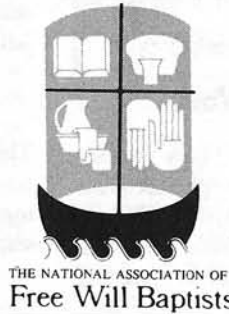


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Two South Carolina Foreign Missionary Accounts In Deficit

JIM AND KAREN COWART-BRAZIL.

A recent report shows that Jim and Karen's account is \$6,000.00 in deficit and their monthly support, since returning to Brazil, has declined by \$1,500.00. Considering the decline in monthly support simple math will reveal that their account will soon reach a \$10,000.00 deficit. At this point they will be subject to being called home to go on itinerant to raise funds for their account.

BOBBY AND GENEVA POOLE-BRAZIL. The last report on the Pooles account indicated they were about \$5,000.00 in deficit. This deficit is due to a decline in monthly support. If this decline continues their account will reach the \$10,000 deficit and they will be subject to being called home to raise funds.

*If these missionaries have to return home to raise funds it means that their ministries in Brazil will suffer tremendously. **YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER A SPECIAL GIFT TO THE POOLES AND COWARTS AT THIS TIME. ALSO CONSIDER A MONTHLY GIFT.***

**Beaver Creek
Evangelism Conference
MARCH 7-8, 1994
First FWB Church
Inman, SC**

**Guest Speakers: Home
Mission Team - Roy Thomas
Trymon Messer
Richard Adams**

FEBRUARY 24-25, 1994

**Parkway
Free Will Baptist Church
Spartanburg, SC 29303**

**For Complete Information
See The Program
Schedule In This Issue Of
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**South Carolina
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
CONVENTION**

**March 19, 1994
Hosted By White Savannah
Free Will Baptist Church
Conway, SC.**

Motel Information

Days Inn Motel - Telephone 248-3414. Fronting On The Left Side Of Highway US 501 As You Enter Conway From The West. A Hardees Is Located beside It. Unable to get quote on room rates.

Conway Motor Inn - Telephone 248-2285. Fronting On The Right Side Of US 501 As You Enter Conway From The West. **RATES-** One To Four People per room \$39.45. Tax Included.

***When Calling Please Let Them
Know That You Are With The
SC Free Will Baptist Auxiliary.***

Pastor To People

**By Leroy Lowery, Pastor
Southside FWB Church
Darlington, SC**

I would like to share with you an article which I read recently that really speaks to a need in many churches today. God bless you as you think about what it says.

"A certain church, which was surrounded by many lost and unchurched people, began to drift away from the habit of visitation and prayer. Little by little, all concern for lost people and their needs was gone. Members began to fight among themselves, each seeking his-her own will.

Having been out for several weeks, an impetuous member made a quick survey. He was concerned about the attendance records. He knew that the way to add to the church is through prayer and visitation. Without discretely addressing the problem, a few members took up the cry and tried unwittingly to rid themselves of the source of the problem--the pastor. As a result, the attendance dropped lower and the offerings grew smaller. New members failed to come. Some members moved their letters to other churches in the city; many quit coming. The attendance continued to drop and the offerings grew even smaller. Finally, many people joined the cry, "What we need is a new preacher!!" One day the distracted preacher resigned. In six months, a new unsuspecting pastor came. The plight of the church was even worse than it had been. The church had suffered tremendous damage from within and without. Shortly, the new preacher realized that there were deep problems in the church. In a year, he too left, but the problem was still there.

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South Carolina Home Mission News

Aiken Mission Work

MARK BARBER is the missionary pastor for this project. This is a joint project with the South Carolina State FWB Home Mission Board and the National Home Mission Department. Brother Barber is on itinerant raising the needed funds to sustain him through the time of establishing this church. We do not have a Free Will Baptist Church in all of Aiken County. **PLEASE CONSIDER HAVING BROTHER BARBER IN YOUR CHURCH FOR A SERVICE.** He will share his burden for a work in Aiken and bless your congregation with good Bible Preaching. **CALL YOUR PROMOTIONAL OFFICE TO ARRANGE A SERVICE WITH HIM.** The sooner he raises his needed support the quicker the work will begin.

