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The South Carolina Women Active for Christ State Meeting will be held Saturday, March 17th at Fairview Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg, 2058 Chesnee HWY. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.

They will be honoring Sherwood and Vada Lee for the many years they served as missionaries in Cote d'Ivoire and as faithful leaders in our state. Bro. Sherwood was privileged



to return to Cote d'Ivoire last spring and he was able to witness the many changes that have occurred since he left the mission work to return to SC.

The scripture theme is from Joel 1:3, "Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation."

Hotel Accommodations are: Comfort Inn and Suites, (\$89), 154 Candlenut Lane, Spartanburg, SC, 29316, 864-814-2001 (mention Turning Point Church Rate). Holiday Inn Express and Suites, (\$99), 161 Sha Lane, Spartanburg, SC, 29307, 864-504-3333, (mention church rate). Days Inn, (\$69), 115 Rogers Commerce Blvd., Spartanburg, SC, 29316, 864-814-0560.

ETEAMS

Luke Tanner (ETEAM St. Croix)
 Bayley Floyd (ETEAM Cuba)
 Maysey Floyd (ETEAM Panama)
 Gracelyn Coker (ETEAM Panama)
 Maggie Coker (ETEAM Uruguay)
 Olivia Hefner (ETEAM St. Croix)
 Elizabeth Hicks (ETEAM Nashville)
 Hunter Langston (ETEAM Japan)

Westside FWB Church
 Horse Branch FWB Church
 Horse Branch FWB Church
 Horse Branch FWB Church
 Horse Branch FWB Church
 Fairview FWB Church
 Horse Branch FWB Church
 Temple FWB Church

Truth & Peace

Denise Wiggins
 Hannah Ridgeway
 Gloria Todd
 Anna Johnson
 Alejandro Johnson

Peace FWB Church Florence
 Liberty Manning FWB Church
 Horse Branch FWB Church
 Westside FWB Church
 Westside FWB Church

South Carolina has several students who have been accepted to serve this coming summer in different mission stations. An offering will be taken to help these students with their financial goals. We want to always be supportive of investing in the lives of the young people in our state as they seek to follow the Lord in these areas of service.

The 76th Annual State Convention hosted by the Beaver Creek was held at Turning Point FWB church February 22-23, 2018. Revival, Renewal, Revitalization was the theme, (Isa 40:31 *But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*)



Registration Committee reported 50 ministers, 17 Visitors, 11 Delegates, 10 National Representatives, and 1 Missionary, for a total of 89 registered. But with nearly 200 in attendance on Thursday night it was one of the best attended state meetings in recent history.

The entire North American Ministries Dept. blessed the convention with preaching and seminars on church revitalization. Rev. Jim McComas spoke Thursday morning on 3 Roadblocks to Revitalization, while Dr. David Crowe spoke on Bearing Fruit John 15:8, Bro. Ken Akers spoke on Leadership, and Dr. Brad Ransom spoke on Creating a Wow Factor for Your Church.

Dr. Joe Arthur preached the house down Thursday night as he encouraged our people to get saddled up, because if a donkey can do it so can you! Luke 19:29-40 Great singing was experienced by Ernie Peters and The Joyaires.

One of the highlights from this year's meeting was the exemplary service given by the people of the host church. The people were there early for every service and met every anticipated need of both the convention staff and attendees. The immaculate facilities, and the servants heart of The Turning Point FWB Church, were a continuous blessing to all who were in attendance. The people of the church were brought on the floor of the convention and given a standing ovation.

Convention Business:

- The State Constitution underwent some routine housekeeping and updating. A master copy of the constitution will be kept on the SCFWB website to reflect all current changes.
- A \$1,500.00 scholarship from the Prosser Endowment Fund was awarded to Bradley Bevan who is attending South Eastern.
- The proposed budgets for the State Office, Book Store, and Solid Grounds Coffee Shop, which saw no change from the previous three years, was approved.
- An invitation was voted to be sent to The National Association to investigate South Carolina as a potential venue for the NAFWB Convention and report back at next year's State Meeting on its findings. Next Year's State Convention will be hosted by The Central Association with a venue to be announced. It will held February 28th & March 1st (Because of Leap Year)





SC FWB Disaster Relief 2nd Annual Men's Retreat

Saturday, May 5th, 2018

Registration: 9:30 AM

Start Time: 10:00 AM

Cost: \$10.00 per person *(Lunch will be provided)*

Guest Speaker: TBA

The Leonard Restoration Project Work will soon commence on the home of Pastor Mark and Myra Leonard. This is a combined effort of the SCFWB Disaster Relief Board, Minister Ministry, Hands Held High (North American Ministries), as well as various churches and Individuals.

If you are interested in volunteering in this project visit: <http://www.scfwb.com/ministries/disaster-relief/> and fill out the volunteer form.

Events Include

- ✦ Backhoe Basic Operator Training
- ✦ First Aid
- ✦ Preaching
- ✦ Equipment Demonstrations
- ✦ Prizes awarded for competitions.
- ✦ Much More!



