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2010 FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS ANNUAL MEETING

"After 42 years, I still enjoy participating in our State Meeting," said Peggy Clyatt. "They just get better every year." This year proved no exception as Dr. H.B. London did a fantastic job at this year's State Meeting, reminding us that we "serve a God of inexhaustible resources." "Encouragement to the Heart" was the theme for this year's meeting and though Dr. London spoke mainly to the pastors who were present, everyone left the meeting with a new purpose in mind: even when it is unpopular to do so, we are called to take a stand for righteousness. "What we do outside the walls of our church is more significant than what we do inside," said Dr. London. He also waved the red flag to remind the pastors and church leaders to keep themselves pure and to live a life of integrity. If you were unable to attend this year's meeting, please visit our State website at www.flafwb.com. Mike Taggart has placed each of Dr. London's sermons on the website for your perusal.



The meeting provided plenty of opportunity for worship, business, and of course, fellowship. Sam McVay, our missionary to Spain, closed the meeting by giving updates from their ministry and from other works around Spain. Bro. Sam reminded us that we are "facing unprecedented opportunities in these difficult financial times" and he commended Florida for being a "liberal state" when it came to giving.

Attendees were indeed encouraged and challenged to remember that this is not the time to retreat! We are real people, serving a real God in a real tough world but "greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world."



Rev. Randy Bryant

Executive Director's Schedule:

May

- 8 Central Association
- 15 Greater St. John's Assoc.

June

- 21-24 Teen Week, Camp Eagle
- 26 South Florida Church Meeting

July

- 10 Salem Association
- 15-22 National Association, Oklahoma City
- 24 Indian River Association, Titusville

WHY THEY STAY *by randy bryant*

Statistics tell us that 70% of young people between the ages of 18-24 will leave the church. While about half of these will return at some point that leaves around 35% that never come back. This seems to be true across the board regardless of the "type" of church they attend.

While attending a recent conference, I heard a speaker share some of the main reasons that young people stay in church. While not totally surprised with the findings, I did discover that some of the more common assumptions as to why they leave were debunked. The percentage of young people who left church involvement because of the lack of youth activities was minuscule. There seems to be very little difference in the percentage of young people who leave the congregation with lots of activities vs. the church with very few activities. In the last decade or so, many have suggested that we are losing our young people because we have not adapted our music to their tastes. Again, the number indicating this as a reason was very small. It appears that the problem exists regardless of what style of music characterizes a church.

Why then do young people choose to stay in church? Three primary reasons stood out. First, young people remain active in church due to the unwavering example of their parents. When parents consistently live out their faith in front of their children, kids take notice. They notice even quicker when they don't. They are impressed by the reality of Christianity played out in front of them day in and day out. Strong biblical teaching was another reason young people indicated they stayed. In a day when some want to venture away from exposition of Scripture, this should be a call not to leave pure biblical teaching. The third reason given by young people dealt with the relevancy of the church to society. When young people saw their congregation impact the community and make a difference in people's lives, they were much more likely to stay in church. It might be through mission trips or various community ministries like crisis pregnancy centers or food and shelter ministries for the homeless, but when young people see that the church makes a difference and is relevant to the world around them, they stay!

Doesn't it always come back to the basics? Live what we believe, teach the Word and really do what God tells us to. Come to think of it, that might just keep the adults involved too!

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Visit us on the Web!

The Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists has a new web address, www.FLAFWB.com. Bro. Mike Taggart has done a wonderful job in creating this website and making it as "user-friendly" as possible. Please take the time to visit the website and keep apprised of what is going on in our denomination and around the state.



Welcome Pastor Ben Hull!

Florida would like to welcome one of our newest pastors to the Chipley area, Rev. Ben Hull, along with his wife, Leslie, and their two sons, Eli and Jonah.

On March 5, 2010, Rev. Hull was ordained at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Chipley, Florida. Rev. Tim Owen, pastor of the Piney Grove FWB Church, gave the ordination charge while Rev. Gary Norton, Ben's father-in-law and pastor of the Liberty FWB Church in Chuckey, Tennessee, preached the ordination sermon. As deacons of the church, Gary Clark, John Pettis and Ed Sweigart served on the ordaining council.



Also in attendance of this blessed event were both of Rev. Hull's parents and his brother, as well as Leslie's parents, grandmother and great-aunt. The Hull's would like to thank their new church family for welcoming them into their congregation.