Chesnee FWB Mission Church

JAMES CHILDERS is the missionary pastor of this progressing work. He stated, "We averaged 47 in Sunday School, 59 in Morning Worship, 47 in the Evening Service and 40 on Wednesday Evening!! The best news is that we had 3 saved and 2 rededications! We have at least 5 that will be joining with our mission church. Praise the Lord!!

This is a joint project with the Beaver Creek Association and the National Home Mission Department. Brother Childers Account is \$5,327.07 in deficit. Please pray for this need and give as generously as possible.

Anderson Mission Church

No recent news has been received from First Free Will Baptist Mission Church in Anderson. Joe Bevil is the missionary pastor of this work. The pastor and congregation will appreciate yours prayers and financial giving.

Fellowship Mission Church

This is a mission project of the Eastern Conference. I. Bennie Turner is the mission pastor. They have a prime tract of land on highway 261 east of Manning, SC and they are in a building program. They need your prayers and financial help.

New Vision Mission Church

This new work is in Rock Hill, SC. Dagget Duncan is the missionary pastor. It is a mission work of the Palmetto Conference. They are negotiating the purchase of land and

at the time of this printing, it could be a reality. They need your prayers and financial help.

Gloryland Mission Church

This work is under the leadership of the pastor, Brother Phil Lemmons, and is a member of the True Life Association. The church is located about two miles west of Rock Hill, SC on highway 5. They have recently purchased property and renovated a building on the property. The renovating work is almost completed. Your prayers and financial help will be greatly appreciated.

Two More Mission Works Could Be Announced Soon



Bible College News Briefs

SPRING SEMESTER.

Registration was held on Tuesday, January 4. Classes began on Wednesday, January 5.

SPRING "WELCOME DAYS". This event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30 through Saturday, April 2. This program is designed for prospective students. Those attending will get a sample of college life and learn what training the college has to offer them. Make plans now to attend.

WHO'S WHO. Fourteen Bible College Seniors were nominated to be included in the 1994 edition of WHO'S WHO Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Criteria for nomination include spiritual maturity, academic achievement, extracurricular activities and social development.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS CONFERENCE. The conference will be held on campus February, 8-9. The featured speaker will be a 1964 FWB Bible College alumna, Dr. Sharon Berry. The conference is for Christian school teachers, administrators, board members, etc. A variety of subject matter, to help Christian educators, will be addressed.

PAUL KETTEMAN MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN FUND DRIVE. Emphasis was given to this fund raising project in December. It is not too late to give. If you haven't sent in your gifts please do so as quickly as possible.

PASTOR TO PEOPLE FROM PAGE 1
Finally, the members came to themselves. They saw that what was needed was a new commitment to the Lord on the part of the membership. The members began to visit and

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pray again. After much irreparable damage, the church in true repentance returned to God, and began to grow; their joy returned. However, some damage could not be undone. The number of precious souls lost and Christians living defeated lives during 'period of declension, only eternity will reveal!'

Southeastern FWB College News

SPRING SEMESTER. The 1994 Spring semester began on January 4.

NEW COLLEGE CHOIR TAPE . "To Him Be The Glory" is the title of the new college choir tape. It features songs written by SQUIRE PARSONS. The cost of the tape is \$10.00. If you purchase 10 or more the price is \$9.00 each. You may order them by calling (919) 365-7711 or write to the college, Post Office Box 1700, Wendell, NC 27591.

In Memory Of Edward Walker

Edward W. Walker, a native of Chatham, VA, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 21, 1993.

Funeral serves were held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 23, at Parkway Free Will Baptist Church. Officiating were his pastor Rev Jimmy Miller and Rev Troy Baldwin, pastor of Trinity FWB Church in Spartanburg. Special singing was rendered by the singing group that he was a member of, The Sounds of Grace.

Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Spartanburg. Surviving are his wife, the former Estelle Cardevell, a native of Reidsville, NC; three children, Rev Ricky Walker and Diane Walker, both of Spartanburg; Karen W. Baker of Gainesville, GA and four grandchildren.

He was self employed as owner of Advanced Tool and Machine Company in Spartanburg until 1989. He became physically disabled in 1989 and had to take disability retirement.

Brother Walker was saved in April 1970 and became a member of Heron Circle FWB Church. The church is in another location now and is known as Parkway FWB Church. He loved the Lord and was faithful in his service to Him through the church. He served as a deacon and taught the Adult II Sunday School Class for about twenty years. He led the choir, played the guitar, and sang in a group in the church known as the Sounds of Grace. He was also instrumental in relocating the church and the construction of the new facilities of the church.

