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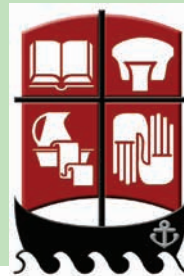
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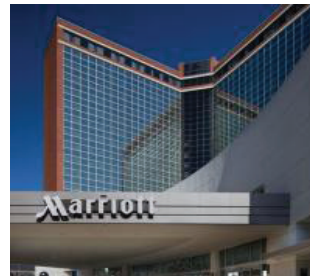
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The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of Free Will Baptists annual meeting will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas July 22-25. The Theme is "Called" (2Timothy 1:9A- "Who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling")  
Sunday Morning- "Called us to Salvation"  
Sunday Night- "Called us to Holiness"  
Monday Night- "Called us to Unity"  
Tuesday Night- "Called us to Supper"  
Wednesday Night- "Called us to Preach the Gospel"



State House Convention  
Center, Little Rock

The Statehouse Convention Center and Little Rock Marriott Hotel will serve as the locations for registration, business sessions, exhibits, and adult, preschool, children's, and 456 worship services. The DoubleTree by Hilton Little Rock and Robinson Center will be the sites of the CTS Ministry Expo and V3 teen worship services.



## SUMMER CAMP

WHEN: Teen Summer Camp will be a three day weekend [Friday, July 27th through Sunday, July 29th].

Junior Summer Camp will follow [July 30th through August 2nd]

COST: Price is only \$135 for both Teen and Junior Camps.

THEME: The theme for our summer camps this year is "Valuable" and the theme verse comes from 1st Peter chapter one verses 18 and 19

WHERE: Camps at Camp Pee Dee in Marion.

MORE INFO: Visit [SCFWB.Com](http://SCFWB.Com) for needed forms or contact the Youth Ministries Members (Listed to the Right)

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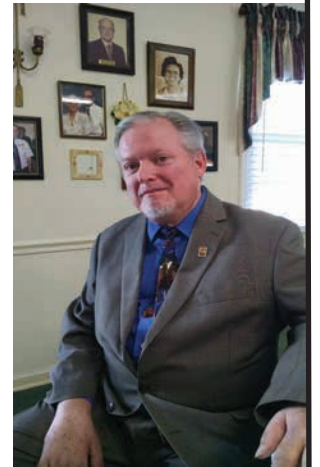
Reverend Mark E. Leonard, 60, husband of Myra Matthews Leonard died Friday, March 2, 2018, at home after an illness. Brother Mark was born January 2, 1958, in Dayton, Ohio, son of Dellene Meek Leonard and the late Albert E. Leonard. He was a graduate of Park Hills High School in Fairborn, Ohio and Welch College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Surviving in addition to his mother of Fairborn, Ohio, are his wife, Myra M. Leonard of Pamplico; son, Michael A. Leonard of Pamplico; daughter, Marisa C. Leonard of Pamplico; sister, Diane L. (Steve) Foutz of Fairborn, Ohio; and brother, Reverend James M. (Angie) Leonard of Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 5, 2018, at Carolina Funeral Home Chapel, Scranton with burial at Mossy Grove Cemetery, Coward.

Brother Mark served a number of churches in Ohio and South Carolina for over 40 years. He recently retired as Pastor of Mt. Elon FWB Church, Pamplico because of health issues. He and his wife enjoyed music and served many years in youth ministry.

Memorials may be made to Welch College, 1045 Bison Trail, Gallatin, Tennessee, 37066.



The Leonard Project originally began as a project to remodel Mrs. Myra's old home place. Remodel work soon revealed so much damage until this home had to be demolished. A mobile home was then purchased and is being installed. Several work days and much hard work by volunteers have brought this project almost to completion. The mobile home has been moved into place, a handicap ramp has been built, the electrical has been roughed in, and the water supply is being hooked in.

Below are pictures of some recent work days.



The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. (Matthew 9:37-38)



Rev. Josh Tarlton was ordained at Lebanon FWB Church on Sunday, May 13th during a joint service with Hillside FWB Church. He then preached his first message as an ordained minister to this large combined congregation. Pastor Mac Atkinson, Jr and the other ordained leaders joined in the ordination anointing and prayer.

