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Orangeburg Church Organized



LIBERTY CHURCH FACILITY

Liberty Free Will Baptist Mission Church, Orangeburg, SC was organized into an autonomous local church on Sunday Afternoon, March 7, 1993.

Roy Thomas, Director of the National Home Missions Department, and his wife Pat were special guest for the occasion. Brother Roy preached in the Sunday morning service. He also spoke in the afternoon organizational service.

The organizational service was conducted by Fred Kirby, Director of the S.C. State FWB Home Mission Board. Brother Timmy Larrimore opened the service with prayer. He and his wife Jowand were the first converts of the Hanna's ministry. At the time Tim was stationed in the area as a trooper with the S. C. Highway Patrol. He has been transferred to another area and is now attending his home church, White Savannah Free Will Baptist, Conway, SC. Pastor Earl Hanna gave the welcome to the congregation which consisted of members of the congregation, a large number of family members of both Earl and Bernice, and friends. Bernice rendered a special in song, "The Church Will Rise Triumphant". Three board members, Robert Rose, Leroy Lowery and Bill Jacobs participated in the service. Brother Lowery presented the church with a Bible, stating that

the Word of God is our only rule of practice and faith. Brother Jacobs presented the Free Will Baptist Treatise, pointing out the divisions of contents. Brother Rose read the Church Covenant to the congregation. Brother Kirby had the members of the mission church stand and accept as a body the FWB Treatise and they were declared to be the charter members. Brother Kirby led the church in officially calling Brother Earl Hanna as their pastor. The service was closed with a brief message by Brother Roy Thomas and the benediction by Norwood Gibson, State Promotional Director.

The work began in August 1987 under the leadership of the mission pastor, Earl Hanna and his wife Bernice. The first meeting facility was a two story house building on Broughton Street in downtown Orangeburg. It was formerly used as a bar and it took 35 gallons of white paint to refurbish the dark blue interior of the bar. The facility proved to be ideal for the beginning of a new work.

In 1989 four and one half acres of land was purchased, located about 4 miles west of Orangeburg fronting on highway 4. Brother Earl and his congregation agreed to build the facility by faith, that is, they would build as money was available without securing a building loan. The Lord honored their faith

and when the building was completed it was debt free. Brother Hanna, his congregation, people from churches in our state and from other states came in and gave their labor and financial assistance. Pastor Hanna, Bernice and their congregation get real excited as they reminisce over how God, in so many unexpected ways, supplied the finances. The debt free church stands as a testimony to God's faithfulness in honoring faith in Him. It is indeed a miracle.

This is the first and only Free Will Baptist Church in Orangeburg county, but we trust that in time others will be established there. On behalf of the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist we extend our sincere appreciation to Pastor Hanna, his wife Bernice, the congregation, the financial contributors and all of those who contributed in other ways to make this miracle possible. TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE!!

The church is now on self supporting status (without any aid from the mission board). Please pray that the Lord will give them many more converts to Jesus Christ and meet their many needs. We commend Earl and Bernice for a job well done.

The next projected project of the S.C. FWB State Home Board is to establish a FWB Church in Aiken, SC. Please pray with them for God's choice of a home missionary to lead this work.



DR. ROY THOMAS (L) PRESENTS
PASTOR HANNA WITH A PLAQUE
IN RECOGNITION OF HIS WORK

Partners In Ministry

By Ron Moore, Missionary
Ivory Coast, West Africa

World evangelization is a three-way partnership between the missionary, his supporters, and the God of all grace. This partnership is clearly seen in Philippians 4:10-20, where the Apostle Paul (the sent one) rejoices in the faithful support of the Philippians believers (the senders) and in the gracious provision of almighty God (the Supplier).

Notice how Paul expressed the dynamics of this relationship. "I rejoice in the Lord...that your care of me hath flourished again" (vs. 10). "I have all...having received the things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God" (vs. 18). "But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (vs. 19).

Paul regarded his supporters as fully vested partners in his ministry. Any recognition in this life or rewards in the next for the souls won were the dividends ("fruit") and they were to be shared equally by all participants.

The Philippian believers gave faithfully and sacrificially to his ministry. Paul pointed out how that God was well pleased with their burden and commitment to reach the lost. He assured them that God saw their sacrifice and that He would take care of them. Yes, missions is a three-way partnership: someone willing to go, others willing to send, and a gracious God willing and able to supply their every need. Paul, the Philippians believers, and the Lord our God were partners in ministry, partners working together to reach the world for Christ.

Two favorite verses in this passage are 4:13 ("I can do all things through Christ which strengtheth me.") and 4:19 ("But my God shall supply all your needs..."). The first expresses the confidence of a committed missionary in an all powerful God. The second promises God's gracious provision to those committed to missions. Do you want God's blessing upon your life? Then become a partner with God in reaching the world for which Christ died!

Fellowship Mission Church Making Progress

Fellowship FWB Mission Church, Manning, SC, is a mission work of the Eastern Conference Home Missions Board. I. Bennie Turner is the pastor of the new work. They have a large plot of land fronting on highway 261 just a few miles east of

Manning and they are in a building program. Rainy weather has hindered the progress.

Brother Turner reports that they had 42 present on Easter Sunday morning, 35 for the Sunday evening service and 38 in the following Wednesday evening prayer service.

In March they had 3 people to join the mission church and one person saved. At this point in April, two have united with the church.

Put this young work on your prayer list. Brother Turner and his folks will be grateful to you for doing so.

FWB Bible College Choir Visits Children's Home

The Free Will Baptist Bible College Choir from Nashville, TN performed in several churches in South Carolina. They were with Horse Branch FWB Church in Turbeville, SC on Thursday night, March 18. On Friday morning, March 19, the choir performed at East Clarendon High School. After this service they visited the FWB Children's Home in Turbeville where James Wilhide gave them a personal tour of the facilities.

Kristi Hanna, a member of Westside Free Will Baptist Church, Johnsonville, SC is a member of the college choir. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs Marion (Faye) Hanna.

