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State Woman's Auxiliary Retreat



Rev. and Mrs. Charles Keith

Keiths Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Keith celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. This fine couple was married on June 12, 1943 in Fort Mill, SC. Brother Charles is a native of Clintwood, Virginia and Sister Annie is a native of Greenville, NC.

Brother Keith entered the ministry in 1951 and with the faithful support of his wife he has had a lengthy and successful ministry. His previous pastorates were with First FWB Church, Washington, NC, for 14 years; Calvary FWB Church, Durham, NC, for 21 years, and Camp Branch FWB Church, Scranton, SC, for 3 years. He is currently Associate Pastor with Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham, SC. He directs the visitation program and the senior citizens ministry.

The couple has two daughters and one son; Iris K. Parker of Effingham, Anna K. Allen of Phenix City, Alabama and Rev. Billy Keith of Rocky Mount, NC.

Their anniversary celebration was different than most in that they had two receptions. The first reception was held in the fellowship hall of Calvary FWB Church in Durham, NC on Saturday afternoon, June 12, from 2-5 PM. This was given by friends in the Calvary

September 17-18
LOOK UP LODGE
In The Foot Hills Of
The Blue Ridge
Mountains

On Highway 11 Just A Short
Distance East of US Highway
25 Junction

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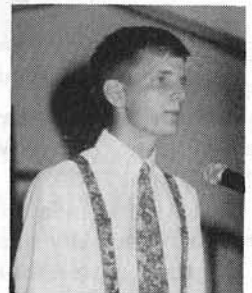


NATIONAL YET TEAM

BR-LR Monte McKenzie, Turbeville, SC; Tim Ferguson, Waltonville, IL; Farris Nix, Jesup, GA; John Kannaday, Tulsa, OK; Adam Carnes, Decatur, AL; Tyler Brown, Waltonville, IL. FR-LR Courtney Gray, Duncanville, TX; Leslie Raper, Red Bay, AL; Gina Henry, Tulsa, OK; Nikki Ford, Amory, MS; Lesslie Brown, Denson, TX and Lori McCraney, Decatur, AL.

Monte McKenzie Member Of National YET Team

Monte McKenzie is a member of Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville, SC. He is one of twelve selected to serve on the National Youth Evangelistic Team. This team is made up of twelve high school students from seven states. These students earned their place on the team by being high scorers at the 1992 National Youth Conference. The teams program, Take A Stand, will present a powerful evangelistic message. By combining the music and drama talents of the team members, the presentation



Monte McKenzie

YOUTH CAMP
Camp Beaver Lake
Patrick, SC
Teen Week - Aug. 2-6
Junior Week - Aug. 9-13
For Details See Your Pastor
Or Call Rev. Theron Scott-
Camp Director. 386-2591
**Make Plans To
Attend**

Church. The second reception was held in the fellowship hall of Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham, SC on Sunday Evening from 7-9 PM. This one was given by their daughters, Iris and Anna.

This fine and devoted couple had many relatives and friends drop in at both receptions to honor them with greetings and gifts.

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State Woman's Auxiliary Retreat Information

PLACE: Look Up Lodge.

DATE: Friday Afternoon and Saturday Morning, September, 17-18

ARRIVAL TIME: No Later Than 5-PM On Friday.

MEALS: Friday Evening, Saturday Morning Breakfast and Lunch.

PLEASE BRING YOUR LINENS

HOW TO REGISTER: The Total Cost Is \$43.00. Send Your Name And The Names In Your Party With a \$10.00 Registration Fee For Each Person To:

Gwen Hendrix, 90 Blackstock Road, Inman, SC 29349. You Can Pay The Balance Of \$33.00 Upon Arrival.

RETREAT THEME: "The Grace Of Giving".

Moo-Moo, The Cows Are Coming Home! Will We See You There?

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN AWAITS YOU.

If You Need Directions To Look Up Lodge call your Promotional Office. 662/8682 Or 669/7251

SC Foreign Missionary News

RON & LINDA MOORE. Ron and Linda are in Missouri on itinerant work. They will be back in South Carolina about the first of August. PLEASE PRAY THAT THE LORD WILL PROVIDE THE FINANCIAL NEEDS FOR THEM TO RETURN TO IVORY COAST, WEST AFRICA IN SEPTEMBER. If you would like to have them in a service call the Promotional Office. 662/8682

Mirial Gainer Appointed As Career Missionary To Japan



Mirial Gainer was appointed as a career missionary to serve in Japan at the annual meeting of the FWB Foreign Missions Board, April 26-29.

She has served in Japan as a self supporting associate missionary since 1976.

Her new status means that she and her ministry will be supported by the missions department.

