

Wilson Student Center Groundbreaking Ceremony



Congratulations to the FFWBC of Seffner as they celebrated a groundbreaking ceremony on April 26, 2015 for their new facility, the Wilson Student Center. This new center will house their youth Sunday school and worship services, as well as their youth activities.

Pastor Will Beauchamp opened the ceremony with an official ribbon cutting, honoring the Wilson Family while Youth Pastor, Johnny Saunders, shared from Proverbs 29:18 on the necessity of "having a vision". The Wilson Family and church staff then

participated in the groundbreaking by tossing the first shovelfuls of dirt into the construction area. Associate Pastor, Roger Duncan II, closed the service with a prayer of thanks and blessing over the new building.

When completed, the youth center sanctuary will seat over 150 students and the entire facility will be nearly 8,000 sq. feet. Please pray for the FFWBC of Seffner as construction begins on this new building that will serve as a tool to reach and teach young people the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



FL Welch College Graduates and Provost's List Students

The spring 2015 semester at Welch College ended with three students from Florida receiving academic recognition, placing them on the Provost's List: Senior Courtney Pennington, Sophomore Garrett Saunders and Freshman Caleb Saunders. The following students also graduated this past spring: Courtney Pennington of Tampa graduated this year with a degree in Exercise Science; Cody Truett from Dover graduated with a degree in General Christian Ministries and Kristin Trussell from Seffner graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Psychology. We are very proud of your hard work!

Camino de Gracia Dedication Ceremony

by Yoan Chirino

Taking part in a dedication service of a building used to worship the King of Kings is something I never thought I would do! As a follower of Christ who was born in Cuba, it seems a thing of fiction to be able to buy or build a church. The communist government does not allow the construction or purchase of a building for the purpose of worship. This is why it was so extraordinary to celebrate the dedication of our new church building in Melbourne on June 28, 2015. With the partnership of the Florida State Mission Board, our church was able to acquire this new property, complete with sanctuary, educational space, playground and a picnic area for outdoor activities. It truly is an "all-in-one" building; however our church members have put in many full days of hard work to get our new property ready. On the day of the dedication service, there were 60 people in attendance.

During our dedication service, some of us in attendance were speechless. We are so thankful to the Lord for this blessing. During the service, a short film was shown, chronicling the history of our church from its beginning in the youth classrooms of the Graceway FWB Church. While watching the film, two scenes jumped into my mind. First, the prophet Samuel, taking a stone and setting it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named the memorial "Ebenezer", saying, "thus far the Lord has helped us" (1 Samuel 7:12). Secondly, my mind flashed back to the time when I had just arrived to this wonderful country and I was struck by fear of the unknown; not knowing if I could continue my pastoral ministry. Where would I go to serve the Lord? It was then that God reminded me of His promise in Jeremiah: "For I know the plans I have for you..." (Jeremiah 29:11). That small portion of the text was enough to give me the faith and confidence I needed to proceed.



It has been almost seven years since that day, and with conviction I can say that I have seen with my own eyes how God has been our helper. I have been watching His amazing plans unfold for not only my life but for our young congregation as well. Our dedication service was spectacular! Every song, every prayer, every testimony extolled the infinite goodness of our God! We are very excited about our new church property as we realize what a big step this is for us on the road to becoming self-supporting. Please keep us in your prayers to the Lord as it is our goal to reach more souls for Christ and to teach them the only way to eternal life.

2015 Seniors' Summit

The Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists is providing a retreat for the senior citizens within our State. This is an opportunity to share with other seniors from across the State in times of worship and fellowship and it is designed to be a time of relaxing, sightseeing, and learning. The special outing for this year will be a carriage tour of horse farms in the Ocala area provided by Horse Country Carriage Company.

This year's Seniors' Summit will meet at the Holiday Inn in Ocala on October 12-14, 2015.

The retreat will begin at 7:00 pm with worship service on Monday evening and will conclude at noon on Wednesday. The cost for the retreat is \$230 per couple (\$200 for single occupancy) and includes lodging for two nights, daily breakfast buffet, coffee breaks, the horse farm and tour/lunch and all seminars. A \$125 deposit is requested at time of registration.



Rev. Joe Jones, who has served as a pastor in Alabama and college professor/drama instructor at Welch College, will be the speaker for this year's retreat. Bro. Jones has directed the Evangel Players Drama Team for many years at the college and he will be sharing some dramatic selections, both humorous and serious, during this year's retreat. Please visit our state website at www.flafwb.com for more information.





Lasting Impressions

by Randy Bryant - Executive Director - cell: 772-696-3409

Can you imagine a country where 85% of the population acknowledge that they have never met a Christian? You may be thinking it's a Muslim country, or a small third world country where this is the case. Would you be surprised to learn that this statistic is true in one of the most technologically advanced countries in the world? Japan.

Recently, Diana and I had the privilege of visiting our missionaries in the Tokyo area. Thanks to Ryanwood Fellowship and the Indian River Association Mission Board, we were able to interact with our missionaries, take them to dinner and offer some encouragement. We had the privilege of staying with our long-time friends, Donnie and Ruth McDonald, who've been serving in Japan for 29 years. We were blessed to experience much of the culture, worship with our Japanese brothers and sisters, preach during a worship service at the Good News Chapel, work with some English classes, and to share during a "Friendship Hour" conference, teaching on the subject of passing on your faith to the next generation.

As a result of our time there, I came away with a few lasting impressions about Japan. First, my respect and admiration for the labor and heart of our missionaries grew even stronger. In a society where Buddhism and Shintoism is so engrained in their culture, it's a slow process to win the Japanese to Christ and to disciple them. Second, I sensed the great challenges our missionaries face as they live and work in this culture and it created within me a stronger determination to pray for their daily experiences and needs. Third, I came away with a greater appreciation for the Japanese Christians. They are less than 1% of a huge population, but they still worship faithfully, live for Christ, and share their testimony. Finally, I sensed the darkness of a country without Christ and the deep deception that has so many blinded to their real need and to the answers found in Christ.

Will you pray with me that God will bless our missionaries with fruit for their labor and enable the Japanese Christians, most of whom are first generation believers, to pass their faith on to their families and friends that follow them?

2015 Christian Workers' Conference

Please join Dr. Edward E. Moody as he shares powerful insight and practical steps we can use to be prepared to face the corruption in society and yet have a powerful influence for God on the world.

South Conference

October 2-3, 2015
Holiday Inn Select, Orlando
Early Registration Deadline: 9/7
Open Registration Deadline: 9/21

North Conference

November 6-7, 2015
Embassy Suites, Destin
Early Registration Deadline: 10/5
Open Registration Deadline: 10/19



Registration for both seminars is at 6 pm with the conference beginning at 7 pm and concluding at noon on Saturday. Please visit our state website at www.flafwb.com for pricing information and to register.

Executive Director's Schedule

August

- 1 Greater St. John's Association
- 8 Central Assoc. Sebring
- 14-15 Mission Shares Golf Tourney

September

- 11 West FL. Assoc.
- 16-18 D6 Conference Louisville

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Upcoming Events



- **Mission Shares Golf Tournament**
August 14-15, 2015
- **Christian Workers' Conference (CWC)**
October 2-3, 2015 in Orlando
- **Seniors' Summit**
October, 12-14, 2015 in Ocala
- **Christian Workers' Conference (CWC)**
November 6-7, 2015 in Destin
- **Ministers' Retreat**
January 18-23, 2016 aboard the
Princess Emerald

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