Because of His abiding faith in the Lord
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Jesus Christ he is now enjoying the glory of his presence. The Bible assures the believer that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Glory!! what a promise. Often times people will ask, "Why does God take such faithful servants in death"? We may not know the fullness of the answer to the question, but we do know three things that help in the answer. Firstly, the Bible declares that the Christian is His possession; we are bought with a price (with the blood of Jesus Christ) and we are not our own. Secondly, the saved person is a trophy of Gods Grace. God, as it pleases Him, can take His trophy home to be with Him at His will. Thirdly, as we may mourn and weep over the absence of the departed one, and rightly so, the deceased is happy about it. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed (Happy) 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". Brother "Ed", as he was known by many, is experiencing a joy in the Lord far beyond his expectation. He is happy!!

South Carolina Pastor With The Lord

Pastor Eugene Kirby, a native of Florence County, SC, went to be with the Lord on December 8, at age 74.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM on Thursday, December 9, at New Town Free Will Baptist, Lake City, SC. Officiating were Phillip Jones, pastor of New Town Church and a close brother in the ministry, Joe Cagle, pastor of New Prospect FWB Church, Pamplico, SC. Special singing was rendered by the John L. Floyd Family.

Interment was in the New Town Church Cemetery conducted by Floyds Funeral Home of Olanta, SC.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Emmie Covington Kirby. Surviving are five daughters; Janice K. McCutcheon and Kathy K Cox, both of Lake City, SC; Blanch K. Moore of Lynchburg; Judy K. Brown of Sumter, SC and Dianne K. Miles of Sardenia, SC. Two sons; Ronald Kirby of Cades, SC and Michael Kirby of Scranton, SC; Twenty Three Grandchildren, Six Great-grandchildren and two sisters.

Brother Kirby was a retired building contractor, farmer and a Free Will Baptist minister. He was a former Williamsburg School Board Trustee and was serving as a Williamsburg County Constable.

Rev. Kirby was saved in March 1947 at Hebron Methodist Church in Williamsburg County, while the congregation was singing

"Almost Persuaded". He surrendered to God's call upon him to preach the gospel in 1974. He was licensed by the South Carolina Conference and ordained by the Eastern Conference. His pastoral ministry was with two churches; Poplar Hill FWB Church, Hemingway, SC for three years and St Johns FWB Church, Lake City, SC. He retired from the pastorate after serving St Johns on two separate occasions for a total of about 14 years. Brother Kirby served his conference faithfully in attendance, as assistant moderator and as a member of the ordaining council. He was faithful to his state association and the national association.

He attended every National Association of Free Will Baptist since 1976 until 1992. His illness prevented him from attending the 1993 convention. He and Sister Kirby were missed then as they will be in future conventions.

He was a man of God with a rather quite disposition, but he was highly respected for his deeply committed and sincere love for God, the ministry, his church, his family and friends. It is without doubt that he is with the Lord and he rejoiced when he heard the words of Jesus, "Enter into the Joy of the Lord thy good and faithful servant".



Oak Grove Erects New Sign

On August 3, 1993 Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Conway, SC erected a new lighted church sign. It was made and installed by the J.M. Stewart Corporation, Sarasota, FL, at a cost of \$4,000.00.

The frame work of the 5'X 8'sign is constructed of 4 inch tubular steel. The marquee section is covered with a non breakable plastic material. The locked cover prevents vandals from destroying the plastic letters that convey a message for the public.

Oak Grove Church, like many other churches in our state, has come to see the value of a beautiful sign that can be read as people pass by.

Church In Need Of Pastor

Oates Free Will Baptist Church, Oates, SC is in need of a pastor. If you are interested call Mrs Jackie Smith, 803/332-4560.

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Point Of Interest

Fred Hersey and his wife Evelyn served as Free Will Baptist Missionaries to Japan for many years. Evelyn went to be with the Lord in recent months. Physical death came as the result of cancer. In one of Fred's news letters the following poem appeared. It is good that it be shared with you, our readers. It may bring comfort to you or it might be an in hand source to comfort others.

