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## State Elects Officers

Pictured above are the State officers who were re-elected this past State Association. From left to right: Pastor Billy Poteat, Pamlico Church, Pamlico, Assistant Treasurer; A. C. Allen, member of Lebanon Church, Effingham; Pastor Irvin Hyman, Bethany Church, Timmonsville, Clerk; Pastor Sam Truett, First Church, Kingstree, Assistant Moderator; Pastor Ansel Smith, South Avenue Church, Lancaster, Moderator. Not pictured: Pastor Joe Cagle, New Prospect Church, Pamlico, Assistant Clerk; Pastor Earl Hendrix, First Church, Inman, State Promotional Secretary. Pray for your State leaders that God will direct them as they seek to advance the cause of Christ in our State.

## State Association News

Thursday morning, November 14, the State Association started with registration at 9:00 A.M. The meeting convened at the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Timmonsville. The Morning Devotion was brought by Home Missionary Paul Reid, Greenwood, S. C. Scripture reading was taken from Galatians 4:1-16.

Moderator Ansel Smith gave the Moderator's message from Matthew 12:25-26 on the subject "Together We Stand, Divided We Fall." A wonderful message encouraging each Association and Conference that make up the State Association to major on the majors and minor on the minors. We have common ground that each of us can work from, namely: The Bible as God's Inspired Word; Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God as our Saviour and Redeemer that was born of a Virgin and is coming again; Soul-Winning as the way God chose to propagate Salvation through His Son. We should have as a common goal to evangelize our state with the theme "5 More in '75" to go along with the 98 churches and missions we have now.

After a break, we heard a tremendous message by Assistant Moderator Sam Truett. My, was this message Spirit anointed as Pastor Truett preached from Galatians 2:20 with the subject being "The Key To Successful Christian Living." Mr. Truett pointed out that we should leave our flesh on the Cross and not let our desires and passions take it down. Also, we should trust our faith and not our feeling, for our feeling will deceive us, but faith is something that will last no matter what comes.

Then, we broke for lunch that was prepared by the ladies of the South Carolina Conference. Wasn't that hash great? Well, the entire meal was.

The afternoon devotional was brought by Pastor Bill Poteat. His thoughts were on Prayer taken from Luke 22:39-44. Reports were given by State and National officers. The fel-

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### MIRIAM BENTON IN WHO'S WHO

Miss Miriam Benton has been elected to be included in the next edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

She graduated from Aynor High School in 1969 and received an associate degree in Secretarial Science from Horry-Georgetown Tec. in 1970. She entered Free Will Baptist

Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. in 1972 where she is majoring in Bible, and will graduate in May 1975. She is presently serving as secretary-treasurer of the student council.

Miss Benton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Benton, Jr. of Route 1, Aynor and is a member of the Mt. Ariel Free Will Baptist Church, Conway, S. C.



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State Association News

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1974 State Association is now history. There were steps of progress with several things to come up next year after the various committees make their study, and report back. Although there were steps of progress, the attendance was certainly not a step forward. We had less than 100 delegates and ministers.

Pastors, part of our calling is to be faithful in the Lord's work. As Free Will Baptists, we have a duty to our Lord and denomination. We want our denomination to stay pure and not become liberal; therefore, it is imperative that each of us tend to the Master's Business. There is a certain safety in numbers. Dear Pastor, next year November 13-14, 1975, at South Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Lancaster, South Carolina the Thirty-Third Annual Session of the State Association will convene at 9:00 A.M. Will you plan now to attend? ? ?

Please send your news to the State Promotional Secretary. The 20th of each even month (December, February, April, June, August, and October) is the dead-line for news.

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lowship was great and it was good to talk with old friends. We had men from the Sunday School Department (Bill Foster), the Church Training Service (Jonathan Thigpen), the Foreign Missions (General Director, J. Reford Wilson) and Free Will Baptist Bible College (Paul Ketterman). We were blessed to have our good brother, Ronald Creech from the state of North Carolina.

The Evening Service started with Home Missions slides shown by Home Missionary Paul Reid. The singing was wonderful. The Maranatha Glee Club from First Church, Florence made each of us thank God for our youth.

The Evening Message was preached by Foreign Missions General Director J. Reford Wilson. He brought a heart-stirring message from Matthew 28:18-20. This was a blessed service as Director Wilson related how a Japanese man was saved because of Free Will Baptist faithful witness. He stated that this was happening in our missions fields everywhere.

Friday morning's session started at 9:30 a.m. with Devotions being read from Luke 21:25 by Pastor Paul Clayton. He said that the members of our church are to be like the sun, moon, and stars. We are to give off light.

Then we had a brief business period for several committees and board to report. Afterward, following a break, Pastor Seldon Bullard brought the morning message using Matthew 16:13-20 "I Will Build My Church." He stated that there are four things the Church should build on: 1. The Rock (Christ), 2. The Word (The Bible), 3. Christian Service, 4. In the Spirit. A wonderful message.

Lunch again was served by the South Carolina Association ladies (Thanks, ladies!)

