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## South Carolina State Association

### Children's Home Day Great Success

The annual  
"Children's Home  
Day", at Free Will  
Baptist Children's



**EARL HENDRIX**

Home, Turbeville, SC, was held on Saturday,  
November 7. About 350 people attended the  
event. Commodities valued at \$3,000.00 and  
about \$5,500.00 in cash gifts were received.

The home's new superintendent and house  
mother, Rev. and Mrs. James (Carolyn)  
Wilhide moved into the home and took  
charge of their new ministry on Labor Day,  
September 7. Brother James had lots of help  
from some of his former congregation at  
High Point FWB Church, Lancaster, SC in  
loading their belongings on a U-Haul truck.  
Many of these came to Turbeville to help  
unload the truck and put the items in place.  
Help also came from New Vision FWB  
Church, Hemingway, Tabernacle FWB  
Church, Coward and Pamplico FWB Church,  
Pamplico.

A tremendous amount of renovation work  
has been done to the home's facilities. Some  
prior to the Wilhide's moving in and some  
afterwards. The entire administration  
building, including the kitchen and dining  
hall was completely painted. The dining hall  
was redecorated with new curtains and  
blinds. The superintendent quarters on the  
second story level was completely  
redecorated; new carpet, each room painted  
with the desired color with a wall paper  
border around the top wall section; some  
wall paper put in area's and new curtains.  
Carpet was also installed on the ground floor  
hallway and stairway. Except for the carpet,  
all other materials, curtains and labor were  
donated by folks from the High Point church.  
Some den and living room furniture has been  
given to the home which has added beauty

Thursday-Friday  
**FEBRUARY 4-5**  
**First FWB Church**  
**2624 West**  
**Palmetto Street**  
**Florence, SC**

*Danny Howell, Pastor*  
**See Inside Program For**  
**Complete Information**



**DINING HALL PACKED OUT FOR THE  
SERVICE AND DINNER MEAL**

and comfort to the lounge area and dining  
hall. The appearance of the dorms has been  
improved with some painting, new curtains  
and window blinds. The renovating work to  
up-grade the home is not finished. It will  
continue until every area has been brought  
up to par, according to Brother Wilhide.

New dorm parents for the boys, Rev. and  
Mrs. William (Fran) Porter came to the home  
in late September and they have been  
extremely helpful in the repair, clean up and  
renovation work, as well as supervising the  
boys. Lori Bartlett, who grew up in the home  
and has attended FWB Bible College for two  
years is the dorm supervisor for the girls and  
has been a tremendous help in all the work  
taking place at the home. She plans to  
return to FWB Bible College for the Spring  
semester.

In addition to the staff the Wilhides had a  
lot of volunteer workers to make the last

minute preparation for the "Children's Home  
Day." The helpers included former residents  
of the home, folks from High Point Church,  
family members of the Wilhides and the  
Porters, and some folks from First FWB  
Church, Greenville.

Before the morning service guided tours of  
the home were given by the resident children  
for the visitors. Earl Hendrix, pastor of First  
FWB Church, Inman, SC was the guest  
speaker for the morning worship service.  
Special singing was rendered by Mrs. Dianne  
Hamrick and the Vision Gospel group, both  
from High Point FWB Church.

After the service the large congregation  
was treated, compliments of the home, to a  
good ole "Southern Pork Bar-B-Que dinner  
with all the trimmings.

**BROTHER WILHIDE ASKED THAT YOU BE  
REMINDED THAT THIS IS YOUR  
CHILDREN'S HOME AND THAT YOU ARE  
WELCOME TO DROP IN ANYTIME AND  
FELLOWSHIP WITH THE CHILDREN AND  
TOUR THE FACILITIES.**

The Wilhides and their staff are doing a  
tremendous job at the home in improving the  
facilities, but also in training and caring for  
the children. Two new children have been  
received recently with more expected to  
come.



**L-R RICKY WILHIDE, DIANNE HAMERICK  
(BOTH MEMBERS OF VISION GOSPEL  
GROUP) AND JAMES WILHIDE, HOME  
SUPERINTENDENT.**

## Moore Thoughts On Missions

By Ron Moore, Missionary  
Ivory Coast, West Africa

(PART 8 OF "GOD'S PLAN AND PURPOSE THROUGH THE AGES")

As we have seen in our brief Biblical survey, **God's purpose and plan for man throughout the ages has been to fill the earth with a people who reflect His glorious image.** Creation, the flood, the confusion of languages at Babel, the call of Abraham and Moses, God's work through the prophets, the Incarnation, the Great Commission, and the Spirit's empowering of the Early Church all illustrates His firm resolve to bring it to pass.

