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First Annual Men's Retreat sponsored by the SC FWB Disaster Relief Team

On Saturday, April 22 Men from all across the state gathered together in Turbeville to participate in the First Annual Men's Retreat sponsored by the SC FWB Disaster Relief Team. Participants engaged in courses of chainsaw operation, basic shingling, and first aid. Rev. Tim Larrimore (Liberty FWB Church) spoke to the crowd, where he shared his testimony and spoke about his time with the South Carolina Highway Patrol. Safety was the name of the game, as any participant who wished to was allowed to negotiate the obstacle course for a chance to win great prizes. Each participant began with a wheel barrel full of safety equipment, ranging from chainsaw chaps, safety glasses, ear protection, and surgical gloves, gauze and bandages. At each station in the obstacle course the participant was required to put on the proper safety attire, carefully demonstrate how to operate the equipment as they had just been taught earlier, and then move onto the next station. Congratulations to Henry Villanueva of the Fairview FWB church who won the Stihl 170 chainsaw! Make plans to attend next year's event!



Editor Note: Because many people view "The Informer" online there are several items that can be clicked on to obtain more information about a subject or activity. Another way we are trying to assist the people and ministries of SCFWB.

Summer Camps 2017...Mark Your Calendars!!

...PLEASE plan your VBS around these dates.....

Our Summer Camps have been scheduled and we are excited for a great year coming up.

The Theme for both camps will be "Glow in the Dark!" Theme verse is 1 Peter 2:9

The camps will be at Camp Pee Dee in Marion, S.C.

Teen Camp will be in June this year ...June 12th-15th Monday-Thursday morning cost \$175

...The Preacher for Teen Week will be Rev. Cory Boyd

Junior Camp will be in July..... July 24th-28th Monday- Friday morning cost \$135

... The Preacher for Junior week will be Rev. Kevin Bass



Pastor Donnie Miles and the members of Peace FWB Church did an outstanding job hosting the 2017 State Association Meeting.



2017 Registration Committee Report:

All 6 Conferences (106 Churches) reported and sent annual dues

72 Ministers

15 Delegates

6 National Representatives

4 Missionaries

28 Visitors

Total Attendance— 125



Representatives from FWB National Departments shared reports and helped us to look at the bigger picture.



The State Constitution was amended to remove the Home for Children Board and replace it with the Disaster Response Board.



Pastor Mac (far left) and Pastor Chris (far right) flank the four men who were ordained into the gospel ministry recently at Lebanon FWB Church [L-R Mike Strickland, Brad Oliver, Derek Lambert, Mike Norton]. We pray God will greatly use these men to build His Kingdom and prepare people for the soon return of our blessed Lord.



Rev. John Tony Morris was ordained into the gospel ministry by the Eastern Conference at the Olanta FWB Church on March 11, 2017.



The ordination of Reverend Brian Sargent into the gospel ministry was held at Horse Branch Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, February 26, 2017. Brother Brian serves as a minister of music and youth at Horse Branch Church.

Pray for and support our young people as they serve this summer

ETEAM

Dustin Hancock – Araras, Brazil
Gracelyn Coker – Chicago
Maggie Coker – Nashville
Hunter Langston – Nashville
Bayley Floyd – Virgin Islands
Michael Pennell – Virgin Islands

Truth and Peace

Jonathan Carlson - Liberty FWB Church
Maysey Floyd - Horse Branch Free Will Baptist Church
Nathan Ledford - First Freewill Baptist
William Sargent – Horse Branch Free Will Baptist Church
Denise Wiggins - Peace Free Will Baptist Church
Alejandro Johnson - Spain/West Side

CMP

Hannah Reid – Ecuador
Kaylin Ridgeway – Illinois



Lebanon FWBC normally graduates 10-12 from its six week new member class. A recent graduating class (Shown as they joined the church) was 40— Glory!





