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## New FWB Church Begins In Aiken

### *This Is The First Free Will Baptist Church IN Aiken County*

Southside Free Will Baptist Church is the name selected for the new mission work in Aiken, SC. The work is a joint project with the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Home Mission Board and the National Home Mission Board in Nashville, TN. The mission church officially began on "Fathers Day", June 19, with a good number of local people present. Special guest included the mayor of Aiken, The honorable Fred Cavanaugh, who openly and sincerely gave testimony that he is a born again believer; South Carolina FWB Home Mission Board Director, Pastor Fred Kirby; State FWB Promotional Director, Norwood Gibson; Gospel soloist, Lawrence Taylor and Mrs. Annette Elks and her husband from Greenville, NC. Mark Barber is the missionary pastor.

The service began with Lawrence Taylor from Greenville, NC rendering a concert of Gospel Music. Mrs. Annette Elks rendered special music also. The mayor of Aiken welcomed the establishment of the new church and the folks that were present. The offertory prayer was given by Norwood Gibson. Missionary Mark Barber delivered the morning message, entitled "Survival For The Home". It was a message very fitting for "Fathers Day" and for any occasion. God has appointed men to be the head of the household and they are responsible to God for bringing the family up in the admonition and nurture of the Lord. Strong Christian families are the foundation for a moral society. A nation is no better than the families that it is built upon. A local church only as spiritually strong as the families that occupy its roll.

Why have a Free Will Baptist Church in Aiken? For the same reason one is planted anywhere; To preach the Gospel, lead people to Jesus Christ that they might have

### *South Carolina FWB Youth Camp*

*Camp Beaver  
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opportunity to know Him in the new birth experience and live in his redemptive power. There may be some morally good people and homes without knowing Jesus Christ, but the only true and effective family is where Jesus Christ reigns supremely. Along with the wicked of the world the morally good without Jesus Christ as savior will go to the same hell. Only those who know Jesus Christ as savior through the Biblical new birth experience will reign with Him in heaven without end. This Free Will Baptist

Church in Aiken can make the difference where some of the folks in this county spend eternity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR BROTHER MARK, HIS WIFE KARON, THEIR CHILDREN; DANIEL, LAUREN AND THE RECENT NEW ARRIVAL, HAYLEY. ALSO REMEMBER THE PEOPLE OF AIKEN WHEN YOU PRAY. It would be a blessing to the family if you would take time and write to them. It surely would encourage them. The address is 1148 Williams Drive, Post Office Box 5418, Aiken, SC 29804. Telephone 803/642-2647.

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PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL GIVING"**

### *Southoak Provided A "Pig Pickin" For Aiken Work*

Mark Barber, South Carolina Home Missionary to Aiken, SC, held a "Get Acquainted Fellowship" for the contacts he had made in Aiken on Saturday night, June 4. This was done for the folks to meet one another and an opportunity to invite a collective body to the beginning service of the new church on Fathers Day, Sunday, June 19.

Lamar Smith, pastor of Southoak FWB Church in Florence, and his people Bar-B-Cued a pig and a group from the church took the pig and all the trimmings for the "Pig Pickin" to Aiken and served the people. This was a lot of hard work, travel and expense to the Southoak folks, but they delighted in doing it. It was an expression of love to the good number of Aiken people who attended the event. It was a gesture of Free Will Baptist love and concern for the residents of Aiken concerning their relationship with God. Thanks, Southoak, for this generous deed.

## First Chester Host State CTS Convention

The South Carolina State CTS Convention was held on Friday night and Saturday, May 20-21. First Free Will Baptist Church, Chester, SC hosted the event.

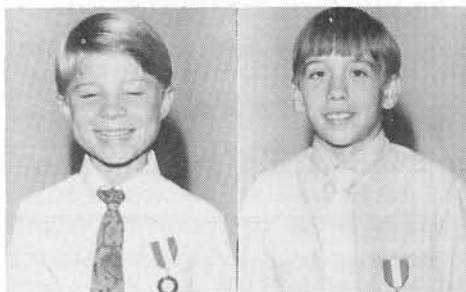
The state convention contestants are the winners from the various district conferences. The winners on the state level will go to the National Youth Conference in Little Rock, AR- July 17-21, and compete with winners from other states. South Carolina will have a good number competing at the NYC in Little Rock.

The adult coaches and the young people who participate in the CTS competition are to be commended. They put in many hours of practice so they can perform at their best. The leaders of the CTS program in the local church, the district, state, and the national are to be commended for their faithfulness.

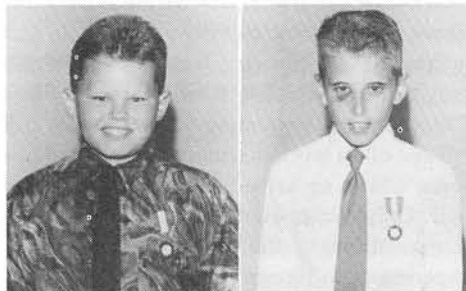
### State Winners, Their Category And Church