The choir left Turbeville for an engagement with North Spartanburg FWB Church, Spartanburg, SC

419 Attend FWB Bible College Welcome Days

A record 419 prospective students and their sponsors attended Spring Welcome Days, April 1-3. Twenty eight of this number were from South Carolina. The previous attendance was 389. Visitors from 118 churches in 20 states registered for the event. The three states with the greatest number registered were, Illinois 74, Alabama 40 and North Carolina 37.

Bible College Graduation-May 13

At press time the name of the commencement speaker was not known.

Southeastern Free Will Baptist College News

COMMENCEMENT-MAY 13.

Evangelist Van Dale Hudson, Amory, MS will deliver the commencement address.

The service will be held on May 13 at 10-AM at First FWB Church, Raleigh, NC. Brother Hudson is in his 25th year of full-time evangelism. He has conducted over 900 revival meetings and is the author of nine books. He presently has an extensive month tape ministry.

A Senior's Reflection

In the life of every individual, there are stepping stones which build and mold the life of that person. Southeastern College has been one of those stepping stones in my life. The staff has been consistent to demonstrate the reality of serving Christ completely. Southeastern has encouraged me to properly prepare myself as a preacher, but more importantly how to live a victorious Christian life. Classes have taught me to study and enhanced my desire to know the truths of the Word of God. Thank God for a college that not only teaches, but also a college that challenges. (Devin Hudson)

Corrie Coker Selected For Truth And Peace Conference

Corrie Coker, a member of Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville, SC, was selected to participate in the "1993 Truth and Peace Leadership Conference".

The conference is sponsored by Randall House Publications (FWB Sunday School Department). The 1993 conference will be held July 5-21, in Nashville, Tennessee and Louisville, Kentucky. This year's theme will be "TAKE A STAND". By combining seminars and practical applications, the program will test what they believe, why they believe, and what to do with their beliefs!

The first two weeks of the conference will be held at FWB Bible College in Nashville, and the final week at the National Youth Conference in Louisville. Participants will be involved in Bible studies, current events forums, leadership training, team activities, servanthood exercises, and training for their involvement during the Youth Conference.

This year's 72 teens are from 19 states. Please remember the staff, participants, and the program in your prayers.

It is an honor to participate in this program and we congratulate CORRIE for being selected from South Carolina. We know that she will represent us well.

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In Memory Of Johnny Newton Howle, III

Mr. John "Johnny" Newton Howle, III went to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 18, 1993, at age 51. He was born in Washington, DC, but he was a long time resident of Darlington, SC.

Funeral services were held at Free Will Baptist Bible Church, Darlington, SC on Sunday afternoon, February 21, at 2:30 PM. Officiating were his father and pastor, Rev. J. Newton Howle and Rev. James Dowling. Interment was in Grove Hill Cemetery in Darlington, directed by Kistler Funeral Home.

Surviving are his father, J. Newton Howle, Jr. of Darlington; his wife, Barbara Rabb Howle of Darlington; three sons, John "Johnny" Newton Howle, IV, James Richard "Ricky" Howle and Thomas Daniel "Danny" Howle all of Darlington; five grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Jim (Ann) Garland of Hartsville, SC.

He was the owner/operator of Southern Auto Parts and Howles Used Cars, and was a charter member of Free Will Baptist Bible Church in Darlington, which was organized in 1972 by his father. He served the church faithfully for 21 years and was chairman of the usher committee.

The large number of people attending the funeral service was indicative of the many friends he gained in a short life time.

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven." (II Corinthians 5:1-2)

Charleston Minister In Heavenly Home

Rev. Leroy Grant, a native of Whitmire, SC, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 6, at age 72. Funeral services were held in his home church, Freedom Free Will Baptist, Ladson, SC on Monday, March 11 at 11-AM. Officiating were his pastor Johnny Evans and State Promotional Director, Norwood Gibson. A memorial service was held at Rocky Pass FWB Church, Marion, NC on Tuesday, March 9. Officiating in this service were Rev. Johnny Evans and Rev. Milton Hollifield. Interment was in the Rocky Pass Church Cemetery, directed by McColl Kirksey Funeral Home.

Surviving are his wife, Janelle Seagle Grant of Charleston; two daughters, Linda Grant of the home and Mrs. Ed (Sherry) G. Collins of

Akron, OH; one son, Rick Edward of Akron, OH; 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Before moving to Charleston, SC in 1979 Brother Grant had a massive heart attack in 1963 and heart by-pass surgery in 1968. However, this did not hinder him in continuing in his ministry.

He was ordained in 1953 by the Blue Ridge Association of North Carolina Free Will Baptists. He pastored Calvary FWB Church, West Marion, NC; Free Will Baptist Church, Glen Alpine, NC; Faith FWB Church, Barberton, OH and New Hope FWB Church, North Charleston, SC. For the past 6 years he was a member of Freedom FWB Church, Ladson, SC where he taught the adult Sunday School class and served as a deacon.

Brother Leroy was a man of God. He loved his saviour, Jesus Christ and proved it by being a living witness for Him. He loved his church, his family, his friends. He loved people for whom Christ died and evidenced it by a desire to see them saved. He was a dear friend of the editor of this paper. On every occasion that we met he greeted me with a kind, loving manner, which you knew was genuine.

Without going into detail, let me share with you that it was under his leadership that a sizable financial gift was given to the S.C. Free Will Baptist Home Missions Board which enabled the ministry to begin operating immediately. This gift accelerated the planting of the fine, growing, soul winning church we now have in Orangeburg, SC.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them". (Revelation 14:13)

Herbert Collins Beulah Deacon With The Lord

Mr. Herbert Collins, a native of Pamplico, SC and a retired farmer, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 7, 1993, at age 78.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 9, at 11-AM. Officiating were his former pastor, Joe McKnight and State Promotional Director, Norwood Gibson. Interment was in the church cemetery, directed by Cain Funeral Home of Florence, SC.