Pastor Wayland Owens spending time with SC lieutenant Gov. Kevin Bryant



SCFWB Executive Secretary, Chris Todd and Pastor Wayland Owens Meet with SC Gov. Henry McMaster

Pastors Day At The State House

On Tuesday February 14th 2017 pastors from all over the state came together in Columbia to meet and hear from some of our state's leaders in the first annual Pastor's Day. We heard from newly appointed Governor, Henry McMaster, as well as other senators and influential men in our legislature. We were also led in prayer by our Lieutenant Governor Kevin Bryant. The event was sponsored by the Palmetto Family Council, and coordinated by PFC President and CEO Dr. Oran Smith and Director of Coalitions, Eric Corcoran. The collection of pastors were members of the Nehemiah Network which is a new branch of Palmetto Family composed exclusively of influential faith leaders in South Carolina. They desire to be a catalyst for a fellowship of church leaders that will: Obey the tenets of 2 Chronicles 7:14, work in communities together to engage the culture and meet spiritual and temporal need, and earn influence with elected officials together in defense of Judeo-Christian values. Any of our ministers are able to join the Nehemiah Network, go to <http://www.palmettamily.org/nehemiah-network> to find out more.



Peace FWBC recently honored Pastor Donnie (Trudy) Miles with a retirement banquet. New Pastor Joel (Kathy) Stone take the helm of this great church on May 1st.

Vacation Bible School

Contact your SCFWB State Book Store
@ (843) 657-2092 for all your VBS needs.

Mon – Thurs
9:00am- 5:00pm
Closed Fridays

SCFWB State Moderator Rev. Sherwood Lee has received numerous Honors for his faithful service in recent months.



On the Friday Night on which the SCFWB State Association ended a large gathering honored Rev. Sherwood Lee for his faithful service to SCFWB and his 20 years as State Moderator.



Sherwood and Vada Lee were honored for their service as Missionaries and their consistent support of International Missions.

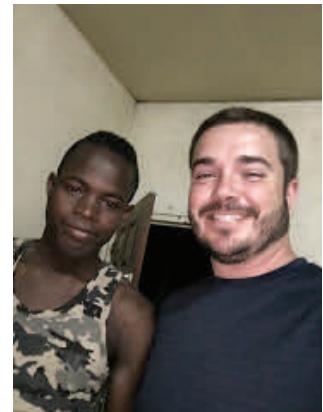


Several NAFWB representatives also honored Rev. Sherwood Lee for his support of all branches of our denomination.



A four hour service by the people of the Côte d'Ivoire church included numerous honors by the people and politicians of Ivory Coast and testimonies about how the life and ministry of Sherwood and Vada Lee had impacted so many people, in many different professions, in Côte d'Ivoire

FWB love to eat all over the world. Here is a village lunch after church in Doropo.



Meet Olo. 21 years old, whose mother and father are blind. He works laying tile to provide for them. I was able to help train him in this occupation during my time in Doropo and then lead him to saving faith in Jesus Christ— Glory!



New BC District Ladies Officers. Left to right. Dawn Fortner Asst. Coordinator, Amanda Sutton Coordinator, Cathy Logan Treasurer, Gail Hill Mission Prayer, Lynn Pittman Fieldworker, Candy Campbell Member at Large (Not Shown), Kim Pettit Secretary (Not Shown)



Speakers for BC Ladies Meeting. Nelda Highsmith, and Sue Radley spoke about there work in Kazakhstan with the Hanna Project.



YOUTH RALLY

Hosted by Eastern Conference

Speaker: Rev. Teddy Rabon

STARTING AT 1:00 PM

Saturday, MAY 6th 2017

At Hemingway Campground (Camp ground Road, Hemingway, S.C. 29554. ONE HALF MILE WEST OF Hemingway off of HWY 261 West)

-Open to all churches/youth groups-

Please Come! ...And bring your Church Families!...For adults and youth...If we have over 200 people in attendance...

Preacher Teddy will KISS THE PIG!!!

There will be Games...Inflatables... FOOD! (BBQ PIG- Hot dogs-chips). Singing...Attendance banner for most People!



The WAC of Liberty FWB church prepared 28 medical kits for the hospital located in Doropo, Ivory Coast, Africa. The project was taken on as other missions under The Hanna Project.

Combined Women's Retreat will be held September 15,16th at Evergreen FWB Church (Conway). Secure your room before July 31, 2 queen \$119.95 Sleep Inn, Conway, SC. 843-995-2785

If you would like to learn more about beginning a Women Active For Christ group in your church see the SCWAC Page at www.scfwb.com or [CLICK HERE](#)



The 2017 Free Will Baptist National Convention will be held July 16-19 in Louisville, Kentucky. The Galt House Hotel will serve as the convention hotel, with convention events being held in the Galt House, the KFC Yum! Center, and the Kentucky Center for the Arts.

