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## SC FWB Summer Camps Teddy Rabon, Youth Ministries Director

TEEN CAMP -- Our South Carolina Free Will Baptist Teen Camp was held June 4-9, 2012, at Camp Anchorage in Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina. We had a total of 76 teens this year, which was a big increase from 42 last year. Attendance nearly doubled! We thank God and our churches that sent their young people to help with the increase! The theme for our week of Teen Camp this year was "Extreme Make-over" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Reverend Wesley Campbell, the pastor at Canaan FWB Church in Lancaster, was the guest speaker for the week. He challenged our young people through God's Word and was able to challenge their hearts to make some life changing decisions. During the week, their were six salvation decisions and many other decisions. One young man answered the call to preach. The campers enjoyed tubing, inflatables, and fishing on the lake. Other activities they enjoyed included skating, basketball, rock wall climbing, and several other activities. The Anchorage staff always does a great job caring for and spending time with our teens. It was a great week of fun, fellowship, and drawing close to the Lord for our Free Will Baptist teens in SC.



JUNIOR CAMP -- Our SC FWB Junior Camp was held July 23-27, 2012, at Camp Pee Dee in Marion. Juniors from across our state and even some from NC and Virginia came together for a great week of summer camp! We had a total of 124 campers, which was up from 84 last year. We also had about 40 adults that came as helpers and counselors. We extend our gratitude to all that came and served at Junior Camp. Your labor of love definitely laid up rewards in Heaven. The theme for our Junior Camp was "Call To Duty." Reverend Mike Bishop, the Associate Pastor at Gilead Free Will Baptist Church, was our preacher for the week. The altars were full every service with our juniors praying and making decisions throughout the week. There were 14 decisions for salvation, 17 rededication decisions, and many other decisions. The campers enjoyed swim and slide time, crafts, canteen, games, and music class. On Thursday evening during service, our youth sang several songs they learned during the music classes. One song was "I Am a Soldier." They did a great job. Thanks to all our churches that sent young people to camp. No doubt, it had a great impact on their lives forever!

## Free Will Baptist Bible College Changes Name to Welch College

Delegates to the 76th session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists voted to change the name of the denomination's college from Free Will Baptist Bible College to Welch College during the July 15-18, 2012, convention in Memphis. The vote came Wednesday, July 18 on a recommendation from the college's Board of Trustees. The name-change proposal was discussed at the 2011 convention (Charlotte, NC) and approved during the 2012 Memphis convention. President Matt Pinson said, "This is an important decision in the history of the college. In a climate of shifting economic and technological change, we must find new ways to meet students' educational needs. While we remain committed to our Christian mission, we need to reach more students who are serious about Christian living, leadership, and service." The Board of Trustees authorized a name-change feasibility study by college administrators in 2010 that resulted in their decision a year later to request that the parent organization approve the change. The name "Welch College" arose from the life and ministry of Reverend John L Welch and his wife Mary, both of whom were early luminaries in the college's founding. Reverend Welch was the first moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in 1935, a 12-year member of the college's Board of Trustees, and served as pastor at Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville 53 years. Mrs. Mary Welch served faithfully as a secretary at the college, spent nearly 60 years as a pastor's wife, and was a leader in the denomination's women's movement. For the past five decades, there has been a building on campus named in honor of John and Mary Welch—the historic Welch Library. Free Will Baptist Bible College will begin doing business as Welch College immediately. Administrators expect to complete the transition by January 2013 as legal and accreditation procedures are finalized with appropriate agencies.

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## SCFWB TEEN FALL RETREAT

The annual South Carolina Free Will Baptist Teen Fall Retreat will be held at Myrtle Beach at the Landmark Resort. Reverend Kevin Smith, the pastor at Westgate Free Will Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker. There will be great preaching, singing, and fun. Activities include Nascar Speed Park and much more! Feel free to visit [www.scfwb.org/youth\\_ministries.htm](http://www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm) for a brochure, application, and medical waiver form. Please call Reverend Teddy Rabon for more information at 843-520-6407.

## Canaan, Lancaster Expands Church Building



In 2011, Canaan FWB Church in Lancaster saw 49 souls saved. Due to the number of added families, they saw the need to expand their church building for future ministries. On October 16, 2011, they had a "Ground Breaking" service and began the expansion the next day. The new expansion was completed December 31,

2011. A few months later on May 20, 2012, they dedicated the 4,000 square foot edition. The new addition provided Sunday school rooms, nursery, children's church space, and a kitchen. On Sunday, May 20, 2012, Pastor Wesley Campbell (pictured above) preached the morning message, and special singing was provided by the Sam Labreeska Trio. After the morning worship service, everyone gathered in a circle of prayer in the corridor of the new expansion, and Executive Secretary Todd Smith led in a dedication prayer. Pastor Campbell indicated, "It is our desire that this expansion be used that more souls might be saved."



## Calvary, Georgetown Honors Graduates

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Georgetown honored their graduates on Sunday, May 27, 2012. Pastor Teddy Rabon presented each graduate with a Bible with their name engraved.



Pictured Left to Right: Brittany Johnson, Haley Giles, Michaelah Etheridge, Mrs. Frances Shelley (on behalf of her granddaughter Peyton Hutchinson), and Tony Rabon (graduated with honors).

## Turning Point Servant Hero Sunday

Turning Point Free Will Baptist Church in Spartanburg had "Servant Hero Sunday" on June 24, 2012. Pastor Todd Black indicated, "In ten years, Turning Point Church has never failed to honor me for 'Pastor Appreciation.' They have never failed to honor my wife on Mother's Day. They have never failed to honor me on my birthday, and today, we want to honor those who serve in the church." Pastor Todd Black deemed these workers the "Pastor's Heroes" for all the hard work they do in helping to keep the church running. Prior to the message, workers were honored with an appreciation gift. Turning Point Church also presented a plaque of appreciation to Executive Secretary Todd Smith for serving with the SC FWB State Office, and they honored Sheriff Chuck Wright for his service to the community. For the morning message, Sheriff Wright shared his testimony. At the close of the service, Pastor Todd Black expressed his great appreciation to everyone for serving so faithfully in the church.



