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State Auxiliary Raises \$6,000 For Moores



Ron Moore

Linda Moore

State Woman's Auxiliary Raises Over \$6,000 For Ron and Linda Moore

Gwen Hendrix, President of the South Carolina State Auxiliary Convention, learned in early 1993 that Missionaries Ron and Linda Moore needed a good amount of cash in their account before they could return to Ivory Coast, West Africa. At the time she received this information it was too late to launch a fund raising through the district and state auxiliary channels. Sister Gwen, her state officers and district officers developed a fund raising project which would culminate with the September 17-18 semi-annual "State Woman's Auxiliary Retreat". The retreat is held at Look-Up Lodge, located north of Greenville, SC, in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Through the channel of leaders each local church auxiliary was encouraged to raise as many dollars as possible and bring it to the retreat. Some were speculating that the drive would net about \$5,000.00. When all funds were reported the total went beyond \$6,000.00. When this was announced voices of praise echoed across the building. Ron and Linda were overcome with joy because that was the amount needed for them to leave for Africa at the appointed time. **LADIES YOU ALWAYS RISE TO MEET THE NEED. ON BEHALF OF THE MOORES A GREAT**
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*On Behalf Of The
Promotional Office
And All Of Your State
Leaders*

We Wish For You

A

Merry Christmas

And A

Happy New Year

In The Lord

*Needs Worthy Of Your
Christmas Gifts*

*Your Promotional Office
Property Fund*



1993

**Paul Kettelman Memorial
Christmas Fund Drive**

for

Free Will Baptist Bible College

Please respond with a special gift.

Send your contribution to:

Kettelman Christmas Drive

Free Will Baptist Bible College

3606 West End Avenue

Nashville, TN 37205



JoAnn King

Pam Flannigan

BIG THANK YOU IS EXTENDED TO YOU!!!

The theme for the retreat was "The Grace Of Giving". Special speakers for the event were Mrs. JoAnn King, Linda Moore and Pam Flannigan. JoAnn's topic was "Grace Of Giving In Our Hopes". Linda's topic was "Grace Of Giving In Our Home" and Pam's topic was "Grace Of Giving In Our Hurts". The three speakers were without doubt under the control of the Holy Spirit as they shared their message. There was more weeping among the congregation than this writer has witnessed in a long time. The tremendous alter response was evident that weeping was genuine. Only heaven will reveal the decisions that were made that morning. The singing, congregational and the specials, was a blessing and aided in the spiritual atmosphere that prevailed.

Friday night was primarily given to fun time. God's creature, the cow, was the object of the fun time. Words nor space will permit this writer to describe the events and the laughter that took place. The word that comes to mind is hilarious, and that it was. Thanks Ladies! You permitted the Lord to do a great thing through you.

***FWB Children's Home
Is In Need Of House
Parents - Call 659-2880***

SC Foreign Missionary News

FROM THE POOLES-BRAZIL.

Dear Partners,

Yes, you are reaching out with us. Thanks for your faithfulness at home, working, praying and giving while we continue in Ribeirao Preto.

It is a Bible principal that fruit harvested will be to the credit of all involved. It is great to have you as partners in this great work.

May God continue to bless us all as we continue to reach out together!!

In Christ,
Bobby and Geneva Poole

RON AND LINDA MOORE-IVORY COAST, WEST AFRICA. Ron and Linda are back on their field of ministry. No news has been received from them since leaving America. In the absence of no news we take it to mean good news.

CARLISLE AND MARIE HANNA-INDIA. In a recent letter Carlisle shared the news that several of our Indian Christians have TB. The treatment for this disease is long and expensive. The cost is far beyond the ability of the people to pay. Pray for them, for God's provision to meet the expense of treatment and for Carlisle and Marie. Sherwood Lee spent the month of November in India with the Hannas. He is a registered nurse and is highly experienced in giving medical care. This will afford him the opportunity to help our Indian Christians physically, to preach the Word for spiritual growth, comfort, and to preach the gospel.

MIRIAL GAINER-JAPAN. Mirial is on itinerant raising her needed funds to return to Japan. If you would have her in a service in your church for her to share her ministry call the Promotional Office, 803/662/8682.

POOLES Account Is In The RED-Your Help Is Needed

**As Of The End Of October
THE POOLES ACCOUNT
Was \$4,211.45 In The Red.**

**If This Deficit Continues
To Increase It Will Only
Be A Short Time Before
They Will Be Subject
To Returning Home To Raise
Their Needed Finances.**

**Your Gifts Now Can Prevent
This From Happening.**

Cowarts Account Is In The RED -Your Help Is Needed.

**As Of The End Of October
THE COWARTS ACCOUNT
Was \$5,979.86 In The Red.**

**If This Deficit Continues
To Increase It Will Only
Be A Short Time Before
They Will Be Subject
To Returning Home To Raise
Their Needed Finances.**

**Your Prayers And Gifts Now
Can Prevent This From
Happening.**

Remember Our New Church That Will Soon Begin In Aiken, SC

**MARK BARBER
Is Our Home Missionary
PASTOR, WILL YOU HAVE
HIM FOR A SERVICE?
If So, Call 803/662-8682**



Bible College News Briefs

FALL ENROLLMENT UP 11%.

For the third straight year, Free Will Baptist Bible College has seen its student body grow. The college registered 334 students from 27 states, the Virgin Islands and four foreign countries for the fall semester. This is an 11.3% increase over last fall's 300 students.

14 S.C. STUDENTS ENROLLED AT BIBLE COLLEGE. PRISCILLA JANE BARNES, Midlands FFWB Church, West Columbia. LORIE ANN BARTLETT, Horse Branch FFWB Church, Turbeville. ERIC LEVERNE BROWN, Faith FFWB Church, Darlington. BENJAMIN EDWIN COKER, Horse Branch FFWB Church. MARGARET BARNES HAMPTON, Midlands FFWB Church, West Columbia. MARIE KRISTI HANNA, Westside FFWB Church, Johnsonville, SC. WILLIAM EDWARD HOBBS, JR., Peace FFWB Church, Florence, SC. DAVID EUGENE JORDAN, Horse

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Branch FFWB Church. TIMOTHY LEE McDANIEL, Temple FFWB Church, Darlington, SC. WILLIS MONTE McKENZIE, Horse Branch FFWB Church, Turbeville. ELIZABETH MELANIE ORP First FFWB Church, Chester, SC. BRYAN TODD OWENS, Faith FFWB Church, Darlington. TRACY LYNN SIMS, Bethany FFWB Church, Timmonsville, SC. JASON B. TURNER, Fellowship FFWB Church, Manning, SC.