2018 STATE OFFICERS:

Moderator:	Sherwood Lee	SCC
Asst. Mod:	Danny Stone	EC
Clerk:	Tommy Hill	CA
Asst. Clerk:	Stephen Hyman	CA
Treasurer:	Scott Ard	EC
Asst. Treas:	Joey Postlewaite	SCC
Mem@Large:	Wayne Snipes	CA
Mem@Large:	Todd Black	BC

More information available at SCFWB.com .
Participation in Competitions is completely voluntary.
Event will be held @ Fairview, Free Will Baptist Church – 2058 Chesnee Hwy., Spartanburg, SC.

YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD

Director, Teddy Rabon	EC	2018-19
Mike Bishop	EC	2018-19
David Carlson	SCC	2017-20
Chris Edwards	SCC	2020-21
Stephes Carlson	SCC	2020-21
Scott Ard	EC	2019-20

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Chairman, Tim Larrimore	BC	2018-19
Mac Atkinson	SCC	2018-19
Sammy Sutton	BC	2018-19
Kevin Johnson	CA	2020-21
Larry McAlister	EC	2020-21

FINANCE COMMITTEE/ CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman, Scott Ard	EC	2020-21
Joey Postlewaite	SCC	2020-21
John Boykin	BC	2020-21
Sammy Sutton	BC	2021-22

FIELD DIRECTORS:

Tim Larrimore	BC	Home Missions- 2018-19
Teddy Rabon	EC	Youth Ministries -2018-19
Randy Valendinghem	SCC	CTS Ministries- 2018-19

Disaster Relief Board

Brian Webb	Co. Chairman	2020-21
Jeff Bazen	Treasurer	2019-20
Tim Larrimore		2019-20
Sean Fortner	Clerk	2019-20
Steve Brogden		2019-20
Tim Owens		2019-20
David Stevens	Co. Chairman	2020-21

Nomination Committee Feb. (2018-2019)

Chairman, Sammy Sutton	BC
Jody Wynn	SCC
Wayne Snipes	CA
Charles Mosley	EC
Randy Thomas	TL

Resolution Committee (Feb. 2018 - 2019)

Chairman, Monty Guffey	BC
John Matthews	EC
Ray Cribb	CA
Joe Postlewaite	SC
John Cody	TL



Sandhill FWB Church in Coward celebrated Valentine's Day with a great meal at Cain's BBQ in Florence. Wonderfully, of the 42 people in attendance, 7 couples were married over 50 years!

- The Lee's 55 years
- The Reynolds 63 years
- The Cox's 57 years
- The Dosch's 59 years
- The Stewart's 54 years
- The Russ' 53 years
- The Collins's 55 years



Congratulations to Maranatha Christian School Boys and Boys Junior Varsity basketball teams for winning this year's Class 2A South Carolina Association of Christian School's state championships. Maranatha Christian School is a ministry of First FWB Church, Florence, SC (Pastor Lee Patrick. Athletic Director, John Spencer).

The Central District WAC met Saturday, February 17 at Oak Grove FWB Church in Conway the theme was "Stir Up The Gift Of God" Guest speaker was Sis. Mandi Morgan, Missionary to Spain



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 Johnsons during their stateside assignment and will benefit them as Alejandro will be a freshman at Welch College this coming fall. Mark your calendars to attend the retreat. More information will be available at the state women's meeting.



The South Carolina District WAC met Saturday, February 24, 2018, at Sand Hill Free Will Baptist Church, with 54 in attendance. Sister Mandi Morgan, Missionary to Spain, was the guest speaker. Her message was "Planting Seeds for The Kingdom" Gal 6:7-10



The 200th anniversary of the founding of the South Carolina Conference of Free Will Baptists was celebrated at Camp Branch FWB Church (which was celebrating its 200th anniversary!) on Thursday and Friday, January 25-26. In addition to dealing with regular Conference Business the delegates were treated to three Preaching/Teaching sessions about the History of Free Will Baptists by Dr. Bill Davidson.

On Thursday Night Dr. Davidson talked about three foundation principles of Free Will Baptists: The deity of Jesus, the completion and inerrancy of Scripture, and the possibility of Apostasy. The first Friday session covered the History and spread of Free Will Baptists in New England. The final Friday session covered the history and expansion of Free Will Baptists in South Carolina. What a blessing it was for the delegates to hear about God's hand of protection and guidance through the years.

Camp Branch FWB Church was an excellent host with great food and facilities and the Pastor's family also provided soul stirring special music. What a joy to celebrate 200 years together.

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Pastor Paul Reid with the Lord: Rev. Paul Calvin Reid, 85, of Greenwood, died Thursday, December 28, 2017 at Hospice Care of the Piedmont.