**GRANT CANNON.** Bible Memorization, 2nd Grade - Horse Branch. Pic. (1)  
**JACKSON WATTS.** Bible Memorization, 3rd Grade - Horse Branch. Pic. (2)  
**DAVID CASPER.** Sword Drill, 4th Grade- New Life. Pic. (3)  
**ANDY HORTON.** Sword Drill, 5th Grade- New Life. Pic. (4)  
**PAMELA ROBINSON.** Sword Drill, 6th Grade - Horse Branch. Pic. (5)  
**TIC-TAC-TOE TEAM.** Carol Ann Morris, Jeremy Cannon, Mandi Springs and Will Robinson - Horse Branch. Pic. (21)  
**BIBLE BOWL TEAM.** Staci Driggers, Corrie Coker, Ashley Cannon and Derek Yarborough - Horse Branch. Pic. (22)  
**KYLE ROOF.** Keyboard Solo and Vocal Solo- First Chester. Pic. (6)  
**GRANT CANNON.** Dramatic Selection, Horse Branch. Pic. (1)  
**DEVIN TAPP, REBEKAH ANGE AND STEPHANIE MILLIGAN.** Vocal Trio-First Florence. Pic. (23)  
**REBEKAH ANGE AND DEVIN TAPP.** Vocal Duet-First Florence. Pic. (24)  
**KATHERINE GIBSON.** Keyboard Solo-First Florence. Pic. (7)  
**KIMBERLY HICKMAN.** Vocal Solo-First Florence. Pic. (8)  
**JUNIOR SEXTET.** Vocal Sextet-First Florence. Pic. (25)  
**KIMBERLY HICKMAN AND DAVID BAZEN,** Vocal Duet-First Florence. Pic. (26)  
**JUNIOR QUINTET.** Vocal Quintet-First Florence. Pic. (27)  
**DAVID BAZEN, DANA SARVER AND KIMBERLY HICKMAN.** Vocal Trio-First Florence. Pic. (29)  
**AMANDA CASSADY.** Vocal Solo-First Chester Pic. (9)

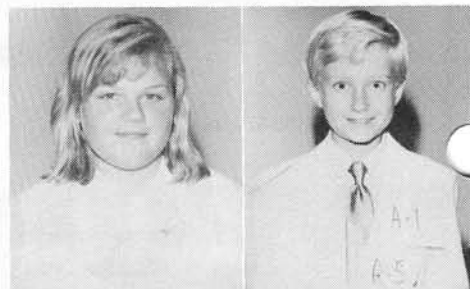
**JEREMY CANNON AND CAROL ANN MORRIS.** Duet Acting-Horse Branch. Pic. (30)  
**GARY SMITH.** Graphics-First Chester. Pic. (10)  
**ANNA BAZEN.** Keyboard Solo and Electronic keyboard-First Florence. Pic. (11)  
**SARAH ANGE AND ANNA BAZEN.** Keyboard Duet-First Florence. Pic. (31)  
**REBECCA MELTON.** Graphics-First Chester. Pic. (12)  
**SHANNON BAZEN.** Photograph-Beulah. Pic. (13)  
**JENNIFER ANGE.** Keyboard Solo-Jefferson Road. Pic. (14)  
**KRISTIE COKER.** Vocal Solo-Horse Branch. Pic. (15)  
**ERIN MIMS, LORI ANN GODWIN AND KRISTIE COKER.** Vocal Trio-Horse Branch. Pic. (32)  
**CORRIE COKER.** Dramatic Selection-Horse Branch. Pic. (16)  
**VOCAL SEXET.** First Florence. Pic. (33)  
**MICHELLE HOWELL AND LISA HICKMAN.** Keyboard Ensemble- First Florence. Pic. (34)  
**RACHEL CREECH.** Woodwind Instrument-First Florence. Pic. (17)  
**KENDI POWELL.** Vocal Solo, Peace Florence. Pic. (18)  
**JAY POSTON AND FORREST STANLEY.** Stringed Instruments-First Florence. Pic. (35)  
**FORREST STANLEY.** Vocal Solo-First Florence. Pic. (19)  
**LIANA PACE.** Keyboard Solo-New Town. Pic. (20)  
**MATTHEW SARVER, JAY POSTON, JONATHAN POSTON, FORREST STANLEY.** Vocal Quartet-First Florence. Pic. (36)  
**KEYBOARD-ENSEMBLE.** First Florence. Pic. (37)  
**TEEN CHORALE.** First Florence. Pic. (38)  
**JUNIOR CHOIR - First Florence** Pic. (39)  
**CHOIR.** First Florence. Pic. (40)



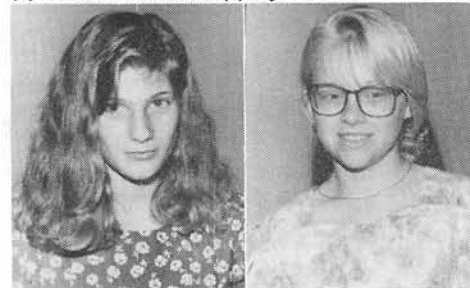
(1) Grant Cannon (2) Jackson Watts



(3) David Casper (4) Andy Horton



(5) Pamela Robinson (6) Kyle Roof



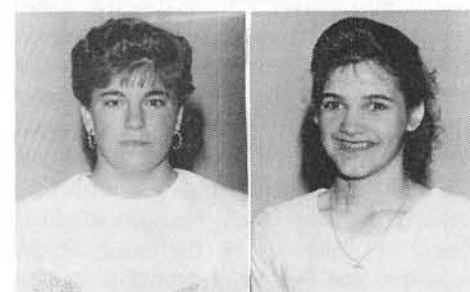
(7) Katherine Gibson (8) Kimberly Hickman



(9) Amanda Cassady (10) Gary Smith



(11) Anna Bazen (12) Rebecca Melton



(13) Shannon Bazen (14) Jennifer Ange



(15) Kristie Coker (16) Corrie Coker



CTS Contestants Continued.