\$250,000.00 GOAL SET FOR PAUL KETTEMAN MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS FUND DRIVE. This is the college's annual fund raising. Last year the drive netted \$205,000.00 "Please make it a priority on your Christmas list to send a generous gift to the Christmas Project", says Mr. Bob Shockey. "All of us-not just a few-must support it".

FINAL EXAMS-CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. Final Exams will be given December 14-17. Fall semester ends December 17.

Southeastern FFWB College News

FOUR S.C. STUDENTS IN THE FALL STUDENT BODY. Four South Carolina Students are enrolled in the fall semester. They are: Gina Donahue, Canaan FFWB Church, Lancaster, SC; Trica Crow, Sale FFWB Church, Scranton, SC; Jennifer Eaddy, Hillside FFWB Church, Florence, SC and Melissa Gilbert, First FFWB Church, Inman, SC.

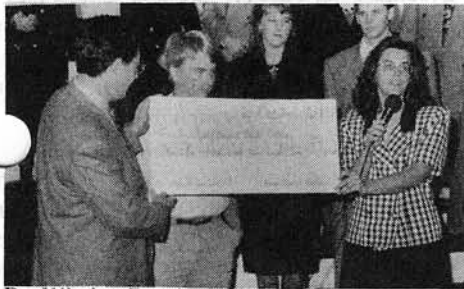
SOUTHEASTERN ADDS FIVE PERSONNEL TO STAFF. Brother J. W. Dunn, maintenance supervisor; Mrs. Tracy Hadder, business office staff; Miss Jamie Turnbough, Secretary for the promotional department; Mrs. Mitzi Bruce Wright, assistant to the cafeteria supervisor and Mr. Kevin Wright, business manager.

SPRING SEMESTER. The dorms will be open for the spring semester on January 3. Registration will be January 4, 1994.

SPOTLIGHT ON A SOUTHEASTERN GRAD. Brother Brent Vickery is in his second pastorate. He went to Sulligent, Alabama in 1990 and assumed the pastorate of Free Will Baptist Chapel. The attendance of the church has almost doubled in attendance with 80 salvation decisions. Brent and his wife Terry have two children, Gavin and Corbin.

Available Pastor

REV. LEROY SEXTON, 493 Sutto Springs Road, York, SC. 29745. Telephone 803/684-2167. Brother Sexton is a Free Will Baptist Minister and is a member of the True Life Association of South Carolina Free Will Baptists.



Dr. Whaley Receives Check From Mrs. Todd (Merinda) Parrish. Ashley Cannon Looks On

Rejoice Team Holds Youth Revival-Rally At Horse Branch

The Rejoice Ensemble Team from Free Will Baptist Bible College held services with Horse Branch FWB Church, October 7-10. The Rejoice Ensemble gave a concert of gospel singing and personal testimonies in each service. Dr. Vernon Whaley, Director of the music department at FWB Bible College, accompanied the group and preached in each service.

It was an evangelistic and revival effort primarily toward the youth; and to encourage young people to consider attending Free Will Baptist Bible College. The services were effective in all of the aforementioned poses.

The Saturday night, October 9 service was designated as "Area Wide Youth Rally". A good number of churches in the area brought their youth to share in the service. It was a tremendous Holy Spirit filled service. All of the singing, testimonies and preaching were heart stirring. The response in the invitation was good. If the service was evaluated on a scale of 1 to 10 it would be a resounding 10.

The Rejoice team is to be commended for exemplifying the Christian young person in their dress, mannerism, and behavior. Also in the joy that radiated from them as they performed. It was a gratifying experience.

The High Teens Class, under the leadership of their teacher and Ashley Cannon, raised \$310.00 for the college. The check was presented to Dr. Whaley in the Saturday night service by Mrs. Merinda Parrish and Ashley.

Former Children's Home Superintendent With The Lord

Rev. James B. Rice, Jr. went to be with the Lord on Friday, September 10, at age 65. Funeral services were held on Monday, September 13 at First Free Will Baptist Church in Greer, SC. Officiating were John Suttles, pastor of the Greer Church; Leroy Lowery, pastor of Southside FWB Church, Darlington, SC and Billy Vanderford, pastor

of Gaffney FWB Church. Brother Rice was a former pastor of Brothers Vanderford and Lowery when they were members of Lockhart FWB Church, Lockhart, SC. Interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Greer.

Surviving are his wife, Joanne Hammond Rice, a native of Athens, Georgia and currently residing in Greer; one son, Curtis Rice of Forest City, NC; one daughter, Vicky Rice Groce of Greer; one sister, Martha Sue Beahm of Warner Robins, GA and three grandchildren.

Brother Rice was born in Detroit, Michigan. His family moved to Oklahoma and then to Georgia. His first pastorate was with New Zion FWB Church near Waycross, GA. He came to South Carolina from Georgia to pastor Lockhart FWB Church in Lockhart. After serving three years there he went as a home missionary with the Beaver Creek Home Mission Board and established the First FWB Church in Greer, SC. He resigned the Greer Church to take the position of superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Turbeville, SC. He and his wife Joanne served the home for eleven years. It was very evident that Brother and Sister Rice loved children and they gave them "Tender Loving Care". At the 1993 State Convention, Brother and Sister Rice were recognized and given a plaque in recognition of their long and faithful service to the home.

After retiring from the home in 1992 he took the pastorate with Oates FWB Church, Lamar, SC. He was laboring there when he became ill and had to resign. Brother J.B., as he was affectionately known, fought a good fight, kept the faith and finished his course. He now enjoys his crown of righteousness.

