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SCWAC State Retreat

September 15–16, 2017

Services will be held at First Free Will Baptist Church Myrtle Beach. The church is located at 900 67th Avenue North in Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.

Theme: “Wash and Wear Everything in Prayer”

Jonah 2:7 – *When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.*

Guest Speaker: Cindy Stanley Berry – Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Motel Reservations: Please feel free to make reservations anywhere along Ocean Blvd.

Meals: Ladies are responsible for the Friday evening meal. Breakfast will be served by the First FWB Church ladies.

Cost: Please submit \$20.00 to Cathy Logan, 1580 Potter Road. Lancaster, SC 29720.

Special Request: Please bring gift cards to the retreat this year. These will go to the Provisions Closet. When home on furlough, the missionaries can use them. We would like to have gift cards for dining and department stores. Many times they have to buy their children and themselves new clothes when they come home. Thank you all for your willingness to give to this ministry.

Fun Time: Gong Show – Friday evening. WAC groups come prepared to play the “Gong Show”.

[Contact Pam Hackett (864-680-3150) or Cathy Logan if you need additional information.]

SCFWB Fall Youth Retreat

November 3-4 2017
in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Theme: “Glow in the Dark”

Theme Verse: 1 Peter 2:9

Activities: We will have great preaching, awesome singing, fun and fellowship for everybody. We plan to go bowling Friday night after service and Grand Prix Speed Park (Go-Carts) on Saturday.

Price is \$115 for youth / adults

Price includes Motel Lodging, Breakfast (Saturday morning), Bowling, Go-Carts, and a T-shirt. During bowling on Friday night pizza will be served and a \$10 Arcade card will be included.

Ages 12 and Up [remember an adult will need to be in each room with their youth].

More information and paper work for the fall youth retreat will be coming soon on our website SCFWB.org/youthministries





Williams Hill Remodel

For almost 8 months the congregation of Williams Hill FWB Church met in their fellowship building in order for the main sanctuary to undergo a remodeling project costing almost four hundred thousand dollars.

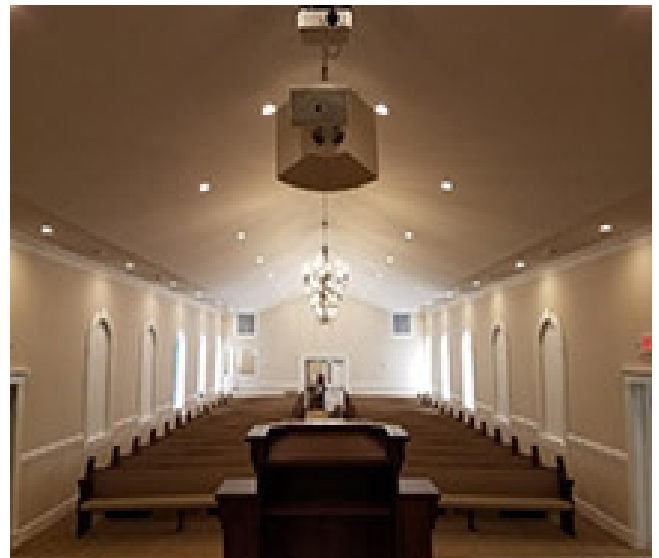
Pastor Thad Jacobs and the church congregation labored tirelessly to complete this project and they are excited about their worship experience in this remodeled sanctuary as well as the witness this will make in the community about the dedication of the congregation to make God’s house the best it can be.

We praise the Lord for His continued Blessings on our churches.

2017 Budgets for National Association Departments:

Executive Office	\$853,544
FWB Foundation	\$2,488,500
Home Missions	\$5,000,000
International Missions	\$7,000,000
Retirement	\$636,510
Randall House	\$4,853,750
Welch College	\$7,238,479
WNAC	\$255,000
Theological Commission	\$9,800
Historical Commission	\$4,895
Media Commission	\$5,225
Music Commission	\$4,775
Total	\$28,350,478

Elected at this meeting to serve on the Board of Retirement until 2023
 Danny Baer (NC)
 James Beasley (SC)
 Jack Daniel (GA)





Brother Carlisle Hanna's family were among those who greeted him on his return to the States on August 12th.

INDIA. Missionary Carlisle Hanna received a wonderful 88th Birthday present when his visa was approved for another year- Glory! The work in India continued to be blessed of God as souls are saved and churches are built.

These are a few recent prayer requests:

1. Pray for those who were baptized recently and for the large number preparing for baptism.
2. Praise for several new families who have come to Christ. Pray for protection and growth.
3. Pray for added income needed for several churches in need of repair and expansion.
4. Pray for a Pastor's son in Bible College, a Pastor's wife who must travel a long distances to get to her job, for several newly married Pastors, for several Pastors suffering health issues, and for the children of several Pastors as they attend school.
5. Praise for a joint service of several smaller churches which was

well attended and was blessed of God to bring revival and encouragement to these churches.

