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FR-LR Sherwood Lee Presenting Plaque To Charles Brown and His Wife Shirley. Next To Them Are Their Daughters, Vicki And Karen. BR-LR Deacons, Ritchie Lee, Larry Hawkins and Ronald Matthews.

Charles Brown Retires After 42 Years Of Ministry

Rev. Charles Brown, a native of Rockingham, NC has retired from the active pastoral ministry due to declining health. In the early summer of 1992 Brother Charles suffered a serious heart condition and a stroke. After a long confinement in the hospital and months of physical therapy the Lord blessed with a marvelous recovery. He has regained control of his body mobility and speech. However, Charles felt he was not physically able to continue in the pastorate.

Brother Brown is best known for his "Church Planting Ministry". His first ministry was with St Paul FWB Church in Elizabeth City, NC, 1950-54. He served the First FWB Church, Jacksonville, FL as pastor in the years 1954-55. In 1955 he returned to his first pastorate, St Paul's FWB Church, and served there until 1958. During this time he led the church in relocating and building new facilities. He came to Mt Elon FWB Church, Pamplico, SC in 1958 and served as pastor until 1961. In 1961, as a home missionary with the South Carolina Conference, he went to Cheraw, SC and

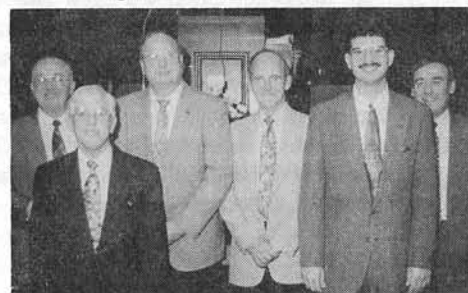
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The 1993 South Carolina State C.T.S. Convention will meet on the above dates at Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville, SC. Registration will be at 6:30-7:00-PM on Friday with competition following. Please note this information--it is the only announcement you will receive.

A Financial Plea From The Director Pastor Donnie Miles

Our state C.T.S. convention is in desperate need of funds. Our expenses include such items as awards for the state meeting; honorariums for judges, national fees for our state winners, office expense (mailings, phone, printing, etc.), board meetings, and assistance for state winners to the National Youth Conference. We are at presently in debt for last year's awards! Part of the reason is our limited source of income which is basically competition fees and the offering received at the meeting. Our competitive fees--listed in our constitution--are outdated. We are asking for each district to voluntarily increase their fees to this year's meeting to the amount required by the NYC. Those fees are as follows: \$12.00 (individual); \$20.00 (2-6 members--musical groups and Bible teams); \$45.00 (choir and chorales). Again, let it be understood that we are asking for voluntary participation. We cannot require anything more than what you have been sending, but this board cannot continue to function properly with the present financial condition. We would hope that some churches and individuals would consider sending us a love offering. If so, you can mail it to the Promotional Office or directly to the C.T.S. treasurer, Mr. John Brooks, 2907 Christian Road, Greenwood, SC 29646. A list of competitors and fees for the 1993 competition needs to be sent no later than April 26 to Mrs. Theresa Powell, 2805 Dewitt Circle, Darlington, SC 29532.

We are thankful for any help you can give. Please try to attend and pray for our meeting this May.



1993-94 State Officers. BR-LR Earl Hendrix, Moderator; Danny Howell, Treasurer; Joe Cagle, Assistant Moderator; Lamar Smith, Assistant Treasurer; FR-LR Bobby Bowers, member-At-Large And David Aycock, Clerk. Larry McAlister, Assistant Clerk, Not In Picture.

State Association Changes Convention Date

The February 4-5, 1993 State Convention was a tremendous spiritual blessing. A spirit of unity and oneness prevailed throughout the two day session. Moderator, Earl Hendrix, led the conferees through the program of activities. As the state and national reports were given it was evident that the Lord had given progress through the year.

One major decision made by the body was to change the dates of future meetings. Previously the dates were the first Thursday and Friday in February. The State operates on a physical year basis. Since no reports could be formulated until after december 31 it created a lot of pressure and a real burden on those who had to get financial statements and other reports prepared for the digest of reports, which is required to be mailed to churches prior to the state meeting. To bring relief to this situation the State Association will meet beginning on the last Thursday in February.

Two resolutions dealing with moral decay in America were passed. Resolution on
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In Memory Of Samuel (Sam) Asaro

Sam Asaro, a native of Alabama and a long time resident of Darlington, SC, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 20, 1992, at age 65. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 22, at Southside Free Will Baptist Church in Darlington. Officiating were his pastor, Leroy Lowery and a former pastor, Mike Ramsey, of Wilson, NC. Burial was in Darlington Memorial Gardens conducted by Belk Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Myrna Odom Asaro of Darlington; three sons, Todd Asaro of Darlington, Eddie Asaro of Darlington, Dean Asaro of the Mars Bluff Community of Florence County; one daughter, Mrs. Howard (Hope) Fry of Lake City, SC and six grandchildren.

He had retired on December 4, 1992 after 30 years of employment with the News and Press of Darlington.