He was a graduate of the University of Georgia and a US Navy veteran of World War II.

Pastor Danny Howell With The Lord

Danny Howell, a native of LaGrange, NC and pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, SC went to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 4, 1993, at age 46. Death was the result of an accident. A ladder he was climbing to inspect some work that was being done to the church's new gymnasium building accidentally fell.

Funeral services were held on Monday, September 6, at 11-AM. Officiating were Paul Ange, the associate pastor of First Church and Henry Potter, pastor of Lubbock FWB Church, Lubbock, TX and a close friend of the Howell family. A Graveside service was held at 5-PM on September 6

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at the Fairview Cemetery in LaGrange, NC.

He is survived by his wife, LaRue Harris Howell, a native of LaGrange, NC and a resident of Florence, SC; two daughters, Sherri Lynn and Amy Michelle Howell of the home and one son, Joshua Daniel Howell of the home; his mother, Mrs. Hilda Hines Conselina and his step father Louis Conselina, both of LaGrange, and four half brothers.

Dr. Howell was a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN, with a Bible Diploma and a BS degree in pastoral training and Christian Education. He received his masters and doctor of ministry degree from Bethany Theological Seminary. He was also a graduate of Lenoir Community College in Kinston, NC, with an Associate of Arts degree.

For the past five and one half years he served First FWB Church in Florence as pastor and as administrator of Maranatha Christian School, a ministry of the church. He was a member of the Legislative Board of the SC Association of Christian Schools. Previous pastorates were with First FWB Church, Morehead City, NC and Goshen FWB Church, Mount Holly, NC. He served his local conference as a member of Board of Presbytery and the SC State Association as treasurer.

Brother Howell took his call to the ministry very seriously. He always went that second mile for his ministry. He had a passion for souls and he prayed for people and witnessed to them so that they might be saved. He fought a good fight, kept the faith and finished his course; now he is enjoying his crown of righteousness. Many have asked, "Why would God take such a faithful man of God while in the prime of his ministry?" He was God's purchased possession and when he had finished his ministry according to God's purpose for his life here, He called His "Trophy of Grace" home.

Pray for his wife and children. They need the leading and wisdom of God in the decisions that face them.

Damascus Host Central Association Annual Session

The annual session of the Central Association of South Carolina Free Will Baptists was hosted by Damascus FWB Church, Conway, SC. Kenneth Baxley is the pastor. Assistant Moderator, Tony Miles presided over the meeting.

Larry Bell, pastor of Mt Ariel FWB Church, Conway delivered the morning devotion. Jimmy Brown, pastor of First FWB Church, Myrtle Beach, SC delivered the message in

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the worship hour. Both the devotion and message were timely and challenging.

The election of officers, board and committee members concluded the rather lengthy business session. Officers elected are: Tony Miles, Moderator, pastor of Rains FWB Church; Billy Baker, Assistant Moderator; Benny Inman, Clerk, a laymen from Mt Ariel FWB Church; Jimmy Brown, Assistant Clerk, pastor of First FWB Church, Myrtle Beach; Larry Bell, Treasurer, pastor of Mt Ariel FWB Church and Tommy Martin, Assistant Treasurer, pastor of Evergreen FWB Church.

The ladies of the host church treated the conferees to a delicious country dinner.

The next quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, December 8, 1994 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Myrtle Beach, SC

New Vision Host E.C. Sunday School Convention

New Vision FWB Church, Hemingway, SC, hosted the Saturday, October 2, Eastern Conference Sunday School Convention. Douglas Pate, host church pastor, delivered the morning devotion. Special singing was rendered by Iris Ard, Holly Gunter, both of the host church.

The selected verse of scripture for the occasion was Proverbs 2:2 "So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom and apply thine heart to understanding". The thought for the day was "The seeds of today are the flowers of tomorrow".

The program consisted of a special in song by Marty Cox, pastor of Mill Branch church; a skit by Bobby Jo Altman and Donna Cantley from Happy Home FWB Church and a piano duet by Sachatt and Beth Harrelson from Hillside FWB Church. New Vision FWB Church had the Sunlight Puppets to perform at their place on the program. The puppet performance was enjoyed by the older folks as well as the children.

The "Sunlight Puppets" is a ministry of the Burton Haselden Evangelistic Ministries from Martinsville, Virginia.

New Vision Church received the "Attendance Banner". The award is given to the church that has the greatest percentage of their Sunday School roll attending.

New Vision's average was 87%.

Joe Timmons, Convention Superintendent and Evis Poston, Secretary were reelected to serve the convention for the next year. Mrs. Poston has served in this position for 35 years.

The host church served a good ole fashion "Country Dinner" to those attending the convention.

Eastern Conference Holds Annual Meeting

The Eastern Conference of South Carolina FWB Churches held its annual meeting on Saturday, October 23. It was hosted by Walker's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Sumter, SC. Mancy Noles is the pastor. The moderator, Murrell Young, pastor of Olanta FWB Church, presided over the half day session.

Oscar Tedder, pastor of Hickory Hill FWB Church, Gresham, SC gave the morning devotion and Pete Bove from Gilead FWB Church delivered the message in the morning worship hour. Special music was rendered by Dell Parson and his wife, Linda.

Officers elected to serve the conference for the coming year are: Larry McAlister, Moderator, pastor of Gilead FWB Church, Lake City; Jerry Franklin, Assistant Moderator, pastor of Happy Home FWB Church, Andrews; Carlisle Jones, Clerk-Treasurer, a layman from New Prospect FWB Church, Pamplico and Marty Cox, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, pastor of Mill Branch FWB Church, Johnsonville. The ladies of the church provided a delicious dinner for the conferees.



Carlisle Jones (L) Receives Plaque From Pastor Joe Cagle

Carlisle Jones Honored

During the Eastern Conference meeting they recognized and honored Brother Carlisle Jones for his 38 years of service to the conference as clerk-treasurer. Pastor Joe Cagle presented him with a beautiful plaque with the following inscription: "Presented To Brother Carlisle Jones In Appreciation Of Dedicated service As Clerk-Treasurer to the Eastern Conference of South Carolina Free Will Baptist. October 23, 1993".