Although it has not been accomplished, the Lord gives us a glimpse of His completed plan in Revelation 11:15--"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever." What a glorious thought! **The purpose of God in creation will be realized at Christ coming!** There will be a new heaven and a new earth filled with a people who reflect the praise, honor, and glory of their Creator.

Satan's attempt to frustrate God's plan through the entrance of sin into the world will not succeed. Man's rebellion against God will not thwart His purpose. The Christian's disobedience to the Great Commission will not alter the outcome. When Christ returns, **"every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord of lords and King of kings."**

We shouldn't let this truth lull us into idleness, however. The guaranteed success of God's plan does not justify our lack of commitment to world evangelism. We need to remember that we will all appear before the Judgement Seat of Christ and give an account of our faithfulness, or lack thereof. **If we do not want to be ashamed at His appearing, then we must be dedicated to accomplishing the task for which He gave His life.**

What will Jesus say to us when we stand before Him in that day? To some he may say, "I have asked you to pray the Lord of Harvest that He would send forth laborers, but you have withheld your children." To others He might disappointingly respond, "I have commanded you to go into all the world and preach the gospel, but you were too embarrassed to proclaim my name at home." He might rebuke many with words, "I have commanded you to lay up treasures in heaven and to send the gospel to the ends of the earth, but you have spent your treasures

to live in comfort and ease. **"In that day he might well ask each of us, "why did you do so little to fill the earth with a people who reflect the glorious image of God?"**



## Free Will Baptist Bible College Briefs

**TWO S.C. STUDENTS ON MID-SEMESTER DEANS LIST.** Seventy students were listed on the mid-semester Deans list, which included two South Carolina students. They are: Aimee Floyd, Senior "B" Honor Roll, Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville and Kristi Hanna, Sophomore "B" Honor Roll, Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville.

**RECORD NUMBER ATTEND FALL WELCOME DAYS.** A record 346 prospective students and their sponsors attended the college's Fall Welcome Days, November 19-21. The previous fall record was set in 1981 with 255 present.

**SPRING WELCOME DAYS.** This event is scheduled for April 1-3, 1993

**SPRING BIBLE CONFERENCE, MARCH 7-11.** Conference speakers are: Dr. T. V. Farris, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, in Memphis, TN; Rev. Joe Grizzle, pastor of First FWB Church, Norman OK; Dr. Paul Harrison, pastor of Cross Timbers FWB Church, Nashville, TN; Rev. Wayne Phillips, pastor of Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River MO and Rev. Fred Warner, Director of Missionary/Church Relations for the FWB Foreign Missions Department, Nashville, TN.

## White Savannah Host Central's Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Central Association was hosted by White Savannah FWB Church, Conway, SC on Saturday, December 5.

James Herring, pastor of Sweet Home FWB Church, Socastee gave the morning devotion. Leroy Lowery, a relatively newcomer to the association and pastor of Southside FWB Church, Darlington, SC delivered the morning message in the morning worship hour. His message was entitled "What Are You Doing Under The Juniper Tree", from First Kings 19:4. It was a tremendous and timely message for discouraged preachers and a measure of prevention for those who may be faced with this dart of Satan in the future.

Two state ministry representatives, James Wilhide, Children's Home Superintendent and Norwood Gibson, Promotional Director, and Ron Moore, foreign missionary to Ivory

Coast, West Africa, attended the meeting. Each of them was given time to report on their ministry.

Two resolutions were passed; one from the Temperance Committee, reminding Free Will Baptist of Biblical morality and encouraging them to abide by it, and one from the Resolutions Committee expressing opposition to abortion and homosexuality.

The body voted to give \$500.00 to the Promotional Office Property fund. The association had previously given \$500.00 which makes a total gift of \$1,000.00.

Officers elected to serve the association for the year 1993 are: Theron Scott, Moderator; Tony Miles, Assistant Moderator; Benny Inman, Clerk; Jimmy Brown, Assistant Clerk; Larry Bell, Treasurer; Billy Wayne Baker, Assistant Treasurer and Roy Martin, Executive Board Member.

The host church served the conferees a delicious country dinner with a variety of desserts. Ray Cribb is pastor of the host church.

## Eastern Conference Holds Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Eastern conference of South Carolina FWB Churches was hosted by Happy Home FWB Church, Andrews, SC, on Saturday, December 19. Jerry Franklin is the pastor.

Ralph Brown, pastor of St. Johns FWB Church, Lake City delivered the morning devotion. Johnny Evans, pastor of Freedom FWB Church, Ladson, SC delivered the message in the morning worship hour.

