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Enter New Sanctuary At Inman



The First Free Will Baptist Church in Inman, S. C., went into their new sanctuary June 11. It is a beautiful building with a seating capacity of 540. The men of the church did a lot of the work themselves, and did a fine job.

Since they entered the new sanctuary in June until October 1, there have been 43 saved, 89 renewed their vows to the Lord, with many being baptized and joining the church.

The average attendance in August was 203. In September they averaged 214 and reached 284 October 1st.

They are running two church buses on Sunday with an average attendance of 92 riders. The bus workers are responsible for the wonderful average on the buses, according to the pastor, Rev. Earl Hendrix. Their bus workers are: Bus No. 1 — Thomas Fowler, driver; Bobby Gosnell, captain; Margaret Fowler, bus secretary. Bus No. 2 — Cecil Wilkins, driver; Hugh Covil, captain; Pat Covil, bus secretary.

The pastor of this growing church, Rev. Earl Hendrix, gives us a report on their fall revival. He says, "Brother Paul Sheehan was with us for a week's revival September 25 - October 1, and how God did bless. Bro. Sheehan preached with power and God blessed with over 80 coming forward for various reasons. He was a real blessing to the church and also in our home."

They also include that they enjoy receiving *The Informer*.

Rev. Kluyve Is Featured Speaker

The Director of Deputation of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions will be the featured speaker on Thursday evening, Nov. 16, at the evening worship service at Oak Grove F. W. B. Church, Conway.

Rev. Van Kluyve graduated from

F. W. B. Bible College, Nashville, in 1957. He has served in the Deputation Ministry of the Foreign Missions Department since 1967 when he was employed to supervise the state-side activities of the Foreign Missionaries.

Rev. Van Kluyve writes, "I am delighted to have the privilege of fellowshiping with you in November and South Carolina stands to be commended for their generous support for our Foreign Missions Ministry."

REV. FRED KIRBY

Rev. Fred Kirby will bring the message on Thursday morning at 11:00 a.m. Bro. Kirby is now organizing a church in Sumter, S. C. He comes from Georgetown, where he organized the Calvary F. W. B. Church.

Prior to his work in Georgetown, he also organized a church in Oklahoma. He is doing a wonderful work in Home Mission. He is serving as the Home Missions Field Director of the State of South Carolina.

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REV. VAN KLUYVE



REV. EARL HENDRIX

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Rev. Smith

The Program Committee has planned a wonderful program for this, the 30th Annual State Association. It is a rounded program of local, state and foreign concern. We will have the privilege to hear messages and reports from our local associations, state work and Foreign Ministry.

We will also be electing officers of the state for a period of two years.

There will be good preaching, singing, fellowshiping and testimonies. There will be slides of the different Home Mission work being done in the state shown on Thursday evening after

the Dutch supper. And everyone is invited to be present for the supper and to view the slides. Don't forget to bring your Mission Offering to the service Thursday evening. Our goal will be \$1,500.00. This is something we have never done before, and it sure would be real encouraging to reach this Missions goal.

We are looking forward to having a representative from each church to bring the Missions gift forward. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have every church in the state present a Mission offering? I believe we can do it. If no one from your church can attend the meeting, be sure to send in your letter with fees and your Thursday evening Missions offering. By all means be present in person, but if that is impossible, be represented by letter. Let's make this State Meeting a family affair. The state only meets once a year. Ask off your job for a couple of days and come and be a part of the blessings.

The Oak Grove Church is 10 miles west of Conway, S. C. (It is located two miles off 378 going from Lake City to Conway.) See you November 16-17.



Rev. Fred Kirby

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The speaker for Friday morning, Nov. 17, will be the Rev. James Hucks, Jr. He is the pastor of the Oak Grove F. W. B. Church, the host church for the State Association. A picture was not available.

The speakers for devotions will be: Thursday Morning — Rev. Tommy Godley; Thursday Afternoon — Rev. Bobby Smith; Friday Morning — Rev. James Pierce; Friday Afternoon — Rev. James Childers, Jr.