Sumner Speaks At Southside

Dr. Robert Sumner of Ingleside, Texas was guest speaker at Southside Free Will Baptist Church, Darlington, SC for the morning and evening services on Sunday, October 17. He was also a special guest at the "Ministers

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Breakfast" on Tuesday morning, October 19. He is a good friend of Leroy Lowery, pastor of Southside FWB Church in Darlington. Brother Lowery learned that Dr. Sumner would be passing through Florence on his journey to a funeral in North Carolina, so he contacted him and invited him to stop in Darlington and preach for him. Brother Sumner graciously accepted the invitation. He stopped in Florence on his return trip to Texas and met with a group of Free Will Baptist preachers at a Tuesday morning breakfast. He delivered a stirring, challenging message to those attending.

Dr. Sumner is an evangelist, author and editor. He founded and for a quarter of a century edited and published "The Biblical Evangelist", a conservative evangelical voice, with subscribers in every State of the Union, the district of Columbia, and more than 40 foreign countries. He was formerly with the late Dr. John R. Rice as Associate Editor of The Sword of the Lord and wrote the popular "Incidents & Illustrations" column in that periodical for more than a quarter of a century. His pulpit ministry has taken him into all of our nations 50 states and several foreign countries. His radio and printed messages have reached into hundreds of additional countries around the world. He is the author of more than 35 books, large hard bound and paper back booklets, which he reached a combined circulation of 4 million copies in over 8 languages. At least two of his books are used in Bible Institutes, colleges and seminaries as text books.

Bethel Calls Hughes As Pastor

Bethel FWB Church, Fort Mill, SC called Brother Lester Hughes to

serve as their pastor, in May 1993. He is a native of Gastonia, NC.

Pastor Hughes was saved in 1961 at the West 5th Avenue FWB Church in Gastonia, NC, and surrendered to God's call to preach in March of 1963.

Previous pastorates were with Emmanuel FWB Church, Dallas, NC; Open Door FWB Church, Gastonia, NC; Pleasant Hill FWB Church, Maiden, NC; Unity FWB Church, Hickory, NC; Grace FWB Church, Fort Mill, SC and Fairview FWB Church, Marion, NC.

He is married to the former Emma Rose. They have four children; Misty Hughes and



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Lymon Hughes of the home; Billie Hughes Hart of Catawba, NC and Leslie Hughes Church of Statesville, NC.

A hearty welcome is extended to Pastor Hughes and his family to The South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists and to the True Life Association. May God grant to them a long and fruitful ministry with the Bethel Church.



The Austin Family: LR David Wayne, Pastor and Mrs. (Cindy) Austin and Daniel

Liberty Orangeburg Calls Austin As Pastor

David Austin, a native of Clarksville, TN, assumed the pastorate of Liberty FFWB Church, Orangeburg, SC on October 18.

Brother Austin was saved in 1986 and was called to preach in 1988. He was licensed and ordained by the First FFWB Church in Raleigh, NC. He graduated from Southeastern FFWB College in January of 1993 and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Bible and minors in pastoral theology and missions. Brother David is also a graduate of Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN with an Associate Degree in Occupational Science.

Former ministries were with Emmanuel FFWB Church, Clarksville, TN and Bethel FFWB Church, Garner, NC as associate pastor.

Pastor Austin is married to the former Cindy Nelson, a native of Clarksville, TN. They have two children; Daniel, age 13 and David Wayne, age 11.

The Austin family has something in common with Liberty Church. They are both new in South Carolina. Liberty FFWB Church is the latest church to be organized in South Carolina. It was a project of the South Carolina State FFWB Mission Board. Earl Hanna was the founding pastor.

A sincere welcome is extended to Brother Austin and his family to our state. May the Lord give them a long and fruitful ministry in Orangeburg.

Troy Baldwin Trinity Pastor

Brother Troy Baldwin is a native of Virginia. He moved to Cowpens, SC in 1941 and has made his home there since that time.

He was ordained by the Airport FFWB Church in 1955 and has been a member of the Beaver Creek Association of FFWB Churches since 1956.



Rev. And Mrs. Troy Baldwin

Trinity FFWB Church, Una, SC called him to be their pastor in September 1992. Previous pastorates were with Converse FFWB Church, Southside FFWB Church and Airport FFWB Church, all in the Spartanburg, SC area. He also served as interim pastor for First FFWB Church, Greer, SC, Fairview FFWB Church, Spartanburg, First FFWB Church, Chester, SC, Heron Circle FFWB Church, which is now Parkway FFWB Church in Spartanburg and Lockhart FFWB Church, Lockhart, SC.

Pastor Baldwin is married to the former Ruby Vernon, a native of Cowpens, SC. They have two daughters of Cowpens and one son of Camden, Ohio

Trinity FFWB Church was organized on May 10, 1959 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Alexander, 45 Maple Street, Una, SC. The church celebrated their 34th. anniversary on Sunday, June 6, 1993.

(Editors Note: This article should have been included in a previous issue of The Informer. By error it was omitted. An apology is extended to the Baldwin's and Trinity Church.)



Kenneth Baxley Presents Bible To Turner

Turner Ordained By Eastern Conference

Jason Bennie Turner was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the Eastern Conference in

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a special service held at Fellowship FFWB Mission Church, Manning, SC on Saturday, July 10, 1993.

Kenneth Baxley, pastor of Damascus FFWB Church, Conway and an ordaining council member presided over the service. Jason's father, Rev. I. Benny Turner, the pastor of the Fellowship Church, delivered the ordination message. Rev. Terry Dennis, pastor of Williams Hill FFWB Church, and a member of the ordaining council, presented brother Turner with his ordination credentials. Brother Kenneth Baxley presented him with a Bible on behalf of the ordaining council and the Eastern Conference.

The young preacher is a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN, where he is completing his work for a degree in music and missions.