The body reelected the slate of officers that served the conference in 1992. They are: Pastor Murrell Young, Moderator; Pastor Larry McAlister, Assistant Moderator; Mr. Carlisle Jones, Clerk and Treasurer; Pastor Jerry Franklin, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer and Pastor Buddy Seay, Reading Clerk.

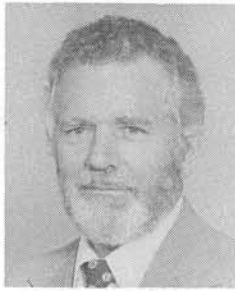
The next quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, January 23, at Olanta FWB Church. The pastor is Murrell Young.

## First McColl Winner In Fall SS Campaign

First Free Will Baptist Church, McColl, SC took 4th place in Division G of the Randall House Fall Sunday School Campaign, "Go For The Goal". Their 1991 Fall average attendance was 64 and their 1992 Fall average attendance was 104.5. This reflects a 63.2% increase. The church ranked 5th in the top 10 churches in the nation in percentage increase.

We commend Pastor Joe Wilks and his congregation for this fine accomplishment.

## Saverance To Lebanon



Pastor Reedy Saverance began his second tenure as pastor of Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham, SC on Sunday, December 20. He began his 40 year pastoral ministry with the Lebanon Church in 1953.

Brother Reedy is a native South Carolinian from the Timmonsville area of Florence County.

He is a 1953 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Bible and a minor in Christian Education.

Former pastorates, in the order he served, are: Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham, SC; Willoughby FWB Church, Warren, AR; First FWB Church, Manning, SC; Cherryvale FWB Church, Sumter, SC; Mt. Elon FWB Church, Pamplico, SC; First FWB Church, Miami FL; Southwest FWB Mission Church, Miami, FL; Emmanuel FWB Church, Jacksonville, FL; Mt. Elon FWB Church, Pamplico, SC; Cedar Springs FWB Church, Cedar Springs, GA and Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville, SC.

He is married to the former Edra Welch, also a native of Timmonsville, SC. They have five daughters and two sons, all of whom are married; and 12 grandchildren.

May God grant them a long and fruitful ministry with the Lebanon Church.

## Oates Calls Rice As Pastor



Oates Free Will Baptist Church, in the community of Oates, SC, has called James B. Rice as their pastor. He assumed the pastorate on Sunday, September 13.

Brother Rice was born in Detroit, Michigan, lived 5 years in Oklahoma and then his folks moved to Georgia. He came to South Carolina in 1969 to accept the pastorate of Lockhart FWB Church, Lockhart, SC, and has ministered in the state since that time.

His first pastorate was with New Zion FWB Church near Waycross, GA. After 3 years of service to the Lockhart Church he resigned to go with the Beaver Creek Home Mission Board and established First FWB Church at Greer, SC. This was the first joint project with a local conference and the National

Home Missions Board in South Carolina. He resigned the Greer Church and took the position of superintendent of Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Turbeville, SC, which he held for ten and one half years.

Brother J. B. is married to the former Joann Hammond, a native of Athens GA. They have a son, Curtis Rice of Forest City, NC and a daughter, Mrs. Stephen (Vicki) R. Groce of Greer.

The Oates congregation is delighted to have the Rice's with them and J. B. and Joann seem happy to be there and in the country.

This couple is to be commended for their many years of faithful service to the cause of Jesus Christ through South Carolina Free Will Baptist, especially the years they gave to the children at our Children's Home.



BILL JACOBS

ROGER JOHNSON

## Oak Grove Revival Raises \$1800.00 For Promotional Office Property Fund

One of the suggestions made by the Promotional Office to churches for a fund raising project for the Promotional Office Property was to hold revival meetings using local preachers as evangelist. All of the offerings would go to the property fund.

Pastor Roger Johnson, and his congregation at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Conway, SC implemented the plan and raised \$1,811.77. The services were held November 9-13 with Brother Bill Jacobs, pastor of Mullins-Marion FWB Church, serving as the evangelist. Offerings received each night from the congregation and the generous gift of Mullins-Marion and Oak Grove churches made up the total contribution. Of course, more important than the money received was the excellent preaching and the number of decisions made by some of the people. The decisions could be of eternal value.

Area Free Will Baptist Churches were faithful in support of the meetings by attendance, participation and giving. Special music and singing was provided by Socastee FWB Church, Socastee; Damascus FWB Church, Conway; Mullins-Marion FWB Church, Mullins; First FWB Church,

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Kingstree; Mt. Herman Baptist Church, Conway and the Oak Grove Church.

