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Merry CHRISTmas

76th Annual SCFWB State Meeting

February 22-23, 2018

Hosted by the Beaver Creek Conference

At Turning Point FWB Church

104 Fairview Church Rd.

Spartanburg, SC 29303

Theme: Revival, Renewal, and Revitalization Isaiah 40:31

SPEAKERS FOR THE SCFWB STATE MEETING



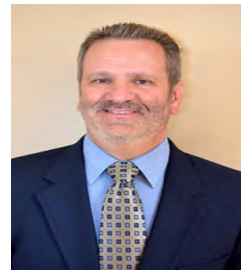
Dr. David Crowe
 Director of North American Ministries



Rev. Jim McComas,
 Director of Church Revitalization (He will also be preaching the Wednesday Evening Service at Turning Point)



Dr. Brad Ransom,
 Director of Church Planting



Rev. Kenneth Akers,
 Director of Master's Men



Thursday Night Speaker Dr. Joe Arthur Pastor, Harvest Baptist Tabernacle, Jonesboro, GA

Hotel Accommodations-
 Comfort Inn and Suites \$89.00 154 Candlenut Lane Spartanburg, SC 29316 (864) 814-2001 Mention (Turning Point Rate)

(Closest) \$99.00 Holiday Inn Express and Suites 161 Sha Ln. Spartanburg, SC 29307 (864) 504-3333 (Mention Church Rate)

Days Inn (External Rooms) \$69.00 115 Rogers Commerce Blvd. Spartanburg, SC 29316 (864) 814-0560 (Mention Church Rate)



Special Music provided by
The Joyaires
 from Harriman, TN.



Rev. David Stevens was recently licensed by the Central Association to preach the Gospel.

Rev. Donald Gilbert was recently ordained by Temple FWB Church (Darlington). He is presently Associate Pastor and a Sunday School Teacher at Temple FWB Church. He is currently engaged in various pastoral studies and is available as a Supply Pastor- 843-992-1101



Supply Pastor-



Rev. Eddie and Dale (Edwards) Young recently accepted the pastorate of Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmonsville, SC. Both are natives of TN.

After playing music "on the road" and several other ventures while he was running from the Lord, Brother Eddie "changed partners" as he puts it. He was called to preach January 1, 1992 and has been a pastor in TN, AZ and MS.

His wife, Dale, is remembered by many as "Miss Edwards" from her years teaching at Maranatha Christian School. They look forward to being used of God in SC.



{We appreciate Pastor Sean Fortner for submitting the following information] Rev. Earl Hendrix (1938 - 2017), Pastor Emeritus of Inman First FWB Church passed away on November 8, 2017. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Inman First FWB Church conducted by Rev. Sean Fortner, Rev. Van Dale Hudson, Rev. Bobby Bowers, and Rev. Wesley Campbell.

Brother Earl served in the United States Navy & worked at Faultless Rubber prior to being called into the ministry. He was a graduate of Bob Jones University. He began his ministry at First Free

Will Baptist Church, Inman in the spring of 1967 and faithfully served as Pastor, Sunday School Teacher, Choir Leader, and many other areas until his retirement in December of 2013. In 1974 he and his wife (Gwen) felt the need for a Christian school and opened Inman Christian Academy which helped provide a Christian education to hundreds of children.

Brother Earl was not only a faithful Pastor but he also served in many denominational areas: He actively supported the Beaver Creek Conference for over 50 years as a member and was on the Ordaining Council from 2004-2016. He served on the State Home Mission Board for 12 years, 10 of these years as Chairman. He spent 20 years as a member of the Southeastern Free Will Baptist College Board and 12 years on the National Board of Retirement and the National Executive Committee.

After the passing of his wife, Rev. Hendrix and the International Hispanic Mission opened the "Gwen Hendrix" Hispanic Institute in Inman, SC to train men and women to serve as Pastors, Pastors' Wives, Teachers, and laymen in the Hispanic ministry. The Institute, which now has branches in Oklahoma, Texas, and Tennessee, has seen the graduation of over 100 students which are in service for the Lord in the United States, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Costa Rica, Columbia, and other areas.