She is now doing itinerant work to raise her needed funds. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HER IN YOUR CHURCH FOR**

A SERVICE SO SHE CAN SHARE HER FUTURE MINISTRY WITH YOU PLEASE CALL THE PROMOTIONAL OFFICE. 662-8682. A DATE WILL BE ARRANGED FOR YOU.

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will portray what it is like to live a Christian life in high school, while being observed by skeptical onlookers!

The YET Team performed at Horse Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Turbeville, SC on Thursday night, June 17. In addition to the Horse Branch folks about eight other churches in the area attended with their young people and adults. The theme of the program, "Take A Stand", was conveyed through their drama and singing in a very powerful and impressive manner. The group is to be commended for the quality of their performance, their personal appearance and their Christ-like mannerism. Of course the folks at Horse Branch were proud of their own Monte McKenzie; and rightly so, he is a very fine Christian young man. **CONGRATULATIONS MONTE!**

This year's tour also featured services in Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina.



FWB Bible College News Briefs

ROSES

College President, Dr. Tom Malone, recently returned from a trip to California and he brought back more than good will. He brought 720 rose plants.

Judy Lauderdale, daughter of Rev. Dean Long, pastor of Shafter FWB Church, works for the Bear Creek Nursery. She had planned to send about 40 rose plants. The Bear Creek Nursery raised it to 400 plants. A short time after that they received word that the company had increased the number to 720 rose plants in a variety of colors-red, pink, lavender, orange, white and yellow.

Since their arrival the college personnel has been busy planting the rose bushes over the campus. When in bloom they will add beauty to the college campus.

The college is very grateful to the Bear Creek Nursery for this generous gift.

Fifty Graduates In Class of 93

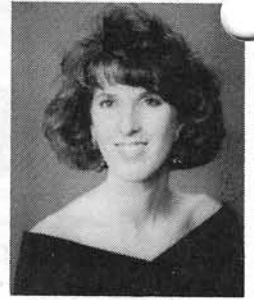
FWB Bible College graduated 50 students from four degree programs in commencement exercises May 3, 1993; nineteen Bachelor of Arts Degrees, twenty four Bachelor of Science Degrees, five Associate of Christian Ministries Degrees and two Associate of Science in Business Degrees. AIMEE

FLOYD SHUTE from Turbeville, SC graduated with a Bachelor Of Science Degree In Elementary Education. The graduation challenge was delivered by Rev. Barry Simpson, pastor of New Hope FWB Church, Joelton, TN.

SC Student On "B"

Honor Roll

Kristi Hanna from Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville, SC was listed on the final semester Junior "B" Honor Roll. **Congratulations Kristi!**



Amee Floyd Shute

Southeastern Free Will Baptist College News

Five Students To Serve As Summer Missionaries

Michael Fulcher will go to France and serve with the Teague family. Darin Alvis will go to Germany to serve with the Heath family. Catalina Barquero will minister with the Lytle family in Panama. Christy Edmonds will fly to Brazil to share in the ministry of the Pooles. Sherri Howell from First FWB Church, Florence, SC will be a part of the TEAM group going to Uruguay and Panama.

NEW CHOIR TAPE AVAILABLE-"TO HIM BE THE GLORY" Featuring songs written by Squire Parsons. The tapes are \$10.00 each and \$9.00 each for an order of 10 or more. Choir books with these songs are available. Order by calling 919/365-7711 or write to: Southeastern FWB College, PO Box 1700, Wendell, NC 27591.

FALL GET ACQUAINTED DAYS. This event is scheduled for November 4-6, 1993. **SPRING GET ACQUAINTED DAYS** is scheduled for March 31-April 2, 1994.

Commencement

Exercises were held on May 13.

The speaker was Rev. Van Dale Hudson.

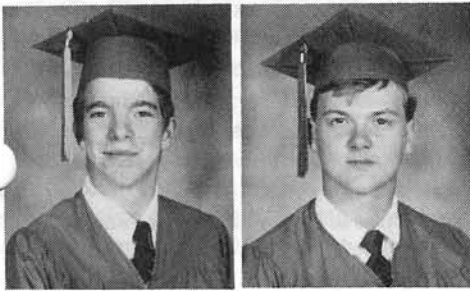
Sonya Elaine Dodgens from Anderson, SC was one of the 1993 graduates.

She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Dodgens.

Sonya was awarded a Bachelor Degree in Christian Education.