(17) Rachel Creech (18) Kendi Powell



(19) Forrest Stanley (20) Liana Pace



(21) Tic-Tac-Toe Team - Horse Branch



(22) Bible Bowl Team - Horse Branch



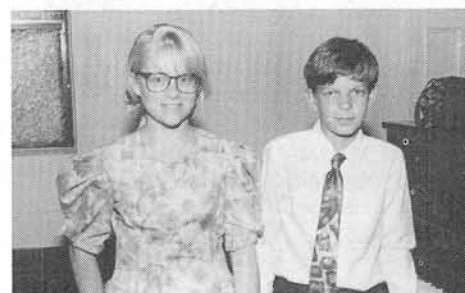
(23) Vocal Trio - First Florence



(24) Vocal Duet - First Florence



(25) Junior Vocal Sextet - First Florence



(26) Vocal Duet - First Florence



(27) Junior Vocal Quintet - First Florence



(29) Vocal Trio. First Florence



(30) Duet Acting - Horse Branch



(31) Keyboard Duet - First Florence



(32) Vocal Trio - Horse Branch



(33) Vocal Sextet - First Florence



(34) Keyboard Ensemble - First Florence



(35) Stringed Instruments - First Florence



(36) Vocal Quartet - First Florence

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## CTS Contestants Continued



(37) Keyboard Ensemble - First Florence



(38) Teen Chorale - First Florence



(39) Junior Choir - First Florence



(40) Choir - First Florence

## Bible College Drama Team Visits SC

The Drama Team from Free Will Baptist Bible College performed in eight South Carolina FWB Churches. The participating Free Will Baptist Churches were North Spartanburg, Spartanburg; Midlands, West Columbia; FWB Bible Church, Darlington; First, Charleston; Westside, Johnsonville; Southside, Darlington; First, Florence; and Black River, Andrews.

The first skit was humorous, but the second was a play depicting the average home and family life style of unsaved family members. Thirst for wealth, pleasure, prestige, popularity, and alcohol beverage seemed to

be the family interest. The son in the family made derogatory remarks about God, Jesus, Salvation and the church. The play closes with a heart moving event. The son is killed in an auto accident and he was not saved.

It conveyed a powerful message to young people and adults alike; get right with God while the opportunity is open. Tomorrow may be too late.



THE EVANGELISTS DRAMA TEAM: LR-Mark Cowart, Nashville, TN (son of Missionaries to Brazil-Jim and Karen Cowart); Jennifer Welch, Spring Grove PA; Randal Fosse, The Evangelists Director, a native of Marion IL; Amy Gaddis, Johnson City, IL and Rodney Stafford, Nashville, TN

## Hobbs FWB Bible College Graduate

William Edward Hobbs, Jr., from Effingham, SC and a member of Peace FWB Church, Florence, SC was among the 42 Graduates at FWB Bible College, Nashville, TN on Thursday, May 12.

Brother Hobbs graduated with a Degree in Business Administration-Management. Eddie is serving as a summer missionary to Russia. The tenure of service will be 10 weeks.

## S. C. Bible College Student Makes "A" Honor Roll

Kristi Hanna made the spring semester Junior "A" Honor Roll at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN. Kristi is a rising senior at the college.

The Johnsonville native is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion (Faye) Hanna, and a member of Westside FWB Church. Her summer will be taken up as a summer missionary to Japan. Congratulations Kristi!!

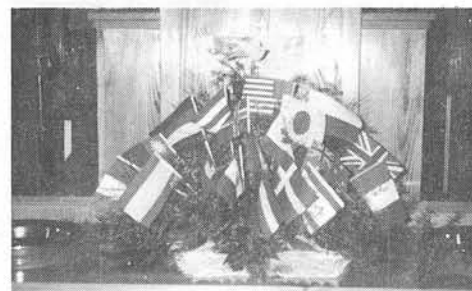
## Orr FWB Bible College Graduate

Melanie Elizabeth Orr, a native of Chester, SC and a member of First FWB Church in Chester, was among the 42 seniors that made up the graduating class of 1994 at Free Will

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Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN. She received a Degree in Business Administration-Management.

Without doubt Melanie will pursue a position in the field of her education training. As a young person she was faithful to the Lord and her church; and it is evident that she has continued to be faithful in her young adult life. She was very active in the Church Training competitive activities in her church, district, state and national level.



The Arrangement Of Flags

## New Vision Celebrated Pentecost

This may be a first in the celebration of Biblical events. New Vision FWB Church, Hemingway, SC had a special service to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

They have an artist in the church that painted a rather large picture on sheets of plywood that depicted the disciples waiting in Jerusalem as they were instructed to do so by Jesus just prior to his ascending back to the Father.

More significant was the display of flags on the table in front of the pulpit. The flags were symbolic of the various countries that were represented in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with (under the control of) the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues (languages), as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:3-4) The word cloven means an arrangement. Think of an arrangement of flowers, which consist of a number of different kinds; or as New Vision had an arrangement of flags of different countries. On the day of Pentecost there was an arrangement, a number of different kinds of tongues (languages) were spoken. The disciples spoke the different languages as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance. If you read Acts chapter 2 you will find the names of the different countries listed. Verse six states that every man heard them (disciples) speak in his own language. Verse eleven reveals the content of their message, "THE WONDERFUL WORKS OF GOD".