He is survived by his wife, Mamie C. Owens Collins of Pamplico; one son, Carlton Collins of New Jersey; two step sons, Mr. Larry Owens of Columbia, SC and Mr. Lynn Owens of Florence; One sister, Mrs. Thelma Calcutt of Pamplico, one brother Mr.

Heyward Collins of Columbia and three step grandchildren.

Brother Collins was saved at an early age in 1927, joined Beulah Free Will Baptist Church, Pamplico, SC and served the Lord there until his death. He served eight years as an elder, 50 years as a deacon, 12 years as teacher of the mens Bible class, 15 years as assistant teacher, and 5 years as an usher.

He was an outstanding Christian gentleman. The word friend comes to mind when you remember Brother Collins. The Bible definition of a friend fitted this man well. The Bible defines a friend as follows: "A friend loveth at all times." He loved his Lord, his church, his family, friends and people in general; "A friend sticketh closer than a brother". He was unwavering in his friendship to others; "Faithful are the wounds of a friend". He was honest with people and his dealings even when it may have hurt them; "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends". Brother Collins didn't lay down his life physically, but he did give his life to serve people.

The younger generations of Free Will Baptist owe a lot to men like Mr. Collins who pioneered the way for the great heritage we have today.

His wife is not doing well physically Your prayers for her are requested and appreciated.

In Memory Of Mark A. Fowler

Mark Anthony Fowler, a native of Spartanburg County, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 9, 1993, at age 35.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 11 at 1-PM in his church, Converse Free will Baptist, Converse, SC. Officiating were his pastor, Rev. Wayne Price, Rev. Tommy Turner and Rev. Lloyd Allison. Interment was in Good Shepherd Memorial Park, Spartanburg, SC.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Fowler, of Spartanburg; one son, Daniel Fowler of the home and two daughters, Amanda Leigh of Little River, SC and Christine Fowler of the home.

Mark was saved on August 3, 1983 at New Hope FWB Church, Marietta, SC. He joined Converse FWB Church in September 1983 and served the Lord there faithfully until his departure from his earthly body. He served as Chairman of the Trustee Board, as Sunday School Director, Teens Sunday School Teacher, as an usher and president of the Young Adult Class.

His testimony as a faithful, loving husband,
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father and friend will linger in their hearts for a continued source of strength and comfort. He loved God, his pastor and his church family. He was known for the smile he kept on his face and for telling others about Jesus Christ.

Mark found God's grace to be sufficient even in death. His favorite Scripture verse was First John, 5:4. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith". He is no longer living by faith, but rather by sight of Jesus Christ and the glories of heaven.

Since his death his son Daniel and his daughter Amanda have been saved. Without doubt, he rejoiced with the angels over this event.

Bible Church Calls McKnight As Pastor



Free Will Baptist Bible Church, Darlington, SC called Joe McKnight as their Pastor. He assumed the pastorate on Sunday, March 14.

Brother McKnight is a native of Kingstree, SC and graduated from high school in 1973 with 12 years of perfect attendance.

In 1973, he enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN. While in school he was active in several organizations, serving as President of Phi Beta Lambda, the Student Council, sports director of the John Bunyan Society, and reporter for "The Torch", the campus news paper. He graduated in 1975, earning a two year Business Certificate, which has since been up-dated to an Associate of Science in Business.

Following his college career he worked for a number of years, primarily in insurance sales and management.

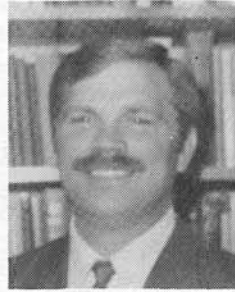
In 1983 he took the pastorate of Oates FWB Church, Oates, SC. During this time he worked with Pattillo Printing Co. in Florence. In 1985 Brother Joe assumed the pastorate with Beulah FWB Church, Pamplico, where he served for 8 years. He went to Darlington from this ministry.

He won first place in the National Writers Contest, sponsored by Randall House Publications, for four consecutive years.

Brother Joe is married to the former Ettaphine Hyman, a native of Pamplico. They have three children; Joey, age 16; Carmen, age 14 and Jonathan, age 10. Ettaphine is a

school teacher with Maranatha Christian School, a ministry of First FWB Church in Florence.

Haas Takes Beulah Pastorate



Beulah FWB Church has called

Melvin Haas, a native of Nashville, TN as their pastor. He and his family moved into the Beulah parsonage on Tuesday, April 13. They came from a pastorate with Holmesville FWB Church, New Brunswick, Canada.

Prior to his Canada ministry he pastored Carroll FWB Church, Twin Mountain, New Hampshire and Linneus FWB Church, Linneus, Maine.

Brother Melvin is the son of Rev. Joe Haas, a former pastor, a former missionary to France for many years and currently serves as chairman of the missions department at Southeastern FWB College, Wendell, NC.

Pastor Haas was saved in 1965 at a very young age. He was licensed to the gospel ministry by Woodbine FWB Church, Nashville, TN and ordained by the Northeastern Association in New Hampshire.

His elementary and high school education was received in France while his parents were serving as missionaries. He received his ministerial-pastoral training at FWB Bible College, Nashville, TN during the years 1977-1981.

He is married to the former Sheila Long, a native of Festus, Missouri. She is the daughter of Vernon Long, a Free Will Baptist Pastor, ministering in Missouri. They have four children, James, age 12; Michelle, age 10; Miriam, age 7 and Joseph, age 5.

On behalf of the South Carolina Conference and the S.C. State Association of FW Baptists a sincere, warm welcome is extended to the Haas family to our state.