Left to right - front to back: Sheriff Chuck Wright, Brenda Carroll, Angie Emory, Hannah Black, Kara Duncan, Damon Duncan, Debra Pearson, Thelma Bishop, Pastor Todd Black, Cecelia Biggs, Jean Fox, Tina Black, Niessie Netherton, Chrissy Johnson, Brooke Ward, Cathi Fowler, Patti Fleming, Lisa Tinsley, Howard Bishop, J.J. Black, Tyler Fleming, Harold Perry, Brian Lowe, Eddie Ward, Dottie Tinsley, Barry Carroll, Jenny Black, David Pearson, David Fowler, Tim Fleming. (Not Pictured - Pat Marcham, Barbara Marcham, and Betty Hall.



Pictured L to R: Pastor Todd Black, Mrs. Betty Hall, and Assistant Pastor Damon Duncan. Mrs. Betty Hall was presented with a plaque for "Hero of the Year" award.

**SC WAC State Retreat** - Thursday and Friday, September 28-29, 2012 at the White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro, SC. The theme will be centered around a western "Round Up." The total cost for one night's lodging and three meals will be \$70. Please send \$20 as a registration deposit to Cathy Logan, 1580 Potter Road, Lancaster, SC 29720. The remaining \$50 will be due upon arrival. Please send the names of ladies planning to share rooms to Mrs. Cathy Logan at [howlin@comporium.net](mailto:howlin@comporium.net).

## Mill Branch Vacation Bible School

Children and adults alike enjoyed Vacation Bible School at Mill Branch FWB Church the week of June 10, 2012. God truly blessed and there was an average of 95 in attendance for all four nights. This year's VBS, directed by Hollie Johnson, had a theme of "Amazing Wonders Aviation...Awesome God! Amazing Power!" Each year the children bring offerings for a certain project, and this year Mill Branch decided to have a "Cargo Drop" each night for the FWB Children's Home. Monday night was "Crazy Sock and Fun in the Box," and each child brought a gift to make a child smile. Tuesday night was "Crazy Hat/Hair and Best Smile," and each child brought an item to clean a child, kitchen, or bathroom tile. Wednesday night was "The Cargo Drop and Fill the Pantry," and everyone gave abundantly and graciously. Hearts were filled with God's love, and it was a blessing to see the children bring even the smallest items to help children in need. On Friday, June 22, 2012, Pastor Scott and Mrs. Jenny Ard delivered to the FWB Children's Home all the supplies which included 35 toothbrushes, 18 tubes of toothpaste, 20 bottles of shampoo, 24 pack of crayons, toys, 324 icee pops, many boxes of cleaning supplies, diaper wipes, Clorox wipes, bleach, canned goods, macaroni, peanut butter, rice, flour, sugar and 32 pounds of grits! In addition, monetary gifts that amounted to \$550.00 were given also! Pastor Scott and Mrs. Jenny Ard said, "Thank God for his blessings upon us, and we thank him for allowing us to be able to share our blessing with others!"



Pictured Above: Mrs. Jenny and Pastor Scott Ard with all the supplies that were donated the week of Vacation Bible School

## Lebanon Church VBS and River Baptism



On Sunday, May 20, 2012, a congregation of 300 members from Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church gathered at Lynch's River to see 15 people ranging in age from 9 to 49 get baptized. Associate Pastor Chris

Edwards said, "These river baptisms are big and exciting events, not just because we all head down to the river side, but because others are proclaiming their faith to follow Christ." Pastor Mac Atkinson indicated, "We are very blessed and give God the praise for the increase that He is giving us."

The week of June 24-29, 2012, Lebanon Church hosted their "Promise Land" Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 260 each night. The week was packed as everyone was reminded in the lessons that God has given us His great and precious promises. The week of VBS saw many new visitors. A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers that cooked, cleaned, taught, decorated, and helped in any way.

## 18 Baptized at Combined Church Baptism Service

On Sunday, June 24, 2012, New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church (Rev. Wayne Smith, Pastor), St. John Free Will Baptist Church, Pamplico (Reverend Tommy Haselden, Pastor), and Prospect Independent (Reverend Lanney Ard, Pastor), had a wonderful day in the Lord as they held a combined baptism service at Half Moon Landing in Pamplico. A total of 18 were baptized. Members of each congregation gathered and sang hymns as others openly professed their faith. It was truly a wonderful sight to see, and God gets all the glory!

Pictured R to L: Rev. Wayne Smith (New Prospect), Rev. Tommy Haselden (St. John), and Rev. Lanney Ard (Prospect Ind.)



Pictured Left: Rev. Tommy Haselden and Rev. Lanney Ard baptizing Rev. Tommy Haselden's daughter.

## Duffie Gaskins Benefit Fundraiser



New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church in Pamplico hosted the "Duffie Gaskins Benefit Fundraiser" on Friday, June 8, 2012. Mr. Duffie Gaskins is a faithful member and deacon at New Prospect, and he had a severe car accident on May 19, 2012. The community felt the need to give back to their family who had dedicated so much to the Lord. Over 700 plates of chicken bog were sold, and donations poured in, raising over \$6,000.00. Pastor Wayne Smith said, "Mr.

Duffie has a long recovery ahead, and the community wanted to do something to help during this time. God always blesses those who are a blessing." Other surrounding churches including Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Little Star Free Will Baptist Church, and Prospect Independent also helped. Mr. Duffie's wife Mrs. Brenda was overwhelmed with emotion, "I just want to thank everyone for their love, support, and prayers. Please keep praying for us. Your prayers are what keeps us going."



Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church won the "Third Place" trophy at the National Association of Free Will Baptist Master's Men Softball Tournament in Nashville, TN. Congratulations to Lebanon Church!

## Mullins-Marion Christian School Graduation

Mullins-Marion Christian School, a ministry of Mullins-Marion Free Will Baptist Church, had its graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 30, 2012. School Administrator Reverend Tony Miles, the pastor at Little Star Free Will Baptist Church, opened the ceremony in prayer after a congregational hymn and the citing of the pledges to the American Flag, Christian Flag, and the Bible. Afterwards, the K5 through second grade gave a presentation by quoting scripture, the books of the Bible, and singing songs. The fifth through twelfth grades sang the song "Servant's Heart," and Mrs. Amber Brigman sang a special song. A slide presentation was presented of the senior class members. K5 graduates Destiny Brown and K'yan Godbolt were presented with certificates and a Bible. The commencement message was preached by Reverend Todd Smith. Afterwards, the following graduating seniors received their diplomas and a Bible: Jonavan Braddy, Brandon Brown, Brandon Foxworth, Deanna Miller, and Jalen Smith. We extend a congratulations to these young people as they go forth into the next chapter of their lives.