Brother Sam, as he was affectionately known, was saved in 1952 under the ministry of Rev. Clarence Lambert, who organized Southside FWB Church. Sam joined Southside Church when he became a Christian and remained a faithful member until his death, which spanned 40 years. He served as Sunday School Superintendent, Choir and Congregational Song Leader, as a member of the Trustee Board and Church Treasurer. For 30 years he sang with the Masters Quartet, which he organized.

Brother Sam loved the Lord and many words could describe his Christian character, but the outstanding word is faithful. As he was in many other areas of his life, he was faithful to the Lord and his church. He always expressed concern for the welfare of his church. This writer visited Southside FWB Church on many occasions and I can't recall a time that Brother Sam was not there. Being Faithful is an outstanding characteristic of a Christian and is something every Christian can and should be. It is a word that the Lord Jesus will use in greeting the faithful ones into heaven. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: enter into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew 25:21) It is evident that Brother Sam heard these words on December 20th.

In Memory Of Mrs. Alice Allen Collins

Mrs. Alice Collins, a native of Effingham, SC went to be with the Lord on September 17, 1992, at age 56. Funeral services were held on September 19th at her church, Beulah Free Will Baptist, Pamplico, SC. Officiating were her pastor, Joe McKnight and Bruce Hall, pastor of Mt Zion Baptist Church. Burial was in the Beulah Church Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Collins of Effingham and three sons; Bruce Collins of Florence, SC, Stephen Collins and Glen Collins, both of Effingham.

Sister Collins was saved in June 1969 and was a faithful member of Beulah FWB Church since that time. She served the church as a junior age Sunday School teacher and the Church Woman's Auxiliary as President of the Wiley Circle.

Alice suffered a great deal of physical pain due to her illness, but she is now with the Lord Jesus, the one she loved and served, and is now free of all pain forever.

Psalms 116:15 says, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints". On September 17, 1992 God picked out of this world his purchased, prized, precious (valuable) possession and took Alice to Himself.

Maranatha Raises \$1,500 For Missions

Each year Maranatha Christian School has a Christmas project to raise money for an outside cause. Although Maranatha Christian School always has needs, I believe God blesses us for being unselfish. The 1992 Christmas project netted \$1,500.00 for the Jerry Gibbs' family in St. Nazaire, France. This family is special since some Maranatha Christian High School students were with them for Easter, 1992. Over half the money was raised by offerings taken in classes, chapels, and Christmas concerts. The other money came from "Calorie Sales"---I mean Bake Sales---at the school.

Maranatha is a ministry of First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence with an enrollment of 265 students from Child Care through grade 12. (By Ms Dale Edwards, Principal)

News Briefs From Chesnee Mission Church

"Everything is going well in Chesnee, SC(except for all the rain). We had the wettest January in the history of our state. In spite of what we consider bad weather, we broke all attendance records. On January 24 we had a high of 79, praise the Lord! God is so good. Our average attendance for the first month of this year was 46 in Sunday School, 63 in worship, 41 in Sunday evening and 21 on Wednesday nights. We also had two to join our mission.

We started a Saturday morning visitation. We had 10 people from our mission to go visiting (knocking on doors) the first time we went out. Pray that our "door knockers" will be faithful and that our visitation group will grow.

Thank you for your faithful support to our

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account". James Childers is the missionary pastor.(Taken from Childers news letter)

South Carolina Foreign Missionary News

RON AND LINDA MOORE - IVORY COAST, WEST AFRICA. Linda underwent hysterectomy surgery on Wednesday, February 24. She has been recuperating in the home of Molly and Norwood Gibson and she is recovering well.

Ron and Linda are on deputation ministry. They are praying for the Lord to supply the needed cash funds and monthly commitments so they can return to Ivory Coast in August 1993. Current needs are \$22,000 in cash and \$1,000 in monthly faith promises. Ron is booked for services except for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights, April 26, 29, 30. May 3,4,6,7,10,11,13,14. If you would have him in a service on one of these dates it would be greatly appreciated. Call Norwood Gibson.

CARLISLE AND MARIE HANNA - INDIA. Recent news from the Hannas reported the January weather was cold, dreary, foggy and almost without the sun. Philip and Benoy (national pastors) were ordained on January 25. It was a great spiritual service. At the close of the service an invitation was given for Christians to come to the altar for rededication of their lives and to pray for and work with their pastor. Everyone in the service responded to the invitation. Some thirty converts were baptized recently. They also reported that the much needed church building at Putia was completed and occupied. Our people have been responding well for the funds to build the needed buildings and to buy motorcycles for the national preachers to travel to the churches. They expressed their greetings to everyone and their appreciation for your prayers and support.

BOBBY AND GENEVA POOLE - BRAZIL. A joint baptismal service was held on October 18. Nine were baptized from the First FWB Church and five from the Second FWB Church.

The Second FWB Church has been moved to a new location. The new location is more spacious and a little cheaper.

Geneva participated in the graduation exercises of the New Tribes Bible Institute by doing a chalk drawing and the reading "One Jungle Night".

Prayer Requests: 1) For the 14 converts recently baptized. 2) For good health; it is important for the missionaries. 3) For the four churches at Ribeirao and their leaders; John Poole at First Church, Bobby Poole at the Second Church, Cesar at Ipiranga and Carlos at Marincek.