A sincere "thank you" is extended to Pastor Roger Johnson and his congregation, Pastor Bill Jacobs and his congregation and all of the other fine folks who participated to make this revival effort successful and the generous contribution possible. Your Promotional Director is grateful for it.

## St Johns Calls Brown As Pastor



St Johns Free Will Baptist Church, located on US Highway 378 East of Lake City, SC, has called Ralph Brown as pastor. He began his first pastoral ministry on November 15, 1992.

His father was a career military man and Brother Ralph was born in Victorville, California. Ralph served 10 years in the U.S. Army himself. However, the family roots go back to Conway, SC in Horry County. He is the grandson of the late Rev. Lonnie Brown, a native of Conway, and a pioneer preacher in the early life of South Carolina Free Will Baptists.

Pastor Brown was saved at First FWB Church in Charleston, SC in 1963 under the ministry of Pastor Robert Cooper, who is now a Free Will Baptist Chaplain serving in the U.S. Navy.

He yielded to God's call to preach in December 1987. The Eastern Conference licensed him in July of 1988 and ordained him in October 1989.

The need to prepare himself for the ministry is important to him. He is enrolled in a home study course of the complete Bible through the Liberty University of Lynchburg Virginia. Before coming to his current pastorate he was a faithful member of Cypress Fork FWB Church, Manning, SC

Ralph is married to the former Debra Daughtry, a native of Columbus, GA. They have three children, Scott, age 19; Carla, age 11 and Crystal, age 10.

May God grant him a long and fruitful ministry with St Johns.

**WILL YOU HELP US !  
We Need To Raise \$52,000  
As Quickly As Possible  
For The Promotional Office  
Property. This Will Be The  
Balance After The January  
15, 1993 Payment Is Made.**



LR-AL HYMAN, JOE HUTCHINSON, ERNEST DuBOSE (OPERATING BACK HOE), AL McFADDEN AND PETE PENDER.

## Constructions Begins On Fellowship Church At Manning

Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Manning, SC organized their "Masters Men" program on Friday night, October 30. They enjoyed a time of Bible study, fellowship and food. Officers elected to serve are: Marion "Pete" Pender, President; Sherwood Morris, Vice President; Alvin Hyman, Secretary/Treasurer and Joe Hutchinson, Song Leader.

Their first project was a "Lord's Work Day." This took place on Saturday, November 7, when a group of the men began the construction of their new church facility by digging the foundation ditches for the concrete footing. Having the free use of a "Back Hoe" made the work a lot faster and easier. As soon as the cement blocks are laid to floor level they will pour the concrete floor. By the time this article is being read the construction will have progressed further.

A "Woman's Auxiliary" has been organized in the church also. They have had their second meeting with 12 ladies present.

This is a mission work of the Eastern Conference of South Carolina Free Will Baptist churches. I. Bennie Turner is the pastor and they are now averaging 35-40 in Sunday School. Your prayers for the young church are requested and needed.

### REMEMBER YOUR "Pop" Willey Offering

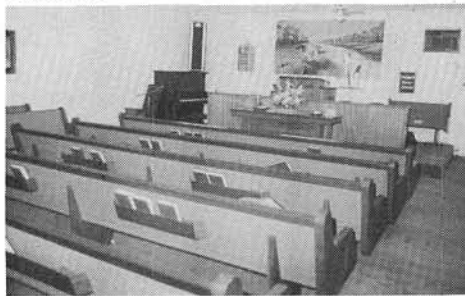
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EXTERIOR OF CURRENT FACILITY

## York Mission Church Experiencing Growth

Gloryland FWB Mission Church was begun in January 1992 by Pastor Phil Lemmons. Brother Lemmons and the mission church are members of the True Life Association. It is located presently in York, SC near the intersection of S.C. highway 5 and U.S. highway 321. The church began meeting in its current facility, a store building, with 29 people present for the first service. It is a very good and adequate meeting place. The folks have done a lot of work on the interior. The walls were painted, carpet installed on the floor and padded-upholstered pews and pulpit furniture secured. The church furniture was purchased from Fairview FWB Church, Spartanburg, SC, who recently remodeled their sanctuary and installed new furniture.