Pictured Left: K5 and Senior graduating class with Mullins Marion Free Will Baptist Christian School Faculty and Staff.

## White Savannah Pastor Appreciation

White Savannah Free Will Baptist Church had "Pastor Appreciation Sunday" on May 20, 2012. Pastor Stephen Hyman was honored by several Sunday school classes, and special singing was given by the choir and several groups in the church. Paul Grainger, a member of the deacon board, shared a devotion, and the church showed their love for Pastor Stephen and his wife Dessie by giving them a love offering. They were presented with a card signed by most members of the church, and a dinner with all the pastor's favorite fixings was given as well. Reverend Stephen Hyman came to White Savannah to serve as pastor in June 2010, and continues to do an excellent job serving as the pastor at White Savannah.



Pictured Left: A group of special young ladies share a presentation to the church for Pastor Stephen Hyman's "Pastor Appreciation Sunday."

## October - "Pastor Appreciation Month"

October is "Pastor Appreciation Month." Don't forget to honor your pastor and his family in a very special way on a Sunday in this month (or any other month) on an annual basis. To learn more about "Pastor Appreciation Month" or to get free resources and ideas, visit [www.thrivingpastor.org/cam/](http://www.thrivingpastor.org/cam/).

## Lowery 50th Anniversary Celebration

Reverend Leroy and Mrs. Peggy Lowery celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 16, 2012. He recently retired from the pastorate having served as the pastor at Southside Free Will Baptist Church in Darlington for twenty years. On Saturday, June 16th, there was a drop-in 50 year anniversary celebration at Southside Church, and many friends and church members came to honor the Lowerys in celebration of 50 years of marriage. Reverend Leroy Lowery has served 40 years in the ministry, serving pastorates in Travelers Rest, SC; Midville, GA; Chester, SC; and at Southside Church in Darlington. At all his pastorates, he has worked with a Bible Institute ministry, including the one at Southside Church for 20 years. Southside Church also had a Day Care ministry for 12 years, and Mrs. Peggy Lowery served as the Day Care Director for all of those years. Reverend Lowery may have retired from the pastorate but is not retiring from the ministry. After some time away traveling this summer, he plans to help churches in any way possible. He is available to supply the pulpit, encourage young ministers, and be of help in any way. Feel free to give him a call at 843-395-2054.



Pictured Left: Reverend Leroy and Mrs. Peggy Lowery at their 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration at Southside FWB Church.

## Crech 50th Anniversary Celebration



On Sunday, August 12, 2012, there was a special drop-in gathering at Horse Branch Free Will Baptist Church to honor Reverend Jacob ("Jake") and Mrs. Betty Creech who were celebrating 50 years of marriage. Reverend Jacob Creech retired from

the pastorate at Horse Branch Free Will Baptist Church in September 2006. In his 50 years of ministry, he has served as a staff member at the Free Will Baptist Bible College (now Welch College); served on staff at the National Free Will Baptist Executive Office; served pastorates in Bristol, Jesup, and Colquit, Georgia; served pastorates in Tupelo, Mississippi; and a pastorate in Dunn, North Carolina. In South Carolina, in addition to having served as the pastor at Horse Branch, he also served as the pastor at Bay Branch Free Will Baptist Church in Timmonsillve. Reverend Creech also served on the National CTS and Sunday School Board, and he served as a member of the Free Will Baptist Bible College Board. Reverend Jacob and Mrs. Betty have two sons, Mark Creech (married to Karen) and Stephen Creech (married to Amy), and they have five grand children. We congratulate this couple for not only 50 years of marriage but also 50 years of wonderful ministry to the Lord's work.

### Carter Ordination Service



Reverend Tony Carter was ordained into the Gospel ministry on June 24, 2012, at his home church, First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence. Tony and his wife Marylyn have three children, Tony, Tamera, and Tayler. Tony was saved at the age of thirteen. While a member at First, Florence, he felt the Lord calling him into the ministry and was licensed in February 2011, which was when he started serving as the pastor at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Hartsville, SC. During the ordination service on June 24th, the Stanley family provided special music, and the choir sang the song "Preach the Word." Pastor Lee Patrick (pictured above with Rev. Tony Carter) preached the ordination message, and



Reverend Leroy Lowery (pictured above) preached the charge. Commitment questions were asked by Pastor Lee Patrick, and Deacon Board Chairman Jay Poston made the motion to ordain Tony Carter into the Gospel ministry. Afterwards, Reverend Tony Carter was presented a Bible, and Reverend James Skipper, the previous pastor of 35 years of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hartsville, prayed the prayer of dedication.

### Timmons Ordination Service



Reverend Bobby Timmons was ordained into the Gospel ministry on May 13, 2012, at Bay Branch Free Will Baptist Church, where he currently serves as pastor. Bobby and his wife Sacha have two children, Kaitlyn and Jesse (pictured above).

Bobby previously served as a deacon, music leader, and CTS director at Hillside Free Will Baptist Church, Sacha's home church. Having later joined Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Bobby served there as a Sunday school teacher, Trustee, and Youth Pastor. He began his ministry license process in April 2011. During the ordination service on May 13, 2012, Joel and Kathy Stone provided special music after the congregational hymn. Reverend Danny Stone preached the ordination message, and Reverend John Johnson gave the charge and presented Reverend Bobby Timmons with a Bible. South Carolina Conference Presbytery Board Chairman Reverend Galen Dunbar read Scripture, prayed the prayer of dedication, and presented Reverend Bobby Timmons with his ordination certificate. Afterwards, everyone joined together in the fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship.



Pictured Left to Right: Rev. Danny Stone, Rev. Galen Dunbar, Rev. Bobby Timmons, and Rev. John Johnson.

### Dennis Accepts Pastorate at Little Bethel



Reverend Terry Dennis, a native of South Carolina, accepted the pastorate at Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in John-sonville in December 2011. Terry and his wife Ann have two children and five grandchildren,

with one on the way. Prior to coming to Little Bethel Church, Terry served in pastorates at Free Will Baptist churches in North Carolina for 16 years. In his 38 years of ministry, he also served pastorates at several Free Will Baptist churches in South Carolina, including Gilead, Scranton; Happy Home, Andrews; Eastside, Florence; High Hill, Scranton; and Williams Hill, Hemingway. We welcome Reverend Dennis and his wife back to South Carolina.