Poston's Celebrated 50th. Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Norval (Evis) Poston celebrated their 50th. wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, September 26. The drop-in reception in their honor was held in the fellowship hall of their church, Mill Branch Free Will Baptist. More than 150 people, including family members, relatives and friends, honored them with their presence.

The reception was given by their four children; Therrell Poston, Mrs. David (Dottie) Lysterly, Mrs. Randy (Miranda) Johnson all of the Poston Corner Community of Johnsonville, SC and Mrs. B.J. (Linda) Calcutt of Florence, SC.

Norval Poston is a native of the Poston Corner Community of Johnsonville. Evis is a native of the Salem Community near Pamplico, SC.

Norval and Evis were married on September
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15, 1943 in the home of Rev. and Mrs. F. S. Ard. They have lived in the Poston Corner Community all of their married life. Brother Norval is a life long resident of his birth place and was a farmer. He is now retired from the profession. Sister Evis has labored in one of the greatest professions in life, and that is being a housewife. There is a lot of truth in the old adage, "Mans work is from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done".

A few years after their marriage they were saved and were members of New Prospect FWB Church. They were charter members of Mill Branch FWB Church and have served the Lord there for thirty years. Brother Poston served the church as a trustee and 20 years as treasurer. Sister Evis has served the church as Sunday School teacher, as president of the woman's auxiliary at various times for a total of about 20 years, as pianist when needed and as a choir member. She has been faithful in serving in the Eastern District Auxiliary and served 35 years as Secretary-Treasurer of the Eastern Conference Sunday School Convention.

Sister Evis said, "We have had wonderful life together". Being faithful in serving Jesus Christ has been, and continues to be, the goal in the life of this couple. May they know through experience the fullness of God's blessings as they serve Him.



Pastor & Mrs. (Vivian) Haynes

Mt Trolly Host 30th. Anniversary Party For Pastor And Wife

Pastor Mike Haynes and his wife Vivian were treated to a surprise party in celebration of their "30th. Wedding Anniversary" Sunday night, September 19. The event was a total surprise to Pastor Haynes and his wife. It was hosted by Scarlet Martin, Eva Mae Williamson, Cora Barnhill and the congregation of Mt Trolly Church. The fellowship hall was appropriately decorated

for the occasion with balloons, bows and ribbons and a beautifully decorated cake topped with a figurine of a "Bride and Groom". This brought back sentiments of yesteryears. Oh yes, there was a bounty of delicious food for those attending.

Brother Haynes has been pastor of the church since 1991, and he and Vivian are greatly loved and appreciated by the congregation. The Lancaster, SC natives have two children, Donna H. Johnson of Pensacola, Florida and Micheal Haynes, Jr., of Rock Hill, SC.

The church conveys this message to this fine couple: **MIKE AND VIVIAN, WE LOVE YOU!!!!!!**



LR-Josh Carnell, Brandon Lee, Walt Lee, Staci Miles and Katherine Gibson

Fellowship Youth Conduct Service

The youth of Fellowship FWB Church, Florence, SC conducted the evening service on Sunday, October 3. Josh Carnell lead the congregational singing. Katherine Gibson played the piano for the congregational singing. Brandon Lee gave the scripture reading and conducted the preliminaries. Staci Miles played the offertory selection, and Walt Lee delivered the sermon. His message text was Daniel 1:1-5 where Daniel refused to eat the kings meat and drink the kings wine. He emphasized that parents should teach and train their children to be strong in the Lord so that they can resist and refrain from the temptation to sin.

Katherine Gibson sang a solo and was accompanied by Staci Miles at the piano. The entire group rendered special music and a skit. The skit conveyed the importance of being faithful at doing ones part in serving the Lord and His church.

These young people are to be commended for the Christ like manner in which they conducted the service. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Purvis directs the youth ministry.

Gibson Guest Speaker Happy Home Homecoming

Happy Home Free Will Baptist Church, Andrews, SC held homecoming services on Sunday, October 10. The order of service was

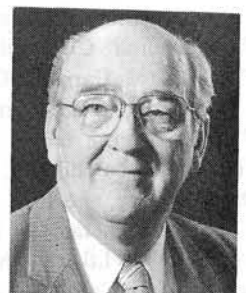
different from what is considered the traditional order. The Sunday School classes met from 10-AM until 10:15 to get their records recorded. The morning worship service was from 10:15 to 11-AM with Norwood Gibson, State Promotional Director as guest speaker. A Gospel Singing was held from 11-AM to 12:00 noon. The John L. Floyd Family from Lake City, SC was the featured Gospel Singing group. The Floyd's grandchildren are taking part in the singing. The Floyd's singing was a blessing to the congregation.

After the morning service the congregation assembled in the fellowship hall for the homecoming dinner and fellowship. All of the services were

well attended. The number for the dinner meal increased as invited guest of church families, relatives and friends came to share in the food and fellowship. It was a delicious dinner of good ole country cookin.

Jerry Franklin, a native of Spartanburg, SC, is the pastor of Happy Home and is in his fourth year with the church.

Immanuel Celebrates Seventh Anniversary With Homecoming Services



Norwood Gibson

Sunday, October 24 was "Homecoming Day" at Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church, Santee, SC. Immanuel Church is a mission work that was begun in August of 1986 by Pastor Herman Hyman.

Special music for the occasion was rendered by Brother Hyman and his wife Patsy; Marjorie Wilson and Pam Grimsley. Mrs. Joyce Pevey rendered an instrumental (piano) solo. A number of people gave testimonies

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that revealed what Jesus Christ had done in their lives and expressed their love for Him. All of the testimonies, singing and music were a spiritual blessing.

Pastor Hyman recognized Mrs. Patricia Davis Harvey for her more than five years of faithful service to the church in its entire music program. Patricia was recently married and moved to Summerville. When requested she returns to the church to play the instruments.

Norwood Gibson, State Promotional Director was the guest speaker for the morning worship hour.

After the morning service a delicious dinner was served for those attending. A good number of former members and friends came to enjoy the fellowship and dinner.

Pam Grimsley from Florence, SC gave a concert of gospel music in the afternoon service. It was a very blessed day as folks enjoyed fellowship together in the Lord and one another.