Supporters Of The Informer

I am finishing up four years as the editor of The Informer on Nov. 15. I am happy to report that this year has been the most enjoyable one of all. I have had the feeling that I am not in this job alone, that somebody else is interested in this work also. And it sure makes a difference. For all the news, and the contributions to The Informer, which made this a record-breaking year, we say "thanks a million." Below is a list of the Supporters of The Informer from September 15th to October 15th:

Horse Branch, Turbeville - - -	\$10.00	First Greenville - - - - -	\$15.00
Grace Mission, Fort Mill - - - -	6.00	F. W. B. Bible Church, Florence	10.00
First Florence - - - - -	10.00	Fairview Church, Spartanburg -	10.00
Lockhart, Lockhart - - - - -	5.00	Whitney, Spartanburg - - - -	50.00
New Hope, Woodruff - - - - -	6.00	South Avenue, Lancaster - - -	60.00
McCull Church, McColl - - - - -	5.00	First, Rock Hill - - - - -	5.00
Lebanon, Effingham - - - - -	15.00	Liberty, Manning - - - - -	20.00
Hillside, Florence - - - - -	15.00	Columbia Original, Columbia - -	5.00
St. John, Patrick - - - - -	60.00	First, Inman - - - - -	30.00
Sumter Mission - - - - -	15.00	Rev. Liston L. Williams, Sr. - - -	5.00
Rev. Wendell Ard - - - - -	5.00	Total Received - - - - -	\$362.00

TOP TEN SUNDAY SCHOOLS NAMED

We tried again to get the Top Ten Sunday Schools in our state, but we only heard from about 35 of our churches. There are a lot of folks interested in knowing the leading 10 Sunday Schools in our state. But for now we will list the Top Ten that responded to our request. Below is a list of the average attendance from August 1971 - July 1972, of these 10 churches that responded:

First Church, Florence - - - -	280	Horse Branch, Turbeville - - - -	221
South Avenue, Lancaster - - - -	216	First Church, Inman - - - - -	141
Whitney Church, Spartanburg - - -	131	Mullins Church, Mullins - - - -	120
New Prospect, Pamplico - - - - -	110	First Church, Chester - - - - -	108
F. W. B. Bible Church, Florence -	107	St. John, Patrick - - - - -	100

If your Sunday School averaged more than any of the above 10 — from August 1971 to July 1972 — please send us your average. We will run another Top Ten.

MORE CHURCH NEWS

JOHNSONVILLE, S. C.:

Thank God for a newspaper in South Carolina to inform the Free Will Baptists of the state what is going on in other churches. It always gives us hope and a will to try harder when we read of the good work of others. Also it's nice to know when we are in need of the prayers of others we have somewhere to send our request. May the Lord bless and help everyone who has a part in the work.

Reporter: T. M. Jones.

Pastor: Rev. Paul Clayton.

JEFFERSON, S. C.:

We at the Almetta Free Will Baptist Church experienced a great revival with six new converts and many rededications. We baptized nine and seven joined the church. We ask all to pray for God's leadership. We praise the Lord for opening the way for us to move into the community. We have wanted to do this for sometime. My new address is: Rev. Joe Mayers, P. O. Box 125, Jefferson, S. C. 29718.

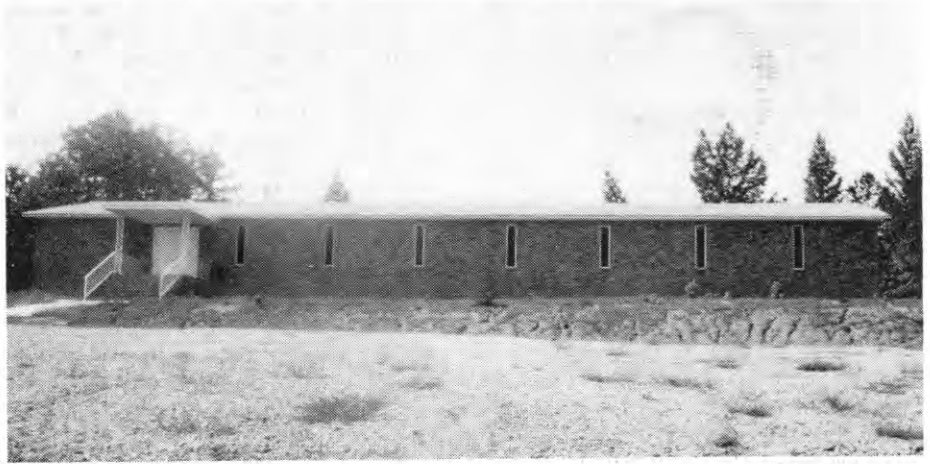
Lord's Blessings Seen At Calvary Mission

As pastor of the Calvary Free Will Baptist Mission at Union, S. C., I would like to share with you some of the blessings that our Heavenly Father has given unto us at this church.

