.

Temperatures in India are very hot right now and water levels are dropping. Please pray for our India people during this time of hardship.

The Lord continues to greatly bless the work in India with souls saved and churches being built. Thank you for your prayers and support.

The Alpedrete Church had planned to gather together in the backyard of a church family for an outdoor baptismal service followed by an afternoon of food and fellowship in a nearby picnic area. But the rain clouds moved in and changed everything.

Instead we joined together inside the Alpedrete Church where 100 people packed in with standing-room only. (*We actually ran out of chairs to put out!*) We continued with our planned worship time and message, followed by testimonies from each of the people getting baptized. By the time our service ended, the rain had stopped, and we all went to the family's house where we continued our baptism celebration.

The four people being baptized each made their way into the water while our church stood around the edge of the pool singing "I have decided to follow Jesus". We were thrilled to watch some of our "spiritual" children, as well as our very own daughter, Ana, take the step of baptism. A rainy day turned into a great day-Tim, Kristi, Alejandro, and Ana



REJOICE FELLOWSHIP—AIKEN: God has blessed the first nine months here at Rejoice FWB Fellowship in Aiken, SC. He has brought different people into our church to help us with the work. We have witnessed the Holy Spirit moving in the lives of the people here as their lives are being changed and they are growing closer to the Lord. Our people have got a passion for their family and friends that are unchurched and we are witnessing God moving in these lives. We have seen a total of 22 souls saved and rededicated to the Lord in the last nine months. Our church gives God the glory for what HE is doing at Rejoice Fellowship. Through the Holy Spirit leading we are growing closer as a church body and family. Several members have followed God's leading and stepped up into leadership roles in the church. We have just finished up our VBS that was a great success. Several kids came from outside of our church family. We have had one family that has visited with us for the past few weeks through our VBS. We ask that you continue to pray for the work here in Aiken as we follow the Holy Spirit leading. Pastor Randy Valandingham



STATE CTS COMPETITION WINNERS from State CTS Convention held at Sand Hill FWBC in April

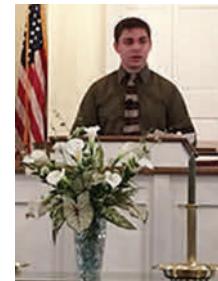
Name of Individual or Group	Grade or Age Group	Category	Place	Comp. Code
Kaiden Huff	Kindergarten	Bible Memorization	1 st	0.K5
Lexi Richardson	Kindergarten	Bible Memorization	2nd	0.K5
Lexi Goff	1st Grade	Bible Memorization	1st	0.01
Nicholas Robinson	2nd Grade	Bible Memorization	1st	0.02
Emma Salyer	3rd Grade	Bible Memorization	1st	0.03
Connor Morgan	7th Grade	Bible Memorization	1st	0.07
Nelson Hill	8th Grade	Bible Memorization	1st	0.08
Mara Pierce	9th Grade	Bible Memorization	1st	0.09
Madison Salyer	9th Grade	Bible Memorization	2nd	0.09
Kristina Bryant	10th Grade	Bible Memorization	1st	0.10
Maysey Floyd	10th Grade	Bible Memorization	2nd	0.10
God's Guys	7th Grade	Group Memorization	1st	0.07g
Bayley & Elizabeth	9th Grade	Group Memorization	1st	0.09g
Kerry's Kids	9th Grade	Group Memorization	2nd	0.09g
Denise & Hunter	10th Grade	Group Memorization	1st	0.10g
Kelsey & Maysey	10th Grade	Group Memorization	2nd	0.10g
Madison, Taylor & DJ	12th Grade	Group Memorization	1st	0.12g
Liberty	B	Bible Millionaire	1st	0.40
Horse Branch	B	Bible Millionaire	2nd	0.40
Horse Branch	C	Bible Tic Tac Toe	1st	0.70
Nelson Hill	C	Truthquest		0.91
Kristina Bryant	D	Truthquest		0.92
Wanda Bryant	D	Truthquest		0.92
Lexi Goff	A	Vocal Solo	1st	1. 10
Gracelyn Coker	C	Vocal Solo	1st	1. 30
Madison Coker	D	Vocal Solo	1st	1. 30
Gracelyn & Kelsey	D	Vocal Duet	1st	2. 20
Horse Branch Trio	D	Vocal Trio	1st	2. 30
Horse Branch Quartet	D	Vocal Quartet	1st	2. 40
Horse Branch Ensemble	D	Vocal Ensemble	1st	2. 50
Nicholas Robinson	A	Keyboard	1st	5. 10
Wanda Bryant	D	Keyboard	1st	5. 10
Maggie Coker	C	Sign Language	1st	6. 11
Kristina Bryant	D	Sign Language	1st	6. 11
Dusty Hancock	C	Illustrated Storytelling	1st	6. 30
Emmit Todd	B	Individual Drama	1st	6. 51
Mara Pierce	C	Individual Drama	1st	6. 51
Mellie & Gracie	B	Dramatic Duo	1st	6. 52
Maggie & Gracelyn	C	Dramatic Duo	1st	6. 52
Horse Branch Drama	C	Group Drama	1st	6. 53
BBK	D	Group Drama	1st	6. 53
BBK	C	Puppetry	1st	6. 62
Gracie Driggers	B	Painting	1st	7. 10
Mellie Driggers	B	Drawing	1st	7. 20
Gloria Todd	C	Photography (essay)	1st	7. 52
Hunter Langston	D	Photography (essay)	1st	7. 52
Hunter Langston	D	Long Article		8. 12
Kristina Bryant	D	Devotion		8. 70
Jonathan Carlson	D	Preaching		X. 10