Free Will Baptist Bible College News Briefs

Spring Enrollment Reaches 322

The Spring semester enrollment exceeded the Fall enrollment by 22 students. Five South Carolina students are included in the Spring Semester enrollment. They are: Lorie Bartlett, Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville; Kristi Hanna, Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville; Timmy McDaniel, Temple FWB Church, Darlington; Melanie Orr, First FWB Church, Chester and Tracy Sims, Bethany FWB Church, Timmonsville.

TWO SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENTS ON FALL DEAN'S LIST. Senior "B" Honor Roll, Aimee Floyd, Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville. Sophomore "B" Honor Roll, Kristi Hanna, Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville.

SPRING WELCOME DAYS. This event will be held April 1-3. Pastors and Youth Leaders are urged to bring all prospective students. It is a great opportunity for young people to experience college life and learn first hand what the college has to offer them.

SUMMER INTERNS. This is a 10 week session and students need the experience of working in a Free Will Baptist Church. If you are interested in assisting the training of a ministerial student contact the Intern Director, FWB Bible College, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205. Telephone 615/383-1340.

Audio-Video Tapes On Philippians

A set of four tapes featuring a study of Philippians is available from FWB Bible College. The series was preached in chapel in January by members of the Bible faculty.

- Chapter 1: Praying, Preaching, Proceeding With Joy-Dr. Stanley Outlaw.
- Chapter 2: Joy Through Imitating Christ-Dr. Robert Woodard.
- Chapter 3: In Christ; Life's Greatest Joy-Rev. Ralph Hampton.
- Chapter 4: Got Problems? Rejoice Anyway! Dr. Garnet Reid.

The audio series is just \$6.00. The video version is \$15.00. Both plus 10% for postage and handling. Send orders to: Philippians Tapes, FWB Bible College, 3606 West End Ave, Nashville, TN 37205.

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Southeastern Free Will Baptist College News

Revival Soul Winning Conference April 19-21

The annual Southeastern "Revival Soul Winning Conference" will be held on campus in an "Old Fashioned Tent".

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Lee Roberson, pastor emeritus of the Highland Park Baptist Church and Chancellor of Tennessee Temple University, Chattanooga, TN; Dr. Dan Patrick, Pastor of Faith FWB Church, Goldsboro, NC; Rev. A.B. Brown, Academic Dean of Southeastern; Dr. Randy Cox, Pastor of First FWB Church, Raleigh, NC; Rev. Tim Rabon, Pastor of First FWB Church, Raleigh, NC; Rev. Jeff Jones, Associate Pastor of Hilltop FWB Church, Fuquay-Varina, NC and Rev. Karl Sexton, Associate Pastor, Gateway FWB Church, Virginia Beach, VA.

MATT PETTIT-STUDENT RECRUITER.

Matt is a Fall 1992 Graduate of Southeastern and he is traveling this semester for the college in student recruitment. He is an outstanding youth preacher and has been used extensively in the past two years traveling with singing groups. He is available for chapel services, school revivals, youth revivals, weekend revivals, church revivals, youth retreats, etc. If you would like a service with him or a group from the college call (919) 365-7711.

FOUR S.C. STUDENTS ENROLLED FOR SPRING SEMESTER. John Keen, Lockhart FWB Church, Lockhart; Tricia Crowe, Salem FWB Church, Coward; Sherri Howell, First FWB Church, Florence and Sonya Dodgens, Townsville.

TWO SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENTS MAKE FALL HONOR ROLL. "B" Honor Roll, Sherri Howell, First FWB Church, Florence, SC and Sonya Dodgens.

COLLEGE CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. After the May 1993 graduation the college will have graduated 169 students. They are now serving the Lord in a variety of occupations and ministries, of which 21 are pastors.

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missionary with the South Carolina Conference, he went to Cheraw, SC and established Windsor Park FWB Church and served the church until 1963. Brother Charles personally cut the timber from which the frame work material was cut for the building. He took the pastorate of First FWB Church in Portsmouth VA in 1963, which was in a very low condition. It was renamed Collinswood FWB Baptist Church and when he left in 1976 it was a large, thriving, soul winning church. He went to Great Bridge, Virginia in 1976 and organized Great Bridge FWB Church which became a large soul winning church, where he served until 1979. Faith FWB Church in Carrollton, Virginia was organized by him during 1979-81. In 1982 he began a mission work in Churchland, Virginia and in 1983 he established a mission work in Princeton, NC. In 1984 Brother Charles took the pastorate with Sandhill FWB Church, Coward, SC and served there until his retirement in December of 1992.

On Saturday afternoon, January 23, 1993 Sandhill Church held a reception in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Brown. A large number of people attended the event, including family members, fellow pastors and friends, who gave Brother Brown and his wife, Shirley, cards and gifts. Brother Sherwood Lee, interim pastor at Sandhill, presented him with a beautiful plaque from the church with this inscription: Presented To Rev. and Mrs. Charles Brown In Appreciation For Eight Years Of Faithful And Dedicated Service To Sandhill FWB Church, Coward, South Carolina. January 23, 1993. The church also gave him a generous love offering.