RENOVATED SANCTUARY

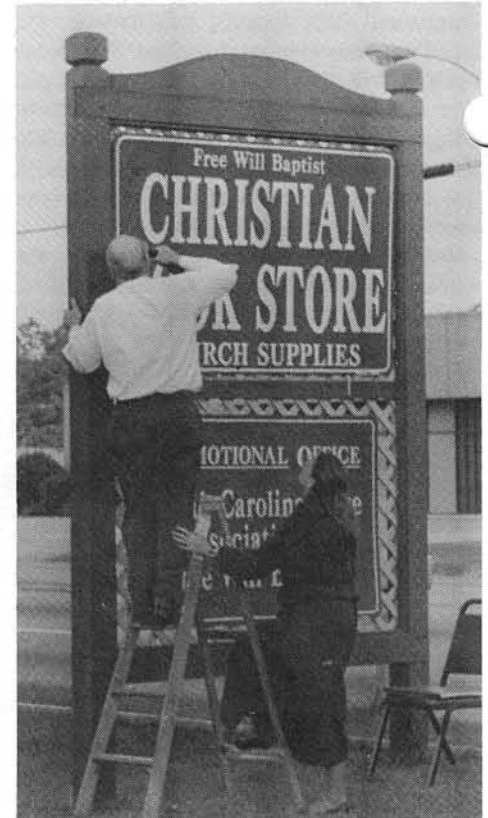
The young church is experiencing progress numerically and physically. They are now averaging more than 40 in attendance, have purchased a van bus to bring in folks who need transportation and are in the process of purchasing 1.6 acres of land with a building on it that can be renovated and used for church services. When this project is completed The Informer will share the details with our readers.

Promotional Director, Norwood Gibson and his wife Molly, visited with this fine

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congregation on Sunday, November 15. He had the honor of preaching in the morning service. It was a blessing to share in their services.

PASTOR } PHIL LEMMONS



## BOOK STORE SIGN INSTALLED

Promotional Director, Norwood Gibson, anchors sign while part time secretary, Brenda Gibson, holds the ladder. Note: The sign reads, "Free Will Baptist Christian Book Store." Promotional Office sign is beneath.



**OLD SANCTUARY CONVERTED TO CLASS ROOMS AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH FACILITY**

## White Savannah Remodels Education Facility

On October 27, 1985 White Savannah FWB Church, Conway, SC dedicated their new 7,060 square foot Sanctuary. They have recently completed a remodeling project of the previous sanctuary and educational facilities which cost in excess of \$20,000,00.

The previous auditorium now contains two 12'X 16' classrooms and a sanctuary for "Children's Church".

New carpet, a mixture of blue, gray and mauve colors, was installed in the hallway and the six classrooms of the education facility. Paneling with chair rail now cover the lower section of all the interior walls.

New suspended ceilings of celotex panels were put in four of the classrooms, all of the old doors were replaced with new ones, and the hall and rest room ceilings and the upper section of the walls in the entire building received a new coat of white paint. Carpet was installed on the porch floor of the new and previous sanctuary.

Three things are yet to be done to complete the remodeling project: new tile on the rest room floors, mini blinds installed to the windows and name plates put on the classroom doors.

An item of new equipment has been added to the church which the pastor, Brother Ray Cribb, is finding to be very helpful in sermon preparation, in printing materials and record keeping. It is a 386 computer with a 110 MB hard disk drive and printer.

White Savannah is to be commended for their continuous improvements and growth.

reading of dedication and prayer.

The ladies of the church had prepared a delicious dinner and served it to the congregation after the morning service.

An afternoon service was held consisting of congregational singing and special singing by three soloist of the church, Cameron Lloyd, John Pickett and Ricky Lowery.

The renovation project began the first of September and was recently completed. A new central heating and cooling system was installed replacing the old oil furnace and window air conditioning units. Carpet was installed on the floors throughout the two story building, including the stairways. A new coat of white paint was applied to all the ceilings and walls, even the wood

paneled walls. A solution was put on them so that paint could be applied. The rest rooms were refurbished with new paint, floor tile, cabinets and lavatories. A hall wall was removed to enlarge the fellowship room. All of the windows were dressed up with wood trim, facing and mini blinds. In addition to the special renovations to the nursery a lavatory was added for hand washing, etc. New and more light fixtures were installed for better lighting, especially in the classrooms. The classrooms were equipped with chalk boards, other equipment and teaching aids to make them more conducive to a learning center.

The project cost about \$19,000.00 and it is all paid for except the heating and air conditioning units, which is about 40% of the total bill. The people of the church gave their labor to make this project complete with so little money.

Southside now has a very attractive educational facility and these fine folks are to be commended for this outstanding accomplishment.



**PASTOR LOWERY CONDUCTING DEDICATION SERVICE (CENTER) LR-STIRRING COMMITTEE, JOE HAYES DEAN ASARO, CAMERON LLOYD AND SAM ASARO. MEMBER NOT IN PICTURE, RANDALL EADDY**

## Southside Darlington Dedicated Renovated Facility

Southside FWB Church, Darlington, SC held a dedication service for their renovated educational facilities on Sunday, November 22. Norwood Gibson, State Promotional Director, was guest speaker for the occasion. Considering the rainy day the attendance was exceptionally good.