Horse Branch Drama Team



These Young People will now compete in the National Youth Conference during the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Kansas City in July.

Jonathan Carlson
(Liberty) preaching



A Mother-Daughter Banquet was held April 30th at Mt. Ariel FWB Church (Conway) Special speaker was Mrs. Keischa Johnson who spoke on "The Devil's Make-Up Bag". A great time was had by all.

SC WAC State WAC Combined Retreat

The SCWAC will be having a Combined Retreat at White Oak in Winnsboro-Sept 9-10, 2016. The Cost is \$75 per lady.

Registration sheets and Retreat Information are available on the WAC Web Page at www.scfwb.com. If you have any questions please call Cathy Logan at 803-246-1486.

The Speaker for the Retreat is Mrs. Izabella McMillon. (Operation Christmas Child).

Izabella McMillion is a native of Romania. She grew up in communist Romania under the cruel dictatorship of Ceausescu. The Lord brought her out of the darkness of communism and into the light of His presence through a simple shoebox gift, which she is very excited to share more about! Izabella attended a Christian high school after the fall of communism, and studied further at a local Theological Seminary, as well as at Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj, Romania. She has bachelor degrees in English Education and Biblical Studies. She taught Bible classes in the Romanian public school system, as well as English in Hungarian Christian Schools for 3 years before moving to the United States in 2002.

She has been a teacher in Durham, NC at Gorman Christian Academy for 10 years, from 2004 to 2014.

She and her husband, Joel, met at Gorman Christian Academy and were married in 2006. God blessed them with two beautiful children, Kaleb Asher 6, and Naomi Joy 4.

Izabella and her family now live in Charlotte NC, as she is stepping into a new exciting role with Samaritan's Purse / Operation Christmas Child as their Speakers Bureau Manager in June of 2014, training, developing, mentoring national spokespersons for the ministry. She has been heavily involved with OCC for the past 12 years and travels to tell her testimony to many about God's faithfulness and sovereignty in her life which started with a simple shoebox gift.

Izabella is very excited to see how the Lord will work through her to challenge many women's hearts at the upcoming NC and SC WNAC Retreat September 9-10th.





Rev. Reedy Saverance became absent from the body but present with the Lord on Thursday, June 2, 2016 after having just celebrated his 90th birthday. A home going celebration was held for him at Lebanon FWBC on Sunday, June 5th with a huge crowd in attendance.

Brother Reedy was pastor of churches in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina. He founded Cherry Vale FWB Church in Sumter. After retiring from full time pastoral ministry at High Hill FWBC in 2009, he and his wife, Annie, served in the Senior Ministry of Lebanon FWBC until health issues required them to resign in December of 2015. He tried to visit all the seniors in Lebanon FWBC during any known hospital stays and often visited in the homes of Seniors in order to encourage them in their walk with the Lord. He was an avid supporter of Pastor Mac Atkinson, Jr and was extremely excited to be part of the recent growth of Lebanon.