**The Impact of a Church:** Many churches think of themselves as “small and insignificant” because they fail to see the long term impact of their ministry. During the weeks prior to and after the ordination of Rev. Josh Tarlton three area pastors “happened” to mention to me that they grew up being ministered to by Hillside FWB Church (Florence, SC). [Rev. Danny Stone, pastor of Tabernacle FWBC of Coward, Rev. Joel Stone, pastor of Peace FWBC of Florence, and Rev. Jody Wynn, Pastor of FWB Bible Church, Darlington].

Later I learned that Rev. Lawrence Bell, Rev. Billy Baker, and Rev. Bobby Timmons were all influenced for the ministry by the people and programs of Hillside FWB Church.

In conversations with Rev. Todd Smith (Former SCFWB Executive Secretary presently working for the FWB Foundation) and Rev. Buddy Seay, Jr. (Former SCFWB Assistant Moderator and present pastor of BeaverDam FWB Church of Chadbourn, NC) I discovered that Hillside FWB Church was their first pastorate and both talked about how the people and ministry of Hillside had helped shape them and the success of their future ministry.



One final illustration- In January of 1964 Hillside had called a new licensed minister (Rev. Lloyd “Pee Wee” Gore) and he needed to be ordained. In order to help the Eastern Conference Presbytery Board with time and travel a 16 year old boy who was up for ordination agreed to have his ordination service at Hillside FWBC with Rev. Gore. And that is a service Mike Jones will never forget.

Hillside FWB Church is not the largest church in South Carolina but its impact has been gigantic. Remember that when you work at, and pray for, your church.



Hillside FWBC Pastor, Josh Tarlton and Associate Pastor, Mike Strickland



Positive stories about how your church, or a ministry of your church, impacts the work of God or the cause of Christ are welcome. It is always great to see how something we did “here” had an impact for Christ over “there”. Sent to [Chris@scfwb.com](mailto:Chris@scfwb.com).



## WAC News



WHITE OAK  
CONFERENCE CENTER

*Where People Experience Christ*

The SC WAC Retreat will be held September 7th and 8th at White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro. Kristi Johnson will be our guest speaker and we have an exciting time planned for our ladies. We will have a 'gift card shower' for the Johnson family at the retreat. Gift cards may be purchased at Walmart, Target, and Restaurants. These will be greatly appreciated by the Johnson's while they are

home and will also benefit them with their needs as Alejandro will be a freshman at Welch College this coming fall.

Mark your calendars to attend the retreat and enjoy this great time of fellowship and missionary involvement.



Roca Dé Salvacion Hispanic Church celebrated their 13th Anniversary on Sunday, May 13th. Pastor Fernando Bustamante was thrilled to see over 200 people in attendance at this special service. The anniversary message was brought by Bro. David Crowe, Director Free Will Baptists North America Ministries. Roca De Salvacion Hispanic Church meets in the facilities of Lebanon FWB Church on Sunday afternoon (Between Lebanon's services) and on Thursday nights.



### FOUNDED UPON A ROCK

(Biography of William Henry Oliver, 1903-1991)

By Dr. Dale E. Young

Saved in a blacksmith shop, Henry Oliver was an ordained Free Will Baptist minister for 67 years. He attended a one-room school, made cross ties with his Dad and played with Cherokee children. A 1926 graduate of Vanderbilt, he turned down an appointment to West Point because that was not God's calling on his life. He was in Eureka (FWB) College's quartet that sang at a Billy Sunday Crusade.

Bro. Oliver was the first pastor of East Nashville, working closely with Bro. J. L. Welch. Yes, that's the Welch for whom Welch College is named. Thirty-five years in public education included being principal at East Nashville High and superintendent of Nashville City Schools.

After "retirement," Oliver taught at Belmont University and Free Will Baptist Bible College (now Welch). Pictures in each chapter enhance the book. You may laugh and cry as you read this book. Included are his last years and his "graduation" day. He was faithful until death and "The Afterglow" he left still inspires many of us whose lives he touched.

The book is available in the SCFWB Book Store or directly from the author (843-409-5126) for only \$10.





Happy Home welcomes new pastor Rev Marty and Annette Cox.



Evergreen F.W.B. Church welcomes new pastor. Rev. David Stevens. Bro. Stevens is currently going through the process of licensure through the Central Association.