North Spartanburg Honors 12 Bible Readers

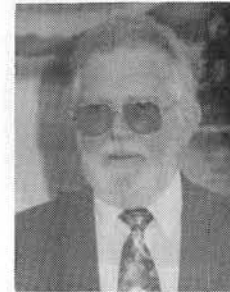
Doyle Pruett, pastor of North Spartanburg FWB Church, Spartanburg, SC, challenged his congregation to read the Bible through in 1992. He had 12 people to accept the challenge and follow through to victory. After the service on Sunday, February 7, he presented each of them with a certificate of recognition, and challenged the congregation to have more "Through The Bible Readers"

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in 1993. It is evident that they will because a greater number signed up to read through the Bible in 1993 than they had in 1992. May God grant each one the determination to stick with it. It will be a joy to report 24 readers in an article in 1994.



FR- LR Ina Sprouse, Gail Jackson, Pat Bryant, Mary Greene, Margaret Waldrop. MR-LR E.W. Sprouse, Harold Jackson, Buddy Waldrop, John Morrell, Shawn Wagoner. BR-LR Buford Gore and Ed Bryant.



Reedy Saverance



Mike Creech

Lebanon Holds Revival To Raise Funds For PO Property

Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham, SC held "Revival Services" that began on Sunday night April 11 and went through Friday night, April 16. Of course, the most important purpose of the meetings was for the spiritual needs of the church and those who visited. However, the funds that were received were given toward the payments due on the Promotional Office Property.

Mike Creech, pastor of Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmonsville, SC was the evangelist and he donated his time. The Promotional Director was privileged to attend the first service. The congregational and the special singing by Pastor Reedy Saverance, Gerald Flowers and his wife Donna was tremendous. Brother Creech preached a powerful sermon and a number of folks responded by coming to the altar. It indeed was a spiritual service.

The Promotional Office is grateful to Pastor Saverance, his folks and Brother Creech for their faithful ministry of the Word and their generous contribution of almost \$700.00 to

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the Promotional Office Property Fund. This reflects a total of \$1,800.00 that Lebanon has given to this project.

Quote Worth Noting

Some years ago a local newspaper ran an article on a new church that was established in the suburban area of a city. This is a quote by the minister from that article.

"WE ARE NOT HERE TO BRING CHRIST TO THIS COMMUNITY," HE SAID, SIMPLY, "HE IS HERE. WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS CELEBRATE HIS PRESENCE". This is a growing attitude by many as to the purpose of the church in the world. It may sound spiritual, but it is not in keeping with the command of Jesus Christ. Christians are certainly to worship Him and rejoice in His presence. However, Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15)

POINT OF INTEREST

We boast today of the millions of church members we have in America. This does not mean anything. The Bible says that toward the close of the age there will be "a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof" (II Timothy 3:5). There is a form of Godliness now. We are living in a religious boom in which so many people are riding a religious wave. Men are putting jazzy, godless songs in the juke boxes and on the radio and television. But these songs are not really Christian songs. And theatrical people (some of whom have been divorced many times) sign off their little program with a "God bless you" statement. Most of them should sign off by saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

This little superficial ditty type religion is a sign of the superficial age in which we are living. When the writer of this article began his ministry, people knew that God was a just God and that someday they would have to settle with Him. They might have sinned, but they did not justify their sins. They knew that they could not save themselves. When they were under deep conviction, they often felt that they were too wicked for even the Lord Jesus Christ to save them. Instead of this jazz religion, this hip-hoorah kind of churchanity, we need an old-time, Holy Ghost revival that would cause men to repent and to hate sin so much that they would turn to Jesus Christ and beg for mercy and forgiveness.

Pastor To People

By Leroy Lowery, Pastor
Southside FWB Church
Darlington, SC

The subject is drinking alcoholic beverages. It has finally become apparent to the boozers themselves, that something must be done. Thousands are being killed annually on our highways. Tens of thousands are being maimed for life. And billions of dollars in resources are being lost to our nation. I don't mind saying it, but "we told you so". For years we old-time Bible believing preachers were looked upon as trouble making rabble rousers because we preached against the sin of drinking. Well now the chickens are coming home to roost. I remind you, drunkenness always has been and always will be a sin against God. If an individual practices this sin then he and his fellow citizens will suffer the consequences. No wonder it is not safe to drive our highways. No wonder murder is increasing. No wonder incest, adultery, child abuse, wife beating and a host of other sociological problems are upon us today. Almost every convenience store, grocery store, gas station, and restaurant in the country is dispensing alcoholic beverages. This is not to mention the beer joints, bars and liquor stores that are springing up along our highways. We have gone mad in this country to think we can flood our nation with alcohol and avoid the consequences of such an evil. I know that we tax it, but I also know that a curse rest upon those who use alcoholic beverages and those who profit from its sale whether merchant or governmental system. Our mental institutions, county jails, state prisons and grave yards are filled with people who played with this sin of drinking and thought they could get by, but they lost. The only solution to the problem of drunkenness is repentance before God. If you drink or if you are distributing alcoholic beverages I beg you in Christ name to stop today before it is too late.

"Wanted" Songs Books

If you have the old "BLUE OR MAROON COLORED FWB HYMN BOOKS" and would like to dispose of them please contact PASTOR REX EVANS, CALVARY FWB CHURCH, GEORGETOWN, SC. His address is 1663 North Fraser, Georgetown, SC 29440.

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Telephone 803/546-6556. Or you can contact the Promotional Office.

If there are more books available than Brother Rex Evans can use YOU MIGHT CONSIDER DONATING THEM TO THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHRISTIAN BOOK STORE TO SELL. YOU MAY HAVE SOME CHRISTIAN BOOKS THAT YOU NO LONGER WANT OR NEED AND WOULD CONSIDER DONATING THEM TO THE BOOK STORE. There is a good market for used books and any donation you make will be appreciated. Some have already made donations.

Youth Camp Camp Beaver Lake Patrick, SC

Teen Week
August 2-6

Junior Week
August 9-13

*Applications and
other materials
will be mailed
to the churches the
latter part of May*

**MAKE PLANS
TO ATTEND**

Available Preacher

DALE WEAVER. Brother Weaver is available for supply preaching and interium pastor. He is an ordained minister and a member in good standing with the South Carolina Conference.