Cramerton FWB Church Honors Brother Brown

A special service was held at Cramerton FWB Church, Cramerton, NC on Sunday evening, February 14, 1993 in honor of Brother Brown. He was won to the Lord by the founder of the Cramerton Church, Brother Roy Rickard, in a revival meeting at Brown's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham, NC.

Rev. A.B. Brown, Dean and Professor at Southeastern FWB College gave a brief history of the life of Charles from childhood through his ministry. Brother Charles was raised in Brother A.B.'s home by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Brown.

Special music for the event was rendered by his granddaughters and Brother Keith Kennimer, who in past years labored with Charles in the ministry.

Rev. Jim Marcum, Charles' son-in-law delivered the message in the service. He is a Free Will Baptist Pastor in Lincolnton, NC.

A reception was held after the service in
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the church's fellowship hall for family and friends. Brother Brown was presented with a beautiful plaque which reads: In Appreciation To Rev. Charles W. Brown For 42 Years Of Faithful Service In The Ministry Of The Lord Jesus Christ. 1950-1992 (1 Timothy 4:7). He was also presented with a album of letters from family and friends expressing their love and appreciation for the ministry of this faithful couple.

The Brown's have two daughters; Mrs. Jim (Vicki) Marcum and Mrs. Kyle (Karen) Brown. The daughters have blessed Charles and Shirley with four grandchildren.

Brother and Sister Brown are precious friends of this writer. My prayer is that God will strengthen him so that he can again do that which he loves so much, preaching the Gospel.

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homosexuality: Whereas Bill Clinton and Al Gore were the most pro gay and pro lesbian ticket ever to represent the Democratic Party, and, Whereas during their administration there is increasing recognition and legitimacy given to homosexual lifestyle, and, Whereas the Scriptures teach that homosexuality is a serious moral crime, described as uncleanness, vile affections, and being given over to a reprobate mind (Romans 1:24,26,29), Be it resolved that the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists reconfirm its stand on the Scriptural teachings regarding homosexuality.

Resolution on abortion. Whereas, there are 13,000 preborn babies killed in their mothers womb by abortion every year in South Carolina, and many more nationally, and, Whereas, 97% of these abortions are for the reason of convenience and birth control, and, Whereas, our president has taken actions to make abortion even more convenient, Be it resolved that the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists reconfirm our position against abortion. Be it further resolved that our president be informed of our position.

The devotions and the preaching were Biblical, strong and challenging. The singing was a blessing and the testimonies evidenced what the power of God does in the transformation of a person through the new birth.

The attendance was good throughout the meeting and a rising vote of thanks was expressed to the First FFWB Church Florence for the gracious hospitality in hosting the meeting.

Rev. and Mrs. James Rice Honored For Service At Children's Home

The State Association recognized Rev.

James Rice, and his wife Joan, for eleven years service to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Turbeville, SC, as superintendent and house mother. Moderator, Earl Hendrix presented Brother Rice with a beautiful plaque as a token of the State's gratitude for their faithful service. He is now pastor of Oates FFWB Church, Lamar, SC.

Sarvis Licensed By Central Association

James Sarvis, a native of Marion, SC was licensed by the Central Association of FFWB Churches at their quarterly meeting on Saturday, January 30.

Brother Sarvis was saved September 3, 1976 at a prayer meeting. He was baptized and joined Rains FFWB Church and served there as the teens Sunday school teacher. He moved to Nichols, SC in 1984 and joined Wildwood FFWB Church where he has served as a deacon and adult Sunday school teacher. He yielded to God's call to preach in December 1992.

His wife, the former Linda McCellan, was born in California. At age three her family moved to Florida and to Dillon, SC. James and Linda have two children, Terry, age 15 and Leslie, age 10.

Brother James is self employed as a building contractor. He is available for supply preaching. It is his desire at this time to better prepare himself for a pastorate. Pastors, if you need someone to fill your pulpit give this young preacher an opportunity. You can contact him by writing to Post Office Box 175, Nichols, SC 29581 or call 803/526-2591.

Pine Grove Calls Watford As Pastor

Brother Frank Watford, a native of Lancaster, SC, was called by Pine Grove FFWB Church, Jefferson, SC as their pastor.

He was saved at age 9 in a Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, NC and surrendered to God's call upon him to preach in 1987. Pastor Watford is an ordained minister in good standing with the Palmetto Conference. Previous to his current ministry

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Whitney Calls Barnes As Pastor

Rev. Bruce Barnes has assumed the pastorate of Whitney FFWB Church, Spartanburg, SC.

During the past thirteen years Brother Barnes has served the Lord both as youth pastor at Pleasant Acres FFWB Church in New Bern, NC and as pastor of Davis FFWB Church, Davis NC. He also served a number of years on the North Carolina Coastal Association Youth Board, director of the association's Youth Camp, and a past clerk of the North Carolina State Association.

Brother Barnes is a 1979 graduate of Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC, receiving a B.A. Degree in Bible, and a M.A. Degree in Pastoral Studies in 1991. He is currently nearing completion of his Ph.D. class work at Bob Jones. He also teaches at the University in the Ancient Languages Department.