Thaddeus Jacobs, Jr. was licensed into the Gospel Ministry on May 6, 2018 at Freedom F.W.B. Church. Pictured (l-r) is Pastor Mitch Ingram, Trad Jacobs, Jr. and Rev. Thad Jacobs.



New Prospect F.W.B. Church & Christian School raised over \$30,000 in less than one year to purchase a much needed bus for use by the Church and School.

New Prospect Christian School had 39 students enrolled this year with 5 seniors graduating on June 1st. Rev. Lanny Ard is the Pastor of this multi- ministry church.



Congratulations to Lebanon F.W.B. Church on being named “Best in the Pee Dee” (219,000 votes!). Outreach Pastor, Mike Norton, led this recognition campaign. Rev. Mac Atkinson, Jr. is Pastor.



Welch College has named Russell Houske as Men's Resident Director at Welch College and Rebekah Talbot as Women's Resident Director, according to Jon Forlines, Vice President for Student Services.

"We are pleased to announce that Mr. Houske and Mrs. Talbot will be serving in these roles," Forlines said. "We believe they will continue the excellent job done by Anna McAfee, who served as women's resident director for eight years, and Mike Edwards, who served as men's resident director for seven years, as well as five years in the 1990s."

Talbot, a 2012 Welch music education graduate, served as a music teacher in North Carolina public schools before returning to Welch as academic office manager for two years. She has served as a homemaker and photographer since 2016. She and her husband, Chris, who serves as campus pastor and teaches youth and family ministry at Welch, have two sons: William (age 2) and James Elliott (eight months).

Houske recently joined the Welch staff as Facilities Services Manager, after serving as a bi-vocational youth pastor, pastor, and paramedic. He recently completed his B.S. in General Christian Ministry at Welch and is now enrolled in the master's program in Theology and Ministry at Welch. He and his wife Amber have four children: Jacob, a freshman at Welch, Jackson (15), Carleigh (14), and Cayden (12).

"Our resident directors and their spouses are really like dorm parents," Forlines said. "In recent years, the spouses have played such an active role that we've begun to think of them in this way. Chris Talbot and Amber Houske are going to be sharing some of the RD responsibilities. Both the Talbots and Houskes are exceptional Christian couples who will bring their ministry backgrounds to this role which is so important in the spiritual formation of our students." The new resident directors will begin their duties in June of this year

Welch College's total annual enrollment for the 2017-18 year was 436, marking the highest enrollment in 33 years, according to Provost Matthew McAfee. In 1984, total annual enrollment was 461. The highest since then was in 2006 with a total of 420.

The Board of Directors of Southeastern Free Will Baptist College announces that Rev. Nathanael Joseph Ange has been named the sixth president of Southeastern. Nate Ange has served as an evangelist, associate and youth pastor, camp director, church planter, and professor of Homiletics at Southeastern. Additionally, he served as assistant moderator, moderator, and treasurer of the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists for twelve years. As an evangelist, Nate has enjoyed seeing hundreds of people surrender their lives to Christ. Numbers of preachers, pastors, and missionaries acknowledge Nate's positive influence on their decision to surrender to Christ's service. His great love for God and the next generation of servant leaders are cited as reasons that the Board of Directors selected him for this influential role as president of Southeastern.



Nate is married to Becky Ange (Floyd), and together they have three adult children—Kristie, Sarah, and Nathan—all alumni of Southeastern College. Kristie is married to Scott Coghill, the pastor of New Life Church in New Bern, North Carolina. Sarah is married to Daniel Hewes. They are members serving Landmark Church in Cary, North Carolina. Nathan is married to Meredith (Sugg). Nathan has completed a Master's of Ministry degree and is employed with Builder's Mutual in Cary.



President Ange will begin his duties on July 1, 2018. He will continue leadership as the pastor of the Landmark Free Will Baptist Church in Cary, North Carolina, where he has faithfully served as founding pastor since 1989. President-elect Ange states, "It is both a humbling responsibility and a great honor to be selected to serve Southeastern in this capacity. I have witnessed this college as it has trained and sent out hundreds of servants who are serving Christ's kingdom honorably throughout the world."