Pastor and Mrs. William (Devonda) Justice

## *Justice Called To Community As Pastor*

Community FWB Church, Florence, SC called William Justice, a Fort Mill, SC native, as their pastor in early June.

Brother Justice is a graduate of Beaver Creek Bible Institute and has completed a number of other Bible courses.

His previous pastorates are: Robinson Creek FWB Church, Bostic, NC; First FWB Church, Mt. Holly, NC and Little Bethel FWB Church, Johnsonville, SC.

He is married to the former Devonda Wofford, a native of Rock Hill, SC. They have one daughter, Amie, age 16.

The Community Church has been without a pastor since November 1993. The Justice family and the Community congregation are very pleased and happy with the new Pastor-Church relationship. Both are looking forward to working together for the salvation of souls and building the church. May they have a long and fruitful ministry together.

## *Camp Branch Calls John Keen As Pastor*

Pastor Keen is a native of Raleigh, NC. He was saved at age 5 in 1977 and yielded to God's call to preach in October 1987. He is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Danny Keen. Brother Danny has pastored in Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina.

John is a graduate of Maranatha Christian School in Florence and a graduate of Southeastern FWB College, Wendell, NC, with a major in Bible, Theology and a minor in missions. While in College he developed a



Christian clown ministry. He has experience in working with teens, children's church and the bus ministry.

Brother Keen took the pastorate in 1993 and commuted from Wendell, NC on the weekend. He and his wife, the former Amanda Saddler, a native of Greenville, NC, have purchased a home in Scranton, SC and have moved in.

A hearty welcome is extended to John and Amanda to the South Carolina Conference and to the State Association of Free Will Baptists. May God grant to them a long and fruitful ministry.

## *Bay Branch Calls Buie As Pastor*

George Buie, a native of Fayetteville, NC

assumed the pastorate of Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmonsville, SC in February 1994. The North Carolina native was saved on January 17, 1973. He attended a Wednesday night prayer meeting service at Village Drive Baptist Church in Fayetteville with his brother-in-law. After leaving the service heavy conviction gripped him and he surrendered and received Jesus Christ as his saviour.

He was licensed by the Village Drive Church in 1978 and ordained by Providence Baptist Church in Fayetteville on August 10, 1980. Brother Buie and his wife were members of Jefferson Road Free Will Baptist Church, Sumter, SC from September 1993 to February 1994. His credentials were ratified by the South Carolina Conference of Free Will Baptist in January 1994.

He had two pastorates prior to coming to Bay Branch; Providence Baptist and Tabernacle Baptist, both in Fayetteville.

Brother George holds an Associate Degree in Theology from Carolina Bible College in Fayetteville, NC; and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Christian Leadership and Human Resources from Colorado Christian University.

Pastor Buie also has 1200 hours of credit from a number of educational institutions in management and computer systems. He is currently enrolled at Andersonville Baptist Seminary, Camilla, GA and will receive his Master of Divinity Degree in August of 1994. He will continue his studies with this institution to earn his Doctorate of Divinity Degree. His educational plans include

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enrolling with the Evangelical Christian University of America, Monroe LA. When his studies are completed he will receive a Doctorate Degree in Philosophy and Theology.

He is married to the former Wanda Nunnery, a native of Fayetteville, NC. They have a daughter, Mrs. John (Wendy B.) Stadick of Gastonia, NC and one grandchild.



LR-Leigh Anne, Jenna Lynne and Pastor Snow

## *Snow Comes To Lancaster*

Stuart Snow, an Ohio native, assumed the pastorate of High Point FWB Church, Lancaster on March 27, 1994.

He was saved in September 1986 at Fellowship Tabernacle in Cincinnati, OH, and yielded to God's call to preach in 1988. He was ordained by the Little Miami Quarterly Conference.

Brother Snow is currently enrolled at Bethany Bible College and Seminary in Dothan AL. He will graduate in the summer of 1995 with an Associate Degree in Bible and Pastoral Ministry.

Previous to coming to High Point he served as Assistant Pastor for Fellowship Tabernacle FWB Church, Cincinnati, OH; Pastor of Eastmont FWB Church, Dayton, OH; and Thomas Memorial FWB Church, Huntington, WV.

Pastor Snow is married to the former Leigh Anne Cantrell, a native of Fairborn, OH. They have one infant daughter, Jenna Lynne.

A warm, sincere welcome is extended to the Snow family to the Beaver Creek Association and to the South Carolina State Association.

## *Quotes Worth Noting*

"It's Is A Happy Home  
Where The Only Scraps  
Are Those Brushed Off  
The Dining Table."

You Can Come Nearer  
Sneaking Daylight Past A  
Rooster Than You Can To  
Sneak Sin Past God.

(Copied From Mid Week News)



The "All Sixty Six Club Members"

## All Sixty Six Club Receives Eight New Members

Eight years ago Brother Wayland Owens, pastor of First FFWB Church, Kingstree, SC established the "All Sixty Six Club" in the church. The club was named for the sixty six books of the Bible. The purpose of the club was to encourage members of the church to read through the Bible each year.