Rev. Timothy Ray Snipes, 50, of Lancaster passed away Sunday, May 29, 2016 after a sudden illness. Brother Tim was a devoted Christian family man who was presently serving as Pastor of Center Grove Freewill Baptist Church in Waxhaw. He, and his wife, Wendy, had previously served as dorm parents at the FWB Home for Children in Turbeville. He will be greatly missed.

A service to celebrate the life of Brother Tim was held Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at Freedom FWB Church, Lancaster



Rev. Burney "Neil" Hinson, 77, husband of Billie Jean Jacobs Hinson (52 years), was promoted to glory on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at McLeod Hospice House in Florence after an illness. Brother Neil was a US Air Force veteran and a member of Mullins-Marion Freewill Baptist Church, where he served as Associate Pastor from 1985 until 2003 and as Pastor from 2003 until 2011. He also served as Principal and Administrator of Mullins-Marion Christian School from 1978 until 2003.

Funeral services were held at Mullins-Marion Freewill Baptist Church, with Rev. Kevin Smith, Rev. Thad Jacobs, and Rev. Jack Strickland officiating.

Lebanon Plans new Building at new Location- (Article by Rev. Chris Edwards, Associate Pastor of Lebanon FWB Church)

Making Moves on Faith has been Lebanon's battle cry for the last 9+ years. It has been awesome, but not always easy to follow the Lord's direction for this body of believers. We are very thankful for all of the prayers and support and encouragement from God's people and His Churches.



At this time the final plans

for the first building (the Reedy Saverance Family Life Center) at 5506 South Irby Street (Hwy 52) are almost completed. This building will temporarily serve as the Church Sanctuary with seating for 1200 (Which will allow our congregation to worship together in one service instead of being separated into two services as we are presently having to do) and with classes for our Children's Ministry. We will also have our Church offices in this building. We hope to have a ground breaking ceremony sometime in October, 2016 and be able to move to the new campus in October of 2017. Thank you all for your continued prayers as we continue to Make Moves on Faith.



Rev Bruce Elliot was promoted to glory on Friday, June 24, 2016. Brother Bruce was born December 28, 1935 and was married to Shelby Jean Elliott. He was a resident of Nichols, SC and long term pastor of Floyds FWB Church (Nichols).

A graveside service was held on Monday, June 27th at Floyds Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery with Reverend Jack Strickland officiating.

Stephen Carlson, son of Rev. David Carlson (Liberty, Manning) is available to speak through the summer during his break from Columbia University. Contact number is (803) 460-1686



The Board of Free Will Baptist International Missions met in its annual session April 25-26, 2016, in Antioch, Tennessee. The board received reports and acted on proposals from the administrative staff during the two-day session.

The board approved David Reeves, Kentucky native and May 2016 graduate of Welch College, as a two-year short-term intern to France. David will serve with Dennis and Carol Teague and Joel and Lydie Teague in the city of Nantes. He will join the Teagues in working with J'Pense, an outreach to unevangelized French youth.

Joel and Lydie Teague received an appointment as career missionaries. The couple returned to the States in November following the completion of their two-year internship in France. They will soon complete 22 hours of studies required for appointment as career missionaries.

The board approved a \$6.9 million framework budget for 2017 to be presented at the July 2016 convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. This number remains unchanged from the \$6.9 million budget approved for 2016 by 2015 NAFWB delegates. The board elected new officers: Jeff Manning, chairman; Jeff Nichols, vice chairman; and Mark Price, secretary.

**This year's theme for Summer Camps is Heroes.
All Camp forms are available at scfwb.com**



*Ephesians 6:10
Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power*

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Junior Camp 2016

“Camp PEE DEE”

July 25th – 29th

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The preacher for Junior Camp week is Rev. Steve Greenwood, Donnelson Fellowship FWB Church, Nashville TN

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South Carolina Free Will Baptist

Teen Camp 2016

“Camp PEE DEE”

July 11th – 15th

Marion, SC

**4533 Youth Court or Austin RD
Marion, SC 29571**

The preacher for the week is Rev. Tommy Swindoll, Tupelo, MS. The Cost is \$175 per camper, This includes meals, canteen, bowling and activities.



Missionary Mirial Gainer made the major transition to retirement and taking care of her mother on June 1st. Pray for her during this transition..



