

# The Informer



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## SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKS ROLL CALL SUNDAY RECORD

South Carolina FWB Churches increased their attendance by an average of 11.1% on Roll Call Sunday, March 30, 1997. A total attendance of 14,643 in 1997 shattered the record set last year by 1,464. Eighty-four of our churches showed an increase over 1996. More importantly, 56 salvations were reported on that day. Praise the Lord! Below is a list of how the Lord blessed some of our churches.

Category	Attendance	Percentage
<b>Category A 1 - 49</b> St. John's, Pamplico	66	633%
<b>Category B 50 - 99</b> Charleston First	249	201%
<b>Category C 100 - 199</b> Chesnee	226	75.2%
<b>Category D 200 - 299</b> Horse Branch, Turbeville	275	32.9%
<b>Category E 300 - Up</b> Mullins-Marion	676	29.3%

### Top Ten in Percentage of Growth

1. St John's, Pamplico	633%
2. Camp Branch	270%
3. Greer First	217%
4. Charleston First	211%
5. Socastee	104%
6. Eastside, Florence	98%
7. Lynchess River	93.9%
8. Darlington First	93.8%
9. Damascus, Conway	75%
10. Chesnee	75%

### Top Ten in Attendance

Mullins-Marion	676
Inman First	667
Valley Falls, Spartanburg	536
High Point, Lancaster	403
White Savannah, Conway	302
Horse Branch, Turbeville	275
Peace, Florence	257
Charleston First	249
Florence First	235
Bethany, Timmons ville	234

We congratulate all our churches, pastors and people for their fine efforts on this special day. Let's set our goals for next year at topping 15,000 in attendance and 75 saved! With the Lord's help, we can do it!



The new South Carolina Foreign Missions Plan of Support is now facing its biggest hurdle--**implementation**. Developing the plan was easy compared to the task that is before us. With your help, however, we are confident that its implementation will be speedy and our goal of underwriting the financial support of our South Carolina missionaries will be achieved.

Some exciting things are already happening. Quarterly conferences are electing members to serve on the **Foreign Missions Task Force**. This Task Force will be responsible for working with me to promote the plan in their conferences, to evaluate its effectiveness, and to make recommendations to the State Association for changes. I am looking forward to working with these men.

The **State Auxiliary** has endorsed the plan and their treasurer will channel all missions giving through our office. This will help us coordinate the state effort.

We have held a few services in churches to present the plan and challenge our people to become more involved. The plan is being enthusiastically received. At **Peace FWB Church** in Florence, for example, the members responded by adopting nearly 60 shares (\$11 per month per share) in faith-promises. This is in addition to what the church had already committed in its budget!

Indeed, it is exciting to see how God is working among our people and to see our people respond to His missionary challenge. Pastor, give us an opportunity to share this exciting plan with your congregation. I know that they will be challenged to greater involvement and that the **Lord will bless their efforts**.

## ***New Life Breaks Ground For Family Life Center***

New Life FWB Church, Lancaster, held groundbreaking ceremonies for the new 13,000 square feet Family Life Center on Sunday, February 23, 1997. Members and guests gathered on the site where the project will be located as their pastor, Rev. Marty Cox, read Psalms 100 and spoke on "The Goodness of the Lord."



Expected completion date for the facility is July 1, 1997 with a cost of \$500,000. The Center will include a 300 seat dining hall, a modern kitchen, serving area, restrooms, storage, and a full size gymnasium. Special guests for the festivities included former pastor Rev. David Anders and his wife Polly, and Promotional Director Ron Moore and his wife Linda.

## ***Kingsway Dedicates New Facility***



Kingsway FWB Church, Enoree, SC, held dedication services for their beautiful new facility on January 26, 1997. The service included special singing by the Jay Lewis Family, Responsive Reading and a Dedication Prayer by Rev. Earl Hendrix, Special Recognition of Workers, and a dedication Message by Rev. Johnnie Bullman.

## ***Rev. Johnnie Bullman Receives New Car***



Peace FWB Church, Spartanburg, presented their pastor, Rev. Johnnie Bullman, and his wife, Doris, with a new car on Pastor's Appreciation Day. Pictured above is Brother Doc Phillips handing the keys to Brother Bullman and Sister Doris.

## ***First Kingtree Nears Completion of New Facility***

The First FWB Church of Kingtree is getting close to completing their Family Life Center. The 80' by 100' building will house a new nursery, two handicap accessible restrooms, kitchen facilities, storage, and a full size basketball court. An enclosed hallway ties the new building to the present church facility.



The men of the church are to be commended for donating time and labor to this project, saving thousands of dollars. Rev. Wayland Owens is pastor.

## ***Mullins-Marion Dedicates New Sanctuary***

Mullins-Marion FWB Church held a dedication service for its new sanctuary on September 15, 1996. Pictures cannot do justice to the beauty of this marvelous new facility. The men of the church did much of the work and saved the congregation ten of thousands of dollars. The new sanctuary seats around 450-500 people (though on Roll Call Sunday over 675 attended!).

Pictured below is the new sanctuary attached to a spacious fellowship hall, which was the first phase of their building project, which was completed about two years ago. The new facilities are located across the street from the former sanctuary.



The Mullins-Marion Church began as a mission work under the ministry of "Preacher" Bill Jacobs and his wife Arliss on September 28, 1968. It has grown from an attendance of 5 during those first days to over 375 today. Brother Bill is the only pastor the church has ever had.

The church also houses a Christian School which began in 1975 when Brother Neil and Sister Billie Hinson joined the staff. Brother Neil serves as principle.

The fine pastor, staff and congregation of this church are to be commended for their commitment to bring the vision of a new church plant into reality. May the Lord continue to bless their ministry.

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