Brother Earl was a friend to those who knew him and an example to those he met along the life's way. Over the years many lives were touched by his faithfulness and willingness to serve the Lord with an ever-present smile and heart that was always mindful of what God has done for and through him.

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CALLING FOR FREE WILL BAPTISTS HISTORY

In 2014 the Free Will Baptist Historical Commission began compiling a digital archive of minutes from national, state, district, and quarterly meetings. They need your help! Gaps still remain in the collection. To donate minutes or to allow the commission to scan and return your records, please contact commission chairman, Robert E Picirilli: repicirilli@comcast.net. Working together we can preserve the Free Will Baptist story for future generations. Visit our website: www.FWBHistory.com



**NEWS FROM
SOUTHEASTERN COLLEGE**

Southeastern Free Will Baptist
College Is Granted Candidate
Status with TRACS
(Transnational Association of
Colleges and Schools)



Wednesday, October 25, 2017 five representatives from Southeastern traveled to Orlando, Florida for the annual TRACS (Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools) Conference. The three day event was full of educational seminars that offered instruction and ideas on how to make our college more effective. This year's conference registered over 200 attendees. Currently, TRACS is comprised of 82 member schools including Southeastern Free Will Baptist College, Bob Jones University, Crown College of the Bible, West Coast Baptist College, Pensacola Christian College and Randall University just to name a few.

Our Academic Dean, Dr. Danny Baer is pleased to announce that Southeastern Free Will Baptist College continues moving toward full accreditation. Southeastern achieved Candidate status last Spring. As a result we are now listed on the US Department of Education website and have been able to begin the application process for Federal Aid for our students. We have also learned of unexpected benefits at this stage such as stories from many Southeastern alumni and undergraduate transfer students who have experienced their degrees being recognized and their credits transferring at a number of institutions. It is our prayer and goal to receive accreditation within the next three years.

Randall House has launched FreeWillBaptistAuthors.com, a website that features all Free Will Baptist authors, regardless of where the book was published. Authors in good standing with a member church of the National Association of Free Will Baptists may submit books to be included on the website. Go to <http://freewillbaptistauthors.com> for details.



Welch College Celebrates 75 Years with New Campus Dedication

Over 900 people gathered at Welch College recently to dedicate its new campus and celebrate 75 years of service to Christ's kingdom, according to Welch President Matt Pinson. Guests at the September 29 celebration included alumni, donors, denominational leaders, local and state political figures, Free Will Baptist supporters, local community leaders, and academic representatives from various institutions of higher education.

“Our people were there to celebrate three quarters of a century of God’s goodness and faithfulness,” President Pinson said. “They came to celebrate the culmination of a vision for campus relocation that spread over two presidential administrations at Welch. And they came to celebrate a future that is exciting and promising.”



The celebration began with an academic convocation, which was immediately followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Leaders from the Free Will Baptist denomination, community and governmental leaders, and higher education representatives expressed words of gratitude and commendation, and hymns and songs resonated from the audience, college choir, and alumni choir.

Following a barbeque luncheon under a tent on the quadrangle, guests enjoyed campus tours, a musical concert, children’s activities, and alumni reunions. The day ended with an encore presentation of *The Slipper and the Rose* performed by the Welch College Drama Department and Choral Union.

The public phase of the Building on the Legacy campaign was formally announced at the celebration, with the unveiling of the Pave the Way brick campaign. The campaign provides the opportunity for bricks to be purchased and installed at a future time on the Gallatin campus. Bricks are \$250 and can be purchased in memory of, in honor of, or in the donor’s name. More information can be found at buildingonthelegacy.com.

Leonard Restoration Project: Work will soon commence on the home of Rev. Mark and Myra Leonard. Severe illness necessitated that brother Mark retire as Pastor of Mt. Elon FWB Church at the end of December and, like many parsonage dwelling Pastors, this meant finding a dwelling place. An old family home became available but it was in need of much repair. This is where the Leonard Restoration Project comes in- making this home habitable and handicap useable.