Beginning the year with a mortgage-burning service, Whitney Church is now concentrating on facility renovations and development of church ministries. A variety of new ministries have been and are continuing to be established at the church both to minister to the flock and as an outreach to the community.

A new "All-Church Visitation Program" has been started and is functioning well for its initial stage. A unique approach, it is a method to involve many more church members in some aspect of church visitation.

His pulpit ministry emphasis is on Christ-centered worship and Christian edification through Bible preaching. Christian fellowship and soul winning evangelism rounds out a complete church program. A recent service recorded the best attendance in over a year.

On behalf of the Beaver Creek Association and the S.C. State Association of FW Baptists we extend a hearty, warm welcome to Brother Bruce, and his wife Debbie, back to South Carolina.



True Life Holds Annual Meeting

The Saturday, January 16, annual meeting of the True Life Association was hosted by Calvary FWB Church. The church is located north of Lancaster, SC, just off of US highway 521, north of the Andrew Jackson State Park. John Pressley is the pastor and moderator of the association. Two State representatives were present and gave reports of their work, James Wilhide, Superintendent of the FWB Children's Home, and Norwood Gibson, State Promotional Director.

The host pastor welcomed the large group to the session and gave the morning devotion. His devotion was taken from Joshua 1:1-9, entitled "God's Victorious Promises".

Brother Pressley led the congregation in a period of heart moving testimonies, followed by special singing, before the morning message was delivered by Pastor Paul Childers. It was a very timely and stirring message from Proverbs 24:13-14.

Six of the seven association's churches represented with more than eighty in attendance. The host church won the attendance trophy with 30 of their people present and Mt Carmel FWB Church, York, SC running a close second with 26 attending.

Officers elected to serve the association for the 1993-94 year are: John Pressley, Moderator, John Cody, Clerk, Phil Lemmons, Treasurer and Leroy Sexton and Richard Campbell, Members-At-Large.

The ladies of the host church treated the conferees to a delicious dinner in their newly completed fellowship hall.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 17.

Bay Branch Host SC Conference Annual Session

The annual session of the South Carolina Conference was hosted by Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmonsville, SC on Friday, January 22. Moderator Lamar Smith presided over the days activities. The host pastor, Mike Creech, gave the welcome to the good number of delegates and visitors attending.

Robert Rose, pastor of Mt Elon FWB Church, preached the message in the morning worship service. He spoke from the 23rd Psalm, delivering one of the most powerful, dynamic messages from the portion of Scripture this writer has ever heard. It was a spiritual blessing to everyone in the congregation.

Rex Evans, pastor of Calvary FWB Church, Georgetown, SC gave the afternoon devotion from Philippians Chapter 4:10-13.

During the business session the body approved raising their quarterly representation fee to \$40.00 in preparation for the increase in the national representation fee from \$10.00 per church to \$25.00. The increase will be effective in 1994. The body also approved a gift of \$250.00 to the State Promotional Office for the property fund and \$ 250.00 to the Children's Home.

Officers elected to serve the conference for the 1993-94 year are: Sigbee Dilda, Moderator; Robert Rose, Assistant Moderator; Joe McKnight, Clerk; Rick Cason, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, Rick Jagers.

The Congregation was treated to a delicious meal by the ladies of the host church. It was served in the spacious fellowship hall where the dining and fellowship was very comfortable.

The next quarterly meeting will be on Friday night, June 25 at Bethesda FWB Church, Camden SC.

Beaver Creek Annual Meeting Hosted By High Point

The annual session of the Beaver Creek Association and the Beaver Creek Ministers Conference was hosted by High Point FWB Church, Lancaster, SC on Friday afternoon and evening, January 29. Brother James Wilhide presided over the association's session and Brother Billy Vanderford presided over the Ministers Conference.

James Sanders, pastor of First FWB Church, Chester, SC delivered the message in the worship hour. His message was taken from Psalms 13:1 and it was a tremendous message to encourage preachers in these difficult times.

Ron Moore, Missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, gave the devotion in the Ministers Conference. Heretofore, the Beaver Creek Ministers Conference was a separate organization with its own officers. At this annual meeting the body voted to merge the conference into the association and function as one body.

New officers elected to serve the association for the 1993-94 year are: James Childers, Moderator; David Carter, Assistant Moderator; Bobby Bowers, Clerk; William Porter, Treasurer and Danny Keen, Assistant Treasurer.

Baldwin Honored For 25 Years Service

Each year the Beaver Creek Association honors all ministers with 25 years service to the association. The minister is given a nice plaque and he and his wife are taken out to

a nice restaurant and treated to a meal of their choice. At the January meeting Brother Troy Baldwin and his wife were honored.

Pastor Baldwin was saved in 1952 at Converse FWB Church during a night service. He was called to preach in 1955 and for a time he was ordained and ministered in an independent group. In 1967 he came into the fellowship of the Beaver Creek Association, where he has remained for 25 years.