### Sutton Accepts Pastorate at North Spartanburg



Reverend Sammy Sutton, a native of Grifton, North Carolina, accepted the pastorate at North Spartanburg Free Will Baptist Church in Boiling Springs, South Carolina in September 2011. Terry and his wife Amanda have five children, Eddie, Pearl, Lori, Noah, and Micah. Rever-

ent Sutton's home church is the Grifton Free Will Baptist Church in Grifton, North Carolina. He was ordained into the Gospel ministry in January 2006. He previously served as a youth pastor at Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist Church in Marion, North Carolina and served as the pastor at Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. We welcome the Sutton family to South Carolina.

### First, Myrtle Beach New Church Sign



First Free Will Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach took up two special offerings this summer, and without having to take any funds from

their general fund, they purchased a new church sign that was erected in June 2012. Reverend Wayne Snipes, the pastor at First, Myrtle Beach indicated he was very proud of the generosity of the members for giving the funds for the purchase of a new sign.

**Day Light Savings Time (DST) ends on Sunday, November 4, 2012. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening, November 3, 2012.**

## National Youth Conference (NYC) South Carolina Winners



Kaylynn Wells (Temple, Darlington)  
- NYC "Youth of the Year Award and  
Bible Memorization Grade 12 - Second  
Place



Jessica Hyman (Bay Branch, Timmons-  
ville) - Bible Memorization Grade Ten  
- Third Place



Lane Ward (Peace, Florence) - Bible  
Sword Drill Grade Four - Second Place



Denise Wiggins (Peace, Florence) -  
Bible Sword Drill Grade Six - Second  
Place



Jacob Austin (Beulah, Pamplico) -  
Woodwind Solo - First Place / Key-  
board Solo Category C - Third Place



Alexis Inman (Temple, Darlington) -  
Fabric Art Category C - First Place



Jessica Boudreau (Bay Branch, Tim-  
mons-ville) - Illustrated Storytelling  
Category C - First Place

### Other NYC SC Winners Include

- \*PFC Trio (Horse Branch, Turbeville) - Trios Category D - Third Place
- \*Neil Sargent (Horse Branch, Turbeville) - Individual Drama Category A - Second Place
- \*Emily Parrish (Horse Branch, Turbeville) - Individual Drama Category D - Second Place
- \*The Unhappy Meal (Bay Branch, Timmons-ville) - Dramatic Duo Category B - Second Place
- \*Parrish ETwo (Horse Branch, Turbeville) - Duets Category D - Second Place
- \*Cloud of Witnesses (Bay Branch, Timmons-ville) - Dramatic Duo Category D - Third Place
- \*Emily Hyman (Bay Branch, Timmons-ville) - Illustrated Story Telling Cat. A - Second Place
- \*Exhibition Category: "I AM" Human Video (Bay Branch, Timmons-ville) - Category D
- \*Hunter Langston (Temple, Darlington) - PowerPoint Category B - Third Place

We congratulate these winners on a job well done. We also congratulate all our young people who competed in CTS/NYC on a local church and state level. No matter if they won an award or not, we are very proud of them all. They are all winners in God's eyes, and the things they have learned will go with them for a life time. Thank you to all the parents, pastors, coaches, conference leaders, and volunteers for all your time, work, and effort in helping our youth grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!

## NAFWB 2012 Convention News - Celebrating God's Faithfulness

Despite the steamy July heat and sweltering humidity rising from the banks of the Mississippi River, attendees at the 76th annual Free Will Baptist National Convention in Memphis, Tennessee—more than 5,000 strong—enjoyed a week of inspiring worship, productive business, and many opportunities for service and fellowship. The convention theme reflected a simple yet often forgotten truth—God Is Faithful. Sermons from convention speakers encouraged listeners to be faithful because God Himself is faithful.

**Worshipped Together --** Thomas Bee, deacon and adult teacher at South Highland FWB Church (AL), taught Sunday School from Hebrews 7:1-28, comparing the Levitical priesthood to the priesthood of Christ. Old Testament Scholar and Biblical and Ministry Studies professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Garnett Reid delivered the Sunday morning message. Using Lamentations 3 as his text, Dr. Reid described the essence of God's nature as it relates to His faithfulness. In return, we should be faithful to Him. Paul Bryant, pastor of Cross Creek FWB Church (MS), spoke Sunday evening from Hebrews 10:23, after being introduced by his father Randy Bryant, clerk of the National Association. His message, "God Is Faithful to His Promises," encouraged listeners by reminding them that God is true to His Word, in contrast to the human tendency to waver and depend on one's own strength. On Monday night, Mike Gladson, pastor of Cofer's Chapel FWB Church (TN), spoke on the topic of God's faithfulness during times of testing. He reminded listeners that God sometimes uses trials as a means of bettering His children and emphasized that God did not promise that testing would not come, only that He would provide a means of escape. On Tuesday, Illinois Pastor Jon Cannon tackled the subject of the believer's faithfulness through persecution. Using 1 Peter 4:12-19 as his text, Cannon reminded listeners that suffering will come, but God will remain faithful, no matter the outcome. Veteran Illinois pastor and assistant clerk of the National Association, Ernie Lewis delivered the Wednesday evening missions service message from 1 John 1:5-9. He reminded listeners that God is faithful to forgive. He encouraged the congregation to confess sins, embrace the cleansing power of the blood of Christ, and live holy lives. Amens echoed through the hall when he challenged Christians to fulfill the task of rescuing those perishing without Christ, reminding listeners that the Great Commission charges each Christian to "go ye."

**Impacted Memphis --** Convention-goers did more than enjoy worship and fellowship. On Saturday, July 14, some 175 volunteers from seven states arrived at the convention a day early. The energetic group met at three churches and participated in service and outreach projects. Eighty-five volunteers gathered at Cross Creek FWB Church (MS) and went door to door distributing flyers and making contacts for the church. They used innovative methods—buying bottles of water and sodas at gas stations to distribute to people pumping gas, and handing out bottles of water at local parks. Sixty participants met at nearby Oakland FWB Church and distributed 3,500 flyers. Thirty volunteers met at Liberty FWB Church, cleared logs and debris from adjacent property, and cut firewood to sell.