This project is a combined effort of the SCFWB Disaster Relief Board, Minister Ministry, Hands Held High (North American Ministries), and gifts from various churches and Individuals.

If you are interested in volunteering to help in this project visit: <http://www.scfwb.com/ministries/disaster-relief/> and fill out the volunteer form.



ACTIVE SHOOTER!!! Is your church prepared? The FWB State Office is currently in conversation with multiple Law enforcement agencies to provide training to our FWB Churches, on issues like “What to do in the event of an active shooter, How to implement appropriate security measures that will not impede ministry, should the leadership be armed, what does the bible say about all this?” This will be a one day event available to the leadership of all of our SC Free Will Baptist Churches. The venue and date will be available soon.



Pastor Sherwood Lee (Sand Hill FWB Church, Coward) appreciates the help of Assistant Pastor, Stephen Carlson (Son of Rev. David and Wanda Carlson, Liberty FWB Church, Manning).



Pastor Lee Patrick and the congregation of First FWB Church of Florence are enjoying their newly renovated and expanded Sanctuary. We are thankful for their continued growth. First FWB Church is also the home of Maranatha Christian School.

SCWAC Retreat

The 2017 South Carolina Women Active for Christ Retreat was held September 15th & 16th at First Free Will Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach. The church did a fantastic job hosting this event, and took good care of all 78 people in attendance. THANK YOU from all of our SC ladies that were there!



Our theme this year was “Wash and Wear Everything in Prayer”, and our key verse was Jonah 2:7. Our speaker for the weekend was Cindy Berry. Cindy and her husband work to recruit students for Southeastern Bible College. Cindy walked us through the life of Jonah, and how our lives mirror his in so many ways. Through God’s word Cindy taught us that when our plans get interrupted we do not need to run from God, but we must bathe those new experiences in prayer so that we do not miss what The Lord has for us. She challenged us to think about what “Nineveh” is to us? She encouraged us not to let things that are outside of what we’re comfortable with frighten us to the point

that we aren’t willing to do what we need to for God. And with the help of her youngest “child”, Nicodemus, Cindy illustrated how God can use anything or anyone to bring glory to His name!

Our service project this year was to collect gift cards for the Missionary Provision Closet. Together we collected \$1,820.00 in cards for our missionaries to use when they need them!



Elizabeth Hodges was able to join us this year. She gave greetings from WNAC. She also shared what God is doing in the lives of our FWB sisters Ivory Coast and Cuba.



We had the privilege to hear from several of our FWB missionaries through their family members that attended.

Our State coordinator, Pam Hackett, and officers did a wonderful job of planning this retreat! Thank you for all you do for our state and Free Will Baptists all over the world!

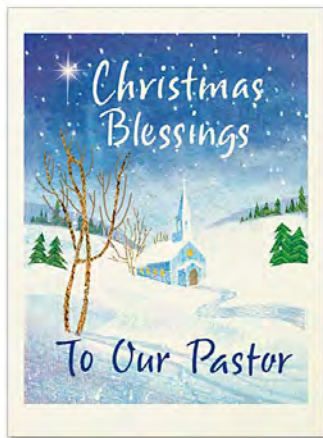


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Remember to do something special for your Pastor and his family this Christmas season:

- **Gift Cards** (Meals, supplies, gas)
- **Groaning Pledge** (Pledge to have a special time of prayer for the Pastor and his family each day in January)
- **Gospel Sharing commitment** (Give the Pastor a note telling him you want to help him build the Church so you will try to win at least one person to the Lord in the coming year)
- **Get Away Schedule** (A Church wide gift. Schedule a week end away for the Pastor and his wife- Time, Money, Baby Sitters).

**Behold, a virgin shall be with child,
and shall bring forth a son, and
they shall call his name Emmanuel,
which being interpreted is, God
with us. (Matthew 1:23)**

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