What Cancer Cannot Do

It cannot cripple LOVE.
It cannot shatter HOPE.
It cannot corrode FAITH.
It cannot eat away PEACE.
It cannot destroy CONFIDENCE.
It cannot kill FRIENDSHIP.
It cannot shut out MEMORIES.
It cannot silence COURAGE.
It cannot invade the SOUL.
It cannot reduce ETERNAL LIFE.
It cannot quench the SPIRIT.
It cannot lessen the power
of the RESURRECTION.
(Author Unknown)

Remember Your State Ministries In Your Giving!

Children's Home
Promotional Office
Youth Camp - CTS
Home Missions-Aiken Work

Victory FWB Church Joins Palmetto Conf.

Victory Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, PA, and its pastor were received into the Palmetto Conference of South Carolina Free Will Baptist Churches in August 1992.

The pastor of the church is Brother Buck Riffe, a native of Hanover, Washington. He was saved August 6, 1967 at Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church in Maryland. He was called to preach in 1968 and was ordained in 1969.

He has organized two churches; First FWB Church, New Oxford PA and Victory FWB Church, which he now pastors.

Brother Riffe is married to the former Barbara Benge of Trays Hill, NC.

A hearty welcome is extended to Brother Riffe and Victory Church to our state.

Little Star Calls Jones As Pastor

W. D. Jones, a native of Johnsonville, SC assumed the pastorate of Little Star Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, December 12, 1993.

Former pastorates were the former Grace FWB Church, Manning, SC; Cypress Fork FWB Church, Manning, SC of which he was the founding pastor; and Hickory Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Gresham, SC. He was instrumental in the organizing of Hickory Hill FWB Church.

In addition to his pastoral responsibilities he is employed full time with an electrical construction company.

He is married to the former Doris Ard, a native of Nesmith, SC. They have two adult children. May Brother Jones and Little Star Church have a long and fruitful ministry together.



Southoak Congregation Enjoys Pig Pickin

Pastor Lamar Smith and his family expressed their appreciation to the congregation of Southoak Free Will Baptist Church on Friday night, December 17, with a "Southern Style Pig Pickin". They had two pigs "Bar-B-Cued". Both were laid out on a stainless steel tray for the folks to come by and pick the meat and ribs of their choice. One was cooked with a "Mild Sauce" for those with tenders mouths and the other one was cooked with a "Hot Sauce" for those who like it a bit more spicy. The trimmings to make the meal complete included an abundance of rice for the red gravy and liver hash, sweet potato patties, slaw and a good selection of deserts. It was a delicious meal!!!!

A good number of relatives, friends of the congregation, and visitors came to share in the excellent food and fellowship.

To the knowledge of this writer this is the third pastor to hold a "Church Appreciation Event". Many of our South Carolina Free Will Baptist Churches have "Pastor Appreciation Day" services. This is a good practice for the church to continue. We are now experiencing the pastor and his family showing in a tangible way their love and appreciation for the congregation. This is a good practice if it is done with a true spirit of love and gratitude; it builds a stronger bond

between the pastor and church.



**Pastor Hendrix expressing His Gratitude
To A Group For Excellent Service**

Inman Pastor And Wife Holds Congregation Appreciation Service

Pastor Earl Hendrix, his wife Gwen, and Brother Earl's Sister planned and implemented a "Congregation Appreciation" service on Sunday night, December 5.

The music program, rendered by the choir and individuals, was at it best. The Lord used it to generate a sweet spirit that prevailed throughout the service. Pastor Hendrix asked for those in the congregation that had been saved and helped in their spiritual growth by the church to stand; and it was gratifying to see the great number that stood.

Pastor Hendrix recognized and expressed his sincere gratitude to the individuals of each category of service to the church. He began with the Sunday School teachers and continued with the bus workers, the deacons, the choir director, members of the choir, those who render special music, those who operate the sound equipment, the church secretary, the assistant pastor, youth director, the principal, staff and the teachers of Inman Christian Academy. Last but not the least was the congregation. His last remarks were directed at the entire congregation. "You have been so good to Gwen and me through out the many years of my pastorate here and we wanted to do something that would express our sincere appreciation for it. We love each of you so very much". Sister Gwen passed out token gifts of their love to the folks. For those who know Sister Gwen are aware she will pull a prank on some; to some she gave a loud colored neck tie and suspenders to match. It is said that some actually wore them! Another said, "They looked like a walking Christmas tree". A good amount of humor prevailed in some parts of the service.