An additional 400 volunteers dispersed across Memphis during the week to participate in daily service projects known as Reach That Guy (RTG). Under the leadership of Memphis home missionary Tim Osborn, they partnered with 10 organizations to provide 1,418 service hours. RTG teams fed the hungry at Memphis Union Mission, cleaned up the neighborhood around the Salvation Army Women's Shelter, and cleared out part of the downtown YMCA that serves underprivileged children. They sorted donations and cleaned Bibles for Missions Thrift Store, cleaned windows, washed sidewalks, finished out drywall, cut grass for seniors, and worked at a camp for children. On Wednesday, convention-goers lined up to donate blood during the annual American Red Cross Blood Drive. Reach That Guy, a program of the National Youth Conference fueled largely by students and their sponsors, continues to be a vital outreach tool. The program began its ministry in Fort Worth in 1996. For Reach That Guy 2013 updates, visit [www.fwbny.com](http://www.fwbny.com).

**Got Down to Business --** It took the General Board exactly four hours and 33 minutes to hear annual reports from nine national agencies and four commissions as Moderator Tim York navigated the maze of words, videos, and presentations to guide the General Board to a happy adjournment in Ballroom A of Memphis Cook Convention Center on Monday, July 16. Along the way, General Board members made several recommendations, including a 2013 denominational budget of just over \$24 million, a resolution deploring all forms of racism, and approval of a proposal to change the name of Free Will Baptist Bible College to Welch College. They also recommended an amendment amending the By-Laws of both The Hanna Project and the Free Will Baptist Foundation, and recommended the dates for the 2018 national convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, be shifted to July 22-25. Executive Secretary Keith Burden recommended that the General Board accept the David Marks Heritage Association into membership. The new association located in the Northeast includes three churches and expects two additional churches to join the association after the convention. The board also recommended a non-refundable, but transferable, first night's hotel room charge effective with the 2013 convention. This is an effort to prevent overbooking by individuals and groups. The non-refundable charge will be assessed at the time of booking. During Tuesday and Wednesday business sessions, based on the recommendations of the General Board and reports from departmental directors, delegates reaffirmed the 1995 resolution deploring all forms of racism, supported the official statement issued by the Executive Office, and recommended the Bible study Racism, the Bible, and the Church from Randall House. The delegates honored Gary Fry, Glen Johnson, and Keith Woody for their service on the Executive Committee; thanked Billy Walker for 10 years of service as convention usher coordinator and his wife Geneva for her volunteer work in registration; and saluted Monte McKenzie, Kevin Norris, and Keith Fletcher for their service on the Media Commission. Master's Men Director Ken Akers reported on five years of extensive restoration at the Ridge Church in New Hampshire and watched a slide presentation of the Master's Men Disaster

## NAFWB 2012 Convention News - Celebrating God's Faithfulness Continued

Response Team ministering in Eastern Kentucky after a tornado hit the area. In the business session, it was noted by FWB Foundation Director David Brown that the word that best describes the past 20 years is "miraculous," noting the department's assets have grown from \$937,000 to \$41 million. Brown projected that within five years the Foundation will begin providing grants to Free Will Baptist ministries. The body thanked Ray Lewis for his first 30 years with the Board of Retirement, the past seven as director. Lewis reported \$44 million in assets, 50 new participants enrolled in 2011, and active accounts topping 1,500. WNAC Executive Director Elizabeth Hodges announced that 828 people registered for the 2012 convention. WNAC restructured this year's program in response to the results of a member survey requesting changes and broader workshop subjects. The Media Commission report noted that they provided streaming access to convention services, watched by more than 1,200 viewers in nine countries. The commission may consider archiving services and workshops for historical purposes. The body received copies of two pamphlets from the Historical Commission's Heritage Series, Free Will Baptists and Total Abstinence and Free Will Baptists and Predestination, both written by Robert Picirilli. Delegates elected 37 board and commission members, including general officers (4), Executive Committee (4), General Board (11), Randall House Board (3), International Missions Board (4), FWBBC Board of Trustees (3), Media Commission (3), Music Commission (2), Historical Commission (2), Commission for Theological Integrity (1), and they approved a \$24 million denominational budget: International Missions (\$7 million), Randall House Publications (\$5.2 million), Home Missions Department (\$5 million), FWBBC (\$4.7 million), Executive Office (\$857,000), FWB Foundation (\$521,000), Retirement and Insurance (\$475,000), Master's Men (\$145,000), Commission for Theological Integrity (\$7,900), Music Commission (\$4,100), Historical Commission (\$3,560), Media Commission (\$3,000). It was voted on by the body to disburse funds from The Together Way Plan to national agencies on the following basis: underwrite the Executive Office Administrative Budget above designated gifts, not to exceed 45% of cooperative gifts. Disburse the balance of cooperative gifts—FWBBC (23%), International Missions (23%), Home Missions (18%), Retirement and Insurance (14%), Master's Men (14%), FWB Foundation (6%), Commission for Theological Integrity (0.5%), Historical Commission (0.5%), Music Commission (0.5%), Media Commission (0.5%). A rising vote of thanks was given to the Tennessee State Association for hosting the 2012 national convention. This marked the second time the convention has met in Memphis—the first was in 2002. Home Missions Director Larry Powell announced there are eight new and recent mission projects, three missions reaching self-supporting status, three Hispanic Bible institutes, four Hispanic training centers in the U.S.A., nine military chaplains, and a \$42 million CELF fund. The 2012 convention was marked as the 50th year of publishing for Randall House Publications. The department has published 65,000 lessons since 1962 and continues to publish 390 new lessons every quarter. The agency typically publishes 14-16 books each year, but plans to reduce the number of new titles in 2012 and reprint previous Randall House books. Executive Director/CEO Ron Hunter reported increased book sales from the D6 Conference.