6. Several preaching points have grown so much until they need to purchase land and build a church building- Glory! Pray for God to meet these needs.

7. Pray for numerous women's Bible Study groups and for a number of youth ministry activities.



From Missionaries to Spain, Tim and Kristi Johnson to all of our South Carolina friends, We usually send updates from our ministry here in Alpedrete. So we're going to change it up a little and share a few prayer requests from some of the other ministries here in Spain.

Pray for Pastor José Manuel and his church in Alcalá de Henares, which is about an hour and a half away from us. They have a very small storefront building where they meet, but only 20 people actually fit into the space. Over the past few months, they have had several new families begin attending and now they really need to find a new place to meet. Ask God to work out the many details involved in finding a new place to have their worship services.

Pray for the Villalba Church as they are without a pastor. Their former pastor, John Fredy, and his wife moved to England last year to care for her ailing father. After her father passed away, they felt led to stay in England and have decided to give up the pastorate in the Villalba Church. Pray that God will guide the church as they are in this interim time, and that He will send them a pastor in His timing.

Pray for our Hanna Project workers in the Málaga area of southern Spain. We have one American couple (Chris and Tori S.) and one Spanish couple (Manu and Noemí) who are in the beginning stages of finding a way to reach out to people from Northern Africa with a Muslim background. Pray that God will lead them to new contacts and that He will open doors to start a social outreach work. (Pray also for Manu and Noemí who found out recently that they are expecting their first child in February.)

THANKS for taking time to read these requests and pray for the needs all across Spain. Love, Tim, Kristi, Alejandro, and Ana



On July 2nd we at Cornerstone Fellowship had the awesome privilege to baptize 6 in our new baptismal pool. 5 were new salvations and 1 a re-dedication. We are so happy God gave us such a wonderful day. In the morning service we took part in the Lord's Supper and in the evening service we washed the Saints feet and had a Baptismal service. What a glorious day it was. God has blessed our little congregation and His Spirit has taken hold as we follow the examples of our Lord and Savior Jesus, Glory to God!!! This was the first of what we pray will be many in our new pool. We have not had a Baptismal pool and had to borrow or wait on others to immerse our people but praise God we can now. Rev. John Matthews

On June 22-25th, a group of 24, from Grace FWB Church in Lake City took part in a home mission's trip to Erie, PA, to assist Rev. Daryl Grimes and the Flagship FWB Church. For the next several days it was a joy for them to be able to help Rev. Daryl by passing out church information flyers (about 1500), tearing down used medical equipment to be shipped overseas, assisting the Erie Area Rescue Mission, helping with Church yard work and cleaning and then having the opportunity to Worship with the Flagship FWB Church family by providing special music, children's church, and nursery for the day. It was truly a joy to get to meet and fellowship with the Flagship FWB Church family and we look forward to what the future holds for this great work. We are grateful to the Lord for the opportunity we had as a SC church to see the wonderful work that Rev. Daryl Grimes is leading in Erie, PA and we are thankful as well for God's traveling Grace and Protection during the entire trip. Pastor Carroll Bazen

REPORT FROM SCFWB Jr. Camp 2017 ;

We had an amazing Jr. camp that was held July 24-28, 2017 at camp Pee Dee in Marion, SC. The theme was "Glow in the Dark" with theme verse 1 Peter 2:9. This year at Jr. Camp we had a total of 116 campers. The preacher for the week was Brother Kevin Bass, Kevin is a FWB Home Missionary in Portsmouth, VA. Brother Kevin did an outstanding job interacting with our youth during our games and during our devotions and bible class, and the awesome videos he made each day was a treat that we all looked forward to. During the week of Jr. Camp the campers enjoyed the services as brother Kevin challenged them through God's word to let their lives GLOW in the Dark for Jesus. We are proud to report that there was 19 salvations and 12 re-dedications during the week of camp. AMEN!! The Juniors also enjoyed swim time, water slides, the games, the crafts and the music class each day. On Thursday night during services the campers sang the songs they learned during the week and they did a skit to one of the songs also. They did a great job! They also enjoyed great home cooked meals each day provided by our kitchen staff! We thank the Lord for a great week at Jr. Camp, and thank our churches and parents for sending your youth! Lets continue to pray for each one of them and the decisions that were made, and for the Lord to continue to work and do great things in each of their lives.



Saturday May, 27, 2017

To: The S.C. Free Will Baptist Disaster Relief Team



I personally would like to thank these guys for their willingness and love of God to help, from left to right: Bubba Player, Anthony Floyd, Steve Brogden, Steve Milligan, Chad Munn, Eric Ruth and Jay Humphries.