After the morning message the pastor, Brother Leroy Lowery, recognized those who had contributed to the remodeling project, led the congregation in a responsive

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**INTERIOR OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITY**

**SUPPORT YOUR STATE MINISTRIES**  
*Promotional Office*  
*Free Will Baptist Children's Home - CTS*  
*Home Missions - College*  
*Loan Fund - Youth Camp*



**INTERIOR OF FELLOWSHIP HALL**

## First McColl Adds Fellowship Hall

Pastor Joe Wilks and his folks at First Free Will Baptist Church, McColl, SC have added a fellowship hall to their church facilities.

Construction on the 960 square foot building began in October 1991. The church folks are doing the construction work and paying for the material as they build. This accounts for the long delay in completion of the project. The interior is completed and the exterior will be completed as soon as funds are available to lay the brick.

The building consist of a fellowship hall with an equipped kitchen, 2 classrooms, pastors study, church office and two rest rooms. The fellowship hall space is used on Sundays for children's church.

The cost of the project thus far is \$10,000.00, but it is valued at much more.

According to pastor Wilks the church is growing in number and they are in need of more sanctuary seating. They are praying for the Lord's leading on how to best solve this problem. They would be grateful for your prayers about this need.

## Beulah Deacon With The Lord

Mr. Clyde R. Baggett, a native of Pamplico, and a long term deacon of Beulah Free Will Baptist Church, Pamplico, SC went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 4, at age 70.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 6, 1992 at his home church. Officiating were his pastor, Rev. Joe McKnight, a former pastor, Rev. Gerald Owens and a pastor friend Rev. Bruce Hall. Internment was in Beulah Church

Cemetery directed by Morris Funeral Home of Hemingway, SC.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Ard Baggett of Pamplico; two sons, Terry R. Baggett of Pamplico and Ray Benny Baggett of Florence, SC; one daughter, Mrs. Charles (Alice B.) Nelson of Florence and two granddaughters, Kim Nelson and Rachel Baggett, both of Florence.

Mr. Baggett was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the American Legion, Post No. 98, a retired farmer and a past chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Program.

In addition to his long service as a deacon of his church he worked with the Masters Men Program, served on the Building Committee and sang in the choir.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." I Corinthians 15:55-58.

Jesus Christ perfectly fulfilled the perfect law, even the death for our sin on the cross. Whereby, removing the sting of death and the power of the grave. Death had no sting and the grave has no power over Brother Baggett. He is now in the bliss of God's glory and one day the grave will give up his body for a new one; one likened to the glorious body of Jesus Christ. He will have this one for eternity.

**PRAY FOR MISSIONS**

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## In Memory Of Carrigan Weatherford

Mr. Carrigan Weatherford went to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 19, 1992 at age 61. He was a native of Darlington, SC, where he lived his entire life.

Funeral services were held at 3-PM on Sunday, September 20 at his church, Faith Free Will Baptist of Darlington. Officiating was his pastor, Rev. Cyrus Shoffner. Burial was in Darlington Memorial Gardens directed by Belk Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Miles Weatherford of Darlington; one son, Darrell Weatherford of Lawrenceville, Georgia; one daughter, Mrs. Mark (Sheila) W. Buxton of Florence; one granddaughter, Kristen Buxton and one grandson, Marc Buxton, both of Florence.

Brother Weatherford served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was on disability retirement from Sonoco Products Company of Hartsville, SC.

In his teen years he was saved at First FWB Church at Darlington under the ministry of the late Pastor Seldon Bullard and served the Lord faithfully until his death. He was a charter member of Faith FWB Church of Darlington for 20 years. He was an active deacon of the church for the 20 years except for a brief period during his illness. He also served as a trustee, usher and sang in the choir.

The outstanding word to describe a person in any aspect of ones life is faithfulness. This word takes on special meaning as it applies to ones relationship with God. Brother Carrigan knew the Lord Jesus Christ personally, raised his family to know Him and personally served Him faithfully. This writer visited this church often and on every occasion I looked to see him and he was always there.

For the Christian the grave is not the end-it's the beginning of eternal life with God. A Christians death is not eternal separation from believing family members and friends, it's only a brief separation. Because of Calvary a Christian in death can say to fellow believers who are left behind, "I'll see you in the morning."