International Missions announced a record-breaking World Missions Offering topping \$944,000. General Director Clint Morgan thanked Free Will Baptists for stepping up financially at a time when economic factors forced the Mission to keep some missionaries stateside instead of returning to the field. The Hanna Project By-Laws were amended as recommended by the International Missions Board. It was voted on by the body that FWBBC could change its denominational emphasis month from December to February, effective 2013. There were 5,510 attendees registered for the three concurrent conventions, including 605 ordained ministers. Delegates approved the name change for the denomination's flagship educational institution from Free Will Baptist Bible College to Welch College, following a 25-minute discussion. The name change becomes effective immediately. The name "Welch College" was recommended by the FWBBC Board of Trustees and arose from the life and ministry of Reverend John L Welch (first moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists) and his wife Mary. A plaque was presented to Wanda Spears, widow of Chaplain David Spears who died on Christmas Day 2011. Chaplain Terry Austin spoke briefly about David Spears, reminding attendees that "He touched the lives of people. He never quit." Chaplain Spears served five combat tours with the U.S. Army. The congregation gave an extended standing ovation. Plaques were also presented to Edwin Hayes for 24 years on the Randall House Board, to Randy Wilson for 12 years on the FWBIM Board, to Debbie Griffin for 26 years of service in Japan, to Stan and Brenda Bunch for 29 years of service in Panama. Applause were thundered as International Missions General Director Clint Morgan announced that as a result of increased financial support, "Our missionaries can now all go home!" Several missionaries had been kept stateside after the December 2011 board decision. Morgan honored the memories of FWBIM Board member Paul Creech who died after 25 years of service as a missionary in Japan and Ivory Coast, and service on the board. The body honored Tom Sass for 40 years of service at FWBBC, much of that time as the college's chief financial officer. The college also displayed a plaque honoring A.C. Allen for 12 years of service on the college's Board of Trustees. Leroy Forlines was honored for 50 years of leadership provided on the Commission for Theological Integrity. Forlines was elected to the commission in 1962 and served as chairman most of the past five decades. Delegates responded with a prolonged standing ovation when Forlines was presented a large framed print of several pamphlets, and his wife Fay received a bouquet of roses. He told delegates: "Old soldiers may fade away, but old theologians don't." A video presentation was presented by the Obituary Committee featuring names and photos of Free Will Baptist ministers who died in 2011. The meeting adjourned on Wednesday at 2:58 p.m.

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## Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute Graduation

National Home Missionary Alfredo Botello, pastor of the Comunidad Hispana Fe, Esperanza y Amor, Bartlesville, Oklahoma was the speaker at the Gwen Hendrix Free Will Baptist Hispanic Institute graduation on Saturday, June 2, 2012. Missionary Botello has been a missionary to Idaho and Oklahoma. He is one of the original teachers who gives two weeks at each session of the Institute. Mr. Botello has two sons, who are National Home Missionaries in Oklahoma. Gamaliel Botello, Pastor of the Commidad Hispana Camino, Verdad Vida, Woodward, Oklahoma and Israel Botello, Pastor Comunidad Hispana Paz a Las Naciones, McAlister, Oklahoma both are graduates of the Gwen Hendrix Free Will Baptist Hispanic Institute and teach for two weeks at each session of the Institute. There were eight (8) graduates that make a total of two hundred and two (202) graduates that have come through the Institutes. In October 2011, The Mid-Western Institute in Houston, Texas graduated thirteen (13). In March 2012, The Mid-South Institute Johnson City, Tennessee graduated fourteen (14). Hector Perez is the pastor. Graduates completed over eight hundred hours (800) of intense study and training and received an Associate Degree in Bible. We congratulate these graduates for a job well done.

## Chamberlain Chosen as Home for Children Director



Doug Chamberlin of Hartsville, South Carolina, has accepted the position of Director of the FWB Home for Children in Turbeville, SC. Doug and his wife Patty began their ministry 33 years ago working with children as house parents at the FWB Family Ministries in Greenville, TN. During his years as a lay leader, Doug has served as a Sunday School Superintendent, camp director, deacon, teacher, and trustee in Free Will Bap-

tists churches in Ohio, Tennessee, and South Carolina. In 2002, he was appointed by the Free Will Baptist International Mission Board to serve in Madrid, Spain. In Spain, Doug took on the roll as the Financial Director of the Evangelical Christian Academy. Regarding having accepted the position as the Director of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children in Turbeville, SC, Doug said, "I feel honored to be chosen by the Board of Directors to lead the home and am excited about what the future holds for the children and staff."

## True Life Conference Welcomes Crowder View

The True Life Conference welcomed Crowder View Free Will Baptist Church to its conference at their quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 21, 2012. Crowder View Free Will Baptist Church is located at 6557 Lewis Road, Kings in King's Mountain, North Carolina. Reverend Earl Stanley is their pastor. We welcome this church to the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association.

## Gateway Christian College News

by Dr. Bruce Barnes, President

Gateway Christian College is pleased to announce that Reverend Brent Patrick has been called to lead the ministry of Gateway Free Will Baptist Church in Virginia Beach. Reverend Patrick along with his wife Paula, daughter Olivia, and son Blake, arrived on campus in early July. Of course, there is great excitement about the future of the church ministry as well as for Gateway Christian College. With Reverend Patrick's heart for the work and people of God along with his understanding and burden for collegiate excellence, GCC will continue to prepare students with a passion for Christ, a heart for a lost world, and an appreciation for academic excellence. Dr. Bruce Barnes will continue as president of the college and will work closely with Pastor Patrick in maintaining the spiritual thrust of the college as well as the academic integrity of its programs. Both Pastor Patrick and Dr. Barnes have worked well together previously in the college setting, and this new cooperative relationship at GCC begins with a unified spirit and direction. With this past year's commencement, Gateway Christian College now has forty-six graduates on the field serving the Lord. These graduates are faithfully filling ministry positions such as pastor, associate pastor, youth pastor, children's pastor, music minister, missionary (home and international), elementary and secondary Christian school teachers, and music educators. This 2012-2013 school year is a great year for celebrating at GCC: a new pastor arriving, a faithful group of graduates, a select group of faculty, an excited student body, an encouraging enrollment of new students, and a tenth-year anniversary. To God goes all the praise!

## Southeastern FWB College

by Heath Ferguson

On May 4, 2012, Southeastern Free Will Baptist College hosted the 29th commencement service on the college campus. Twenty-seven graduates received their diplomas in a service that was the completion of the college preparation chapter of their lives and the beginning of their lifelong service to the Lord. Please pray for our seniors as they begin new ministries for the Lord. The annual Youth Aflame Youth Conference was hosted at Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church in Cramerton, NC on June 18-22, 2012. Preachers at the conference included Reverend Nate Ange, Reverend Christian Powell, Reverend Gene Williams, and Steve Kluth. Youth groups from as far as Michigan and Florida and many points in between made the trip to be a part of this exciting time. There are many events on the college calendar that we would like to invite you to participate. Our annual scholarship golf tournament which raises about \$40,000 every year for our students will be held on October 9, 2012. Southeastern All-Access days take place November 1-3, 2012, and is the time that high school students can be college students for a few days and understand student life at Southeastern. Also, our annual high school basketball invitational tournament will take place November 15-17, 2012. Make plans to attend as many of these events as possible this semester. We would love to have you on our campus.