National Association Sponsors Day of Prayer

On Sunday, July 11, 2010, Free Will Baptists across the country will join together to fast and pray for the 2010 National Convention of Free Will Baptists. Churches are encouraged to emphasize prayer in their services, from music and sermons to organized prayer vigils and prayer chains.

According to Keith Burden, executive secretary, "While we encourage Free Will Baptists to pray for the convention throughout the year, we want to set aside one day where we all join together in a focused effort to pray for this year's meeting." He went on to add, "Prayer is the essential ingredient for a God-honoring convention!"

Convention Prayer Coordinator Danny Phillips added his encouragement. "I encourage everyone to pray faithfully for convention leaders and speakers. The Apostle Paul asked for prayer so when he opened his mouth, he would do so boldly, to 'make known the mystery of the gospel'. I am sure this is true of our convention leaders and speakers as well."

For more suggestions for the Day of Prayer, visit www.onemag.org.

Florida Mission Shares Cup Golf Tournament



Mark your calendars for August 13-14, 2010 and join us for the two-man scramble golf tournament to benefit the Florida Mission Shares Program. The tournament will be held in Crystal River at the Plantation Inn.

The price of the tournament is \$160 per player and includes two rounds of golf, a delicious steak dinner on Friday evening, lodging for one night and breakfast. Mulligans may be purchased for \$5 each with a maximum of two mulligans per player, per round. Reservations must be made no later than July 31, 2010.

Not a great golf player? Don't worry; just remember that no matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse! You can also help raise money by sponsoring a hole for only \$50. Just get out there, have fun, and help raise some money for our Florida missionaries.

Florida Mission Shares Cup Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Church: _____ Partner: _____

Send registration forms to: Florida State Association of FWB, 2156 54th Avenue, Vero Beach, Florida 32966. Call 800-805-8797 for more information.

Churches Seeking Pastors

First FWB – Malone
Contact Jesse Hart
850-569-5006

Directory Update

Rev. Irvin Jennison
Marvin Chapel FWB Church; Marianna

Upcoming Events Around The State

- Junior Bible Camp, "Battle for the High Seas", at Camp Eagle in N. Sumterville, June 28- July 2, 2010. Evangelist Larry Hudson.
- National Convention, "Who Will Go?", Oklahoma City, OK, July 18-21, 2010.
- Teen Bible Camp, "Battle for the High Seas", at Camp Challenge in Sorrento, August 1-6, 2010. Evangelist John Johnson.
- Mission Shares Golf Tournament, Plantation Inn at Crystal River, August 13-14, 2010.
- Christian Workers' Conference, "The Fight of Our Lives", at the Holiday Inn Select in Orlando, September 17-18, 2010 and at the Embassy Suites in Destin, November 5-6, 2010. Dr. David Gibbs, III of the Christian Law Association will be the guest speaker.
- Senior Summit, October 4-6, 2010 in Altamonte Springs. This event will include a trip to the Holy Land Experience and the guest speaker will be Rev. Bert Tippet.
- Palmer Leadership Institute, October 15-16, 2010 in Jacksonville.

Look for more information on these events in upcoming issues or please visit our state website at www.flafwb.com.

EDGMON UPDATE

The Emmaus Way

Recently, in the Alpedrete Church, Tim Johnson spoke on the appearance of Christ on the Emmaus Way.



How amazing it must have been to have Jesus Christ walk beside you, dine with you and explain the scriptures! That is the message that we strive to share with people here in our community. Christ is alive and wants to walk with us in a personal relationship. He

wants to open our eyes through the scriptures to see God and to know Him. Pray for us as we continue to witness to people in the streets, plazas, parks, schools and homes of Alpedrete.

The Roman's Road

During the week following Easter, a young lady who was one of five unsaved in the congregation that day, spoke to her aunt expressing her desire to know about the peace that Christ spoke of to His disciples after His resurrection. We explained the Roman's Road to her and scheduled her to begin discipleship and baptism studies with the Johnson's. We praise the Lord for this young lady's decision! Please pray for her in her new faith as she walks in "the Way" and pray for her husband who is not yet a believer.

The Path to Recovery

According to doctors here in Spain, our daughter Emily will most likely need another knee surgery. She continues to have considerable instability in her knee and, at this point, we have decided to extend her physical therapy for at least another month. When we return to the United States we will seek another opinion from doctors in the Memphis area. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to struggle with this problem.