The membership stands now at forty which includes eight new members that read the Bible through in 1993.

The new members are: Juanita McClary, Mell Ward, John Lupo, Eddie Hayes, Gail Lee, Sara Snipes, Elizabeth Bell and a teenager, April McKenzie. About five years ago the church approved Norwood Gibson as an honorary member of the club. He has read the Bible through each year for many years.

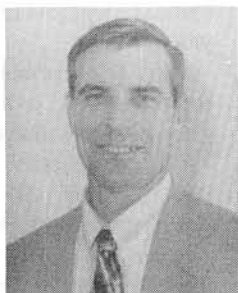
Reading through the Bible each year is one way of feeding oneself spiritually. These folks are to be commended for setting and reaching this goal each year.

## Cornerstone Calls Norris As Pastor

Steward Norris, a native of Columbus County, North Carolina assumed the pastorate of Cornerstone FFWB Church, Whiteville, NC, October 16, 1993.

He was saved in 1973 while visiting with his brother at Old Fashion FFWB Church, at Farmer, NC. He yielded to God's call to the ministry the first Sunday in January of 1990. Pastor Norris was licensed and ordained by the Pee Dee Association of North Carolina.

Prior to his ministry with Cornerstone he pastored Trinity FFWB Church in Loris, SC



for three years.

Cornerstone FFWB Church is a relatively young church in Whiteville, but it has made tremendous progress, both in new facilities and numerically. The church is a member of the Central Association of South Carolina FFWB Churches.

Brother Norris is married to the former Shirley Jane Sutton, a native of Davis County, NC. A warm and hearty welcome is extended to this pastor and family to the Central Association and to the South Carolina State Association. May their ministry here be long and fruitful.

## New Life Burns Mortgage

Sunday, June 5th, was a great day in the Life of the congregation at New Life FFWB Church, Lancaster, SC; they burned the mortgage on their church property. On Sunday, July 14, 1985, The Congregation dedicated their newly constructed facility. The 7,013 square foot building was constructed on a 16-1/2 acre tract of land at a cost of \$350,000.00.

The church secured a \$305,000.00 construction loan, which they paid off in nine years. This reflects an average annual payment of just over \$33,000.00 per year.

This is a great achievement, especially when you consider they did not cut their outside giving to accomplish this.

Brother David Anders is the pastor of this fine church. He and his people are to be commended for trusting the Lord to use them to accomplish this outstanding project. To



LR-BR Rev. John Boykin, Sr., John Boykin, Jr., Buck Stevens.  
FR-LR Pastor David Anders, Donnie Cauthin And Lynn Johnson.

God be the glory for great things He hath done.

What will be their next project? The answer is not known at this time, but it is reasonable to assume it will be a facility addition serve God's people and reach lost souls, Jesus Christ.

## First Kingstree Provides Car For Pastor

In April of this year Wayland Owens, pastor of First FFWB Church in Kingstree, purchased a 1993 Chevrolet Caprice automobile, with a blue exterior and interior. On May 11, 1994 the church voted to give Brother Owens the down payment he had made and make the monthly payments for him. Of course, this made Brother Wayland and his family very happy. The Lord through the church relieved this pastor of a heavy burden.

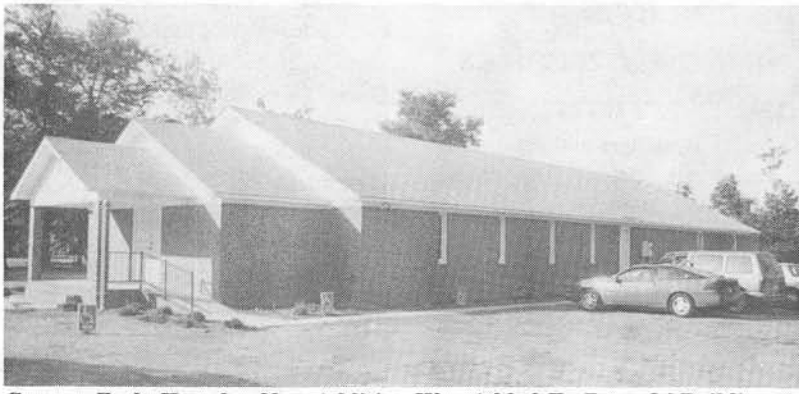
By virtue of my ministry as Promotional Director, I visit all of our churches at one time or another. I observe each church and try to learn things that could help our church and those things that may hinder a work. I do this so I can share my knowledge to help others. One thing I have noticed in particular; churches that I their pastor and are concerned for the physical well being for him and his family, and do all they can to supply their needs are blessed of God. Of course the pastor has a roll in this also. He must be worthy of the generosity of his congregation. A pastor who is lazy, unconcerned about his flock and lost souls, is not in a position for God to bless him.

Brother Owens is a faithful servant of God. The number of souls saved under his ministry and the progress of the church is evidence of this fact.

This church is to be commended for this act of kindness and generosity to their pastor.

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**YOUR GIFT**  
**FOR THE**  
**PROMOTIONAL**  
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**Cypress Fork Church - New Addition Was Added To Rear Of Building**

## Cypress Fork Adds To Facility

Cypress Fork FWB Church, Manning, SC added 1100 square feet to their building facilities. The new addition consist of 3 classrooms, a nursery and 2 rest rooms. Construction of the addition began

in July 1992 and was completed in May 1994. The reason for the long construction period is that the members contributed the labor and they went on the pay as you go method.