Liberty FWBC, Lancaster, celebrated their 20th Anniversary with a packed house and an “old fashion” service. Pictured are Deacon Wayne Snipes and Pastor Tim Larrimore.

The SCFWB Disaster Relief Board met In Columbia at the Marriott to set the foundation for State Wide Ministry. Things discussed at this meeting were setting a Scope, Vision, and Purpose for the Board, Election of Officers, Adopting a Mission Statement, and Bylaws, Establishing Mobilization Protocol and Regional Work Hubs/Stations , Procurement of Assets, and Distribution of Funds.

SCEM Director, Greg Haselden, taught a Seminar (Working with VOAD) and had a Question and Answer time.

Brian Welch, David Stevens Co-Chair, Rev. Sean Fortner Clerk, Jeff Bazen Treasurer, Steve Brogden Asst. Treasurer



The NAFWB National Convention will meet in Kansas City, Missouri July 17-20. Free Will Baptists will return to Kansas City, Missouri, for the fifth time in the convention's 80-year history. Settled at the junction of Interstates 70, 35, and 49, this Heartland city lies within a day's drive of most Free Will Baptist churches. Attendees can expect sunny July days and Midwestern friendliness in the largest city in Missouri.

Speakers Ben Evans (MO), Wayne Miracle (GA), Cory



Ben Evans (MO)



Wayne Miracle (GA)



Cory Thompson (OK)

Thompson (OK), Brad Ryan (IL), Richard Robinson (MO), and Marc Neppl (VA) will address the theme, "The Path to Revival" from 2 Chronicles 7:14. Those unable to attend the convention are encouraged to take advantage of online streaming at



Brad Ryan (IL)
Monday Evening



Richard Robinson (MO)
Tuesday Evening



Marc Neppl (VA)
Wednesday Evening

www.nafwb.org, courtesy of the Free Will Baptist Media Commission. The theme will also be emphasized by a prayer rally on Tuesday morning, when convention-goers will gather to ask God for revival.

NAFWB Nominating Committee Report:

Welch College Board of Trustees

2022 – Michael Armstrong, Ohio (replacing Michael Armstrong, Ohio)

Louis Hatcher, Georgia (replacing Billy Hanna, Georgia—ineligible for re-election)

Wayne Miracle, Georgia(replacing Terry Pierce, Mississippi—ineligible for re-election)

Board of International Missions

2022 – Scott Coghill, North Carolina (replacing Greg McAllister, California)

Will Harmon, Arkansas (replacing Tom McCullough, Michigan—ineligible for re-election)

Rodney Yerby, Alabama (replacing Danny Williams, Alabama—ineligible for re-election)

Board of Randall House Publications

2022 – Darin Gibbs, North Carolina (replacing Darin Gibbs, North Carolina)

Timothy York, Jr., New York(replacing Tim Eaton, Oklahoma—ineligible for re-election)

Toby Youngblood, Oklahoma (replacing Tim Owen, Florida –ineligible for re-election)

Women Nationally Active for Christ

2022 – Pam Hackett, South Carolina (replacing Pam Hackett, South Carolina)

Jonda Patton, Kentucky (replacing Jonda Patton, Kentucky)

Lee Ann Wilfong, Missouri (replacing Lee Ann Wilfong, Missouri)

Commission for Theological Integrity

2021 – W. Jackson Watts, Missouri (replacing W. Jackson Watts, Missouri)

Historical Commission

2021 – Jeff Cockrell, North Carolina (replacing Jeff Cockrell, North Carolina)

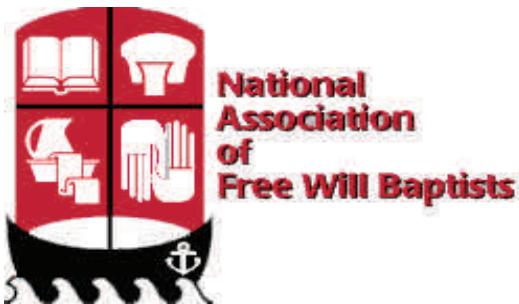
Music Commission

2021 – Donnie Burke, Colorado (replacing Donnie Burke, Colorado)

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Rev. James Earl Raper, Turbeville - (843) 659-2366
Rev. Jacob Creech, Turbeville - (843) 687-2301
Rev. Galen Dunbar, Florence – (843) 676-9865
Rev. Bobby Bowers, Greenville - (864) 230-0518
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