The Go10 Walk

On April 5th, a historic walk began in Glennville, GA. Laura Belle Barnard, the first international missionary Free Will Baptists sent out, attended the Glennville FWB Church before leaving for India in 1935. The Go10 Walk for the World, is a 2,500-mile walk that covers a route commemorating major events in Barnard's life. The purpose of this walk is to challenge people to consider their role in reaching the nations with the Gospel. Thanks to an anonymous donor this unique walk-a-thon has the potential to raise more than \$1 million dollars to help

share the Gospel with those who have never heard it. So far, there are over 700 walkers participating in this historic event. Please pray for the safety and health of those walking the different segments. Check out the website for more information or to participate: www.go10walk.com.

Thank you for your continuing support,
Anthony and Lea Edgmon



VERLIN AND DEBBIE ANDERSON

Guiding Devotional Thought

The In Touch ministry of Charles Stanley recently broadcast an accurate assessment of God's work in this world. The gods of this world are impatient while our Holy God acts on behalf of those who wait for Him (Is. 64:4)! Live to experience God's best by accepting His timetable, not forcing your own.

Items of Note

Thirteen people from either our church or our daughter church in Siago were baptized recently in Goumere. All completed baptismal or a new converts course.

The women of the Goumere church have elected to be trained in Community Health Evangelism (CHE). The



training will begin with an Awareness Seminar to assess the needs of the community, followed by the family model of CHE which

models blessings given to those who know God. Since deciding to use CHE to reach their community, the Taoudi Christians have cleared their land and completed their new worship center. It is anticipated that training dates will be set after planting season.

Since participating in the West African Transforma-

tional Conference (WATC) during March of this year, both new and experienced FWB leaders have sought out CHE training.

Prayer Requests

The WATC provided firsthand eyewitness accounts of how God has used CHE to sprout multiple church planting movements in Africa. Our FWB leaders met people they could imitate in approach and method. Pray God will grow planted seed thoughts.

Pray for our translation and transitional planning efforts during the coming weeks prior to the Ivorian FWB Leadership Forum. We believe the Lord would have us clearly define the parameters of mission and national church partnership based on the new mission paradigm.

Pray for the renewal of Verlin's nursing license which expired due to slow mail service. We trust God's oversight; however we are concerned for those patients who will need to seek out treatment for hydrocephaly, breast cancer, stroke, ulcers, malnutrition, worms, and malaria. We don't want them to miss our services over a technicality.

Pray for the Go10 walk to support FWBIM ministries. See <http://www.go10walk.com/>.

Thank you for all you do to further His kingdom,
Verlin, Debbie and Corbin Anderson



McVAY UPDATE

We wanted to write this special update to announce that we have both signed up to walk in the Go10 Walk for missions. We will walk on Friday, June 18, in Tennessee, and we both look forward to taking another turn in a different location, but we are just so excited about our first walk!

The Go10 Walk was created to commemorate the 75th anniversary of our mission by honoring our very first missionary, Miss Laura Belle Barnard who went to India 75 years ago. It is a 2,500 mile walk (in 10 mile segments) that



commemorates major steps in her life:

The walk began on April 5th, 2010 at the church in Glennville, GA, where Miss Barnard attended before

answering her call to missionary service;

It continues north to Columbia, SC, where she attended college at Columbia International University;

It travels through Greenville, NC, where she was commissioned for missionary service at the Black Jack FWB Church;

Its northern route stops in New York, NY, where she departed for India on a ship in July, 1935;

It travels back south through Nashville, TN, where she taught at the Free Will Baptist Bible College; and

The grand finale will be in Oklahoma City, OK, at the National Association of FWB during July 2010.

An anonymous donor has pledged to match all monies raised through this walk, up to \$500,000! This gives us a chance to raise over \$1 million dollars in order to share the Gospel with those who have never heard.

Would you be interested in sponsoring one or both of us for this walk? We have set \$500 each as a goal, but are hoping to raise a lot more than that. If you are interested in being a sponsor, you can click on either one of these links:

Sam: <http://www.go10walk.com/sammcvay>

June: <http://www.go10walk.com/spainmcvay>

We'd appreciate so much your consideration in this event as your donation will be doubled and will be used to help spread the Gospel to those who need to hear it.