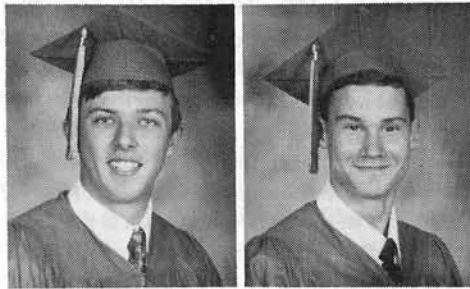


Sonya Dodgens



Tommy Haselden

John Gaskins



Jason Gunter

Eddie Locklear

New Prospect Christian School Holds Commencement

Commencement Exercises were held on Friday night, May 28, 1993 at New Prospect Christian School. The graduating class of 1993 consisted of four students; John Duffy Gaskins, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Duffy Gaskins; Tommy Christopher Haselden, son of Mrs Christine Stone and the late Rev. Winslow Joe Haselden; Jason Randal Gunter, son of Mr. & Mrs. Randal Gunter and Edward Eugene Locklear, son of Mr. & Mrs. Burney Locklear.

Except for Tommy Haselden, the students have attended New Prospect Christian School from kindergarten through high school. All four of the graduates plan to enter the work force.

Rev. Joe Cagle is the administrator of the school and Mrs. Lula Mims is the principal.



LR-Jonathan Hinson & Euginia Collins

Two Graduates In Mullins-Marion Class of 93

Commencement Services were held at Mullins-Marion Christian School

on Wednesday night, June 2. Two seniors made up the graduating class, Jonathan Hinson and Euginia Collins.

Jonathan received the award for having the highest grades in Spanish and Algebra II, the Special Teacher Aid Reward, Honor Roll Student Award and was listed in Who's Who among High School students of America. He will enter Francis Marion University, Florence, SC this fall and major in accounting.

Euginia was selected for the most Courteous Student Award, Honor Roll Student Award and was listed in Who's Who among High School Students of America. She will enter Florence-Darlington Technical College this fall to begin nurses training.

Congratulations are extended to these two students for their past accomplishments. May God bless them as they continue their training to serve Him.

Peace Church Host State CTS Convention

The South Carolina State Church Training Service Convention was hosted by Peace FWB Church on Friday night, May 14 and Saturday, May 15. The state competition winners will compete with other state winners at the National Youth Conference in Louisville, KY, July 18-22. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE FOR THE INFORMER TO PRESENT TO YOU THE WINNERS IN THE STATE COMPETITION. The adult leaders and the participants are to be commended for their diligent and faithful training through the year. We can expect to have some national winners to report after July.

BIBLE BOWL & TIC-TAC-TOE TEAMS
Horse Branch FWBC, Turbeville.

SWORD DRILL

4th. Grade, JINNIFER ROBERTS, Lockhart FWBC, Lockhart.

5th. Grade, PAMELA ROBINSON, Horse Branch FWB C, Turbeville.

6th. Grade, JEREMY CANNON, Horse Branch, Turbeville.

BIBLE MEMORIZATION

1st. Grade, JOE THOMAS, Lockhart FWBC, Lockhart.

2nd. Grade, KYLE ROOF, First FWBC, Chester.

3rd. Grade, JESSICA SWEAT, Midlands FWBC, Columbia.

MUSIC AND ARTS

LEARNER DIVISION

DAVID MILES, Vocal Solo, Peace FWBC,

Florence.

KYLE ROOF, Keyboard Solo, First FWBC, Chester.

ADVENTURER DIVISION

JEREMY CANNON, Vocal Solo, Horse Branch FWBC, Turbeville.

DAVID AND DANIEL MILES, Instrumental Duet, Peace FWBC, Florence.

DAVID BAZEN AND KIMBERLY HICKMAN, Vocal Duet, First FWBC, Florence.

VOCAL SEXTET, First FWBC, Florence. CHORALE, First FWBC, Florence.

DANIEL MILES, Instrumental Solo, Peace FWBC, Florence.

AMBER MILLER, Keyboard Solo, First FWBC, Florence.

JEREMY CANNON, Dramatic Selection, Horse Branch FWBC, Turbeville.

AMBER MILLER, Electronic Keyboard, First FWBC, Florence.

GARY B. SMITH, Graphics, First FWBC, Chester.

HERALD DIVISION

ANNA BAZEN, Vocal Solo, First FWBC, Florence.

MATTHEW SARVER, Vocal Solo, First FWBC, Florence.

SARAH ANGE and ANNA BAZEN, Vocal Duet, First FWBC, Florence.

MICHELLE HOWELL, ANNA BAZEN and SARAH ANGE, Vocal Trio, First FWBC, Florence.

ROXANNE MATTHEWS, Keyboard Solo, Sand Hill FWB Church, Coward.

ANNA BAZEN, Electronic Keyboard, First FWBC, Florence.

KULLEN WELCH and GOWDY CANNON, Duet Acting, Horse Branch FWBC, Turbeville.