Currently he is a second year student at Columbia Bible College and Seminary, Columbia, SC. He is working toward a Master of Divinity Degree. He is attending Columbia Original FWB Church, working with the pastor, Brother Carroll Alexander.

The North Carolina native can be contacted by writing to him at 141 Twisted Hill Road, Irmo, SC 29603, or by calling 803/732-6250.

**Support Your Free Will
Baptist Children's Home**

Your Help Is Needed In The Promotional Office Property Fund Project

Have You Given Your Fair Share?

The down payment has been made, the first payment has been made and the balance due is \$52,000.00 plus 10% interest each year on the unpaid balance. The next payment of \$18,200.00, interest included, will be due on January 15, 1994.

It would be to our advantage to raise the balance of \$52,000.00 by January 1, 1994. It would be put in an interest drawing account and help on the interest we have to pay.

It would further help us in stocking the book store. The rent on the property that was paid to the former owner is now being put into the property fund account. If the total balance was raised we could divert these funds to purchase stock for the book store.

The Free Will Baptist Christian Book Store is open and doing business with what stock we have. We are hopeful that we will have our Sunday School literature for sale to you for the November-February issue. The profit from this material will help tremendously in stocking the store with other needed items.

Raising The Funds To Pay For The Property Is The Great Need!

Many of our churches, auxiliaries and individuals have been very generous. Some have given more than their share.

Would you set a goal of \$500.00 or more to be raised by January 1, 1994. Some churches are giving by the month and this is an excellent method. Some churches have held revivals and the offerings given to this need. This is a great method to use. The gospel is preached, souls are saved and a financial need is met at the same time. Some churches have just given a gift out of their treasury. There are many methods that you can use to raise funds for this needs. We just ask that you do what you can, the way you choose, so we can get this project behind us and go on to greater work for the Lord.

A list of the contributors, the amount given by each and an up-to-date financial

statement is given for your information.

<u>Contributors</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Individual	\$300.00
Individual	1,700.00
Individual	100.00
Arcadia-Arcadia	82.00
Bay Branch-Timmonsville	250.00
Individual	140.00
Individual	100.00
Beaver Creek Dist. Aux.	1000.00
Bethel-Fort Mill	100.00
Bethesda-Camden	120.00
Beulah-Pamplico	500.00
Individual	100.00
Calvary-Georgetown	100.00
Calvary-Lancaster	100.00
Central Association	1,500.00
Columbia-Original	561.00
Community-Florence	420.84
Cornerstone-Chester	50.00
Cypress Fork-Manning	482.00
Damascus-Conway	376.00
Individual	100.00
Faith-Darlington-Auxiliary	500.00
Faith-Smyrna	150.00
Fellowship-Florence	220.00
First-Darlington	100.00
First-Florence	416.00
First-Inman	1,000.00
First-Kingstree	1,700.00
First-Una	460.25
First-Enoree	100.00
First-Greenville	200.00
First-Hartsville	200.00
Individual	100.00
Freedom-Ladson	165.99
Individual	417.00
Gilead-Lake City	1,000.00
Grace-Lake City	1,540.54
Great Commission-Lancaster	600.00
Individual	200.00
Individual	100.00
Happy Home-Andrews	600.00
Individual	10.00
Individual	100.00
Hickory Hill-Gresham	300.00
High Point-Lancaster	3,414.92
Hillside-Florence	125.00
Horse Branch-Turbeville	803.00
Individual	50.00
Immanuel-Santee	507.91
Individual	500.00
Interest Earned	981.64
Lebanon-Effingham	1,792.73
Liberty-Manning	111.00
Liberty-Orangeburg	685.13
Little Bethel-Johnsonville	360.00
Lynches River-Scranton	500.00

Mullins-Marion-Mullins	2,373.24
Individual	200.00
Midlands-Columbia	1,263.55
Mill Branch-Johnsonville	1,111.25
Individual	200.00
Individual	32.30
Mt Ariel-Conway	2,000.00
Mt Elon-Pamplico	400.00
Mt Trolly-Galivants Ferry	389.75
New Life-Conway	100.00
New Life-Lancaster	100.00
New Prospect-Pamplico	1,520.00
New Town-Lake City	1,150.00
New Vision-Hemingway	100.00
North Spartanburg-Spartanburg	832.99
Oak Grove-Conway	1,615.12
Oates-Lamar	10.00
Palmetto Conference	100.00
Pamplico-Pamplico	325.00
Parkway-Spartanburg	1,048.50
Peace-Florence	500.00
Pee Dee-Conway	200.00
Pop Willey (Designated 91-92)	467.81
Rent & Utility Fund	6,357.00
Sandhill-Coward	900.00
SC Conference	350.00
Socastee-Socastee	763.58
Southoak-Florence	2,723.70
Southside-Darlington	966.28
Tabernacle-Coward	500.00
Individual	100.00
True Life Association	200.00
Unity-Johnsonville	50.00
Walker's Chapel-Sumter	670.00
Westside-Johnsonville	1,434.00
White Savannah-Conway	1,352.91
Wildwood-Nichols	200.00
Individual	100.00
Individual	300.00
Individual	100.00
Total of Gifts	\$61,300.00

<u>Disbursements</u>	
David Cox (Down Payment)	\$32,500.00
Attorney Fees	320.00
Epps McLendon Ins. (92)	95.00
Delta Ins. Agency (92)	474.29
Ervin Engineering	175.00
Delta Ins. Agency (92)	23.00
David Cox (93 Payment)	19,500.00
Property Taxes	946.15
Delta Ins. Agency (93)	535.57
Total Disbursements	\$ 54,569.01
Total Gifts	\$ 61,300.00
Total Disbursements	54,569.01
Balance On Hand 5/5/93	\$6,730.99



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First Greenville Host Beaver Creek District Auxiliary

The annual session of the Beaver Creek District Woman's Auxiliary met on Saturday, March 6. The Auxiliary of First FWB Church, Greenville, SC hosted the convention with more than 110 people attending. Gwen Hendrix, District President presided over the session.