He has served as pastor for three Free Will Baptist churches in the Spartanburg area: Converse FW Baptist, Southside FW Baptist and Airport FW Baptist. Serving as interim pastor has been a great part of his ministry. In this capacity he served Lockhart FWB Church, Lockhart; Fairview FWB Church, Spartanburg; First FWB Church, Chester; Hearon Circle (now Parkway FWB Church) Spartanburg. He also worked with Billy Vanderford in establishing the Gaffney FWB Church. Currently he is pastor of Trinity FWB Church, Una, SC, a community in Spartanburg. According to Brother Baldwin the church is experiencing good progress.

This man of God and his wife are to be commended for their long and faithful service to the Lord Jesus Christ and His church.



(L) Bobby Bowers, Association Clerk Presents Plaque To Brother Baldwin.

BC Sponsored Annual Evangelistic Conference

The annual Beaver Creek "Soul Winning and Evangelism Conference" was hosted by the First FWB Church, Inman, SC on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 2-3. Speakers for the event were: Dale Burden, Pastor of Gateway FWB Church, Virginia Beach, VA; Mr. Trymon Messer, Associate Director, National Home Missions, Antioch, TN and Rue Dell Smith, Pastor of Phillips Chapel FWB Church, Springdale AR. The session began at noon Tuesday with lunch served by the host church.

A Seminar on "Church Finances" was given on Tuesday afternoon by Pastor Dale Burden. Rue Dell Smith and Trymon Messer preached on Tuesday night with the combined choir of participating churches rendering special music.

On Wednesday morning the Inman Christian academy provided special singing

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for the services. Brother Rue Dell Smith gave a seminar on "Putting Life In The Sunday School". Mr. Trymon Messer gave a seminar on "Soul Winning and Visitation". A free lunch was served to those attending.

In the Wednesday night services special music was rendered by the combined choir and Brothers Dale Burden and Rue Dell Smith preached in the dual service.

From all reports the conference was a tremendous spiritual blessing and a challenge to all attending.



Congregation Filing By To Express Their Love And Appreciation to Rev. And Mrs. Cagle

Pastor Appreciation Day On Pastor Cagle's 25th Anniversary

New Prospect FWB Church, Pamplico, SC honored their pastor, Brother Joe Cagle on his 25th anniversary with the church, on Sunday, January 10, with "Pastor Appreciation Day".

Norwood Gibson, State Promotional Director, had the honor of preaching for him on this joyful occasion. The Church Choir and the Junior Church children rendered several songs especially for him.

A beautiful plaque was presented to him with the following inscription: "Presented To Rev. Joseph Cagle For 25 Years of Faithful Service To God, Church and Community".

The congregation expressed their love and appreciation to Brother Joe and his wife, Geraldine, with a basket filled with cards containing financial gifts.

The ladies of the church prepared a good ole "Country Dinner" in his honor. This was one part of the occasion everyone participated in; enjoying the delicious food and the good fellowship.

This man of God is worthy of the honor given. He not only fills the duties of a pastor, faithfully and well, to a fairly large congregation, but he is also the administrator of the church's Christian School. The school has been in existence for many years and has graduated a number of students who have gone on to schools of higher education, making excellent grades. But more important, many of them are now adults serving the Lord faithfully.

Brother Joe was convicted of the need for providing Christian education for children and young people, and has gladly made the sacrifice to make it possible. He, his staff members and teachers of the past and of the present are to be commended for the sacrifice they have made and continue to make to provide quality Christian education.



(L) Deacon Willard Gaskins (R) Pastor Cagle Holding Plaque And The Basket Of Cards While His Wife, Geraldine Looks On.



Gilead Bible Readers

Growth Continues At Gilead

Gilead FWB Church, Lake City, SC continues to grow spiritually, numerically and in the expansion of their facilities. The church is in the process of building a new sanctuary. Inclimate weather has delayed the construction. When the building is completed The Informer will run a feature article on the facility.

Sunday night, January 31 was a very special time for the church. Seventeen people were recognized and given plaques for reading the Bible through in 1992. They are: Ida Mae Williams, Gail McCutcheon, Dorsey Jones, Tony Lynch, Pete Bove, Terry Teal, Pamela Jones, Mickey Evans, Wyman Lowder, Clara McCutcheon, Geneva Graham, Ronald Knight, Lydia Knight, Elnora Braddy, and Shelly McKnight. Bible readers not pictured: Charon Bazen and Becky Godwin.

Norwood Gibson, State Promotional Director, was the guest speaker for the event. He spoke on stewardship.

A real joyful part of the service was the baptismal service. Five new converts followed Jesus in obedience for water baptism. Rev. Pete Bove assisted the church pastor, Larry McAlister, in the service.

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After the service refreshments were served to those attending.



B-LR Jimmy Rhodes, Kathi Owens, Shane Sims, Randy Eaddy, Cameron Lloyd, Mack Rogers and Tansi Smith. FR-LR Vivian O'Neal, Betty Knew, Geraldine Rhodes, Ann Perdue, Sylvia Eaddy, Dean Asaro, John New, John Pickett, John Gill and Terri Cason.

Pee Dee Bible Institute Awards Students

Pee Dee Bible Institute is a ministry of Southside FWB Church, Darlington, SC. It began in the fall of 1992 and is open to anyone who wishes to improve their Bible knowledge and enhance their service for the Lord.