Odell Mouzon is the pastor of this fine church. The pastor and congregation are to be commended for this accomplishment.



**New Building - Fellowship Manning**

## Fellowship Manning Erects New Building

"The Helping Hands" building crew began arriving in Manning, SC on April 5th. and raised the Fellowship FWB Church building facility. Howard "Happy" Gwartney is a certified contractor and supervises the construction. He is employed by the National Home Mission Department. His work crew is made up of retired men and women who travel at their own expense and donate their service. "The Helping Hands" program is sponsored by the National Masters Men Department and the National Home Mission Department.

The church congregation had the foundation and floor completed when the crew arrived. Construction of the facility began on April 1 and in three weeks the building was completely "dried in", including the shingles on the roof and the vinyl siding installed. One of the builders, before leaving the site, placed an order for a \$1,000.00 19-foot fiberglass steeple and donated it to the church. The building and property is

appraised at \$189,700.00, but the cost to the church will be approximately \$80,000.00.

The mission church is a project of the Home Mission Board of the Eastern Conference of South Carolina Free Will Baptist Churches. I. Bennie Turner is the pastor.

When the project is completed a feature article will appear in The Informer giving full details.

## Inman Pastor Given New Car

Pastor Earl Hendrix and his wife Gwen received new cars as a gift from First FWB Church. Brother Earl was given a beautiful burgundy 1994 Royale LS Oldsmobile. Sister Gwen was given the old Oldsmobile that the church gave Pastor Hendrix some four or five years ago. This is the 6th new car that the church has given Earl over his long ministry with the them. Does Gwen always receive the old car? Yep, you are right. Is it fair? For the answer to this question I suppose you will have to ask Earl. Gwen is an humble, sweet

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**Earl And Gwen Hendrix**

lady and is always happy with the hand me down car, so it's reasonable to believe that it is alright.

The church is to be commended for going the extra mile in providing for their pastor and his wife.

## Pastor Seay Receives New Car

Floyd "Buddy" Seay assumed the pastorate of White Savannah FWB Church, Conway, SC on September 1, 1994. After the Wednesday night service the church gave brother Seay, his wife Vicki and their two daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah a "Welcome Party". The congregation extended warm greetings to their new pastor and family with gifts and refreshments. One gift to the pastor was an auto license plate with the church name and "God Loves You" inscribed on it.

In the following months the congregation saw that the pastor needed better transportation. On Sunday night, October 17, the pastor and his wife were requested to come down and face the congregation. He was informed that in his absence on Sunday morning the church voted 100% to buy him a new car; one of his choice. During the following week he picked out a beautiful Buick LeSabre. It was ordered and presented to Pastor Seay and his family the following Sunday morning with a big red ribbon attached to the top of the car.

It is always refreshing news to learn that a church is observant of the pastor's needs and will endeavor to provide them. The church is to be commended for this display of love and concern for their pastor.



**Pastor Seay Stands By His New Car**

**REMEMBER YOUTH CAMP**

## ***The Mellette Circle Gives Offering Plates***

At the May 15th, Sunday evening service the Mellette Circle Woman's Auxiliary of New Town FWB Church, Lake City, SC presented Norwood Gibson with four brass offering plates for the new mission work in Aiken, SC. The mission pastor, Mark Barber could not be in the service because of a conflict in services. Brother Gibson received the gift on behalf of Brother Barber Mrs. Julia Dubose, president of the Mellette Circle, presented the offering plates and it is fitting that her remarks be printed; "Brother Norwood, On behalf of the Mellette Circle of New Town FWB Church I'd like to present these collection plates to you to be presented to Brother Mark Barber for use in the church



**Mellette Circle. Mrs. Dubose, Circle President, Far Right, Presents Gibson With Offering Plates**

in Aiken. We believe that the monies (offerings, tithes or donations) that go into these plates will be used for a cause that will glorify God.

Along with these offering plates go our prayers for a church where God's word is preached, the Holy Spirit is free to work in the hearts of souls, and Jesus (crucified and resurrected for the sins of the world) is central in the hearts and minds of all the members of the church.

We pray that God will richly bless this church and many will be saved through this ministry".

Congratulations ladies! This was a thoughtful, kind and a generous act of love for a people that you may never see this side of heaven. But they are a people for whom Christ died. I'm sure you will see some Aiken residents in Heaven because you helped in planting a church there.

***Pray For The Financial Needs  
For Missionaries Jim And  
Karen Cowart***

## ***How Far Removed Are Some Churches From Scripture?***

The two articles given here will answer the above question to some degree. They might answer it more than many would like to know. To the Christ loving and honoring Christian it brings sadness and joy. Sadness, because the influence of some elements of the church today are leading many to eternal damnation. Joy, because we know that the scriptures teach us that before Christ returns there will be a great falling away from the faith. The great King, Judge and Creator of the universe, is soon coming to take us to be with Him.

Nashville Banner, 1/17/94: Reports of goddess worship at an 'international ecumenical meeting of church women are being met with shock and disbelief by local women church leaders of the United Methodist and Presbyterian Church USA denominations.

