

# FLORIDA

# Coordinator

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Thank you for Celebrating 72 Years of Ministry

at the 2016 State Meeting

Discipleship...Closing the Back Door

This year's State Meeting marked 72 years of ministry and focused on the theme of discipleship. It was held on April 27-30, 2016 at the Jacksonville Marriott. Attendees were treated to several fantastic guest speakers, including Rev.



Tim Owen, Pastor of the Piney Grove FWB Church in Chipley; Rev. Ron Hunter, Director of Randall House Publications; and Rev. Mac Brunson, Pastor of First Baptist in Jacksonville. During his sermon on Wednesday evening, Rev.



Owen reminded attendees that we should be very careful not to have only a "Facebook Faith." Our belief in Jesus Christ, and our actions stemming from that belief, need to run deeper.



The meeting provided plenty of opportunity for worship, business, and of course, fellowship and the State Youth Competition was as exciting as always! Congratulations to all of our participants for your hard work and dedication.

Please visit our state website at [www.flafwb.com](http://www.flafwb.com) for competition results and if you were unable to attend this year's meeting, Mike Taggart has also placed each of this year's messages on the website for your listening pleasure.



# Change in the Florida Mission Shares Program



Following a vote at the State Meeting in Jacksonville this past April, it was decided that the Florida Mission Shares Program would immediately return to the previous process of using designated support for the missionaries that have ties to Florida, with 50% of monies designated going to International Missions and the other 50% going to our State Mission projects. This reversal took effect immediately for the remainder of 2016 and will affect all future funds designated for our Mission Shares Plan of Support.

## Help Wanted!

The New Life FWBC in Kissimmee is seeking a piano player and song leader for its church. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Charles Garrett at 863-640-4008.

## PB&J and Jesus

"Peanut Butter and Jelly and JESUS" is a bible study concept created by Pastor Robby Entrekin and the FFWBC of Panama City, proving that there is not just one way to share the gospel; sometimes you have to get creative!

When Pastor Entrekin accepted the pastorate at the FFWBC of Panama City in May of 2015, the average church attendance was 6-10 people during the Sunday morning service. He challenged the attendees to not just go to church, but to be the church, and that small group of faithful saints responded.



Following that sermon, the church started a bible study on Wednesday nights called "Peanut Butter and Jelly and JESUS" which consists of a thirty minute bible study followed by a time of fellowship dedicated to making 100 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. The sandwiches, and the good news of Jesus Christ, are then distributed by church members around downtown Panama City to the homeless.

So what can a PB&J do when you share it in the name of Jesus? Just ask Christopher and Rachel who were provided one of those PB&J sandwiches in late April and accepted Jesus Christ later that evening. The young couple, who had been living on the streets, were baptized, started attending church, and were able to move into their own home. They now help make the sandwiches each week. The small church that had only 6-10 people attending its services as recently as last year is now blessed to welcome an average of 67 attendees! Christ Jesus is calling His people to not just go to church, but to BE the church!





## A Modern Day Barnabas

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

Friday morning of the Florida State Association meeting began with some heart-breaking news for those gathered for our Missions Service. Word came that one of my heroes in our denomination had suddenly gone to be with the Lord. Dr. Jack Williams is best known for his ministry as the former editor of *Contact Magazine*, Executive Assistant for our Executive Office and our National Association's Convention Manager. He was a pastor, a college professor, a conference speaker, meeting planner and historian, and a committed Dodger fan. And while Jack was an excellent speaker, you couldn't be around him very long before you discovered his greatest gift: he was one of the greatest encouragers I have ever been around. If you were around him for five minutes, or for five hours, you would come away encouraged. He encouraged me in the pastorate but he also encouraged me to develop my skills as a meeting planner and pursue the CMP designation. Jack would often use his editorial skills to edit my minutes of the National Executive Committee and of the National Association meeting and even though he would 'bleed' all over them with red ink, he would always do so while offering encouragement for the task at hand.

While Barnabas, the son of encouragement, was the Scriptural example of using the gift of encouragement to impact people's lives, it was Jack Williams that exemplified that quality in our present day. I was blessed to consider him a mentor and a friend and he will certainly be missed throughout our denomination. May God give us more encouragers like him.

### Executive Director's Schedule

#### JULY

9 Salem Association  
Sneads

15-21 National Meeting  
Kansas City

30 Indian River Assoc.

Okeechobee

#### AUGUST

4 Camp SonShine (teens)

13 Central Association  
Seffner

19-20 Mission Shares

Golf Tourney

Crystal River

## "I Surrender All" - review of the FWAC 2016 at the State Meeting

Using the theme "I Surrender All", Florida Women Active for Christ met at the Jacksonville Marriott April 28-29 in conjunction with the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists. We heard from Joel and Lydie Teague twice, and got to know them during a reception for all women attending the State Meeting, a luncheon, and our missions worship service on Friday morning. Everyone enjoyed hearing about their ministry in France and getting acquainted with their family.

During the business meeting on Friday morning, we heard reports noting that FWAC gave a total of \$6868 to missions, and that we were #2 in the nation in per capita giving! Florida women decided to take on a project of raising \$1000 for the Teague's account over the next year and we also sent an offering to WNAC for the general fund.

## Send your Best Golf Players!

Mark your calendars for August 19-20, 2016 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 for this year's tournament is \$175 per player and includes two rounds of golf, a delicious steak dinner on Friday, 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 August 1, 2016. You can also help us raise money by sponsoring a hole for only \$50. Call (800) 805-8797 for more information or you can visit our website at [www.flafwb.com](http://www.flafwb.com) to register. Hope to see you there!

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- National Convention, July 17-20 - Kansas City
- Mission Shares Golf Tournament, Aug. 19-20  
Crystal River
- Christian Workers' Conf. Sep. 16-17 - Orlando
- Seniors' Summit, October 17-19
- CWC, November 4-5 - Destin

For information about upcoming events  
visit the State Website  
[flaFWB.com](http://flaFWB.com)

## Coming Soon Going Digital ...All the Way!

In an effort to be more cost-effective, beginning in 2017, The Florida Coordinator will only be made available to you through email. At this time, we are asking all pastors and church secretaries to compile a list of names and email addresses of people within your church who would like to continue to receive The Coordinator newsletter via email. Please send that list, along with any updates as they become available, to Chrissy Kinney, Editor, at [mckinney2@live.com](mailto:mckinney2@live.com) with "GOING DIGITAL" in the subject line. Please be advised that paper copies of the newsletter will be discontinued as of January 2017. As always, you can also access our newsletter on-line at [www.flafwb.com](http://www.flafwb.com).