After the service the congregation was treated to a delicious dinner of ham, turkey, chicken and all the trimmings, including a laden table of calories; all camouflaged in a variety of deserts. The meal was a gift from

the Hendrix's to the congregation.

GEMS

**From The Greek
New Testament
By Dr. Robert Picirilli**

Second Peter 1:3 refers to the fact that the Lord "hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness". The verb translated "hath given" is particularly interesting to note.

This is not the ordinary Greek word for "giving". Instead, the word here is a form of *doreo*, which means "to present" or "bestow". This Greek Verb is used only a total of three times in the whole New Testament. It carries with the idea of a free gift, a present given out of the largeness of one's heart. It is not a gift made because of some obligation, but simply because the giver has the ability to give and wishes to do so. The word often carries with it the idea of a present given by someone of great prestige and authority to someone who has no real claim on the gift at all. In Mark 15:45, for example, we read that Pilate "gave" the body of Jesus to Joseph of Arimathea. There was no reason for him to grant Joseph's request other than his own decision to do so.

So it is that Peter says the Lord has "royally granted" to us, has "made a present to us" of everything we need for new life and a Godly walk.

We Should also notice that this verb is in the Greek perfect tense, which indicates a finished work on whose results we may draw. The idea, then, is a blessed one: not because He owes us anything, but out of His grace, God has opened up His royal storehouse and made a present to us. He has already deposited for us everything we need to be saved and live Godly. Now all we have to do is draw upon His gracious provision day by day as we have need.

Read the whole first eleven verses of II Peter with this understanding, and it will prove a blessing! It is also helpful to note that the fourth verse of this same chapter is the only other time this wonderful verb is used in the New Testament. There we read that God has "freely granted" to us the exceedingly precious promises that bring salvation.

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FRIDAY MORNING

- 9:00 Congregational song - Prayer
Devotion: William Jacobs - CA
9:15 Continuation Of State Boards, Committee Reports
10:20 Recess
10:30 Morning Worship Service
Congregational Song - Prayer
Special Singing
Message: Billy Jackson - PC
11:30 Recess For Dinner

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00 Devotion: Phil Lemons - TLA
1:15 National Representatives And Other FWB Representatives
Congregational Song - Prayer
Business: Items Off The Table and General Business
Congregational Song
Business Continued
Nominating Committee Report
2:40 Rising Vote Of Thanks To The Host Church And Conference
Announcements
3:00 Adjournment

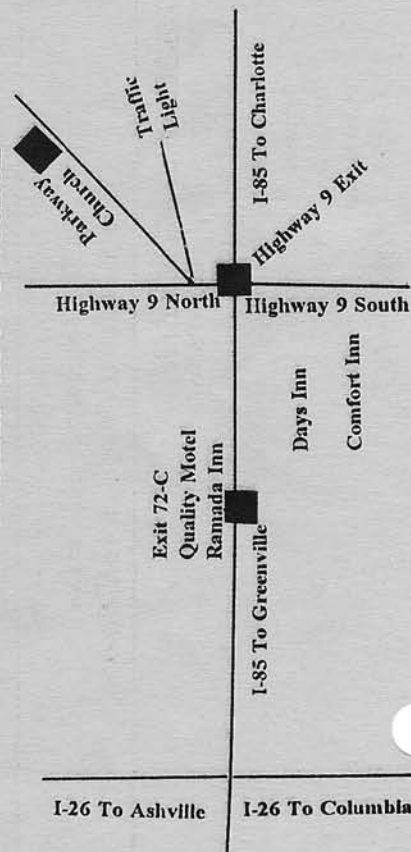
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES TO REPORT

Executive Committee Report - Promotional Office Report - Home Missions Board
CTS Board Report - Youth Camp Board Report - Children's Home Board Report
Poston Baggett Loan Fund - Masters Men Senator - Public Morals Committee
Resolutions Committee - Treasurers Report - Nominating Committee Report.

MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

DAYS INN - I-85 At Highway 9 Exit - Single \$30.82 Double \$33.71 Phone 585-2413. **COMFORT INN** - I-85 At Highway 9 Exit - Single \$34.19 Double \$39.54 Phone 585-5890. **QUALITY MOTEL** - I-85 Exit 72-C-Hearon Circle - Single King \$58.85 Double \$48.15 - Phone 578-5530. **RAMADA INN** - I-85 at Exit 72 - C Single \$51.36 Double \$52.43 Phone 578-7170.