President Jim Marcum expresses his wholehearted support for the selection of his long-time friend Nate Ange as the next president of Southeastern.

# Pre-Registration

2018 National Association of Free Will Baptists

NAFWB | V3 | LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS | JULY 22-25

**One Form Per Person | Register Online: [www.nafwb.org](http://www.nafwb.org) | Name Badges Required for All Convention Events**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Country (if outside USA) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church You Attend \_\_\_\_\_ Church City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

## National Association (All voting delegates must be members in good standing of a FWB church.)

### Voting Delegates

- National Board/Commission Member
- Ordained Minister
- Ordained Deacon
- State Delegate (Authorization Required)
- Local Church Delegate (Delegate Card Required)

### Non-Voting

- Attendee (All Ages, Including Infants and Toddlers)

### Tickets

WNAC Laughter and Latté .....Qty\_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monday, July 23, 8:30 p.m. (\$25 onsite; limited quantity available)

Welch Alumni & Friends Luncheon .....Qty\_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wednesday, July 25, noon (\$50 onsite; no tickets will be sold between the close of pre-registration and the convention)

**National Association Info: 877-767-7659 | [www.nafwb.org](http://www.nafwb.org)**

## Vertical Three Conference

### Preschool

- Ages 3-5, Attending Preschool Worship - \$25 (\$35 on-site)
- Ages 0-5, Not Attending Preschool Worship - NO FEE

### Students: \$25

Any student or competitor\* attending any CTS competition or event MUST pay \$25 V3 conference fee (\$35 onsite).

- Grades 1-3
- Grades 4-6
- Grades 7-12

\*Competitors must pay this V3 conference fee **in addition to** CTS competition fees already paid to Randall House.

### College Age | Adults: \$20

Adults attending any competition or event MUST pay \$20.

- Adult Attendee

### Tickets:

ENGAGE Student Ministry Luncheon .....Qty\_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monday, July 23, noon

V3 Special Event - Drew Worsham.....Qty\_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tuesday, July 24, 9:00 pm (\$14 onsite/at the door)

**V3 Information: 800-877-7030 | [www.verticalthree.com](http://www.verticalthree.com)**

## Register April 2 – June 22, 2018 (postmarked) No Refunds After June 22

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- + Check (Payable to FWB Convention)
- + Visa, Discover, or MasterCard only (both debit and credit cards accepted)

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- Rev. Leroy Lowery, Darlington - (843) 229-2078
- 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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- Rev. Donald Davis- (864) 980-1068
- Rev. Westley Murray- (864) 595-7489
- Rev. David Henderson- (704) 616-2079

Pray for and support these young people as they participate in mission activities this summer.

**UPCOMING CONFERENCE MEETINGS:**

- \*Eastern Conference Meeting – Saturday, June 9 at 9:30 AM @ Williams Hill FWB Church
- \*South Carolina Conference Meeting – Friday, June 22 @ Faith FWB Church at 7PM
- \*True life Conference Meeting – July 21 @ Gloryland FWB Church, Registration 9:45AM
- \*Beaver Creek Conference Meeting – October 6 @ Enoree FWB Church  
Registration 9:30AM Services 10AM
- \*Central Conference Meeting –July 14 @ Wildwood, Nichols 9AM

**ETEAMS**

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Luke Tanner (ETEAM St. Croix)     | Westside FWB Church     |
| Bayley Floyd (ETEAM Cuba)         | Horse Branch FWB Church |
| Maysey Floyd (ETEAM Panama)       | Horse Branch FWB Church |
| Gracelyn Coker (ETEAM Panama)     | Horse Branch FWB Church |
| Maggie Coker (ETEAM Uruguay)      | Horse Branch FWB Church |
| Olivia Hefner (ETEAM St. Croix)   | Fairview FWB Church     |
| Elizabeth Hicks (ETEAM Nashville) | Horse Branch FWB Church |
| Hunter Langston (ETEAM Japan)     | Temple FWB Church       |

**Truth & Peace**

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Denise Wiggins    | Peace FWB Church Florence  |
| Hannah Ridgeway   | Liberty Manning FWB Church |
| Gloria Todd       | Horse Branch FWB Church    |
| Anna Johnson      | Westside FWB Church        |
| Alejandro Johnson | Westside FWB Church        |

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