The theme for the meeting was "The Joy of Giving", taken from II Cor. 9:6-9. The thought for the day was "Be a Giver of Time, talent, Tithe and Treasures.

In the morning service the game, "What's Behind Door Number 1-2-3" was played. Ron Moore was the first contestant for the games. If you didn't like what you received from the door of your choice you could trade it in on another door. Brother Ron traded in his first two gifts for door number three, which proved very profitable for him. A lady from each local auxiliary, wearing apparel representing a particular foreign country, filed by and gave him checks for his missions account, totaling \$935.00. Promotional Director, Norwood Gibson was the second contestant. He chose all three doors; door number one prize was a large plastic tooth paste tube which he traded in for door number three which was a bottle of cream that was guaranteed to grow hair. He didn't believe the cream would work, so he traded it in for door number two. The door opened and out came Margaret Fowler stating, "You have won my company for dinner at an expensive restaurant", and then handed him a check for \$1,000.00 for the Promotional Office Property Fund. Did Margaret have dinner at an expensive restaurant? No, she had to dine, as everyone else did, in the church fellowship building. However the food could not have been more delicious if it had been served in an elaborate restaurant.

Joyce Carlson, of the host church gave the

devotion. Special singing was rendered by Phillis Crowe from Valley Falls, Linda Snipes from High Point and the Bowers Quartet; Randy Bowers, Tim Bowers, Jason Carlson and Jennifer Hester, of the host church. Ron Moore, Missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, was the guest speaker for the morning worship hour.

The afternoon session consisted of the giving of awards and business. Lesslie FWB Church, Rock Hill won the Foreign Missions Award and High Point FWB Church, Lancaster received the Home Missions Award. The recipient of these awards are based on the per capita giving of each local auxiliary. The attendance awards are in four categories, A through D. The winners were: First FWBC, Inman, category A; New Life FWBC, Lancaster, Category B; First FWBC, Greenville, Category C and Lesslie FWBC, Rock Hill, Category D.

Officers elected to serve the district for the next two years are: Gwen Hendrix, President; Sherry Carter, Vice President; Mary Reid, Secretary; Gale Gosnel, Treasurer; Sandy Hammond, Missions Action Chairman; Daphne Stevens, Missions Prayer Chairman; Joyce Bowers, Missions Prayer Chairman and Parlie Anders, Field Worker.



FR-LR Gwen Hendrix, President; Faye Hanna, Vice President; Hope Fry, Secretary; Mary Reid, Treasurer. BR-LR Molly Gibson, Field Worker, Edna Coker, Member-At-Large; Patti Newton, Mission Prayer Chr.; Gempson Poston, Mission Study Chr. (Standing in for Mrs. Poston is Renee Hemann)

Parkway Host State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The 45th annual session of the South Carolina State Auxiliary Convention was hosted by the Beaver Creek District Auxiliary on Saturday, March 20, 1993, with nearly 200 attending. Parkway Free Will Baptist, Spartanburg, SC, was the host church.

The theme for the convention was "Give Of Your Best To The Master", taken from II

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Corinthians 9:7. The thought for the day was, "Willing To Give".

Melania Miller, of the host church, extended the welcome to the conferees. After the welcome she stunned the congregation with the question, How would you like your steak cooked? Everyone was silent for a moment and then laughter began, thinking she was kidding them. Melania sensed the reason for the hesitation and blurted out "I'm not kidding, we are going to serve you rib eye steaks for lunch and I want to know how you want yours cooked". The folks then began to respond to her question.

The annual State Auxiliary activities reports were given by Renee Hemann and Molly Gibson, both from Florence. Renee gave the report on the Woman's National Auxiliary Retreat, which was held at Ridgecrest, NC in September 1992 and Molly gave the report on the WNAC Convention, which was held in Indianapolis, IN, in July 1992.

Mary Carroll of the host church gave the morning devotion. Special singing was provided by the host church, Camille Scott, Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville and Patty Newton, First FWB Church, Inman. Testimonies were given by Faye Hanna from Johnsonville and Patty Newton from Inman.

Ron and Linda Moore, missionaries to Ivory Coast, West Africa were special guest for the occasion. Ron was the guest speaker and delivered the morning message. Linda was still recuperating from recent surgery and was not able to participate.

The host church auxiliary received the attendance award with 33 ladies present. Mill Branch FWB Church Auxiliary, Johnsonville, SC received the foreign missions award and Tabernacle FWB Church, Coward, SC received the home missions award. The awards are based on per capita giving by the local auxiliaries. Mill Branch ladies gave an average of \$100.00 per member and Tabernacle gave an average of \$55.00 per member.

Mrs. Margaret Fowler of Inman presented a skit depicting a telephone conversation with God. Some elements of it were serious, but others were hilarious. It could represent the actual conversation of many if it were a real telephone conversation with God.

The afternoon business session included the election of officers to serve for the next two years. They are: Gwen Hendrix, President; Faye Hanna, Vice President; Hope Fry, Secretary; Mary Reid, Treasurer; Molly Gibson, Field Worker and Members At-Large, Patty Newton, Gempson Poston and Edna Coker. Patricia Powell from Johnsonville conducted the installation service.

Mrs. Frances Poston of Florence, who has

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served as State President for past 15 years had to decline the nomination for reelection due to ill health.

The Parkway ladies had their fellowship building beautifully decorated for a pleasant dining atmosphere. And they really served everyone with a choice rib eye steak, cooked to order, with salad and baked potato. Oh yes! desserts also. Even with the men giving a helping hand to the ladies folks are still perplexed over how they served so many steaks so quickly. They were tender and delicious. As far as it is known this is a first of this type meal. Will it be the last?