DIRECTIONS TO PARKWAY FWB CHURCH

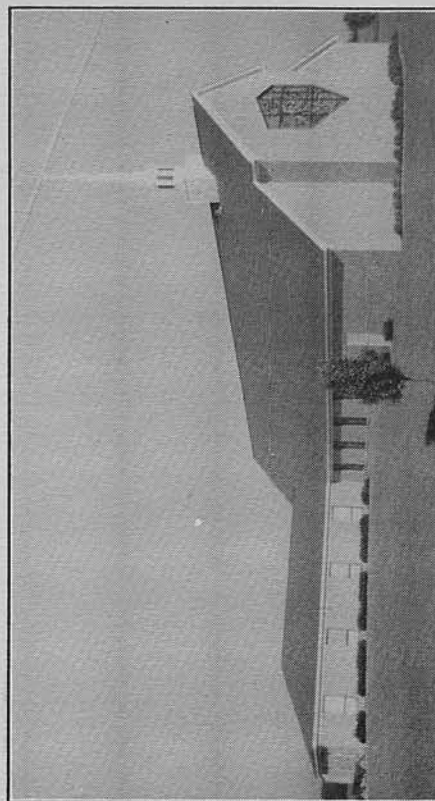


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February 24-25, 1994



Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

**Meeting With The
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At

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Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303**

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PROGRAM PERSONALITIES



Earl Hendrix
Moderator

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Roy Thomas



Ansel Smith - GC



Billy Jackson

Roy Thomas is the General Director of the National Home Mission Department. Ansel Smith is pastor of the Great Commission FWB Church in Lancaster, SC. Billy Jackson is pastor of Cardinal Village FWB Church, Jacksonville, NC.

DEVOTIONS



Austin Martin - BC



William Jacobs - CA



Phil Lemmons - TLA

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:00 Registration
- 9:30 Congregational Song - Prayer
- 9:35 Moderators Message: Earl Hendrix
- 10:00 Convention Called To Order
- Welcome: Host Pastor - Jimmy Miller
- Response: Assistant Moderator - Joe Cagle
- Seating Of Delegates
- Approval Of Program
- Appointment Of Committee On Committees
- Recognition Of Visitors
- Recognition Of National Representatives
- Recognition Of Other Representatives
- 10:20 Recess
- 10:30 Morning Worship Service
- 10:30 Congregational Singing - Prayer
- Special Singing
- Message: Ansel Smith - GC
- 11:30 Recess For Dinner

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00 Congregational Song - Prayer
- Devotion: Austin Martin - BC
- 1:15 Partial Report Of The Credentials Committee
- Report Of The Committee On Committees
- 1:30 State Executive Committee Report
- Business To Be Laid On The Table
- 2:00 Song - Stand Up For Wake-Up Time
- 2:05 Reports Of State Boards And Committees
- 3:30 Recess Until Thursday Night Service

You Are Encouraged To Attend

The Thursday Night Service
It Is A Service Of Great Spiritual Blessings

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

- 7:30 Congregational Song - Prayer
- Special Singing
- Testimonies
- Message: Roy Thomas
- Invitation
- Benediction
- Recess Until Friday Morning

"POP" WILLEY MISSIONS OFFERING

January Through April, 1994

Previously, The "Pop" Willey Missions Offering Was Promoted As A Christmas Offering. To Cooperate With The National Foreign Missions Emphasis Month, Which Is April Each Year, And To Eliminate Some Of The Fund Raising Events, The "Pop" Willey Missions Offering Will be Promoted Beginning In January And Conclude At The End Of April.

Previously, The "Pop" Willey Offering Promoted Home And Foreign Missions Giving. Since We Will Be Promoting Home Missions In November, The "Pop" Willey Offering Will Be For Foreign Missions.

Churches Will Be Supplied With Coin Folders, Banks And Other Promotional Materials.

The "Pop" Willey Offering Has Been Very Successful In The Past, Raising Thousands Of Dollars For Missions. May The Future Give Opportunities To Raise Increased Amounts Of Funds So The Gospel Can Go To The Ends Of The Earth.

Schedule Of Meetings

Local Conferences- Associations-State Convention-District Auxillaries

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION. Saturday, January 8, meeting with First Free Will Baptist Church, Myrtle Beach, SC.