The afternoon devotion was led by Pastor Joe Wallis. The Scripture was taken from Genesis 18:16-19:1.

The business was again taken up and highlighted by the election of officers to serve 1974-1975.

Several points of interest should be worth notice: (1) The State voted for the Executive Committee to make a study of text books used in our public schools. (2) The Moderator is to meet with the Church Loan Board this Associational year. (3) The question was raised about what is needed to increase interest in our State Association. (4) The State Moderator, the Church Training Service Director, and the Women's Auxiliary State President to study the possibility of a joint yearly meeting. This report will be given at the next Annual Association that will meet November 13-14, 1975 at the South Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Lancaster, S. C.



Pictured is the Thursday night speaker: Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Foreign Missions General Director.



Pictured is the Maranatha Glee Club from the Christian Day School of First Church, Florence. Willie Justice is the pastor and his wife directed the Glee Club singing. Scott Singletary, National Youth Winner, sang a wonderful lead part in one of the songs.

#### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas, some textbooks in our public school systems seem to be anti-American, anti-religious and immoral, be it therefore resolved that pastors and parents make it their responsibility to know what our young people and children are being taught and be willing to openly expose such literature.

#### REPORT OF PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

Due to the overall moral laxity of this present world age, we, your Public Morals Committee, makes the following recommendations:

1. Those who editorialize on T.V. and in newspapers about the morals of others should first of all "remove the beam from their own eye" that they then could see how to help others. For example, their use of profane language, misrepresentation of sexual relationships, placing wrong emphasis on sexual appetites, and promotion of alcoholic beverages.
2. That Biblical standards of dress and conduct should be stressed in our churches with special emphasis placed on standards of courtship and marriage.
3. That we continue to stress our stand against all sexual impurity with special emphasis placed against Homosexuality and Lesbianism.
4. That regardless of the social drinking of our national leaders, we, as a body continue our stand against all drinking of intoxicating beverages.



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**PAST STATE MODERATOR RECOGNIZED**

Norwood Gibson was given a special plaque of appreciation for his leadership as Moderator of our State. Assistant Moderator Sam Truett stated, "Norwood Gibson led our State in four crucial years." (Editor's Note: Our Dear Brother is having serious health problems and needs our prayers. Remember him, will you?)

**SPECIAL MISSION OFFERINGS**

The Special Mission offerings were far below the \$1500.00 goal. The Mission offerings were only \$463.64. If you or your church did not make a contribution and would like to do so, you may send your gift to: A. C. Allen, Treasurer, Route 2, Effingham, South Carolina. This Mission Offerings will be equally divided six ways--Each Conference's home missions; Foreign Missions; and State Promotional Office. This was, by far, our lowest Mission Offerings.

**CHURCH SEEKS BEER, WINE, LIQUOR LICENSE**

DENVER, Colo. (AP)--The Rev. Frederick McCallin has applied for a beer, wine and liquor license for the suburban parish of St. Thomas More Roman Catholic church.

Father McCallin wants to open a restaurant, complete with drinks, where he says parishioners may dine in a Christian environment."

The proposed restaurant would be located across the lobby from the 1,000-member church's temporary chapel. A permanent chapel will be built sometime in the future on the parish's sprawling 40-acre suburban site.

No name for the restaurant has been chosen, although Father McCallin would like to call it "Padre."

State Liquor Division assistant chief Mike Kennedy said he knows of no law against a church holding a permanent liquor license, but admits that in his 22 years in the department, he's never issued one. -Spartanburg Herald

# OPERATION PARTNERSHIP

At the 1973 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Macon, Georgia, Executive Secretary Rufus Coffey was authorized to launch a campaign to pay off the indebtedness on the National Offices Building. This campaign is now being launched under the title of OPERATION PARTNERSHIP. Dr. J. D. O'Donnell will be the campaign coordinator.

The goal of OPERATION PARTNERSHIP will be to raise \$150,000.00 to pay off the indebtedness on the National Offices Building.

OPERATION PARTNERSHIP will benefit all the departments of work now housed in the building. These include the Foreign Missions Department, the Home Missions and Church Extension Department, the Sunday School Department (Randall Bookstore), the Woman's Auxiliary, and Executive Church Bonds.

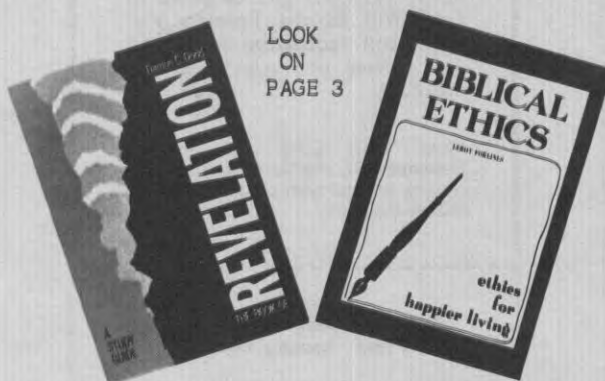
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