Steve Brogden

S.C. Free Will Baptist Disaster Response Team

Donna Floyd

I forwarded a few pictures Marsha had sent me to a friend at church asking him if he knew anyone who I could contact that would clean up the mess and to get a quote for what it would cost. That was the middle of the week. Sunday morning as I was leaving the service Steve Brogden and Steve Milligan stopped me and said our Disaster Relief Team would do it for her. I was so shocked and never once did it cross my mind they would be willing to help her. They came on Thursday to look over what needed to be done and what equipment to bring and was there on Saturday morning. It was so hot but that didn't keep them from doing what they came to do. I am so thankful and so proud to be part of the Free Will Baptist denomination and forever grateful for what they did to help her. Amazing group of guys for sure!! Words are inadequate to say thank you enough for what they did for her and how humbled and appreciative she is that total strangers would be willing to come help her in such a time of need.

Marsha Smith

I cannot begin to thank these guys enough with the SC Free Will Baptist Disaster Response Team for all their hard work. My husband dies of a sudden heart attached on Oct. 1, 2015. He had had 4 major surgeries in 4 years so needless to say my yards weren't at their best. Then Hurricane Matthew came and trees were everywhere; on top of my fence and everywhere else. With my disability and poor health, I couldn't do it and couldn't find anyone else to help me. My sister attends Peace FWB Church in Florence, SC and that is how I learned about this awesome group of men. They came and just started cutting trees. I looked out my window and was just amazed at the trucks and chainsaws that were in my yard. A couple of young men from Temple FWB in Darlington, SC, that I had known since they were children came and helped as well. I am just overwhelmed and thankful for all the work that was done, especially in the heat. These are some of the most awesome men I have ever met. Nothing was too big or too small for them. Saying Thank you doesn't seem like it's enough, but from the bottom of my heart I am truly humbled and so thankful!

CONFERENCE MEETING CALENDAR:

- >>South Carolina Conference Meeting – Friday October 6th 7:00 PM at Community, FWB Church, Florence
- >>Central Association Meeting – Saturday October 10th, 9AM at South Conway FWB Church
- >>Eastern Conference Meeting – Saturday, October 21 at Lighthouse FWB Church, Florence.
- >>True life Conference Meeting – Saturday October, 21 9:45 AM at Gloryland FWBC, Rock Hill, SC
- >>Beaver Creek Conference Meeting – Thursday October 26th at Liberty FWB, Church, Lancaster

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Todd- 843-657-2092





Rev. Wayne Skipper Licensed to preach by the Central Association.



Rev. Donnie Jernigan pastor at Cornerstone FWB Whiteville joined the Central Association



Rev. Monte and Michelle Guffey accept pastorate at First Free Will Baptist Church of Enoree

September Church Events:

3-6 Revival 1st FWB Church Kingstree with Rev. Chris Todd Sunday 11&6 Mon-Wed 7PM
10 Homecoming Lockhart FWB Church Rev. Chris Todd 10 AM
10-13 Revival Lockhart FWB Church with Rev. Chris Todd Sunday 6 PM Mon-Wed 7 PM
23 2nd Annual Fall Women's Conference FWB Bible Church, Darlington 10am-2pm, with Dr. Brenda J. Robinson. \$10 lunch will be served.
24-27, Fall Revival FWB Bible Church, Darlington with Preacher Dan Robinson and New Desire. Sunday morning at 11, Sunday evening at 6, Monday - Wednesday night's at 7.

CAROLINA JUBILEE SEPTEMBER 18 - 22, 2017 NIGHTLY AT 7PM

SPECIAL SINGING BY

MIKE BLANTON & EVIDENCE THE ROGERS FAMILY

GUEST EVANGELISTS

MIKE BLANTON MIKE MCCOY ROGER DUNCAN

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YOUTH RALLIES

at North Spartanburg Free Will Baptist Church

Saturday, September 30th, 9am-1pm

145 Belcher Road Bellling Springs, SC

Preaching by Rev. Chris Knight, Junop, NC

Worship by Trinity Hill Youth, Junop, NC

- Men - Men in Church Sanctuary
- Prayers - Guy's Sermon with Rev. James Bates, Guy's Sermon with Rev. Amanda Bates, Youth Worker's Sermon with Rev. Chris Knight
- Men - Refreshments
- 10:30am - Service
- Speech to follow Service

For more information call Pastor James Bates 803.275.7127

JUBILEE OLD-FASHION JUBILEE

First Free Will Baptist Church
1403 East Georgia Road
Simpsonville, SC 29681

SEPT. 10- SEPT. 15, 2017

Sunday, Sept. 10, 8:00 pm
Monday, Sept. 11 - Friday, Sept. 15 7:30 pm

Rev. Kevin Smith will be preaching

SPECIAL SINGING NIGHTLY

The Parsons Family
The Rogers Family
Simpsonville First Free Will Baptist Choir & Singers
Prince Family
Children's Church & His Hands