**Your Presence Is Needed  
And Wanted At The  
State Association  
February 4 - 5  
First Church, Florence  
Attend Every Session  
Possible**



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH-GILEAD FREE WILL BAPTIST**

## Children's Church Raises \$1,800 For Missions

The Children's Church of Gilead FWB Church, Lake City, SC, has done a tremendous job in raising money. They have already given \$500.00 to Missionary Jim Cowart in Brazil, \$200 to Joel Nason, Home Missionary to New Hampshire and \$250.00 to Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Asheville. They have the balance of the \$1,800.00 in reserve for Missionary Ron Moore, Ivory Coast, West Africa and other needs.

The children and their Director, Karen Connell, are to be commended for this outstanding and generous giving.

## Gilead Raises Over \$3,500 For New Sanctuary

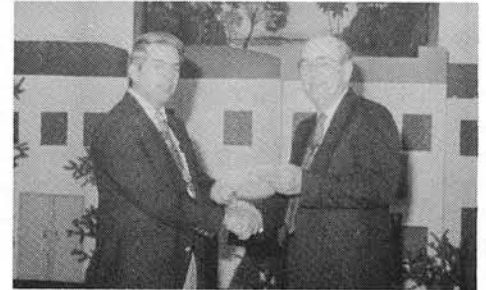
The funds were raised through a Gospel Singing on Saturday afternoon and evening, November 7, 1992 and by various groups in the church through various efforts.

Construction of the new facility is already underway. This growing church added educational space a short time ago. They have outgrown the sanctuary seating capacity and are in real need of additional space. Construction will be completed in early 1993.

When completed The Informer will do a feature article giving the details.

Pastor Larry McAlister is pastor of this fine church and they are to be commended for allowing the Lord to do this great work through them.

All "66" Bible Club in 1986. To become a member a person must read through the Bible in one year. They now have 32 members. Nine members of the church read through the Bible in 1992 and were added to the club. Nineteen people read through the Bible in 92. One of this number is Promotional Director, Norwood Gibson, who is an honorary member.



## Pastor Wayland Owens Presents Gibson With \$1,126.20 Check For "Pop" Willey Missions Offering

Promotional Director, Norwood Gibson was guest speaker at First FWB Church, Kingstree, SC on Sunday morning, December 27. During this service the All "66" Bible Club Members were recognized and Gibson was presented with the "Pop" Willey check.

This church is a very generous church throughout the year. Each year they also give generously to the "Pop" Willey Offering. Half of this gift will be given to Missionary Carlisle Hanna's building needs and half to Home Missionary to New Hampshire, Joel Nason.

## Peace Spartanburg Host Palmetto Conference

The quarterly session of the Palmetto Conference met with Peace FWB Church on Friday night and Saturday, November 20-21. Pastor Billy Jackson conducted the Friday night service in which a number of heart stirring testimonies were shared. Moderator, Dennis Ledford, presided over the Saturday session.

Special music was rendered by the ladies trio of Peace Church. Rev. Tommy Snowden delivered the Saturday morning message. His message was on soul winning and church growth and cited a number of verses from Acts Chapter 2 to Acts Chapter 9 on the beginning and growth of the early church.

Two State ministry representatives were present for the meeting; Brother William Porter from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home and Norwood Gibson, State Promotional Director. Both men were given time on the program to share their ministries.

The conference voted to give \$100 each to the Children's Home and Promotional Office Property Fund.

After adjournment the host church treated the conferees to a delicious dinner in the church's fellowship hall.



## FIRST KINGSTREE "66" BIBLE CLUB MEMBERS.

FR-LR RACHEL DENNISON, LORI TIMMONS, BARBARA LEWIS, LILA HARRELSON, LAURA BURGESS, ANNIE YARBOROUGH, SIAH MOUZON. CR-LR WAYLAND OWENS, LYNNETTE ARD, INEZ MOUZON, JEAN ANN MOUZON, CHERYL HARRELSON, MARGARET MORRIS, AUTRY MORRIS, BR-LR FLOYD LEWIS, REX HARRELSON, TONY HARRELSON, BILLY HARRELSON, JOHNNY MOUZON AND LAURIE

MOUZON. MEMBERS NOT PICTURED WHO READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN 92 ARE: JESSICA SMITH, DARRYL MOUZON, FRANCES MOUZON, ALICE MOUZON AND LETHA MOUZON.

## First Kingstree Adds Eight To All "66" Bible Club

First FWB Church, Kingstree, SC began the

## Pastor To People

By Leroy Lowery, Pastor  
South Side FWB Church  
Darlington, SC

God has given many wonderful promises in His Word. The dictionary says that a promise is, "an oral or written agreement to do or not to do something." Now God has given us His written Word to tell us of His many promises. It is our loss if we do not know about them or fail to take advantage of them. In learning about God's precious promises we need to keep in mind several very important principals.