First, let's go back into the beginning of the church history. In 1969, sometime around the first of the year, a family of Free Will Baptists moved to Union from Chester where they were members of the First Free Will Baptist Church there with Rev. J. B. Smith and his people. This fine family, namely the James Cook family, had a burden upon their heart for a church in Union, and in checking with the Mission Board they came to an agreement to begin having Sunday afternoon prayer meetings in their home with the Rev. Frank Cantrell, who was at that time pastor of the Lockhart Free Will Church, agreeing to conduct these services until the Lord led them to someone to come as the pastor of the flock and to begin the work. This Bro. Cantrell did along with the help of others until around November, 1969, when they called me as their pastor. At the time I was in the Enoree Free Will Church at Enoree, S. C. On November 23, 1969, the Mobile Chapel had been moved into Union and set up on the eight acres of land that the Mission Board had bought and we had our first services in the Chapel that day with 12 persons present and an offering of \$47.00.

After much prayer, work, sweat, visitation and preaching, the Mission Board drew up plans for a church building and after discussing and changing and finally settling down to what we wanted, then came the task of trying to secure the loan.

After about a year, yes it took us just about one year to do the job but we did not quit. Why? Our people had a mind to work and they worked so they could have a place to worship. Now praise God we have a building which is 98 ft. long and 32 ft. wide which is brick veneer and completely air-conditioned and duct heat with 10 Sunday School rooms, 2 baths, storage room, pastor's study, nursery, with the auditorium 78 x 22 with wall-to-wall carpeting on the floor of it and tile in



the rest of the area. It cost us some \$18,000.00 to build the church but it is valued at over \$45,000.00, plus we have bought and paid for a new piano at the cost of \$1,200.00 and \$2,300.00 for new furniture, \$500.00 for the tile and \$2,000.00 for land. And much more has been improved on the property. But with all this, only by the grace of God and His blessing were we able to go into our new building on April 16, 1972, with Rev. Allen Lemons of Enoree preaching the dedicatorial message. Even though it was a rainy day that day the house was full of our people and friends of all our other churches along with several invited special guests. I could talk to you from now on about the love of God and what He has done for us here but as the song says and you can see for yourself, "Little Is Much If God Is In It."

Would like to just tell you a little about the attendance. As we have already stated, our first service we had 12 persons. As you know that in the Mobile Chapel it was a little on the crowded side even with just a few people and it took us a long time to grow but after we got into our build-

ing we began to move.

In May of this year we had Rev. J. B. Smith of Chester with us in revival and ever since then there has not been a Sunday that someone new has not been to church. Now even though these new folk do come you know that when you get one new one in it seems as though you have to work that much harder to get the others to come on in also. Anyway as the Sundays go by we began to pick up and for the month of August we broke our records. The last Sunday we had 68 for Sunday School, which is the largest number that we have had so far but God is going to give us many, many more yet. But then the next week we only had 55 in Sunday School but broke our offering record. We had an offering of \$305.00, for which we say praise the Lord.

We feel like that with the Beaver Creek Association and the Home Mission Board along with all the individual churches that had a hand in it and also with the fine preaching of Rev. Benny Turner that the evangelistic crusade that was held in Union the last week of June this year really helped us to get off to a good start.

Once again I say praise God for everything He has done because without Him this would not have been, but it goes to show us that with Him all things are possible. We ask that each of you remember us in your prayers that God will continue to bless us and use us here at the church to win many souls for Him.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Jack Elders



CHURCH NEWS

HEMINGWAY, S. C.:

We folks at Williams Hill enjoy and appreciate knowing we have a Free Will Baptist periodical in our State of South Carolina.

