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National Home Missions

Receipts to National Home Missions as of December 12, 1972, are \$265,959.88. This exceeds our 1972 quota by \$40,959.88. By the end of December, this year, National Home Mission giving should exceed the 1972 quota well over \$50,000.00. This is a real praise item. The National Home Mission Office and the Home Mission Board give thanks and appreciation to those of our denomination who helped to make this possible. We give God the glory!

BUS BULLETIN:

The Bus Bulletin is in the process of finding the "10 Largest Bus Ministries" in the United States among Free Will Baptists. If you are interested send your average for October, November and December, 1972. The mailing deadline will be January 31, 1973. The address is:

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Front: Ronda Sealy; first row, Debra Benton, Joni White, Julie Hutchinson, Janet Harris; second row, Susan Mathis, Janet Poston, Carol White, Cheryl Mathis, Barbara Hutchinson, Ettaphine Hyman.

South Carolina Winners

The enclosed snapshot is that of the youth of South Carolina who competed and won one of the top three places in their category in the National Youth Competitive Activities. These young people proved to all the others that they were worthy of representing South Carolina.

Miss Debra Benton of Charleston won the National Sword Drill, Miss Ronda Sealy of Darlington won the Adventurer Declaration, Misses Joni White, Janet Harris, Julie Hutchinson and Cheryl Mathis of Charleston won Bible Tic Tac Toe. Misses Janet Poston, Barbara Hutchinson and Ettaphine Hyman of Pamplico won second place in Bible Bowl, just 15 points behind the

North Carolina team.

In the essay competition Miss Carol White of Charleston won first place in the Heralds group and Miss Susan Mathis of Charleston placed third in the Crusaders group.

We are also proud of Miss Trudy Powell and Miss Jan Stone of Johnsonville who represented us in the Crusader and Herald declamation contests, respectively.

Our thanks are hereby expressed to those individuals and churches who made contributions to help these young people go to Ft. Worth to represent South Carolina.

May God bless these young people as they continue to live for Him.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Rev. Smith

November 16-17 closed out another year of the work of Free Will Baptists in the State of South Carolina. At the State Association we heard reports of progress from all our departments. There were Missions started and others organized into churches. Our Children's Home, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Sheehan, made great progress. (Bro. Sheehan says, "May God bless everyone that remembered me in prayer during my illness.") He is getting along fine now. The State Promotional Secretary's Office broke all previous records. We made progress

in our total giving to our National Home and Foreign Missions goals. For all this we say, to God be the glory, great things He hath done.

As we are beginning a New Year let us resolve to make it the best year in the history of Free Will Baptists in the State of South Carolina. There is much to be accomplished and time is short. Jesus is soon coming. Let us "Work the works of Him that sent us while it is day, for night cometh when no man can work." Happy New Year!



WILLIE JUSTICE

New Pastor At Florence

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence, S. C., has secured as its new pastor, Willie Justice.

Brother Justice comes to us from the Hookerton, N. C., church. Before accepting the Mt. Calvary Church in Hookerton, he was pastor of the Florence, Alabama, church for 10 years.

Brother Justice is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College. He and his wife, Shirley, reside at 1413 King Ave., Florence, along with their children, Lawanda, Lisa and Dale.

SETS NEW RECORD

The First Free Will Baptist Church, 1507 King Ave., Florence, S. C., just recently completed an attendance drive entitled "Race for Space." Each class in the Sunday School was challenged to race against the other classes to increase their attendance over a four-week period.

The average attendance during the four-week period was 378. The highest attendance was on the final day when the Sunday School record was broken by a crowd of 441. There were 15 saved in the morning service.

The church now has three bus routes. Also, the church sponsors a Christian School, grades 6-12. Willie Justice is the pastor.



God Sends Revival

The New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church of Route 2, Pamplico, S. C., praises the Lord for a wonderful heaven-sent revival. The picture shows part of the forty-five souls that came and confessed Christ as their Lord and Savior. The revival began September 17 and lasted three weeks as the Holy Spirit converted mothers and dads, boys and girls to give their hearts to the Lord. We praise the Lord for the saving power of God. What a joy it was to baptize forty-two precious souls for the glory of God. Pray that the revival will live forever and many more will be won to the Lord. — Pastor, Rev. Joe Cagle.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Sirs:

Recently in their board meeting, the National Home Mission Board voted to grant Rev. Fred McCoy the privilege to buy a used Volkswagen to use in his work in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

I am asking each of you to print in your paper a request for funds for the Volkswagen. The money is to be sent to the National Home Mission Office, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202, earmarked "McCoy Vehicle." The amount of money needed is around \$700.00. Perhaps one church, Women's Auxiliary, or an individual could give this amount. This is a real need right now for the McCoy's.

I want to thank you for printing this. Also, I want to thank you for what you have done for us in the past. I feel that you have helped the National Home Mission Department very much by printing the articles we send to you.

May the Lord bless you and your work for Him.

Sincerely in Christ,
E. B. Ledlow,
Director of Field Personnel

Church News

CONVERSE, S. C.:

Converse is still busy working for the Lord and continuing to make progress. We have plans to start carpeting our church this week. We would like for you to remember us in your prayers as we try to do the Lord's work. We're thankful for our pastor and the wonderful work he is doing for the church and the people. Keep him in your prayers, too.