TRUE LIFE ASSOCIATION. Saturday, January 15, meeting with Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Mill, SC.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE. Friday, January 21, meeting with Southoak Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, SC. The annual "Evangelism Conference" will be held in conjunction with the conference meeting. The evangelism services will be held on Friday morning, Friday night and two services on Saturday morning. Jack Lasiter, Pastor of High Point FWB Church will be the guest evangelist.

EASTERN CONFERENCE. Saturday, January 22, meeting with Hickory Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION. Friday, January 28, meeting with Gaffney Free Will Baptist Church, Gaffney, SC.

PALMETTO CONFERENCE. Friday night and Saturday, February 18-19, meeting with Cardinal Village FWB Church, Jacksonville, NC.

GREAT COMMISSION CONFERENCE, Saturday, May 7, meeting with the Great Commission Free Will Baptist Church, Lancaster, SC.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION, Thursday and Friday, February, 24-25, meeting with Parkway Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, SC. The program containing complete information is included in this issue of The Informer.

EASTERN DISTRICT AUXILIARY. Saturday, February 12, meeting with Gilead Free Will Baptist Church, Lake City, SC. Jim and Vicki Sturgill, missionaries to Brazil, will be the guest speakers.

CENTRAL DISTRICT AUXILIARY. Saturday, February 19, meeting with Mt Ariel Free Will Baptist Church, Conway, SC. Tentatively, Kristi Hanna, a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College will be the guest speaker. She has been approved to serve as a 1994 summer missionary in Japan. Kristi is a member of Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville, SC.

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT AUXILIARY. Saturday, February 26, meeting with Temple Free Will Baptist Church, Darlington, SC. Guest speakers will be Jim and Vicki Sturgill, missionaries to Brazil.

BEAVER CREEK DISTRICT AUXILIARY. Saturday, March 5, meeting with Fairview FWB Church, Spartanburg, SC.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION. Saturday, March 19. White Savannah Free Will Baptist Church, Conway, SC will host the convention. At this time it is not confirmed, but hopefully Bobby and Geneva Poole, Missionaries to Brazil, will be the guest speakers. See front page of this issue of The Informer for motel information. A map giving directions to White Savannah Church will be given at the district auxiliary meetings.



Dr. Alton Loveless

Loveless Installed As New Director Of Randall House Publications

Dr. Alton Loveless was installed as General Director of Randall House Publications on December 7, at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN. Participating in the installation service were Rev Milton Worthington, Chairman of the Sunday School Board, Rev. Jim McAlister, Vice Chairman of the board, the board members present and Dr. Roger Reeds, retiring General Director.

Randall House Publications include the Free Will Baptist Sunday School and Church Training Departments.

Dr. Loveless is a native of Conway, AR, and for the past 19 years he has served as Executive Secretary of the Ohio State

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Association of Free Will Baptist. Among other duties he was editor of The Ambassador Magazine, the news media for Ohio Free Will Baptist and established the Ambassador Bible Bookstore, which is the largest retail outlet for Christian books and church supplies in Ohio.

He is a graduate of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore Ok; and received a Ph.D in Business Administration from Columbia Pacific University. He has been honored by a number of other colleges and organizations.

Brother Loveless is married to the former Delois Draby of Pocahontas, AR. They have two sons, Randall and Steven, and two grandsons.

How Big Should A Christian Be ?

Everyone knows that the work of Christ would move forward with far greater success than at present if only Christians were as "big" in every way as they ought to be. But how big ought they be? Paul's answer is "till We all come...unto a perfect man(mature manhood), unto the measure of the status of the fullness of Christ".

No one can fully describe all this means, but in the light of the Scriptures one who advances toward "The measure of the stature of Christ" must be able at least answer the following questions affirmatively:

1. Am I big enough to forgive and forget?
2. Am I big enough to love all men and keep on loving them for Christ's sake?
3. Am I big enough not to be offended?
4. Am I big enough to "Keep on" when others faint or when others receive glory?
5. Am I big enough to be faithful to my office?
6. Am I big enough to give at least as much that is required me to be faithful that my church and the cause of Christ may prosper?
7. Am I big enough to speak well of my fellow Church members?

Incidentally, what is your score now that you have answered your neighbors?

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