EVERYONE WELCOME

For more information contact
Pastor Chris Jackson
864-915-4184

Recap of the 2017 National Convention in Louisville, KY. (Next NAFWB Conventions Little Rock, Ak 2018 / Cincinnati, Ohio 2019)

Attendance: NAFWB attendees – 3,800, Vertical Three (Youth) – 3,457 **Total Attendees** 4,603 (the highest convention attendance in five years) [Note: Many attendees register for both conventions]

Reports:

>>Together Way totals have increased by \$371,000 dollars from last year to \$4,368,308.38

.>>International Missions is making progress in their 20 by 2020 goals(See a 20% increases in the number of missionaries, new churches, reserves, believers, and churches giving by 2020).

Proposal of Legal Name change from International Mission Board of The National Association Of Free Will Baptists Inc. to IM Inc. Director Clint Morgan stated the proposed name change was due to the difficulty the current name generates when trying to procure VISAS from limited access countries as well as the difficulty experienced when putting the current name on legal documents which has caused signers to abbreviate and often legal documents have had to be redone because of this.

>>WNAC will sponsor two “Shine” conferences again this year. One in Oklahoma at Randall University, and one in Seffner Florida at Tampa Free Will Baptist Church. Some adjustments will be made yo the WNAC publication to help offset increasing costs with declining subscriptions.

>> Welch College students and faculty are getting settled in to the new campus, and invite all FWB’s to come check out the new campus in Gallatin. The completion of construction will triple gross assets to over \$40,000,000.00. They are currently experiencing growth in enrollment.

>>Randall House experienced a profit last year of \$224,000.00 due to revenue increases and budget cut backs. This reflects an over \$600,000.00 turn around from the deficit experienced in 2015. The D6 conference will be in Dallas, Texas this year.

>>Board of Retirement introduces institutional investment plans which allows FWB institutions to invest in funds that can grow over time.

>>North American Ministries currently have 89 church plants and revitalization projects. NAM power conference will be in Pigeon Forge in May. Currently 9 Chaplains are serving in the US Military under the Ecclesiastical supervision of North American Ministries. NAM had a record year with CELF as well as in the North American Ministries Offering.

WE CONGRATULATE OUR NATIONAL YOUTH WINNERS (Vertical Three)

Name	Category-letter indicates Age Group		Church		Place
Emmit Todd	6.51 - Individual Drama	B	Horse Branch	SC	Second
Maysey Floyd	0.11 - Individual Bible Memory - Grade 11	D	Horse Branch	SC	Second
Denise & Hunter	0.11g - Group Bible Memory - Grade 11	D	Peace	SC	First
Bayley, Elizabeth, & Mara	0.10g - Group Bible Memory - Grade 10	D	Horse Branch	SC	Third
Mara Pierce	0.10 - Individual Bible Memory - Grade 10	D	Horse Branch	SC	Third
God’s Guys	0.08g - Group Bible Memory - Grade 8	C	Horse Branch	SC	Third
Gloria Todd	0.08 - Individual Bible Memory - Grade 8	C	Horse Branch	SC	Third
Blaine Cannon	0.01 - Individual Bible Memory -Grade 1	A	Horse Branch	SC	First

Live Streaming & Media Info on 2017 National Meeting:
 Total Visitors – 31,500
 Unique Visitors – 20,200
 1,480 Facebook check-ins
 1.05 million views
 710 new page likes



NAFWB Executive Committee Motion Regarding Racism

In light of recent events the National Association of Free Will Baptists remains firm in its stand condemning racism in any form. This stand was taken over 20 years ago by the denomination, and it remains true today as we endeavor to spread the gospel to one race—the human race—and “all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues.”

The Executive Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists met December 7, 2011, in its regular semi-annual meeting. The committee took the following action: “Motion passed that we reaffirm the resolution deploring all forms of racism that was adopted at our 1995 convention and that we support the official statement issued by the National Association of Free Will Baptists Executive Office. Further, we recommend the Bible study Racism, the Bible and the Church published by Randall House: <http://www.accessbiblestudies.com/bible-studies/racism-the-bible-and-the-church>.”

The resolution mentioned is as follows:
1995 Resolutions Committee Report: Resolution #2 – Resolution Concerning Racism
Whereas, all people are created equal in the image of God (Genesis 1:26) and,
Whereas, all people have descended through “one blood” from Adam (Acts 17:26) and,
Whereas, God desired for all people to be saved (2 Peter 3:9),
Be it resolved that the National Association of Free Will Baptists do hereby condemn racism in any form and do pledge to proclaim the Gospel freely to all men of every race.

Free Will Baptists Church Covenant

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to “provide things honest in the sight of all men.”

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to “grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to “keep the unity of the Spirit” in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another’s happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.