ANNA BAZEN and SARAH ANGE, Keyboard Duet, First FWBC, Florence.

SHANNON BAZEN, Sculpture and Textile, Beulah FWBC, Pamplico.

CRUSADER DIVISION

KRISTIE COKER, Vocal Solo, Horse Branch FWBC, Turbeville.

MONTE MCKENZIE, Vocal Solo, Horse Branch FWBC, Turbeville.

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CORRIE COKER, Dramatic Selection, Horse Branch FWBC, Turbeville.

MONTE MCKENZIE and **KRISTIE COKER**, Vocal Duet, Horse Branch, FWBC, Turbeville.

JENNIFER ANGE, Keyboard Solo, Jefferson Road FWBC, Sumter.

ASHLEY CANNON and **MONTE MCKENZIE**, Duet Acting, Horse Branch FWBC, Turbeville.

GOWDY CANNON, **ASHLEY CANNON**, **CORRIE COKER**, **STACEY DRIGGERS** and **MONTE MCKENZIE**, skit, Horse Branch FWBC, Turbeville.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE SEXTET, First FWBC, Florence.

MONTE MCKENZIE, **CORRIE COKER** and **KRISTIE COKER**, Vocal Trio, Horse Branch FWBC, Turbeville.

CORRIE COKER, **KRISTIE COKER**, **LORIANN GODWIN** and **ERIN MIMS**, Vocal Quartet, Horse Branch FWBC, Turbeville.

AMBASSADOR DIVISION

FORREST STANLEY, Vocal Solo, First FWBC, Florence.

CHORALE, Horse Branch FWBC, Turbeville.

JAY POSTON and **FORREST STANLEY**, String Duet, First FWBC, Florence.

DENTON MATTHEWS, Keyboard Solo, Sand Hill, Coward.

FORREST STANLEY, **JAY POSTON** and **JONATHAN POSTON**, Vocal Quartet, First FWBC, Florence.

ANY COMBINATION

CHORALE, First FWBC, Florence.

CHOIR, First FWBC, Florence.

KEYBOARD SEXTET, First FWBC, Florence.

***Herman Hersey
Retirement Board
Director Retiring***

Herman Hersey, founder and director of the Free Will Baptist Retirement and Insurance Department, will retire as of August 1. He will continue a preaching schedule, piano concerts, seminars and voluntary development of a stewardship program for our National Association. It sounds like he will be

retreaded for more mileage than retirement.

He developed the retirement program while pastoring in Garner, NC and in the early years he directed the ministry out of his parsonage home on a part-time basis. He later moved the department to Nashville, Tennessee in a full-time roll. He has faithfully served in this ministry for more than 25 years.

Possibly you would like to send this faithful servant a letter or card to express your gratitude for his service. You may want to include a financial gift for his retirement. If so, please send it to the Board of Retirement, c/o Ray Lewis, PO Box 5002. Antioch, TN 37011-5002. Please note your gift for "Hersey Retirement Gift".

***In Memory Of
Raymond H. Kirby***

Raymond H. Kirby, a native of the Vause Town Community of Florence County, SC went to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 29, 1993, at age 71.

Funeral Services were held at 2-PM on Sunday, May 2, 1993 at his home church, Bethany Free Will Baptist, in the Vause Town Community of Timmonsville. Officiating were his pastor, Doctor Rick Cason, A former pastor, Elro Driggers and Rev. James Allard Pierce. Interment was held in Bethany Cemetery directed by Floyd Funeral Home of Olanta, SC.

He is survived by his wife, the former Magdalene Tedder, a native of Timmonsville, SC; one daughter, Mrs. Debra K. Sims; one son, Gerald Kirby, both of Timmonsville, SC and 5 grandchildren. He is also survived by 5 brothers and two sisters. One brother, Randall Kirby, was his twin. They were very close, having homes near one another and farming together for the greater part of their life.

He was a graduate of Sardis High School and received the "Efficiency Pin Award". Before his marriage he was employed by the Merita Bakery of Florence. For the greater part of his life he was a farmer, from which he retired.

Brother Kirby was saved at age 17 in 1939. He was a Christian for 54 years and he served the Lord faithfully this period of time as a member of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church. He served about 42 years as Sunday School teacher for the College and Career Class, as an usher for a long period of time, as a member of the pulpit committee on a number of occasions, and for the last 10 years he served as a church trustee. Faithful is an excellent word to describe his relationship to the Lord and his church. In the early 1970's a storm blanketed this area with

snow, making it impossible to travel by car and in some cases by foot. He had a perfect Sunday School attendance record and did not want to break it. To prevent it he drove his tractor to the church on Sunday and had Sunday School alone. His perfect attendance was for 20 years, 1971-1991. He was supportive of Free Will Baptist ministries, but was especially fond of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

He was a dear friend of this editor and I enjoyed every minute of his fellowship. It is always a joy to be in the presence of someone as jolly and friendly as he was.