Gwen Hendrix (L) Presents Frances Poston With Plaque

State Auxiliary Honors Frances Poston

Mrs. Frances Poston was recognized and honored at the March 20, S.C. State Woman's Auxiliary Convention for 15 consecutive years of service as president of the convention. Gwen Hendrix, the newly elected president, presented Sister Poston with a beautiful plaque in appreciation for her longevity of faithful, productive service. The conferees responded in love with a \$250.00 love offering.

Due to declining health Sister Frances had to cut back her activities and among them was declining the nomination to serve longer as president of the State Auxiliary. Under her leadership the Woman's Auxiliary tripled their giving to missions and other causes and the ladies are experiencing a greater unity and a working relationship than ever. One thing she put emphasis on was putting the younger ladies in places of responsibility so they could be trained for future leaders.

Mrs. Poston has been active in the auxiliary work for 37 years. During this time she served her local church auxiliary as President, Treasurer, Missions Prayer Chairman, Missions Study Chairman and Missions Action Chairman. She served in these same positions in her district auxiliary also. All of this was done in addition to her work in her local church. In the latter years she labored under difficult circumstances due to her own physical problems and the long illness of her

husband, Archie Poston, who is now with the Lord. One can only give praise to the Lord for such a faithful woman of God.



State Promotional Director, Norwood Gibson, Tagged With Money.

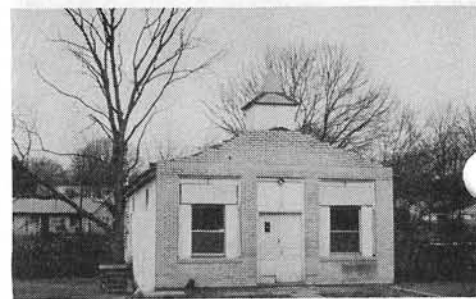
The Beaver Creek District Auxiliary meets either on Norwood Gibson's birthday or within a few days of it. They usually pin money on him as a birthday gift, but this year they waited to the State Auxiliary Convention meeting so they could have a part in the gift.

Brother Gibson is grateful to the ladies for their generous gifts in support of the Promotional Office, and to him personally in past years; and especially this year.

Andrews Churches Hold Missionary Conference

On May 24-28 the Black River, Happy Home and Victory Free Will Baptist Churches of Andrews sponsored a joint missionary project for Ron and Linda Moore. On Saturday, May 24, the churches participated in a walk-a-thon to help raise money for the Moore's account. Beginning on Sunday evening, special services rotated and were held in a different church each night. Speakers included pastors John Hudson, Jerry Franklin, Washington Miles and missionary Ron Moore. Thanks to the cooperative effort of these pastors and their fine congregations, over \$1500 was raised on behalf of the Moores.

Support Your State Ministries



First Meeting Facility

First Greenville Gets Face Lift

There has been a notable change in the appearance of the front of First FWB Church, Greenville, SC.

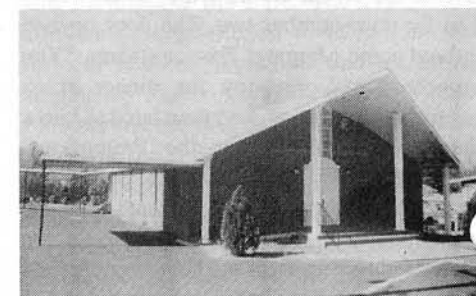


Current Building Before Remodeling

Previously there was a metal awning over the porch area. This was removed and the roof extended to cover the porch. Four columns were added to support the roof. The porch floor and handicap ramp carpet was replaced with brick tile. The front concrete walkway was extended and a new light fixture was installed in the ceiling at the entrance door.

The church also put in a concrete walkway to the fellowship center building and installed metal awnings of the entrance doors. The fellowship center building is across the street from the church facility.

The work done on both buildings has enhanced the beauty of them. Bobby Bowers is the pastor of this fine church. He and his congregation are to be commended for this accomplishment.



Building With Remodeled New Look



Mr. O'Neal Thigpen (Center) Presenting Plaque To Jason & Thessie Floyd

New Town Honors Jason & Thessie Floyd

Jason Floyd is a native of Scranton, SC and has lived in the New Town Community for the past 41 years. His wife, Thessie, is a life long resident of the New Town Community. Their nearly 41 year marriage began on September 13, 1952. Both were saved in October 1957, joined New Town FWB Church, and raised their family in the church.

Jason served as a deacon for 23 years-1958 to 1981. He was elected for a second tenure in 1982 and continues to serve in that office. He served the church as song leader for eleven years, 1977 to 1988. In 1983 he was chosen "Father of the Year".

This faithful couple served as treasurer and assistant treasurer on two separate occasions. Their first tenure was from 1977 to 1985 and the second term was from 1988 to 1992. Currently they are serving as assistant treasurers.

Thessie has served as Primary Sunday School teacher, helper and teacher in Vacation Bible School. She was a member of the Vera Floyd Circle (woman's auxiliary) and in now a member of the Mellette Circle. Sister Thessie was chosen "Mother of the Year" in 1992.

On Sunday, February 7, 1993 New Town Free Will Baptist Church recognized and honored this fine couple for their many years of faithfulness to the Lord and the church. An invitation was extended to their family members to attend this special occasion and some responded. Testimonies were given by church members and family members to the great influence that the Floyd's had been in their lives.

Mr. O'Neal Thigpen, Chairman of the Deacon Board, presented Jason and Thessie

with a beautiful plaque in recognition and appreciation for their faithful service. The choir and congregation presented a music program especially for them, singing their favorite songs. The congregation sang "God Lead Us Along", "Leave It There" and "Wonderful Peace". The Choir sang "The Light Of Home" and "Longing For Home".

The service closed with the pastor, Phillip Jones, reading passages of scripture from 1st Cor. 4:1-2, Luke 12:42-43, 16:1-12 and a "Thank You" to the Floyd's for their faithful service and support to the church.