Reporter: Georgia Fay
Pastor: Rev. Troy Balwin

PAMPLICO, S. C.:

Some of the recent events at Mt. Elon include: A revival with Evangelist Eustace Riggs, October 1-8; Missionary Sherwood Lee conducted services October 22; Alpha Theta Pi Quartet of Bob Jones University conducted services November 18, and the church voted to purchase cushions for the pews on November 26.

Some of the upcoming events include homecoming on April 15 and the Spring Revival with Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Sr., April 15-22.

Reporter: Mrs. A. J. Turner, Jr.
Pastor: Rev. Bobby Glenn Smith

HEMINGWAY, S. C.:

Poplar Hill of Hemingway reports their revival in September proved to be



Welcome Home Hannas

In spite of the cold day, the First Free Will Baptist Church in Charleston Heights, S. C., had a wonderful group from their church to welcome our missionaries, the Carlisle Hannas, home. They arrived at the Charleston Airport on Wednesday, November 22.

Rev. Hanna and the boys seemed to be very tired, but glad to be home, to join Mrs. Hanna, who had arrived earlier.

The Hannas have served in India for the past several years and have had a wonderful ministry there. You are encouraged to remember them and their work in India in your prayers.

Supporters Of The Informer

As we are beginning a New Year, and it's time once again to make up the budget, I trust each church will put The Informer in the budget. I would like to report at the next State Association that we received support for The Informer from every church that is a member of the State Association. If your church supported The Informer last year, increase your giving; if you did not support The Informer last year, do your best to start this year. We would like for everybody to have a part in this work. We received over \$1,500.00 for The Informer last year. With just a little effort from each church we can reach \$2,500.00 this year. Twenty-five churches could reach this goal with a \$100.00 check each. Will your church be number one on the list? Below is a list of those giving since November 15 through December 15.

Valley Falls - - - -	\$15.00	Rev. Wendall Ard - - - -	\$10.00
F. W. B. Bible Church - - - -	5.00	Horse Branch - - - -	5.00
Mt. Elon Church - - - -	10.00	Sumter Mission - - - -	5.00
Greer Mission - - - -	2.00	Grace Mission - - - -	8.00
Bethany Church - - - -	60.00	Fair View - - - -	10.00
		Almetta Church - - - -	5.00
Total Received - - - -	\$135.00		

a real blessing. Rev. Earl Johnson from Raines F. W. B. Church was the evangelist. He did some wonderful preaching. The attendance was good. Sixteen made confessions and it seemed that everyone attending got a real blessing.

We also wish to report we had a wonderful day with the Lord October 8. We had homecoming and the children

from the Home were with us. Dinner was served at noon. There was good fellowship and some good singing.

The building of our new sanctuary is coming along nicely. Everyone is working together and enjoying the good Christian fellowship while they are working.

Reporter: W. R. Calcutt
Pastor: Rev. Mircheal Jones



REV. ADAM SCOTT

CHURCH NEWS

JOHNSONVILLE, S. C.:

On Sunday, September 10, we had our homecoming. The Lord having richly blessed us, we set aside this day to give our blessings to the Lord. Services began at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School. There were 112 present. The Choir rendered two songs before the morning message, brought by the pastor, Rev. Paul Clayton.

At 12:30 dinner was served in the Fellowship Hall. Many of our former members and friends joined us. At 2:30 there was a special singing. The special guests were the New Prospect Trio. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Marrell Cook on the guitar and piano. They also sung, and were joined by Rev. and Mrs. Gene Ramsey and daughter; Miss Gwen Jones, Mrs. Frances Paston and daughter, Robin, from Hillside F. W. B. Church. The Mill Branch Quartet and the Ard Sisters were also on the program.

On September 30, Mill Branch hosted the Sunday School Convention of the Eastern District. The theme was "Harvest Time." There were approximately 200 present, seven ministers, five superintendents of Sunday Schools and ten teachers. Mill Branch had the highest per cent and kept the banner for most in attendance.

Rev. Joseph Cagle brought the morning message on the topic "Reapers." Rev. Wendal Ard gave the evening devotions on the topic "Harvesters." We had a wonderful day.

Reporter: T. M. Jones

Pastor: Rev. Paul Clayton

STATE MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP:

FEB. 13-14,

1st CHURCH, INMAN, S. C.

Rev. Adam Scott, the President of the South Carolina State Ministers' Fellowship, encourages every minister in the state to make plans to attend the Fellowship meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Inman, S. C., February 13-14.

THE PROGRAM

Tuesday, February 13—

- 9:00 - 10:00 Fellowship — Coffee, Doughnuts
- 10:00 - 10:30 Praise and Song — Rev. Adam Scott in charge
- 10:30 - 11:30 Morning Worship — Rev. Joe Cagle
- 11:30 - 2:00 Lunch and Fellowship
- 2:00 - 3:00 Panel Discussions — Cults
 - A. Bahai — Rev. Mike Jones
 - B. Demons — Rev. William Sealy
- 7:00 - Until Evening Worship — Rev. Earl Hendricks, Host Church
- Evening Message — Rev. Willie Justice

Wednesday, February 14—

- 9:00 - 10:30 Fellowship
- 10:30 - 11:00 Pastoral Problems — Rev. James Childers in charge
- 11:00 - 12:00 Worship Service
 - Message — Rev. Norwood Gibson

Activities available during Fellowship time: Golf, ping pong and others. Every minister in the state needs to have at least one and a half days off from his work in order to fellowship with his fellow ministers in the state. Make your plans to enjoy this time of fellowship. The First F. W. B. Church in Inman is located on Blackstock Road.

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