Mr. Harrington & Coker Bringing In Chair

Olanta Honors Pastor

The Congregation of Olanta Free Will Baptist Church, Olanta, SC, surprised their pastor, Murrell Young, with "Pastor Appreciation Day" on Sunday, September 5. Norwood Gibson, State Promotional Director, was honored with an invitation to attend this special event and deliver the morning message. The youth of the church rendered special singing in the service.

The morning preliminaries were interrupted by two men, Mike Harrington & Allen Coker, entering the sanctuary carrying a recliner chair. Andy Hall presented the chair to Brother Young as a gift from the church. The pastor may have concluded that this was the end of the surprise, but it wasn't. He was asked to sit in the chair, and while doing so the congregation filed by and pinned money to his coat, which totaled \$265.00.

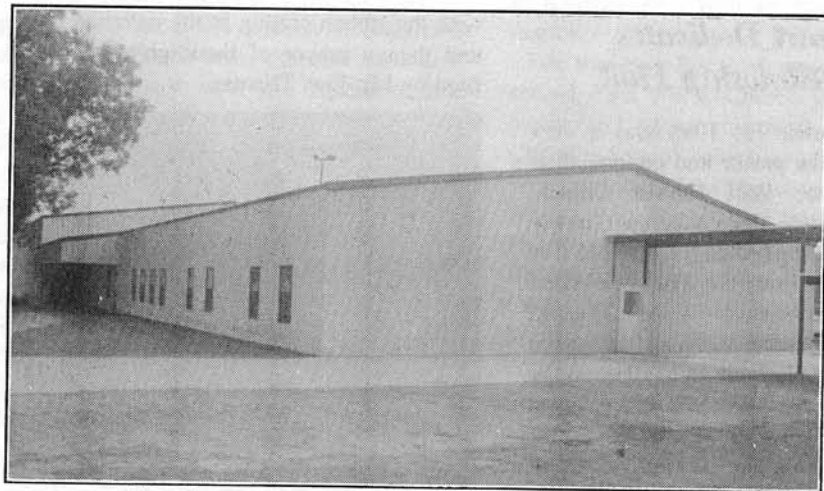
The climax to the surprise was the delicious dinner that the ladies of the church had prepared for him. It was South Carolina country cookin at its best. After the dinner meal a gospel singing was held featuring the Southern Gospel Singers from Patrick, SC.

Brother Young is one of our fine Free Will

Baptist Pastors and is worthy of the love and honor expressed to him on this special day. It is gratifying to see churches express their love and appreciation for their pastor in a tangible way.



Money Being Pinned On Brother Young



The New Gym Is The Larger Building At Left End

New Prospect Dedicates New Facilities

The congregation of New Prospect FWB Church, Pamplico, SC dedicated their newly completed Gymnasium and the renovation work on other facilities on Sunday, September 19th. The service was held in the GYM building. Norwood Gibson, State Promotional Director, was the guest speaker for the occasion.

Construction began on the 8,800 square foot building and the renovation work in May 1993 and was completed in early September 1993. The Gym building has a regulation size basketball court with bleachers and a stage that will be used for Christmas plays and other drama events. It will be used as a recreation building for the students in the church's Christian School, for basketball practice and competition with other Christian Schools. It will also be used as a recreation facility for the church members in activities such as skating, volleyball, etc.

The former gymnasium was renovated and converted into six classrooms of about 575

square feet each.

There were major renovations to the church's sanctuary. New carpet was installed, the interior completely painted, new drapes were placed in the choir loft and the pews were revarnished.

The cost of the total project was 90,000.00. This figure does not include the donated labor. Members of the church did all of the work except for the steel work and laying of the concrete blocks.

New Prospect church has a beautiful church facility and an excellent school facility located on 28 acres of land. The church operates New Prospect Christian School, which is in its 20th year of operation. The enrollment for the current school year is 186 students.

Joe Cagle is the pastor of this fine progressive and multi-ministry church; a ministry he has given 26 years of faithful and sacrificial service to.

Brother Joe and his folks are to be commended for this

tremendous accomplishment. "To God be the glory".



Inside View Of Gym Building

The "Pop" Willey Missions Offering Has Been Moved To January Through April

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The New Addition Is The Large Section Of Building On The Left

Lockhart Dedicates New Fellowship Hall

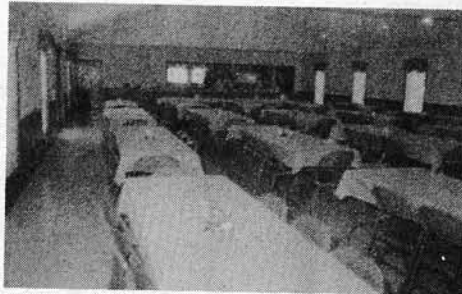
Sunday, September 12, 1993 was a very special day for the pastor and congregation at Lockhart Free Will Baptist Church, Lockhart, SC. They dedicated their newly completed fellowship building and rejoiced as they used it for the first time. They celebrated their 77th. anniversary with 231 in attendance. The number increased as former members and friends came in to share in the fellowship and the delicious dinner meal provided by the ladies of the church.

The morning worship service began at 10:30 AM. Rev. Paul Childers gave the invocation prayer and Pastor Danny Keen delivered the dedicatory message. Special music was rendered by the church choir, soloist, Angie Johnson and a duet consisting of Marcia Davis & Kim Marler.

The dedication service began at 11:30 AM. with the reading of scripture (Psalms 84) by Mr. Emory Roberts, church deacon. Pastor Keen recognized the building committee and they assembled on the front pew. The committee consisted of Bill Adams, Chairman, Jimmy Crawford-Deacon, Lewis Ham, James Haney, Donest Lamb, Phillip Lemons-Deacon, Emory Roberts-Deacon, Lib Thomas, Don Thomas-Deacon and Torrence Vanderford-Deacon. The pastor also gave the welcome and recognized the special guest, the sub contractors and led the congregation in the responsive reading of the covenant of dedication. Mr. Jimmy Crawford, deacon, made a special presentation to the representative of Lockhart Power Co. The design, blue prints and supervision of the work was done by Southern Design Construction Co. Mr. Mike Ammons, a representative of the firm shared some remarks about the building and expressed his appreciation to the church for the opportunity to serve them. The prayer of dedication was

given by Norwood Gibson, Promotional Director for the SC State Association of Free Will Baptists. Mr. Bill Adams presented the keys of the building to Pastor Keen. The service was concluded

with the ribbon cutting at the entrance door and then a prayer of thanksgiving for the food by Mr. Don Thomas.