In the death of Christians we should consider three things. 1. God's view. 2. The deceased view. 3. The view of family and friends of the deceased. Psalms 116:15 says, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints". This verse reveals God's view. It is a precious thing to Him in that He has called His purchased possession to Himself. Rev. 14:13 says, "Blessed (happy) are the dead that die in the Lord". This reveals the deceased view; he is happy in the presence of the Lord. Even though the family and friends of the deceased suffer grief, which is normal in the separation of a loved one, we find comfort in that the separation is for a short time. Christians have the promise of God that we shall be with our saved loved ones one day. It is "good night" to them now, but it will soon be "good morning".

***A Memorial To
Janet Seay Elders***

Janet Elders, a native of Woodruff, SC went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 21, 1993, at age 49.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, March 23, at her church, Laurens Free will Baptist. Officiating was Rev. Bobby Bowers, a close friend of the Elders and pastor of First Free will Baptist Church, Greenville, SC. Internment was in Westview Memorial Park in Laurens, conducted by Kennedy Mortuary.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Jack Elders, pastor of Laurens FWB Church; four daughters, Mrs. Jackie E. Williams and Mrs. Janice Marie E. Weston, both of Enoree, SC; Patricia Lynn Elders and Debra Elders of the home; One son, Steven Elders of Laurens and six grandchildren.

Sister Janet was saved at the early age of 10. She was a faithful pastor's wife and a devoted mother. Being a graduate of the Beaver Creek Bible Institute enabled her to serve the Lord faithfully and more effectively with her husband in the ministry. Brother Jack established two churches, Calvary FWB

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Church, Union, SC and Laurens FWB Church. He also pastored Valley Falls FWB Church, Spartanburg, SC, Mt. Carmel, York SC and Windsor Park FWB Church, Cheraw, SC. She served in these churches as pianist, choir director, rendering special singing as a soloist, as part of a duet, trio, etc.; Sunday School teacher and president of the woman's auxiliary.

Her favorite scripture passage was Philippians 4:11-13. "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Knowing that the last 14 years of her life she suffered great pain from rheumatoid arthritis, one can appreciate the strength and power she drew from faith in this passage.

Sister Janet was one fine Christian lady. The lovely Christian spirit which she manifested drew people to her. She had many saved and unsaved friends. This was evident as more than 800 people visited the family at the funeral home and the church building was filled to capacity for the funeral service, even though the weather was cold and raining. The testimony she left will be a continuing source of comfort for her family and friends.

Five SC Churches Score In The Spring SS Enlargement Campaign

Five South Carolina FWB Churches scored in the "Soldiers Of The Cross" Spring Sunday School Campaign, sponsored by Randall House Publications.

HIGH POINT FWB CHURCH, LANCASTER took first place in Division E and was in 5th place of the "Top Ten" churches with the greatest numerical increase. Their 1992 fall average was 188 and the 1993 spring average was 283. Jack Lasiter is the pastor.

FIRST FWB CHURCH, CHESTER took 4th place in Division F. Their 1992 fall average was 134 and the spring 1993 average was 173. James Sanders is the pastor.

TABERNACLE FWB CHURCH, COWARD scored in Division G. Their 1992 fall average was 85 with a 95 average for the spring campaign. Ralph Byars is the pastor.

CHESNEE FWB MISSION CHURCH, CHESNEE scored 3rd place in Division H. They also scored in 3rd place in the top 10 churches with the greatest percentage of increase. Their 1992 fall average was 27 and their spring average was 82. This reflects a

204 percent increase. James Childers is the pastor.

LAURENS FWB CHURCH, LAURENS, was in 7th place in Division H. They were also in 7th place in the top 10 churches with the greatest percentage of increase. Their fall average was 38 and the spring average was 77. This reflects a 103 percent increase. Jack Elders is the pastor.



WOODRUFFS NEW PROPERTY

Woodruff Makes Property Purchase

First FWB Church of Woodruff, SC closed the purchase of three lots of land containing one building on May 22, 1993. The property is adjacent to the church's present land and facilities. The church is located one and one half miles west of Woodruff on highway 101.

The building on the new property is under renovation and will be completed in August. The cost of the property and remodeling work will be about \$50,000.00. The congregation will donate the labor for the renovation work. The facility will be used for their fellowship hall, ladies meetings and a church office.

Brother Jody Wilson established the church in 1970 and has served as pastor for 23 years.