The first semester closed with an "Award Night", which was held at Quincy's Steak House in Florence. All of the 17 first semester students were present.

The first semester courses were: Studies in the Old Testament Teaching Techniques. The second semester began January 4th with continued studies in the Old Testament and Understanding People. The church pastor, Leroy Lowery is the instructor.



Mr. and Mrs. Phillip (Anna) Lemmons Standing By New Van

Lockhart Purchased New Van

The Lockhart congregation, Lockhart, SC is delighted and grateful to the Lord for the new 15 passenger van (bus). It is a large, heavy vehicle with comfortable seats, seat belts, duct heat and air conditioning in the ceiling. Air vents are so spaced that every passenger receives adequate heat and cooling

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for comfort. It resembles the system that is used on an aircraft. According to Mr. Phillip Lemons the van was purchased at a very good price.

The vehicle is used for bringing in people services, youth activities, senior citizen ministry and other church programs.

The men who work the bus route for church services are: Mr. "Bo" Blue, Mr. Louis Gibson, Mr. Logan Vanderford and Mr. Mike Brannon.



Ron And Linda Moore Speakers At District Auxiliary Meetings



1993-94 Officers: FR-LR Joyce Spalding, Secretary; Evis Poston, Vice President; Angie Stone, President; BR-LR Pat Simmons, Treasurer; Gempson Poston, Field Worker; Carolyn Filyaw, Missions Action Chairman; Carolyn Baxley, Missions Prayer Chairman and Retha McAlister, Missions Study Chairman.

Mill Branch Host Eastern District Auxiliary

The annual convention of the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary was hosted by the Mill Branch Woman's Auxiliary, Johnsonville, SC. Angie Stone, District President, presided over the session.

The theme for the program was "Treasures Of Our Hearts", taken from Matthew 6:21. The thought for the day was "A Good Woman Out Of The Treasures Of Her Heart, Bringeth Forth Good Things".

Mrs. Evis Poston of the host church extended a warm welcome to the conferees.

President's message was given by Mrs. Angie Stone.

The activities reports were given by: Molly Gibson, National Woman's Auxiliary Convention; State Convention, Charlene Scott; WNAC Retreat, Renee Hemann;

Mother-Daughter Banquet, Louetta Williams; and Prayer and Praise Rally, Evis Poston.

The Woman's Auxiliary from the Fellowship FWB Mission Church, Manning SC was received into the district's fellowship. They were extended a warm, enthusiastic welcome to the district.

Ron and Linda Moore, missionaries to Ivory Coast, West Africa were the guest speakers for the meeting. Ron delivered the message in the morning worship service. Before the message a group of ladies from the host church rendered special singing.

After the morning service the conferees enjoyed a delicious dinner and fellowship together.

Linda Moore gave the devotion in the afternoon service and shared with the ladies what life and housekeeping is like in the Ivory Coast. There was no doubt that the ladies preferred the American way.

The last item on the agenda of business was the election of officers to serve the district for the next two years. Linda Moore conducted the installation service.



1993-94 Officers: FR-LR Carolyn Riddick, President; Hope Fry, Vice President; Mary Byrd, Secretary; Lynda Hawkins, Treasurer; BR-LR Carolyn Cooper, Missions Action Chairman; Patsy Hyman, Missions Prayer Chairman; Annette Aycok, Missions Study Chairman and Faye Owens, Field Worker

SC District Auxiliary Meets With Black River

Ron Moore was the guest speaker at the annual session of the South Carolina District Woman's Auxiliary. The convention was hosted by Black River FWB Church Woman's Auxiliary on Saturday, February 27. Carolyn Riddick, District President, presided over the days activities.

The theme for the program was "Christ Is All And Is In All" taken from Colossians 3:11. The thought for the day was, "If Christ Is Your All, Then You Will Give Him Your All!!!".

The morning devotion was given by Bonnie Byars and special singing was rendered by Carolinda Moore.

The activity reports were given by Frances Pattillo, Edra Saverance, Beulah Mims and Patsy Hyman. Frances gave the report of the

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Prayer and Praise Rally; Edra gave the report on the Mother-Daughter Banquet; Beulah Mims gave the report on the WNAC Retreat and Patsy Hyman gave the report on Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

Ron Moore, Missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa delivered the message in the morning worship service. His wife Linda was not able to attend and take part in the service because of recent surgery. Before Brother Ron preached special singing was given by the Koinonia (Fellowship) Ladies from Fellowship FWB Church in Florence.

After the morning service the conferees were treated to a delicious meal, including good ole Southern Bar "B" Que and a variety of desserts.

The afternoon service consisted of a Sing Along Time directed by Carolyn Riddick, an up-date by Mirial Gainer on her current status as a missionary to Japan, and business. Officers elected to serve the district for the next two years. Patty Collins and Vivien O'Neal conducted the officers installation service.

S.C. District Prayer Praise Rally Makes Local News

The South Carolina District Prayer and Praise Rally held on Saturday, November 14, at Immanuel FWB Church, Santee, SC was featured in the local newspaper. It is seldom that Free Will Baptist events get in the news, especially to the extent this one was. The article included a large picture and several columns of print.