New Sanctuary

First Una Renovating Facilities

First FWB Church in Una, a community of Spartanburg, SC, is renovating their church

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facilities. Much of the work has been completed and it has added beauty to the building.

The sanctuary has been completely remodeled. The ceiling was reworked, adding exposed beams and applying a white paint finish to the sheetrock covering between the beams. Previously the interior walls were finished with paneling. They have been covered with sheetrock and finished with antique white paint, a chair rail has been installed around the lower walls of the entire building. All of the interior wood trim, including the chair rail, has a white paint finish.

The carpet was steam cleaned throughout the building. One additional window space was added to each side of the sanctuary, and stained glass was installed in all of the windows. Half of the windows contain the emblem of praying hands in the center and the remaining ones have an emblem of a cross.

The educational section of the building is undergoing renovation and a nursery has been added, with rest room facilities for the children. This work is still in progress. One project high on their list is remodeling the entrance foyer. The interior of the sanctuary is very attractive and conducive to an atmosphere of worship.

A steeple has been installed, the parking lot has been paved and the fellowship hall is being renovated. After the interior work is completed plans call for making changes to the exterior walls.

Kenneth Cash is the pastor of the church with a 16 year tenure of service. He states that the congregation is growing also. This year they have seen 15 people make decisions for salvation. Some have been baptized and others are scheduled to be baptized soon. Eleven of this number have joined the church.

They have a "New Convert Class" to help get these newly saved Christians grounded in the Word of God. Currently there are 19 in the class

which is taught by Keith Smith, a deacon.

Brother Kenneth and his fine folks are to be commended for permitting the Lord to accomplish this great work through them.

**Remember! Attend
Youth Camp**

Proud Of S. C. Free Will Baptists

By Joe Cagle

Assistant Moderator

S. C. State Association Of FWB

At the 1991 S. C. State Association Convention the body voted unanimously to purchase the Promotional Office Property. The down payment of \$32,500.00 was made in January of 1992. When the January 15, 1993 payment was due, the fund was about \$2,000.00 short of the \$19,500.00 payment. The State Executive Committee had approved earlier that if needed the undesignated funds from the 1992-93 "Pop" Willey Missions Offerings would be given to the property fund in order to make the payment. Thanks to the "Pop" Willey Offerings, the payment was made on time! It must be remembered that the Promotional Director mailed out a notice to every church stating that the undesignated funds from the "Pop: Willey Missions Offering would go to the Promotional Office Property Fund.

Why was this done? Because we had to make the payment or lose the property! I'm sure our people didn't want this to happen since today the property could be sold for \$110,000.00 to \$120,000.00.

At the February 4-5, 1993 State Convention the body voted to return these undesignated funds to the "Pop: Willey Offering. This prompted one man to make a pledge to the property fund, which in turn, led others into doing the same. When pledges were totaled, they amounted to \$3,700.00. **PRAISE GOD FOR THIS RESPONSE!**

But is it not a sad feeling, and a little bit of a shame upon South Carolina FW Baptists, that much of the \$3,700.00 pledged had to be given by visitors from other states and a missionary present at our meeting? Why did this happen? Because we as South Carolina Free Will Baptists had failed to respond to the many reminders concerning the payment due on the property that we voted unanimously to purchase. What about the January 1994 payment? Will we have to go to our meeting next year and have visitors and missionaries bail us out again? Or, will we give the needed funds to meet the remaining payments on the property that belongs to all of us as Free Will Baptists?

It is up to us, Brethren. Though it's God work, it's our debt. Come on and let's get it done together! Not in December, January or at our state meeting in 1994. **Let's do it now!** Yes, I know that by working together we will raise the funds. That's why I'm Proud to be a Free Will Baptist and grateful to have a small

part in our work for Jesus Christ in South Carolina.



REV. AND MRS MIKE (PAULA)
JONES REJOICE OVER NEW CAR

Grace Makes Gift Of Car To Pastor

Pastor Mike Jones and his wife Paula were surprised after the Easter Sunday morning service with a gift of a car from the church. Brother Mike is pastor of Grace FWB Church, Lake City, SC.

Normally the pastor and his wife will stand at the entrance door to greet the people as they exit. On this occasion the congregation was instructed to file by the front and greet Pastor Mike and Paula. When the sanctuary was cleared Brother and Sister Jones were escorted out to find the congregation in the church yard circling the car, with a beautiful ribbon fixed to the top. Due to it being a total surprise to them they were in shock for awhile.

The car is a 1987 Honda Accord, fully loaded, low mileage and in almost new condition. It will serve this worthy pastor and his wife for many months to come.

Preacher Mike, as he is affectionately known, has served the church for many years. In addition to his pastoral duties he reaches people with the Word of God through writing Christian articles for several news papers, radio broadcast, a news letter with Bible study material that is sent free of charge to a number of people. He writes, prints, and distributes Bible study booklets free of charge to anyone who request the material, which involves thousands of copies. He also has a tape (audio & VCR cassette) ministry. The ministry is known as "Grace & Glory"; a faith ministry totally financed by

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contributions given by God's people. The Grace congregation is to be commended for this outstanding expression of love and concern for their pastor.

Pam Hackett Needs Liver Transplant

Pam Hackett is the wife of Tim Hackett. He is one of our South Carolina Free Will Baptist Pastors, serving Fairview Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, SC.

She is very ill and in desperate need of a liver transplant. She is on the waiting list and the needed pre-surgery test and preparations are now being made.

The estimated minimum cost of all that is involved in this surgery is \$160,000 to \$170,000. Her health insurance coverage will pay a maximum of \$100,000. After this amount is paid she will no longer have any coverage.

Before the surgery can take place the surgeons and the hospital must be assured that the bill can be paid.

A "Pam Hackett Medical Fund" has been set up through your State Free Will Baptist Promotional Office. Make your checks payable to the Promotional Office and note them for "Pam Hackett Medical Fund". You can send your contributions through your local church or directly to the Promotional Office, PO Box 13266, Florence, SC 29504.

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