First, we must read the Bible in order to know God's promises. There is no other way to be aware of His benefits except to read or listen to His Word, the Holy Bible.

Second, we must believe His promises. This means that we must learn to take God at His word. If He gives us a promise then He will surely keep it. For instance, He tells us that He loves us. Some people have difficulty believing that God really loves them. But it is true whether we feel like it or not. We must believe God.

Third, we must read His promises carefully to see if there is a condition attached. God has promised to forgive sin, but only on the condition of repentance. God has promised to take us to heaven, but only on the condition of being born again.

Forth, we must bear in mind that most of God's promises are offered only to saved people. Oh yes, some promises are offered to the unsaved, but they are very few and limited. But to His children a wealth of promises are offered. They are signed, sealed and guaranteed to us by the sufferings, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God help us to claim His promises today.

## District And State Woman's Auxiliary Meeting Schedule

**EASTERN DISTRICT** will meet on Saturday, February 13, at Mill Branch FWB Church, Johnsonville, SC. Guest speakers will be Missionaries Ron and Linda Moore, Ivory Coast, West Africa. Mrs. Angie Stone, District President, will preside over the session.

**CENTRAL DISTRICT** will meet on Saturday, February 20, at Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville, SC. Guest speakers will be Ron and Linda Moore, Missionaries to Ivory Coast, West Africa. Mrs. Patricia Powell, District President will preside over the meeting.

**SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT** will meet on Saturday, February 27, at Black River FWB Church, Andrews, SC. Guest speakers will be Missionaries to Ivory Coast, West Africa, Ron and Linda Moore. Mrs. Carolyn Riddick, District President, will preside over the session.

**BEAVER CREEK DISTRICT** will be hosted by First FWB Church, Greenville, SC, on Saturday, March 6. Guest speakers will be Ron and Linda Moore, Missionaries to Ivory Coast, West Africa. District President, Mrs. Gwen Hendrix, will preside over the meeting.

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION** will be hosted by the Beaver Creek District Auxiliary and will meet at Parkway FWB Church, Spartanburg, SC on Saturday, March 6. Ron and Linda Moore will be the guest speakers. Mrs. Frances Poston, State President will preside over the session.

## Point Of Interest Rattle Snakes

Once there was a family of wayward church members who had once been active but had lost interest and had fallen - a father and his three sons, Jim, John and Sam. The deacons had talked with them about their sad condition and the pastor had visited them, but all this hadn't done any good. One day when they were in the field a RATTLESNAKE bit John and he became very ill! The doctor said, "About all you can do now is PRAY!"

So the pastor was called, and he prayed thus: "O wise and righteous Father, we thank Thee, for Thou in Thy wisdom hast sent this rattlesnake to bite John in order to bring him to his senses! He has not been inside the church for years and it is doubtful that he has felt the need for prayer in all that time. Now we trust that this will prove to be a valuable lesson to him and will lead to genuine repentance! And now, O Father, wilt Thou SEND ANOTHER SNAKE to bite Jim, and another to bite Sam and a GREAT BIG ONE to bite the old man! We have been doing everything we know for years to bring them back to Thyself, Lord, but to no avail. It seems that our combined efforts could not do what this snake has done. WE THUS CONCLUDE that the only thing left that will

do this family any good is MORE RATTLESNAKES, so, Lord send us bigger and better rattlesnakes! In Jesus name, Amen."



## Porter's New Dorm Parents At Children's Home

Rev. and Mrs. William (Fran) Porter are now serving as dorm parents at Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Turbeville, SC. They began their ministry with the home on September 29, which they believe was the definite leading of God for their lives.

Brother Porter is a native of Liberty, SC. At age 4 his family moved to Greenville, SC where he continued to live until moving to Turbeville. He is an ordained minister with the Beaver Creek Association and has served the association as treasurer for 17 years.

His first pastorate was with Welcome FWB Church, Fountain Inn, SC. For the past 15 years he served as associate pastor of First FWB Church, Greenville, SC. He retired from Overnite Trucking Company in March 1991 after twenty seven and one half years of service.

Fran is a native of Greenville, SC. She and William were married on November 27, 1957. They have one son, Brad Porter, a resident of Greenville.

They have been members of First FWB Church, Greenville for 23 years. Fran was employed by Stones Manufacturing Company (a clothing manufacturing firm) for 24 years. For the past two years she has been self employed as a seamstress, doing clothing repair, making garments, drapes, etc.

This fine couple is an asset to the home and have already been active in the improvements that have taken place.

### Quote Worth Noting

"Lord, let me be just a NOBODY telling EVERYBODY about SOMEBODY who can save ANYBODY."

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