Interior View Of Fellowship Hall

Construction on the 3,500 square foot facility began with a "Ground Breaking Service" on March 12, 1993 with the work beginning the first of April. The building consist of a kitchen; equipped with stove, ice maker, food warmer refrigerator, cabinets, a large serving bar, a large pantry, a storage room for tables, chairs and other items; a 2,800 square foot dining area with a seating capacity of about 220 people; a foyer with two handicap equipped rest rooms.

The building is equipped with central heating and air conditioning, a commercial fire alarm system and a battery powered back-up light system. The most attractive thing about this beautiful building is the three sky lights in the center of the dining area.

The \$259,000.00 project included the renovation and enlarging the parking lot. The asphalt on the old parking area was taken up, a new drainage system installed and excavating work done to enlarge the parking lot. They now have 100 parking spaces.

Space will not permit to completely describe the beauty of the interior and exterior of the church facility. May the pictures give some insight to this end.

Brother Danny Keen and his fine congregation are to be commended for allowing the Lord to accomplish this great

project through them. To God Be The Glory For Great Things He hath Done!



Note Burning: LR George Fulton, Deacon & Trustee; Donald Smith, Deacon & Trustee; B.B. Watford, Deacon; John Hudson, Pastor; Larry Thornal, Deacon And Homer Floyd, Trustee.

Black River Celebrates Homecoming-Burns Mortgage

Pastor John Hudson and the congregation of Black River FWB Church, Andrews, SC experienced a very joyful day on Sunday, November 7. It was their annual homecoming plus the burning of the note on their remodeling-renovation project.

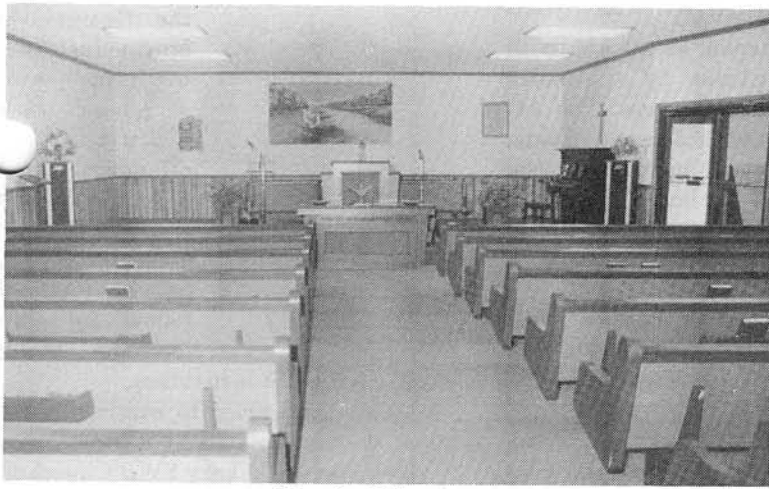
Ronnie Jones, former pastor of the church delivered the morning sermon. It was a timely and challenging message.

Before the message a period of worship and praise through song and testimonies was held. Lori Fulton and Christina Smith, two very young ladies of the church rendered solo's. The congregation participated in a praise and chorus sing time conducted by Teresa Moshell, a special guest. She also blessed the congregation with a solo. Just prior to the message Carolinda Moore of the church rendered a special in song.

After the morning message an "Old Fashion Country Dinner" was served to the large number attending the service and a great number of relatives and friends that came from other churches.

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo did extensive damage to the church building. While considering how to go about repairing the damage, the church decided that it was an opportunity to remodel the sanctuary, which they did. The work was completed at a cost of \$107,000.00 plus the gifts of materials and labor. The church set a goal in raising the funds to pay the note off, which they succeeded in doing and burned the note on homecoming Sunday.

The folks at Black River have a beautiful sanctuary with an atmosphere conducive to worship. They are to be commended for permitting the Lord to work through them to accomplish this great task in such a short period of time.



Gloryland Sanctuary

Gloryland Occupies New Facility

Gloryland Free Will Baptist Church was established in January 1992. Brother Phil Lemmons was the founding pastor. Twenty nine people attended the first service in a store type building in York, SC. It is located a short distance from the junction of SC Highway 5 and US Highway 321. After renovation work was completed the building was very attractive and adequate for a vision work.

In January 1993 the church purchased a tract of land just over an acre in size at a cost of \$56,000.00. It is located about 2 miles west of Rock Hill, SC on highway 5. Located on the property was a building that had been used as an animal feed store. The building was renovated at a cost of \$15,000.00 and many hours of work donated by the people.

The renovation work on interior of the facility is completed. The interior decor is beautiful and has an atmosphere conducive to worship. The building consist of a foyer, a

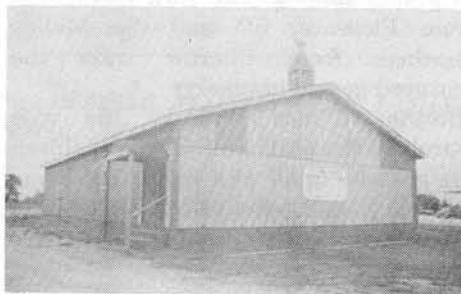
sanctuary with a seating capacity of 126, 4 classrooms and two rest rooms. The upper interior walls are covered with sheetrock with a white paint finish. The lower section of the walls are covered with a cedar finish paneling and chair rail. Carpet covers the floor area, except

for the entrance foyer and rest rooms. They have a vinyl covering. The furniture in the 126 sanctuary has a mahogany finish. The pews and chairs are padded and covered with a green fabric.