I guess our church is one of the oldest Free Will Baptist churches in the state. Founded in 1910 by Gailliard Williams, on faith. Being one of the senior members I can truthfully say, we may not have one of the largest memberships, but we have always had that faithful few that we can depend on. I have never known a Lord's day to pass that we did not have enough present to have services in more than 50 years, unless there was a death or funeral. There has been many a soul redeemed through the precious Blood of the Lamb from time to time here. Many have already gone to meet their rewards. Others are laboring in many areas where they have moved for various reasons, but they still seem to enjoy coming back home where they first met the Lord.

The Lord has seen fit to call from our number three members this year, all dear saints, but He has also added a few more to our number to help keep the works going. We have weathered many a storm, but the Lord has helped us to overcome thus far and we believe Williams Hill will still be striving for the victory when Jesus comes back for His own. Truly He must be coming soon. Faith is the victory, and it won't be long until we and all God's people will be united and reunited together for eternity. Thank God for that blessed hope. Pray for us that we will ever work together in unity and love until He comes.

Reporter: Mrs. H. C. Simmoni

ANDREWS, S. C.:

The Lord has wonderfully blessed us here at Antioch Free Will Baptist Church. The church had been closed for about 12 years, but being led by the Lord, we had our first service one Sunday evening in July. The attendance was 24. A few of these were visitors from Happy Home Church. Now we have Sunday School, evening services and Wednesday night prayer meeting. The church is supporting itself. I am sure that if we obey the Lord, and do His will, He will bless us, for "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Remember us in your prayers.

Pastor: Rev. Wendell Ard.

CLOVER, S. C.:

Here is a little news, and some announcements for The Informer. Our

church here at Clover is buying a bus and will soon have it on the run for Jesus. Our revival started October 15 with the Rev. Donald Seay as the evangelist.

Our church is growing, for which we praise the Lord. We have a big Gospel Singing the second Saturday night in each month.

Reporter: Mr. John Kiser.

Pastor: Rev. Mitchell Davis.

MANNING, S. C.:

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Manning appreciates The Informer, as we feel it helps us to be more in unity for the cause of Christ.

We are proud of our stand for Christ as a witness to His cause. Please remember us in your prayers that we may always be in the center of God's will.

Pastor: Rev. L. T. Williams, Sr.

WOODRUFF, S. C.:

New Hope Free Will Baptist Church is sending you the information you asked for. We also have some information for The Informer. The New Hope F. W. B. Church had a week-end revival meeting, Oct. 6-8, with the Rev. Burleson of Asheville as the evangelist. Rev. John Suttle is pastor of the church. If we can be of further help please let us know. May God bless you in your work. Please find check enclosed for The Informer.

Reporter: Landrum E. Pike.

FLORENCE, S. C.:

We at Hillside Free Will Baptist Church in Florence are happy to announce that we have a new pastor, Rev. Gene Ramsey.

Rev. and Mrs. Ramsey and their seven-year-old daughter, Kelly, came

to Florence in August. They are originally from Rockingham, N. C. He recently pastored at Salem F. W. B. Church in Coward, S. C.

We desire everyone's prayers that the Lord will bless us at Hillside and that our church will continue to grow in Christ.

We enjoy reading The Informer. It has many blessings in it for us. Enclosed is a check for \$15.00, and we would like to have 35 copies sent to our church.

Reporter: Joseph A. Timmons.

Pastor: Rev. Gene Ramsey.

CHERAW, S. C.:

We here at Faith Free Will Baptist Church experienced a good revival which started September 25th. We had 10 saved in last two weeks. We have nine to baptize. We have had 15 to join the church. Rev. Erine Sansbury of Oates, S. C., was the evangelist for our revival.

Pastor: Rev. Colston Moore.

SPARTANBURG, S. C.:

The Fairview Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg reports a good revival with Rev. Clarence Ballew as the evangelist.

Our pastor, Rev. L. H. Clayton, was the speaker in revival services in Lancaster, S. C., and Kannapolis, N. C., where he saw more than 70 souls coming to the altar.

God is surely blessing us at Fairview for which we give Him the praise. We are in the process of adding an auditorium onto our church. It is coming along fine.

Reporter: Margaret King.

Pastor: Rev. L. H. Clayton.

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