Your missionaries to Spain,
Sam and June McVay

Christian Workers' Conference 2010

The Christian Ministries Board would like to invite you to participate in this year's Christian Workers' Conference, "The Fight of our Lives," presented by Dr. David Gibbs, III of the Christian Law Association.



More than 40 years ago, the ministry of Christian Law Association effectively began with a phone call from a pastor in Ohio. As a young attorney, David C. Gibbs, III could hardly believe his ears as the pastor relayed how his church was being sued by the state for operating its ministry. As he reviewed the legal documents, Dr. Gibbs was astonished that such a thing could happen in modern America. From that very first case through the present day, God has blessed Dr. Gibbs' commitment to legally help churches, pastors and Christians free of charge.

CLA receives in excess of 100,000 phone calls annually, not counting the thousands of pieces of correspondence from those who are in some way facing legal difficulties for doing what the Bible commands. These cases involve Christians arrested for witnessing to others in public, public school students being told they do not have the right to read their Bibles at school, churches being excluded from communities, Christians being fired for sharing their faith at work, and thousands of other shocking assaults on our precious religious freedoms.

Seminar sessions will cover such topics as, "The Legal State of our Nation," "Fighting for Dear Life," "I'm Going to Sue You," "Uncle Sam Thanks You for Your Estate Donation," and "Free Answers." As an added bonus, all who attend can receive a free will, courtesy of the CLA.

South Conference

September 17-18, 2010
Holiday Inn Select, Orlando

North Conference

November 5-6, 2010
Embassy Suites, Destin

Registration for both seminars is at 6 pm with the conference beginning at 7 pm and concluding at 11:30 am on Saturday. The cost for this year's Christian Workers' Conference is \$55 per person, double occupancy and includes breakfast on Saturday. The registration deadline for the South Florida Conference in Orlando is August 26, 2010. Those attending the North Florida Conference in Destin must register by October 14, 2010. Please complete the following registration form and send it to:

The Christian Ministries Board * 2355 Armadillo Ct. * Cocoa, FL 32926

Christian Workers' Conference Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home Church: _____ Roommate: _____

South Conference, Holiday Inn Select, Orlando (September 17-18)

North Conference, Embassy Suites, Destin (November 5-6)

STATE YOUTH COMPETITION 2010 by abigail faison

While the numbers of competitors in the State Youth Convention were down considerably this year, many students still found themselves facing some tough competition. Even those who were alone in their category didn't have a definite journey to Nationals ahead of them as specific scores were necessary to continue to the next round.

Representing Florida at the National Convention in Oklahoma City, OK are:

Vocal Solo category for age group

A: Cadence Beauchamp
B: Kinsley Kivette
C: Rachel Williams
D: Matthew Berry

Duets, Trios and Quartets category for age group

B: Rejoice; Tampa Quartet
C: Beulah Duet
D: Williams Girls; Williams Girls 4

Vocal Ensembles category are:

B: Tampa Children's Ensemble
D: Tampa Youth Fest Ensemble



Choir category are:

Tampa Children's Choir

Instrumental category for age group

B: Elijah Williams; Sarah Williams
C: Cheryl Bush; John Shavers

Oral Communication category for age group

A: Tampa Troupe; Friends Forever
B: Sister's Duet
C: Kings Kids Puppetry
D: Kristin Trussell; Team Truth; Tampa Duo; Tuppets

Creative Arts category for age group

A: Rebecca Williams; Cadence Beauchamp; Jenna Hall; Brant Wenger; Noah Davis; and Gaberial Durazo
B: Sarah Williams; Elijah Williams; Elizabeth Durazo
C: Rachel Williams; Emily Allen; Caleb Saunders
D: Hannah Williams; Amanda Cain; Courtney Pennington

Bible Memorization category for age group

A: Cadence Beauchamp; Riley Skiles; Kyla Kivette
B: Elijah Williams; Taylor Pate; Sarah Williams
C: Rachel Williams; Alex Andrews

Bible Millionaire category are:

Abundant Riches; Beulah's Millionaires



Bible Sword Drill category are:

Margie Trussell; Sarah Trussell; Connor Duncan

Bible Tic Tac Toe category are:

Faith Chapel Tic Tac Toe Team; Beulah Tic Tac Toe

Bible Bowl category are:

Faith Chapel Bible Bowl Team