The congregation is grateful to the Lord for providing the old and the new property. The folks in the neighborhood are thankful too that the property is occupied by the church. The building on the first property the church purchased housed a pool hall where intoxicating beverages were served and the building on the new property housed a cafe that sold intoxicating beverages. They are glad that these sinful influences are removed. The Lord can take sinful people and cleanse them with the blood of Jesus Christ and make them with the saints. He can also take buildings of sinful activities, renovate them and use them for His glory. Amen!

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**Norwood Gibson Presents Plaque To
Pastor Saverance.**

Lebanon -Effingham Gives Over \$6,000 For India Buildings

When Carlisle and Marie Hanna, our missionaries to India, were home for a brief period in 1992, Carlisle expressed a need of \$35,000 to build a number of buildings and to purchase motorcycles for the preachers to have transportation to the churches.

Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church, Effingham, SC was one of the first to take on a project to help meet this need. Their initial gift was \$5,500. Since that time they have given more, which brings the total to \$6,400.

On Sunday morning, June 20, 1993 on behalf of Carlisle, Marie and the Indian Christians the Promotional Director, Norwood Gibson, presented the pastor, Reedy Saverance and the church with a plaque. It expressed their gratitude for their generosity.



**Pastor Paul Collins (R) Presents Check To
Sherwood Lee.**

Temple Gives \$5,000 In Memory Of Former Pastor

Temple Free Will Baptist Church raised \$5,000 to build a church building in India in memory of their former pastor, the late Rev. Roy Player. This is another South Carolina church that has raised enough money for Carlisle Hanna to build a church building in India.

Brother Collins stated that the funds were raised in about a month with gifts from his people. The largest donor was about \$500. This is a worthy cause in memory of a worthy man. They will receive a plaque also.

**North
Spartanburg
Called
Bartlett
As
Pastor**



Brother Keith Bartlett assumed the pastorate of North Spartanburg Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, SC on May 9, 1993. Pastor Bartlett was born in Cullman, Alabama and at age one his family moved to Flint, Michigan.

He surrendered to God's call to preach in 1979 and entered Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1980. He graduated in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Bible and a minor in Pastoral Ministry.

While in college he pastored Bethel FWB Mission Church from 1983 until 1989. He returned to his hometown, Flint, Michigan, in 1989 and became pastor of his home church, Harmony, Free Will Baptist. He served there until coming to North Spartanburg.

Pastor Bartlett is married to the former Janet Martin, a native of Flint Michigan. They have three children; Zackary, age 10; Keri, age 8 and Curtis, age 5.

Due to a problem of their children changing schools this late in the school year he did not move his family to Spartanburg until June 11. By the time this article is read they should be settled in their new home.

On behalf of the Beaver Creek Association and the South Carolina State Association a sincere, warm welcome is extended to the Bartletts. May God give them a long and fruitful ministry in our state.

**Hemingway
Native
Called To
Pastor
Mill Branch**



Marty Cox, a native of Hemingway, SC was called by Mill Branch FWB Church as their pastor. The church is located in the Poston Corner Community near Johnsonville, SC.

Brother Cox was saved in October 1983 at Carter's Chapel Baptist Church in Georgetown County. After his marriage to the former Annette Baxley, a native of Johnsonville, SC, he came into Free Will Baptist. He was called to preach in his home

church, New Vision Free Will Baptist, under the ministry of Rev. John Suttles. The Eastern Conference licensed him in September of 1990 and ordained him in September 1991.

He served his local church as Masters Men President, Song Leader, VBS Director, Assistant Adult Sunday School Teacher and worked with the youth activities.

Brother Marty attended Holmes College of the Bible in Greenville, SC. While there he attended First FWB Church in Greer, SC, with his former pastor, John Suttles, where he had opportunities for supply preaching.

Pastor Cox served Mill Branch as interim pastor from December 1992 through April of 1993. He was officially called as pastor on May 2, 1993.

He and his wife, Annette, have one son, Cal, age 4.

**High
Point
Calls
NC Native
As
Pastor**



Brother Jack Lasiter, a native of Durham, North Carolina, assumed the pastorate of High Point FWB Church, Lancaster, SC on December 31, 1992.

The 17 year veteran pastor was called to preach in 1976 and ordained by the Piedmont Association of North Carolina.

He is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, NC and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health from the institution. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree from Emmaus Bible Institute and Seminary, Elizabethton, Tennessee in May of 1990.

His past ministries were with Rose Bud FWB Church, Wilson, NC; Rock Springs FWB Church, Bailey, NC; White Oak FWB Church, Bladenboro, NC; First FWB Church, Washington, NC and Belvoir FWB Church, Greenville, NC.

He is married to the former Alane Vester, a native of Wilson, NC.