## Why Have a WAC Group?

by **WNAC Executive Director Elizabeth Hodges**

God created women as relational beings. We are wired for connection with others. This connection begins in our homes, spreads out into our churches, communities and the world. We love interaction with other women who understand us and our particular season of life. Women National Active for Christ (WNAC) offers guidance and lends eternal purpose in these connections as women join together in prayer, Bible study, service and evangelism. WNAC helps women fulfill their God-designed role in the home, church, community and world. We build our programs and helps around topics relevant to this purpose, seeking to strengthen women in their walk with God. Meeting together in inter generational groups, we mentor and encourage younger women while we learn from them at the same time. Through the years, WNAC has kept missions and ministry causes forefront in our local churches. Women stay in contact with both international and home missionaries and staff in various ministries. These connections keep women aware of current prayer requests as they seek to raise needed funds and build relationships to span years of time. WNAC members are generally known as worker-bees in local churches, often serving behind the scenes. Pastors can depend on them when specific needs arise in the church. Why have a WAC group? We are just women seeking to be all God would have us be. Come join.

## VBS in Spain by Tim & Kristi Johnson



Hola everyone! Our GOOD NEWS is absolutely amazing! It's about our "Amazing Wonders Aviation" Vacation Bible School, called "Mara-

villas increíbles de la aviación" in Spanish. We spent five days sharing with the 43 different children who attended. Each day they visited Victoria Falls for their Bible class, the Paricutin Volcano for their snack time, the Great Barrier Reef for their crafts, and the Matterhorn for their music class. They were also able to journey to the Grand Canyon and Northern Lights in other areas of our church as well. As they spent time in each of these natural wonders of the world, they learned about God's amazing power in their lives. Each child who came was loved on by our wonderful team of nine teachers who gave tirelessly as they served. We are so thankful for the time, energy, and creativity they invested so that children from our church and also 11 children from families who do not attend an evangelical church could learn about God's amazing power. Also for the VBS service, our church was transformed into an airplane for the children. We had a "packed flight," with 73 people on board (including adults), several of them visiting because of the special VBS program. Our airplane was complete with boarding passes for each passenger. During the service, the kids sang the songs they learned and various teachers summarized what they did in each class. Of course, a highlight for the kids was receiving their "wings" for participating in our VBS.

## Poole Update by Bobby Poole (Brazil)

Fifty-two years ago, this month [July], I started on "deputation" to raise funds and prayer support to go to Brazil. It has been an incredible journey! Geneva and I were married in September and left for Brazil on December 14, 1960. During these 52 years with the Mission we have tried to be faithful and do the "will of the Father." We praise the Lord for His love and grace and for the privilege we have had to serve Him. Geneva is adjusting well to her cancer treatment. She is able to do most everything she was accustomed to doing, but does tire out quicker. John will be conducting a revival at my home Church, Shady Grove FWB, Clarksville, TN in September, and he wanted us to go, since the Poole Family Reunion is being planned for Sept. 15th. The next week we plan to be with Geneva's family in Stockbridge, GA, where Robert lives. Geneva's doctor has given his approval for the trip, so we will at personal expense take a 15 day or so vacation in the States. We finished first semester of Seminary classes. Sunday, 29th of July, I preached my last sermon as pastor of the Marincek FWB Church. The Mission has assigned us to a ministry of working with all our FWB Churches in this area of Brazil. We hope to be able to visit our Churches and missions to encourage the pastors and leaders in any way we can. I have already received two invitations to visit two of our churches in Minas Gerais. We pray that we can be a blessing to them. We will conduct workshops and seminars as we are asked. Geneva will travel with me when she is able. Also this means we will stay in Brazil for her cancer treatments. Our deepest thanks to each of you for your faithfulness to pray and support the work that the Lord has given to all of us to do.

## Friends of India News by Rev. Mike Jones

- A Baptist Church in Charleston, S C contributed over \$4,200.00 to Storm Relief efforts in India.
- FWB churches in SC gave over \$1,700 for Storm Relief in India.
- One plot of land was recently purchased and two other plots are being investigated for purchase in order to accommodate growing groups of believers in India. Funds will be needed for Church building on this land as soon as possible in order to provide a place for people to worship and learn of God out of the heat and rain.
- Missionary Carlisle Hanna received his India travel visa renewal for one year.
- We praise the Lord for those who continue to donate to Friends of India by using the "donate button" on the [www.scfoi.com](http://www.scfoi.com) web site. This is an easy way to use your credit card to make a difference in India.
- Inflation and other considerations have caused the Indian government to start teachers at 25,000 rupee (about \$5,000 per year). That means the grandchildren of our senior pastors make nearly three times as much as a pastor who oversees 25 churches and has been devoted to this task for over 25 years. Friends of India is seeking to raise consistent funds in order to give pastors and Christian workers at least a small increase in pay each year. Thank you for your continued support for our work in India!

## Planning Your Retirement

by NAFWB Retirement Director Ray Lewis

Retirement -- Just the word conjures up all kinds of images. To some, retirement is the end of a journey, to others it is a time for doing all the things they did not have time for when working. With proper preparation, you can be free to do whatever God has for you to do at this stage of life. Let us help make your retirement dreams become reality. We offer tax advantages a minister cannot receive with other types of retirement plans. Ordained ministers can receive up to 100% of the monthly benefit as housing allowance and pay neither federal nor SECA (Social Security) tax on it. Every Free Will Baptist church should make contributions to their pastor's retirement account a priority. It's time to stop telling pastors, "Here is what we have to offer. Tell us how you want it split up." Church, step up to the plate and provide a tax deferred retirement benefit in addition to the compensation package. We recommend churches contribute 5% of the pastor's salary to his retirement account. If you can't start there, at least consider the entry level of \$10 per month. That is only \$2.30 per week. If a church will not participate, the pastor can make either after-tax and/or pre-tax contributions. We also accept rollover funds from other 403(b), 401(k) and IRA account. For as little as \$10 per month you can get started saving for retirement. This will not provide adequate retirement income, but let me share this with you. A 25 year old who contributes \$10 a month for 40 years, and never does any more than that, at our average rate of return, will have \$30,238.22 with a guaranteed monthly lifetime income of just under \$200. Not bad for a \$4,800 investment. Contact our office today and let us help you develop your retirement plan based on your vision, your hopes, and yes, your financial situation. We want to help you realize your dreams (877-767-7738).

