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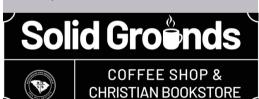
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UPCOMING EVENTS

National Conference:

• July 21-24, Tampa, Fla - Click <u>HERE</u> for more details.

Conference Meetings:

• Eastern – Saturday, March 9, Unity FWB, 1907 Lake City Hwy, Johnsonville, SC 29555, 9:30 AM

Revival:

- Each Sunday night in March, Center Cross Church, Chesnee, SC • See page 3 for more details.
- April 7-10, Sunday at 6 PM, Monday-Wednesday at 7 PM. New Town FWB Church, 1891 New Town Rd. Lake City Rev. Bruce Jones will be preaching. Special singing each night. All are invited to attend.
- April 8-11, Monday-Thursday at 7 PM, Parkway FWB, Boiling Springs, SC, Dinner will also be served nightly Evangelist Austin Bullock will be speaking each night

 See page 3 for more details

Special Events

- Maranatha Christian School, a ministry of First FWB in Florence, celebrates 50 years March 9. The first graduation was in 1974 but this marks the 52nd year since the school opened its doors.
 - Bay Branch has a exciting weekend in March planned to celebrate. On March 17th, Matt Price, missionary to St. Nazaire, France, and his family will be presenting God's work there.

Women's Ministry Meetings:

• STATE Meeting – Saturday, March 16, 2024 – Temple FWB, Darlington, See <u>FLYER.</u>

CTS Rally

 April 27, Saturday - Competition at Peace FWB, 897 3rd Loop Rd, Florence at 9 AM. If you are interested in bring a judge for the event form can be found <u>HERE</u>. If you have any questions, please contact JD Newland (843-676-5105), or Kim Driggers (843-319-7088).

Youth Camp

- September 20-22, Friday-Sunday at Look-Up Lodge. More details coming soon!
- For more details and events, click here.

CONFERENCE MEETINGS

- Central Conference Meeting Saturday, April 13, Mt. Trolley FWB, 1782 Barnhill Rd, Galivants Ferry, SC 29544, 9:30 AM
- Beaver Creek Saturday, April 27, Enoree Free Will Baptist Church, 14141 Hwy 221, Enoree, SC 29335 9:30 AM Registration, 10:00 AM Meeting, 11:00 AM Service
- South Carolina April 5, Location and Time: TBA
- True Life Saturday, July 29, Bethel FWB, <u>9809 Blackwelder Rd,</u> Ft. Mill, SC 29715, 10:00 AM
- Eastern Saturday, March 9, Unity FWB, <u>1907 Lake City Hwy</u> Johnsonville, SC 29555, 9:30 AM
- STATE Meeting February 27-28, 2025, Peace FWB, Florence

Missionary Update <u>Alejandro & Breanna Johsnon (France)</u>

We are Alejandro and Breanna, and we were appointed as IM missionaries to France in December, 2023. We met at Welch College and got married in 2021. Alejandro grew up in Spain under former missionaries Tim and Kristi Johnson, and Breanna grew up in Muscle Shoals, AL. France is a spiritually dark country, where only 1% of the population are evangelical Christian and 30% of the population claim to be non-religious. However, God is working among the French people, and Free Will Baptists have been serving in the country for many years with some fruit. Nevertheless, there are very few French leaders in our churches. There is no theological education nor are there resources to help people learn about their faith and be trained for ministry. We are going to be involved in training future leaders in our churches. There are several men who are interested in answering the call to ministry, but desire more theological education to be able to serve the Lord to their fullest capacity. Please partner with us in prayer and financially to share the gospel with the French people and to disciple Christians to serve the Lord however He calls them.

Check out these podcasts.

by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.



The Better Together Podcast produced The As You Go Podcast produced by the National Women's Ministries.





IM News

Free prayer card set when you sign up!





Mrs. Carol Barnes, wife of Pastor Ernest Barnes, went to be with the Lord on February 29. She was a member of Columbia Free Will Baptist Church.

Mrs. Faye Hanna went to be with the Lord on March 1. She was member of Westside FWB Church and former leader at both local and state levels of WAC ministries for many years.

Pray for their families and friends during this time. _____

Click the pictures to learn more.

SC State Association 82nd Annual Session

The 82nd Annual Session of the SC State Association of Free Will Baptists met on February 22-23 at Gilead FWB Church (Eastern Conference) in Scranton. What a great time in the Lord! Over 100 people were present. The focus was Draw Nigh to God. Encouragement and challenges were given through good preaching, singing, and fellowship. We also were informed about different ministries through reports from our state and national leaders.

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." James 4:8



Women's Ministeries

SC WAC Ministieries have had district meetings across the state in February and March. The State Meeting will be held on March 16 at Temple FWB in Darlington. We are looking forward to may other events too. The Retreat will be October 25-26 at Look Up Lodge and the Prayer & Praise Rally will be November 9 at Gaffney FWB. More details can be found <u>HERE</u> as they become available.



The South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists welcomes Rev. Carroll Bazen as a new State Executive Board Member. The SC State Association voted at its annual meeting, to appoint Bro. Carroll as Assistant Clerk of the State Executive Committee. Bro. Carroll is the Pastor of Grace FWB Church in Lake City, SC.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC MINISTRIES, CLICK TO VISIT ON OUR WEB PAGE. <u>SCFWB WEBPAGE</u> The 2024 National Convention will be held July 21-24 at the Tampa Convention Center. More details will be posted on the NAFWB webpage as they become available. Click <u>HERE</u> to go to the webpage.



Upcoming Special Events





Send us your events

Send us information about upcoming revivals, homecomings, and special events. We would love to include them on our update and website. Send information to leilani.reid@scfwb.com or reply to this email.