The exterior renovations are not complete as of this writing, but it is on the top of the work list.

When you consider that the church is less than 2 years old, Brother Lemmons and his people are to be commended for allowing the Lord to accomplish this outstanding achievement through them.

Brother Lemmons and the church are members of the True Life Association.

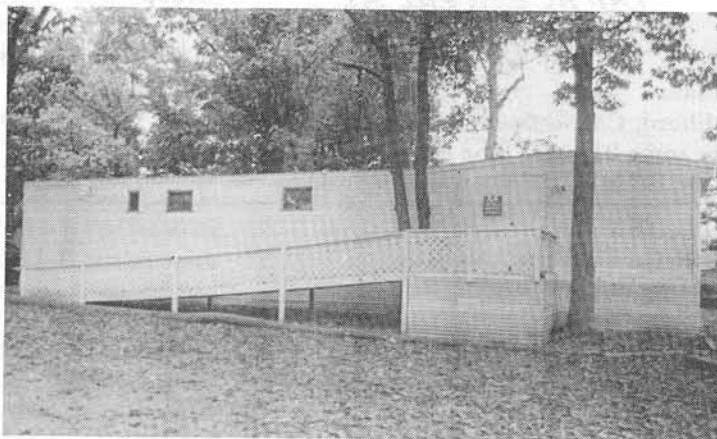


Exterior Of Facilities Still Under Renovation

New Mission Church In Rock Hill

A new mission church is being established by Pastor Daggett Duncan. Brother Duncan is a member of the netto Conference

the conference has received this work and will give it financial assistance. They are currently using the conference's Trailer Chapel. The mission's congregation has renovated it inside and out



and it is a very attractive facility to begin a church with. Pastor Duncan stated, that they

were negotiating the purchase of a 5 acre tract of land. When the purchase is made they will move the trailer on the property and use it until they can construct a permanent building. The Trailer Chapel has rest rooms, two Sunday School rooms and a Sanctuary with a seating capacity of 55.

New Vision Free Will Baptist Church is the name selected for the new work. The first service was held on March 21, 1993 with 18 attending. They are now averaging 27. In addition to the normal full service of a church they have visitation and Bible study on Friday nights, especially for the benefit of young Christians.

Pastor Duncan request your prayers for the new work.



Interior of Trailer Chapel

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January 21, 1994

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**Pastor - High Point FWB Church
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HONORING OUR SENIOR CITIZENS DOWN MEMORY'S LANE

The "Beatitudes for Friends of the Aged," written by Esther Mary Walker:

BLESSED are they who understand my faltering step and palsied hand.

BLESSED are they who know my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

BLESSED are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.

BLESSED are they who looked away when coffee spilled at table today.

BLESSED are they with cheery smile who stop to chat for a little while.

BLESSED are they who never say, "You've told that story twice today."

BLESSED are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays.

BLESSED are they who make it known that I'm loved, respected and not alone.

BLESSED are they who know I'm at a loss to find the strength to carry the cross.

BLESSED are they who ease the days on my journey Home in loving ways.

Old age is a blessed time. It gives us leisure to put off our earthly garments one by one, and dress ourselves for Heaven.



Melvin Hass

"Children's Home Day" Well Attended

The annual Children's Home Day was held at the home in Turbeville, SC on Saturday, November 6. More than 200 people attended and this could be the largest attendance of any previous event. The home received \$6,400.00 in cash gifts and \$3,200.00 in commodities. Five new children have been received in the home recently, raising the total number living in the home to 25. Two residents are attending FWB Bible College, Nashville, TN, which brings

the total to 27.

The activities began at 10-AM with tours of the facilities by the older residents and staff members. The 11-AM service began with James Wilhide, home superintendent, introducing the children, staff and the board members. The worship service began with special singing by the Malloy Brothers, a gospel singing group from Cheraw, SC. Melvin Haas, pastor of Beulah FWB Church, Pamplico, SC, delivered a very stirring and timely message from the life of Lot.

After the morning service, the congregation was treated to a "Pig Pickin" with all of the trimmings. For those who do not understand the term "Pig Pickin" a brief explanation is given; pigs are split open and cooked (Bar-B-Cued) over a pit (metal grill). During the process of cooking the pig is mopped with Bar-B-Q sauce. When the meat is cooked the pig is laid on a serving counter with the inside exposed; the people come by and with the aid of a utensil, they pick the desired meat. Normally the trimmings consist of rice, liver hash gravy, red gravy, some form of sweet potatoes, green beans, corn and slaw. Also a variety of calorie jumping desserts.

After dinner the folks enjoyed a time of gospel singing. The New Covenants from Florence, SC and the Malloy Brothers from Cheraw were the featured gospel groups.

Brother James Wilhide, his wife Carolyn, the staff and all the children are grateful to all who visited the home and for those who pray and give to make the Children's Home ministry possible.

Connecticut Native Dorm Parent At Children's Home

Maura Story is a native of New Milford, Connecticut and resided there for some 27 years. She came to Garden City, SC in 1976. She was employed by



Maura Story

after leaving the institution.

A short time prior to coming to the home she was invited by a friend, who is a member of Calvary FWB Church in Georgetown, to attend church with her. Maura responded by attending and was saved on her first visit to the church services. Soon afterwards she learned of the need of a dorm parent at the Children's Home and applied for the position. She was employed as dorm parent for the boys and came to the home in late August of 1993.

She loves children and is concerned about their spiritual, physical, mental, emotional and educational needs. She is a real asset to the home.

Maura has three adult children; Christopher, serving in the US Navy; Trecia, a preschool teacher; and Michael of Mexico.

Creech Guest Speaker Bay Branch Homecoming

Sunday October 17 was an exciting day for the congregation of Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmonsville, SC.

It was a time of renewing friendship and fellowship with one of their former pastors, Jakie Creech. He delivered an inspiring message in the morning service. The New Covenants, a Gospel Group from First FWB Church in Florence, SC was on hand and rendered inspiring and uplifting music and singing.

The occasion was a time of worship, fellowship, fun and food. It was a very special day for all.

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