Brother Lasiter is having a good ministry at High Point. Thirty three souls have been saved since his arrival. They have had two high days of attendance, 566 and 563 respectively.

On behalf of the Beaver Creek Association and the South Carolina State Association we extend a hearty welcome to the Lasiter's to our state. May the Lord give them a long and fruitful ministry here.

**Brown
Licensed
By SC
Conference**



Eric Levern Brown, a Native of Hartsville, SC was approved for license to preach the gospel by the South Carolina Conference at their quarterly meeting on June 25.

Brother Brown was saved at Tabernacle Methodist Church in McBee, SC. He later became a member of Faith FWB Church, Darlington, SC. He has served the church faithfully working with pastor Cyrus Shoffner, on visitation, supply preaching for him and working with the Children's Church.

Brother Eric is a graduate of Hartsville High School. He was a former employee of A.O. Smith Water Products Co. of McBee and recently with Sam Owens Auto Transport Co. of Delray Beach, Florida.

He and his wife, the former Angela Weatherford, a native of Darlington, SC will be moving to Nashville, TN in the month of June to set up housekeeping. Eric will enroll in Free Will Baptist Bible College for the fall term. Pray that God will meet the needs this young couple as they prepare for ministry.

**Owens
Licensed
To
Preach**



Bryan Todd Owens, a native of Seneca, SC was approved for license to preach the gospel by the South Carolina Conference at their June 25th quarterly meeting.

Brother Owens was employed by the Sam Owens Auto Transport Co. of Delray Beach, FL as a truck driver. He was saved in February 1989 somewhere on a highway in Georgia while driving his truck. He yielded to God's call upon him to preach in May 1993.

His home church is Faith Free Will Baptist in Darlington. Cyrus Shoffner is his pastor. He has been faithful in his church, serving Pre-Teen teacher, working with Children's Church and supply preaching for the pastor.

He is married to the former Kathi Miller, a native of Florence. Her family moved to

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Seneca when she was an infant, so Seneca would be home for her. They have one son, Christopher, age 8 and three daughters, Amberly, age 6; Katie, age 3 and Kelly, age

The family will be moving to Nashville, TN in June. Brother Owens will enter Free Will Baptist Bible College this fall to begin his training for the ministry.

Erick Wiggins Licensed To Preach



Erick Wiggins is a native of Myrtle Beach, SC and a faithful member of Hillside FWB Church, Florence, SC. He was approved for license to preach by the Eastern Conference at their regular quarterly meeting on Saturday, May 22, 1993 at St Johns FWB Church, Lake City, SC.

Brother Erick was raised from an infant in church and he states, "I sensed God's call to preach when I was three years old". In ten years he left the Lord and the Bible teachings he was influenced by. He moved to Florence in 1991 and through a strong conviction experience he had with the Lord he was saved and surrendered to the Lord to preach.

He attended a Maytag Corporation Training School and is now employed as an appliance technician with Ace Appliance Co.

When asked about his plans for future training he stated, "I want to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and accomplish the will of God in my life".

He is open for preaching opportunities and can be contacted by calling his pastor, Rev. Buddy Seay, at 803/669-0768.

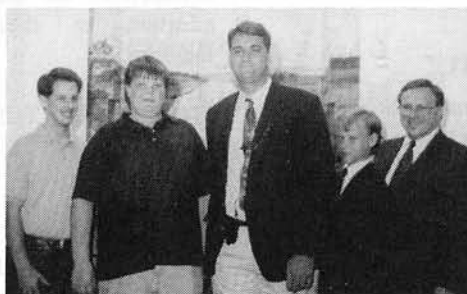
Six Young Men From Temple Called To Preach

Paul Collins, pastor of Temple FWB Church, Darlington, SC has had six young people to answer the call to preach in his ministry with Temple Church.

They are: **Shane Sims**. He is 22 years of age and has completed one year of schooling at Florence Darlington Technical College and one year at Francis Marion University. He plans to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN or enroll for correspondence courses with Luther Rice Seminary in Florida. **James Williams**. He is age 13 and in the 8th grade at Brunson-

Dargan Junior High School in Darlington. After graduation from high school he plans to attend FWB Bible College in Nashville, TN. **Tim Daniel**. Tim is age 21 and a rising junior at FWB Bible College. His plans are to return to college in August. **Donald Gilbert**. He is age 14 and is an 8th grader at Brunson-Dargan Junior School in Darlington. After graduation from high school he plans to attend FWB Bible College.

Not included in the picture are **Joshua Player** and **David Sarenson**. Joshua is age 13 and is in the 8th grade at Brunson-Dargan Junior High School. He plans to attend FWB Bible College after graduation from high school. David is a freshmen at St. Johns High School in Darlington. Upon graduation he plans to attend FWB Bible College.