Born in Whitney, SC he was the son of the late Arthur Calvin and Ethel Davis Reid. Paul was a U. S. Navy veteran and attended Spartanburg Methodist College, USC-Florence, Beaver Creek Bible Institute, and Free Will Baptist Bible College. He was the pastor of many churches including Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church in Greer, SC, South Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster, SC, Westside Free Will Baptist Church in Johnsonville, SC, Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church in Bratt, FL, and First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenwood, SC (which he organized in 1974). Other areas in which Brother Paul served were State Moderator of SCFWB State Association, as a substitute teacher in Johnsonville, a volunteer firefighter in Whitney, and a rescue squad volunteer in Johnsonville.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Mary Amanda Whelchel Reid, is son, Paul David Reid (wife, Leilani Guest Reid, and grandchildren, Maria Amanda Reid and Hannah Grace Reid); and sister, Mary Ardella Gilliland of Spartanburg.

Services were held on Saturday, December 30th at First Free Will Baptist Church (Greenwood) led by Rev. Damon Duncan, Rev. Bob Woodyard, Rev. Donald Davis, and Rev. Chris Todd. Burial, with military honors, followed at Greenwood Memorial Gardens.

Honorary escorts were members of Beaver Creek Association, South Carolina Free Will Baptist Ministers, and members of the Senior Adult Sunday School Class of First Free Will Baptist Church.

The wife of Pastor Evan Guha (Binita) of India had severe complications during the birth of their first child. She was extremely critical but, Praise the Lord, she is slowly recovering. Her past and ongoing medical bills are a tremendous burden. Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated.

You can help this great need by giving to his GoFundMe Account- [<https://www.gofundme.com/evanbenitaguha-medical-fund>], by clicking on their picture at www.scfoi.com, or by sending a donation to SCFOI, 2434 Allen Road, Effingham, SC 29541 (Designated for Guha Medical).

Thank You.



**EVAN / BINITA GUHA
MEDICAL FUND**



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"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Welch College News: An “Ignite The Flame”
 Dinner will be held Saturday March 3rd at 6:00PM at Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church for all SC Conference & Eastern Conference Churches.

YOUTH NEWS



The CTS State Competition Convention will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at Temple FWB Church in Darlington. (This will be a one-day event unless there is a need for Friday night.) Please send Completed Competition Event Entry forms and fees to Kim Driggers (Competition Director) at 2894 Hicks Road, Turbeville, SC 29162 by March 28, 2018.

FORUM18 | BIBLE CONFERENCE

KINGDOM LIVING

in a

FALLEN WORLD

MARCH 11-13, 2018

				
Dr. David Dockery	Nancy Guthrie	Will Harmon	Glen Johnson	Daniel Webster
<small>PRESIDENT Trinity Evangelical Divinity School/Trinity International University</small>	<small>AUTHOR AND BIBLE TEACHER</small>	<small>SENIOR PASTOR Cavanaugh Free Will Baptist Church Ft. Smith, AR</small>	<small>SENIOR PASTOR Good News Free Will Baptist Church Chesterfield, VA</small>	<small>DIRECTOR OF ENROLLMENT SERVICES Welch College</small>

UPCOMING CONFERENCE MEETINGS

- *Eastern Conference Meeting – Saturday, March 10th 9:30 AM New Prospect FWB Church Sheminally
- *True life Conference Meeting – Saturday March, 17 9:30 AM Mt. Calvary, FWB Church, Gastonia
- *South Carolina Conference Meeting – Friday, April 6th 7PM First FWB Church, Kingstree
- *Beaver Creek Conference Meeting – April 7th North Spartanburg FWB Church 9 AM

Eastern Conference Youth Rally Saturday April 28th: All churches and youth groups are invited {in or out of conference}. Church with most attendance wins the Attendance Banner. For every 10 people in attendance preacher Tommy Haselden will eat a hot dog (so if there's 200 people he has agreed to eat 20 hot dogs!). Please help us make this happen

Location: Black River Free Will Baptist Church in Andrews. Pastor Bruce Jones will be preaching the message. Fun and games will be provided starting at 1 p.m.



JUNIOR / TEEN CAMP

Junior Summer Camp will be July 30th through August 2nd. Teen Summer Camp will be a three day weekend on Friday July 27th through July 29th.

The theme for our summer camps this year is “Valuable” and the theme verse comes from 1st Peter chapter one verses 18 and 19
 Camps at Camp Pee Dee in Marion. More info coming soon! Please plan your VBS around these dates.

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Available or retired ministers to help supply the pulpit:

- Rev. Earl Hanna, Florence - (843) 617-7339
- 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
- Rev. Bennie Turner, Manning - (803) 473-0286
- Rev. John Cody, Rock Hill - (803) 323-7092
- Rev. Kenny Haselden - (843) 731-4842
- Rev. Jack Strickland - (843) 433-1874
- Rev. Odel Mouzon - (843) 382-3567
- Rev. Donald Davis - (864) 980-1068
- Rev. Westley Murray - (864) 595-7489
- Rev. David Henderson - (704) 616-2079

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Please Pray for the Speakers and the 10-15 thousand who will attend the Annual Conference in India March 8-11. God is moving in a great way and your covering prayers are important.