## Truth and Peace

In a culture that views college and high school as throw away years and just have as much fun as possible, a group of dedicated students gather each summer to prepare for a higher purpose. They have gathered to learn how to lead by becoming servants to their churches, their youth groups, their schools, and their communities. This is the Truth and Peace Student Leadership Conference. It is fully Free Will Baptist, and its footprint in leadership and service can be seen around the world as missionaries, colleges, pulpits, and classrooms have been impacted by Truth and Peace students since it all began in 1984. The conference is fifteen days of training that ultimately allows the students to become servant leaders at the National Youth Conference every summer. By the time the students arrive at the National Convention, they have been taught about how their spiritual gifting, personality, and talents are all combined for the unique opportunities they have to lead through serving others, and the Kingdom of Christ. A ministry of Randall House Publications for the last 27 years, Truth and Peace applications will open online July 1, 2012 for the conference will take place the summer of 2013. If you know of a 9-12 grade student in the 2012-2013 school year who is leading in your youth group or community, encourage them to apply! Go to <http://www.verticalthree.com/truth-and-peace> to apply or to get more information.

## New FWB IM Board Members

Delegates to the 76th session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists elected four board members to the Board of Free Will Baptist International Missions following General Director Clint Morgan's report on Wednesday, July 18. Nelson Henderson (Arkansas) was reelected to another six-year term. Mark Price (Ohio), previously selected to complete Jerry Norris' unexpired term, was also reelected. Dr. Janice Banks (pictured bottom right) was elected following a nomination from the floor and will complete the balance of deceased board member Paul Creech's term (expiring in 2014). Dr. Brad Ransom (pictured bottom left) was presented as the selection of the nominating committee to replace Randy Wilson who served the maximum 12 years. Although social media outlets were inundated with the news that delegates had elected International Missions' first female board member, Mrs. J.R. Bennett has that honor. She was elected to the board in 1938. Janice and her husband Jerry (deceased) served as missionaries to Japan from 1972 to 1991, when Jerry's health led them to return to the States. The couple settled in Oklahoma where Jerry entered the pastorate and Janice began teaching missions at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore. Currently, Banks serves as Missions and Christian Education Program Director for Hillsdale. Janice earned her B.A. from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1969, M.A. in human resource leadership from Azusa Pacific University in 1989, and Doctor of Educational Ministry in 2009 from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Brad and his wife Lori reside in Moore, Oklahoma. Brad has served as Oklahoma's mission director since January 2007. Prior to that he served three different churches over a span of 25 years. Ransom received his undergraduate degree from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in 1988. He earned a Master of Ministry from Bethany Theological Seminary in 1993, a Doctor of Ministry degree in Christian counseling from Christian Seminary in 1996, and a M.A. in church planting and evangelism from Liberty University in 2011. He has served on several Oklahoma boards and on the Board of Trustees for Hillsdale.

"We are delighted with the new additions to our board," said Director Clint Morgan. "It is always impressive to see God use the men and women who represent our churches in the business session to fill the board with a diverse representation of our denomination, people who love God and have His heart for the lost around the world."





### Central Association Master's Men Meeting

The Central Association held its semi-annual Master's Men meeting on Saturday, May 5, 2012, with 58 in attendance. There were 8 preachers and churches represented. The meeting was held at White Savannah FWB Church in Conway, with Reverend Wayne Snipes, the pastor at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach, bringing the morning message. Brother Frankie Edwards, White Savannah Free Will Baptist Church's Masters Men president, welcomed everyone to the meeting after everyone ate a wonderful meal provided by the host church. Other churches are invited to participate in this semi-annual event. The next meeting will be held at Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church in Aynor on Saturday, November 3, 2012, at 10 AM.

### North America Mission Offering by Ida Lewis (NAFWB Home Mission)

We truly appreciate the support, both prayer and financial, received for the ministries of the Home Missions Department in past years. The Lord has truly been good to us through you, His people. We realize the downturn in the economy continues to be felt across the nation. We are so thankful for all that you have sacrificed to help our missionaries. Planting Free Will Baptist churches in every direction across North America is of prime importance. Planting churches has been important to Free Will Baptists for more than 200 years, and it is still important today! Winning the lost is still the number one priority.

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 November 18, 2012**

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### Executive Secretary Todd Smith's Schedule

#### July

- 1 First FWB Church, Darlington
- 1 McLeod Hospital – Rev. Neil Hinson
- 1 New Prospect FWB Church, Pamplico
- 2 Close out financial books for June
- 3 Conway Area Minister Breakfast
- 8 Bethel FWB Church, Florence
- 10 Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast
- 10 Funeral – Father of Danny Johnson (clerk, EC)
- 14 Central Association Meeting
- 15-19 NAFWB Convention – Memphis, TN
- 21 Eastern Conference Meeting – Happy Home FWBC
- 22 Camp Branch FWB Church, Scranton
- 26 Beaver Creek Association, Turning Point FWB Church
- 29 Mt. Trolly FWB Church, Galivants Ferry

#### August

- 1 Close out the financial books for the month of July
- 3 Friends of India Board Meeting – Charleston
- 5 Low Country FWB Church, Charleston
- 8 Grace FWB Church, Lake City – Attend Revival
- 12 Mt. Elon FWB Church, Pamplico
- 12 50th Wedding Anniv. – Rev. Jake & Mrs. Betty Creech
- 14 Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast
- 19 Eastside FWB Church, Florence - Homecoming
- 20 FWB Home for Children Feasibility Study Meeting
- 21 Lake City Area Minister Luncheon
- 26 Fairview FWB Church, Spartanburg
- 26 North Spartanburg FWB Church, Boiling Springs

#### September

- 2 Faith FWB Church, Darlington
- 4 Close out financial books for the month
- 9 Lockhart FWB Church, Lockhart
- 11 Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast
- 13-14 Meeting with FWB International Missions – Nashville
- 16 Hickory Hill FWB Church, Gresham - Homecoming
- 18 Lake City Area Minister Luncheon
- 18 Temple FWB Church, Darlington – Master's Men
- 22 Eastern Conference Meeting - Olanta FWB Church
- 23 New Life FWB Church, Conway
- 28 Close out financial books for the month
- 30 High Hill FWB Church, Scranton

#### October

- 2 Conway Area Minister Breakfast
- 7 Landmark FWB Church, Anderson
- 9 Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast
- 13 Central Association Meeting
- 14 Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmons ville
- 16 Lake City Area Minister Luncheon
- 20 True Life Conference Meeting – Pine Grove FWBC
- 21 Lebanon FWB Church – 100 Year Anniversary
- 25 Beaver Creek Association Meeting
- 28 Southside FWB Church, Darlington
- 28 First FWB Church, Florence