LR-Shane Sims, James Williams, Tim Daniel, Donald Gilbert & Pastor Collins



**(L) Milton Cash (R) Phil Lemons
Kim Robinette On Roof**

Volunteer Work At Children's Home

Volunteer workers from Mt. Carmel FWB Church and Gloryland FWB Mission Church, York, SC make needed improvements at Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

They constructed an enclosed hallway from the boys dorm and one from the girls dorm to their recreation buildings. The interior ceilings and walls are insulated with a covered finish.

The children can now go to the recreation building without going outside in the cold, hot or rainy weather. Since there will be no doors opened now for cold or hot air to come in or escape it will cut the home's heating and cooling cost.

The volunteer workers made two trips from York to complete the project. Two of the workers came from Gloryland FWB Church. The pastor, Phil Lemons and his son, Ricky. Thirteen came from Mt. Carmel; Guy Lemons, Milton Cash, Kim Robinette, Jeff Bolt, Gary Laughridge, Paul Sexton, John Cody (pastor), Charles Hayes, Rick Campbell, Richie Osbourne, Elenor Robinette, Toni Lemons and Debra Hayes. The ladies helped with installing the insulation and the clean-up work.

On behalf of the Children's Home, The Informer extends a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to each of these fine folks for their contribution to this project.



**Benny Inman (L) Presents Check To
Pastor Larry Bell**

Mt Ariel Gives \$5,000 For India Building

Mt. Ariel Free Will Baptist Church, Conway, SC held a "Carlisle & Marie Hanna Day" on Sunday, June 13. Promotional Director, Norwood Gibson, spoke briefly and gave his slide presentation of India. This was the climax of the project "Build A Church In India". Their goal was to raise \$5,000. To reach the goal with just the people giving they agreed sometime ago to give all the Sunday night offerings to the project

After the morning service an offering was received and they were less than \$200.00 short of the goal. The church made up the difference from the church treasure.

The congregation enjoyed a delicious noon meal and fellowship together.

On behalf of Carlisle, Marie and our brothers and sister in the Lord in India a hearty thank you is extended to the folks at Mt. Ariel. A plaque of appreciation will be presented to them.

REMINDER!
Have you given your share to the Promotional Office Property Fund



Pastor Buster Benton Holds Burning Mortgage-Part Of Congregation Looks On

New Life Burns Mortgage On Fellowship Building

A new fellowship building graces the grounds and facilities of New Life FWB Church, Conway, SC. The construction began in 1990 and was completed in 1992 at a cost of \$25,000.00. Donated labor by the members and gifts of building materials by various donors made the low cost possible.



Deacons-Trustees Burn Note. LR-Charles Campbell (D), Clyde Hyman (D), David Powell (T), Ed Vause (T), Ernest Broach (D), Gerald Johnson (T), Bill Skinner (D) and Pastor Miles Back Left

Peace Burns Mortgage

Peace FWB Church, Florence, SC held a "Mortgage Burning Ceremony on Sunday morning, May 23, 1993. Promotional Director, Norwood Gibson was guest speaker for the occasion.

In July of 1988 Peace Church constructed an addition to the existing facilities to meet the demands for more Sunday School classrooms and a fellowship hall. The new addition consisted of 1,600 square foot fellowship hall, five classrooms and a storage room. Renovations were also done to the existing building to provide 2 classrooms, a larger nursery, a larger pastors study and a study for the assistant pastor.

A \$45,000 loan was secured to construct the facility. Some of the work was contracted and some was done by the congregation. This helped greatly to cut the building cost. When Donnie Miles became pastor he led them in a fund raising project to retire the loan,

The appraised value of the building exceeds \$90,000.00. The church secured a \$10,000.00 loan to complete the facility and they repaid it in a short period of time. It was a time of rejoicing by the congregation as they saw the fire turn the mortgage into ashes.

The 2,080 square foot facility consist of a fully equipped kitchen with very attractive walnut finished cabinets, a large dining area, 2 rest rooms and a storage room. The ceiling has a white blown finish, inset florescent lighting and ceiling fans. The kitchen floor is covered with tile and the dining area with carpet. The interior walls have a white paint finish. The exterior walls are brick veneer with a porch at the entrance.

Pastor Buster Benton and his

fine folks are to be commended for this addition to their facilities.

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR HIS PROVIDING GRACE!"



Fellowship Building

which was successful. The large loan was paid off in just less than five years. Brother Donnie Miles is a native of

Darlington, SC. He is in his third year with Peace Church and it is making good progress under his leadership. Prior to coming to Florence he served as youth pastor for a number of years with two churches in North Carolina. The church is to be commended for this fine accomplishment.



View Of Added Addition

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