However, the meeting in November in Minneapolis, MN, where the worship included prayers to the goddess Sophia as "our maker" and "creator," drew nearly half of its participants (2,200 including 83 men) from United Methodist and Presbyterian women. The Presbyterian Church USA contributed \$66,000 from its Bicentennial Fund to help finance it. Other funding agencies listed in the official conference program included agencies of the United Methodist Church, entities of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, American Baptist Churches, Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of St. Joseph, United Church of Christ, and Church Women United.

Some who attended the meeting said it focused on growing interest in the goddess Sophia as a manifestation of divinity that is underway among feminist theologians and some female churchgoers. In addition to what they regarded as "goddess worship" and "heresy," they also objected to: a spontaneous "celebration" led by a lesbian and bisexual women; self avowed lesbian as speakers; liturgies using sexual images to express the divine; the remarks of a female UCC minister who rejected the atonement doctrine, the belief that God and humanity are reconciled through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross; a speaker who said Jesus was guilty of violence against women and that what "we really need is a promised land where women will be free to love other women".

Sarasota Herald-Tribune, 2/5/94: A new church has been formed in Florida, the First Non-Judgmental Church of Sarasota. Pastor Daniel D. Nawara says his church "is a new thing that God is doing through h' Spirit...based upon the law of Christ rather than the law of Moses....This church is born out of a heart for God. We are evangelical, full gospel and trans-denominational." (Copied from the Sunday, March 27 bulletin of Pamplico FWB Church, Pamplico, SC.)



**Exterior View Of Calvary's Fellowship Bldg.**

## ***Calvary Lancaster Adds Fellowship Hall***

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Lancaster, SC was established by its Pastor, John Pressley. It began in his home, but now they have a beautiful facility. The Lord has prospered the work under the leadership of Brother Pressley and his people.

The latest addition to the facilities was a fellowship building and additional classrooms.

The church is located off of US highway 521 about 10 miles north of Lancaster. To reach the church turn right onto the first paved road past Andrew Jackson State Park.

To God be the glory for the accomplishments of this body of believers.



**The Interior Of The Fellowship Hall. The Door In The Far End Leads To The Added Classrooms.**

***WNAC'S National Retreat  
Ridgecrest, North Carolina  
September 15 - 16***





**Building Committee:** BR-LR Dale Caraway, Lee Filyaw, Jason Miles. FR-LR Lester Adams, Calvin Grooms, Becky Evans, Pastor Byars, Addie Crawford, Wade Adams, Wesley Benton and Boyd Conner.

## Tabernacle Breaks Ground For New Facility

Sunday, April 17, was a very special day in the life of the congregation of Tabernacle FWB Church, Coward, SC. After the morning service the folks gathered on the land where their new sanctuary will be built and held a "Ground Breaking Service". The pastor, Ralph Byars, read from Matthew 7:24-27. The passage deals with building on the shifting sands or on a rock. What they are doing they believe is for the glory of the "The Rock of Ages", the Lord Jesus Christ.

Construction on the 5,140 square foot building is underway. It will consist of a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 255, a baptistery, pastors study, church office, nursery, 3 classrooms and two rest rooms.

The church has experienced great growth under the ministry of Brother Byars. On the Sunday following the ground breaking service 2 people were saved, 9 were baptized and 16 joined the church.

When the building is completed a feature story will appear in The Informer giving the details.

## POINT OF INTEREST

### Ten Little Christians

This article (a great point of interest) appeared in The Informer a good number of years back. It is worth repeating. (Editor)

Ten little Christians came to church all the time; One fell out with the preacher, then there were nine.

Nine little Christians stayed up late; One over slept on Sunday, then there were eight

Eight little Christians on their way to heaven; One took the low road, then there were

seven.

Seven little Christians, chirping like chicks; One didn't like the music, then there were six.

Six little Christians seemed very much alive; One got travel-itis, then there were Five.

Five little Christians pulling for heaven shore; One stopped to rest awhile, then there were four.

Four Little Christians, each busy as a bee; One got his feelings hurt, then there were three.

Three little Christians couldn't decide what to do; One couldn't have his way, then there were two.

Two little Christians--the story almost done; For one of them grew weary, then there was one.

One little Christian can't do much, 'tis true; But he brought a friend last Sunday, then there were two.

Two little Christians, each won one more; so you add them up, two plus two makes four.

Four little Christians worked early and late; Each of them brought one, now there are eight.

Eight little Christians, if they doubled as before--In just seven Sundays, we'd have 1,024.

In this little jingle, there is a lesson true--You belong either to the BUILDING or the WRECKING CREW.

(Author Unknown)

### Tabernacle Wins In SS Campaign

Tabernacle FWB Church, Coward, SC won first place in Division G of the Spring National Sunday School Campaign

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sponsored by Randall House Publications. Tabernacle had a 50% increase over their fall average attendance. This reflects a numerical increase of 46. Brother Ralph Byars is the pastor and he and his folks are to be commended for this excellent accomplishment.



**Pastor Lowery (Left Dark Suit) and Institute Students**

### Pee Dee Institute Holds Awards Banquet

Pee Dee Bible Institute, a ministry of Southside FWB Church, Darlington, SC held an awards banquet on Friday night, March 25. Leroy Lowery is the church pastor and director-administrator of the institute.

Tansi Smith and John Pickett rendered special music for the occasion. Robert Rose, author, Christian counselor and pastor of Mt Elon FWB Church, Pamplico, SC was the keynote speaker.