Important Information Regarding Onsite Registration: Convention Registration will be located on the 2nd floor of the Suite Tower in the Galt House Hotel. Due to security at the KFC Yum! Center, no one will be allowed to enter the KFC Yum! Center without a convention name badge. Attendees will be required to register in the Galt House Hotel **before** being admitted to the KFC Yum! Center for convention business sessions and worship services. [\(To register online click Here\)](#)

The State CTS Competition

CTS State Competition Convention The CTS State Competition Convention will be held on April 28-29 at Peace FWB Church in Florence. Activities will begin at 7 PM on Friday night and at 9 AM on Saturday morning. Registration begins 30 minutes before the start of the competition each day. Some of the Bible entries and all music entries will take place on Friday. All other entries along with Bible entries will take place on Saturday. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Driggers.

Join the 2017 Prayer Team for the National Association in Louisville!

To join via your computer go to this address:
<https://www.remind.com/join/2017pray>

To join from your mobile phone:

Text the message @2017pray to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @2017pray to (270) 872-0478.



You can receive messages by email and by text.
Messages will contain prayer suggestions for the National Association.
Thanks for joining!

The 2017 Prayer Team is looking for people from across the denomination that would sign on to help our effort to bathe our convention, participants and events with prayer. Join today and expect Great Things!

Free Will Baptists WORLD MISSION OFFERING Sunday April 30th



The World Missions Offering (WMO) is one means of funding the purpose of International Missions— planting churches overseas. The National Association of Free Will

Baptists has designated the last Sunday in April for churches across the denomination to receive a significant offering for International Missions.

[More Info](#)

A FREE online family ministry event for your entire team!

#D6Days

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You have not because you ask not....

The SCFWB State Office was in need of an ice machine, and during the State Meeting, Mrs. Misty Todd mentioned the need during her report for the bookstore and coffee shop. Before she made it back to her seat Fairview FWB Church had donated one they were no longer using to the state office.



Dear Partners in Christ,

God desires to work through His people to change the life of a child. You don't have to look far to find that child. In fact, our paths will probably cross this week. And when you reach out, your reward will be immeasurable. Every child God touches through you will be changed, even if you don't see the transformation with your eyes. And.....you will be changed by every child God touches through you.

Children all around us are growing up without strong, positive guidance from a loving mother and father. Allow the Lord to speak to your heart as He presents you with the opportunity to help **Free Will Baptist Family Ministries** lead young people down the right path of life. "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore". Psalms 16:11

This MOTHER'S DAY, Sunday, May 14th, please share your love and resources with the children entrusted to our care by contributing a special offering. Serving children since 1939, Family Ministries continues to strive today in guiding abused, abandoned and at-risk youth to a road of recovery and restoration. Please join us in making it possible for these young people to have the best opportunity for a better life.

In His Service,

Rev. Frank Woods
Executive Director

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Web: www.fwbfm.com

For our SC FWB churches, below is a list of available or retired ministers to help supply the pulpit:

Rev. Earl Hanna, Florence - (843) 617-7339
Rev. Leroy Lowery, Darlington - (843) 229-2078
Rev. Jacob Creech, Turbeville - (843) 687-2301
Rev. Galen Dunbar, Florence - (843) 676-9865
Rev. Bobby Bowers, Greenville - (864) 230-0518
Rev. Bennie Turner, Manning - (803) 473-0286
Rev. John Cody, Rock Hill - (803) 323-7092
Rev. Donald Davis - (864) 998-4965
Rev. Kenny Haselden - (843) 731-4842
Rev. Jack Strickland - (843) 433-1874
Rev. Odel Mouzon - (843) 382-3567
Rev. Donald Davis - (864) 980-1068
Rev. Westley Murray - (864) 595-7489
Rev. David Henderson - (704) 616-2079



TAX SEASON IS UPON US

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

DATE	EVENT
MARCH 1	Federal tax-filing deadline for farmers and fishermen.
MARCH 15	Federal tax-filing and payment deadline for S and C corporations
APRIL 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First-quarter estimated tax payment due.• Federal income tax return filing and payment deadline:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Individuals- Partnerships- Sole proprietorships
JUNE 15	Second-quarter estimated tax payment due
SEPT. 15	Third-quarter estimated tax payment due
OCT. 16	Federal tax-filing deadline for individuals who filed an extension

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