

The Informer



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Free Will Baptist Home for Children Celebrates Big Days



Rev. Sherwood Lee

The South Carolina Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Turbeville, rejoices and praises God for the big days He gave them: the Gold City Benefit Concert, two Golf Tournaments, and the Children's Home Day. All the events were a real blessing, not only for those who participated, but the children--those for whose benefit the events were sponsored.

The Third Annual Gold City Benefit Concert, featuring the Gold City Quartet, was held on June 6, 1997. The concert raised \$8,000 for the home. Tommy Barron, a former "Children's Home boy" and current criminal investigator for Sumter County, is coordinator for the event. Next year's concert is scheduled for June 19.

On September 20 the Children's Home held its Third Annual Golf Tournament. Over 100 participants came from North and South Carolina to help make the event a huge success. The tournament was held in the morning and a cake auction was held in the afternoon. In between was a delicious chicken bog meal prepared by Speedy and Pansy Bazen. At the auction, A.C. Allen purchased a carrot cake for \$700. Oh, me! What a sweet tooth!! The

day's activities netted about \$15,000 for the Children's Home. Mr. Ivan Miles, founder and promoter of the event, served as Master of Ceremonies. Congratulations for a job well done!



Rev. Wilhide and the children sing

The home celebrated its Annual Children's Home Day on November 1. Nearly \$8,000 in goods and cash was donated! The New Covenant Singers and Rev. Sherwood Lee were featured on the program along with the children and the Wilhides. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the special event.

And on November 8 the Law Enforcement Agency of Clarendon County sponsored another golf tournament that raised \$2,900 for the home. Mr. Tim Baxley coordinated that event.

All South Carolina Free Will Baptists join with Rev. and Mrs. Wilhide and the Children's Home board and staff in thanking those who planned and participated in these events. What a blessing to know that so many people in and out of South Carolina care about our children!

Special Need

Due to increasing demands the Children's Home desperately needs a new boys dorm. North Spartanburg FWB Church and Rev. Julius Vause made the first contributions to set up a building fund to meet this need. Would you or your church consider making a gift in 1998? If so, contact Bro. James Wilhide for more information.



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Mission Matters

Aycocks Finally Get Visa



After months of difficulty in obtaining a visa for Annette, the David Aycocks are finally scheduled to depart for Brazil on December 18, 1997. Thank you for praying that the Lord would work out these difficulties and allow them to do His work on the mission field. Continue praying for the entire family as they adjust to a new culture, language and people.

Pooles Make Airline Reservations for Brazil



Bobby and Geneva Poole have confirmed flight reservations to return to Brazil on January 6, 1998. Though their furlough has been short (6 months), the Lord has blessed. They have had good services and their mission account has been built back up. Pray for them as they resume their demanding ministries.

All Missionary Accounts In The Black

For the first time in many years, all South Carolina foreign missionary accounts are in the black; that is, there are no deficits. Praise the Lord! How significant is this? Consider that just last year one missionary account was nearly \$50,000 in the red (Hanna), another was over \$10,000 (Cowart), and earlier this year the Poole's account was several thousand dollars in the red. Consider further that within the last eighteen months two new missionary families have been appointed from South Carolina, the Aycocks (short term) and the Johnsons (career). God has helped us erase these deficits and is allowing us to send two new families to the field. He is so good!

Why has the financial status of our missionary accounts taken such a turn? In part because South Carolina Free Will Baptists are beginning to take more seriously their responsibility as SENDERS. More of our churches and people are becoming actively involved in the sending process through the new South Carolina Foreign Missions Plan of Support. As this plan is implemented in more of our churches, deficit missionary accounts and crisis fund raising projects should become a thing of the past!

Home Mission Board Considers Consolidation

In a recent mailing to South Carolina pastors, the State Home Mission Board presented a plan to consolidate local conference and state home mission efforts. The plan is to be discussed at the local conference level and then presented to the entire state body in February 1998. Pray for the continued progress of this work!

Hannas' Furlough Set to End



Carlisle and Marie Hanna will return to India in January 1998 after a short seven month furlough. Please pray for them as they will have been back on the field for about one month when their National Association meets. This, combined with the other responsibilities awaiting them, will make their return a very busy and demanding one.

Pray also for their health. More than 40 years of faithfulness in India has taken a toll on them physically. Pray also for their family. About this time last year Brother Hanna's sister went to be with the Lord and just recently, his brother passed away.

Furlough Set For Mirial Gainer



Mirial Gainer, missionary to Japan, will return for a one year furlough beginning in April 1998. Please pray as she prepares for stateside ministry. If your church is interested in scheduling a service with her, please contact the Promotional Office.

Continue praying for Brother Mark Barber and the Aiken home mission work. Attendance is increases and plans are being made for construction.