Patsy Hyman is the district Prayer Chairman and she and her ladies organized the event.

Joan Emory, from First FWB Church, Inman, SC, was the guest soloist. Those who have heard her sing know that the congregation was blessed by her participation.

Bernice Hanna was the speaker for the occasion. Her message was entitled "What To Do When Your Bucket Bottom Falls Out". Bernice and her husband Earl were former home missionaries to Orangeburg, SC. The church is now organized and self supporting.

A skit was presented by the ladies from Midlands FWB Church, West Columbia. It was written by Peggy Barnes, which portrayed the day to day dilemmas faced by Christian Women in today's troubled world. The ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch and fellowship in a beautifully decorated fellowship hall.

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1993-94 Officers: FR-LR Faye Hanna, President; Mary Coker Standing In For Emmie Brown, Vice President; Donna Hucks, Secretary; Camille Scott Standing In For Dorothy Inman, Treasurer. BR-LR Stand-in For Peggy Lowery, Missions Study Chairman; Edna Coker, Missions Action Chairman; Sylvia Eaddy Standing In For Angie Lahmon, Missions Prayer Chairman and Ella Robinson, Field Worker.

Westside Host Central District Auxiliary

The annual meeting of the Central District Woman's Auxiliary was on Saturday, February 20, 1993. The session was hosted by the woman's auxiliary of Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville, SC.

The theme for the program was "Lift Him Up", taken from John 3:14-15. The thought for the day was "If we lift Him up, we will be uplifted". Patricia Powell, District President, presided over the days activities.

The devotion was given by Faye Hanna of the host church. Special singing was rendered by Tammy Burger, a trio from Oak Grove FWB Church, consisting of Cathy Hucks, Ginny Jordan and Danette Jordan. Camille Scott rendered a solo in the morning worship hour.

The following reports were given: Mother-Daughter Banquet, Sylvia Eaddy; November Study Course, Ella Rawlinson; State Convention, Linda Herndon; WNAC Retreat, Camille Scott and the WNAC (National Auxiliary Convention), Faye Hanna.

Guest speakers for the meeting were Ron Moore and Linda Moore, missionaries to Ivory Coast, West Africa. Ron delivered the message in the morning worship service and Linda gave the devotion in the afternoon service. Linda shared with the ladies about her home and lifestyle in Africa. It is much different from life in America!

After the morning service the congregation enjoyed a delicious meal, including a variety of deserts, in the fellowship hall.

The afternoon session consisted of a chorus singtime, business and the election of officers to serve the district for the next two years. Mrs. Patricia Powell conducted the officers installation ceremony.



Current Meeting Facility

New FWB Church In Spartanburg

Victory Free Will Baptist Church is the most recent FWB Church to be established in Spartanburg, SC. The church began on Sunday, April 26, 1992 in the home of the pastor, Rev. Jesse Smith, 420 Magness Drive, with eleven adults and five children.

On Mothers Day, May 10, 1992 they moved into rented facilities at 359 Whitney Road. The building is located in a shopping mall and the facilities are very adequate for a young church. However, they have grown by winning people to the Lord and taking in new members. Currently they have sixty members and are looking for a larger building.

Pastor Smith and the church are members of the Palmetto Conference. He was saved on May 24, 1981 at Friendship FWB Church, which is now Trinity FWB Church at Una, a community of Spartanburg. After yielding to God's call upon him to preach he was

licensed and ordained by his conference. He served the Trinity Church as deacon, trustee, Sunday school teacher and pastor.

Brother Jesse is married to the former Barzilla Lloyd and they have one son, Jesse Smith, Jr. and one daughter, Karen.

The pastor and congregation are grateful to the Lord for what He has done for them in such a short period of time. They recognize it to be His blessings and give Him the praise and glory for it. Beginning a new local church requires hard work and they are to be commended for their faithful service.

Pray that the Lord will provide larger facilities for them.



Current Sanctuary

Whitney Junior Church Gives To Missions

The Junior Church of Whitney FWB Church, Spartanburg, SC raised \$100.00 for Carlisle and Marie Hanna, Missionaries to India. The offering came to the Promotional Office with ten signatures of children who signed the letter stating the recipients name.

The leader of this group is to be commended for teaching the children to give to missions and the children are to be commended for their generosity.

On behalf of Carlisle and Marie Hanna, thank you so very much.

Available Pastor

JERRY HALL, 316 Grace Drive, Florence, SC 29505-3510. Brother Hall is a member of

First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence SC. Danny Howell is his pastor. He is a licensed minister in good standing with the South Carolina Conference. His preference would be to serve first as an assistant pastor for training purposes. However, he is open to God's leading in his ministry.

Brother Jerry can be contacted by writing to the address above or by calling him at 803/662-3370.

An Open Thank You Note

Rev. Bruce Elliott, pastor of Floyds FWB Church, Nichols, SC would like to use this means to express his sincere thanks to everyone who has prayed, sent cards and rendered many helps for needs, comfort and encouragement during his long illness. He and his family are grateful for your every expression of love and concern. Your continued prayers are requested and will be appreciated.