Pictured above are the happy students. All of the students completed a series of studies, including New Testament Survey, The Triune God, Biblical Beliefs and Spiritual Maturity. Eleven of the students have completed the first and second year studies and were awarded the Foundational Church Ministries Certificate from The Evangelical Training Association of Wheaton, IL.

Fall classes will resume on September 19, 1994 with studies in Soul Winning and the Inspiration and Authority of the Bible.

Brother Lowery welcomes all inquires. He can be reached by calling 395-2054 or write to him at PO Box 5, Darlington, SC 29532.

### Church Needs Pastor

Oates Free Will Baptist Church is in need of a pastor. If you are a licensed or an ordained minister and interested in this church you should contact Mrs. Jackie Smith. Her address is 232 Philadelphia Street, Hartsville, SC 29550. She can be reached in the evenings by calling her at 803/332-4560. If she cannot be reached by telephone you may call the Promotional Office at 803/662-8682.



**Bobby Poole**

**Geneva Poole**

## ***White Savannah Host State Auxiliary Convention***

The 1994 State Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held on Saturday, March 19, 1994 at White Savannah FWB Church, Conway, SC with 238 in attendance. State President, Gwen Hendrix presided over the day long session.

The theme for the event was taken from Psalms 119:11, "Thy Word Have I Hid In My Heart". The thought of the day was "Hiding God's Word In My Walk, Work and Ways."

State Retreat report was given by Mary Coker and Carolyn Baxley. Mother Daughter Banquet report was given by Sandra Phelps and Hope Frye. The W.N.A.C. report was given by Molly Gibson.

Special music was rendered by Mona Dukes and Patti Wray. An afternoon Sing-A-Long time was led by Camille Scott.

Bobby and Geneva Poole, missionaries to Brazil were guest for the convention. Bobby was the keynote speaker for the morning worship service. In the afternoon session Geneva shared some things about Brazil and some needs they had. An offering of \$714.56 was received for the Pooles.

The afternoon session included a skit by the ladies from Parkway FWB Church, Spartanburg and the awarding of the foreign and home mission plaques. The ladies from Whitney FWB Church, Spartanburg won the Foreign Missions award. Their per capita giving was \$87.60. The ladies from New Life FWB Church, Lancaster won the Home Missions award. They had a per capita giving of \$25.00.

This was the first time for White Savannah to host the state convention. However this did not hinder the ladies. They were a perfect host in every way. The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated and the serving table was laden with a variety of "Country Cooked" food and "Calorie Jumpin" deserts.

### ***HELP!!!!***

***Missionary Jim Cowarts Account  
Is Over \$5,000.00 In Deficit***

## ***Words Of Gratitude From The Howell Family***

It would be impossible to convey personally our gratitude, but we rejoice to have this means of expressing to each of you our sincere appreciation for the visits, calls, flowers, gifts of money and especially your prayers for Danny and our family during the time of his hospitalization and at his death. It is difficult to find words to properly express the support we experienced from your deeds of kindness. We are aware that churches of other denominations, Christians across America and missionaries on foreign fields prayed for us. Please know that we are grateful to each of you for all that you contributed in our hour of greatest need.

God did not perform the miracle of physical healing that we prayed for, but rather He performed eternal healing by taking my husband and our father home to be with Him forever. God does not make mistakes. All the why questions will be fully answered when we join him in heaven.

Thank you again for your love and prayer support.

**LaRue Howell and children; Sherri, Michelle and Joshua.**

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists for the beautiful plaque that was presented to me by Brother Norwood Gibson at the dedication service of the new gymnasium building at our church. I treasure your thoughtfulness and the memories that go along with it. Thank you for remembering Danny and honoring me in this way. **LaRue Howell.**

## ***Freedom Holds Freedom Jog***

Johnny Evans, Pastor of Freedom FWB Church, Ladson, SC celebrated his fifty first birthday on Saturday, May 7th. He celebrated it in a unique way. According to a statement from a flier that was distributed for the



**LR - Lossie Mae Evans, Johnny Evans & Brother Lewis.**

event, Brother Johnny stated, "By the Lords Help, I plan to celebrate my fifty first birthday by jogging to raise money for the church mortgage. My goal is to jog 10 or more miles! Would you please prayerfully consider sponsoring me by making a per mile donation?"

He began his jogging at 6-AM and finished at 9:45-AM. How far did he jog? 22 miles which was far more than anticipated. He made this distance in 3 hours and 54 minutes. It is hard to believe that this preacher chalked up this victory. Two men of the church, Brother Sam Lewis and Bill Stone, followed him on their bikes. That makes three witnesses, so we can believe the facts are correct.

The jogging event netted \$2,600.00 which will be applied to the church mortgage. Congratulations are extended to this middle aged preacher who apparently is still in his youth health wise.

After the jogging victory the church had a time of fellowship and activities for the children. About 100 people were on hand for dinner and they enjoyed a "Pig Pickin'.

What is a pig pickin? "A young tender pig is split down the back bone so that it will lay flat. It is slowly cooked for many hours over hot coals; normally oak wood is used. As the cooking is in progress, a bar-b-cue sauce is mopped on or brushed on. When the pig is fully cooked it is placed on a table and the people come by and pick the meat they desire. The bar-b-cued pork and the trimmings that are served with it makes for a delicious meal.

Congratulations, brother Johnny, for a run well done.

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