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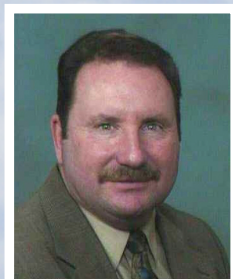
FLORIDA STATE MINISTRIES HONOR TOM COLLINS

A highlight at the State Meeting this year was the honoring of Tom Collins for his many years of faithful service to our Association. Bro. Tom served as Treasurer of the State Mission Board from 1986 to 2010 and as Treasurer/Bookkeeper of the State Association from 1993 to 2010. He also served as a Mission Board member from 1986 to 2004. This faithful servant has found it necessary to step down due to the health of his beloved wife, Lucille.



During the evening worship service on Thursday, April 29th, the Florida State Association and the Florida Mission Board presented Bro. Tom with a plaque, recognizing his years of service and his commitment to the task. In recognition of his financial guidance and contributions, the Florida Mission Board also instituted the Tom Collins Scholarship at Free Will Baptist Bible College. This \$250 per semester scholarship will be given to a deserving business student at the college.

Bro. Tom, we appreciate your service, your integrity, your commitment and your Christian example through all these years. You will be missed!



Rev. Randy Bryant

Executive Director's Schedule:

July

- 10 Salem Association - Blountstown
- 16-21 National Assoc. - Oklahoma City
- 24 Indian River Assoc. - Titusville

August

- 1-5 Camp Sonshine - Sorrento
- 9-10 State Directors' Meeting - Tifton, GA
- 13-14 Mission Shares Golf Tournament - Crystal River

September

- 10 West Florida Association
- 17-18 Christian Workers' Conf. - Orlando
- 25 Alabama Children's Home Board Mtg.

IT'S ABOUT PEOPLE by randy bryant

Several years ago, when my children were in their early teens, our annual state meeting took place at a hotel. When the kids got bored with the business session, they decided to go outside and play some volleyball on the hotel's volleyball court. As they were playing, the hotel's sales director noticed they were playing by themselves. She stopped what she was doing and went outside to play with them, realizing one basic principle about the hotel business - it's not really about the sales or the marketing, it's about people.

How often do we forget that in ministry? We have so many tasks, programs and functions that we often forget about people. I am very much "task oriented" and much of my focus is on getting those tasks accomplished. So much so, that without reminders, I could overlook some ministry opportunities with people. Recently, two events took place to remind me that ministry is about people not just projects. A few months ago I was walking into Wal-Mart to pick up a few items when an elderly lady called out to me and asked if I could help her. Her car would not start and she didn't know what to do. Eventually, I helped her call for a tow truck, took her home, helped her put her groceries away and yes, she had to tell me her life story, introduce me to her cat and show me around the house before I could leave. About a week later, I noticed an older couple in a parking lot with a flat tire. They looked somewhat bewildered, so I stopped to help. Turns out they did not know how to use these "newfangled" jacks and needed help with the tire. I changed it, we talked for a while, and I was on my way. Each of these instances certainly put a dent in my schedule for that afternoon, but they were reminders of what ministry is really all about.

The old joke is "ministry would not be too bad if it weren't for people." Of course, we all know there would be no ministry if it were not for people. With sermon preparation, planning, programs, meetings and schedules, it's easy to overlook the real purpose of ministry - people! "Lord, in all my busyness, help me not to forget to do my best to meet the needs of the people You put in my path!"

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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.

WNAC Announces Nominee for Executive Director

The Executive Committee of Women Nationally Active for Christ has selected Elizabeth Hodges of Hendersonville, TN to be the nominee for Executive Director/ Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Elizabeth has twenty-eight years of experience in education working with both children and adults and has completed two post-graduate degrees. She has a M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education and an Ed.S. in Administration and Supervision.



She is married to Rev. Edward (Eddie) Hodges, pastor of the Hendersonville FWB Church and they have three grown children, Samuel, Stephen, and Sarah. Elizabeth was a stay-at-home mom for seven years while her children were young; however when they started school, she reentered the education sector. She has served twelve years as an elementary school principal, and having previously served nineteen years in the Cumberland District of Tennessee as either President or Vice-President, she brings a lifetime of experience in WNAC to the ministry.

Florida's 2010 FWBBC Graduates

Congratulations to Tricia Enger (Pace), John and Jared Owen (Chipley) and Katie Peterson (McDavid) for keeping your chin up and finishing the task that was set before you!

On May 7th, these four outstanding young adults participated in commencement exercises at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. All students at FWBBC major in Biblical Studies, in addition to other majors, minors, or ministry emphases. Both the college and the state of Florida commend you for a job well done!

Tricia Enger, who made the Provost's List ("B" Honor Roll), graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration; John Owen, who also made the Provost's List, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Education; Jared Owen graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education; and Katie Peterson graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. On May 19th, Katie also traveled to South India where she spent ten days ministering, participating in and experiencing first-hand this very different culture. She plans to begin a master's degree in English this fall.

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.

Upcoming Events Around The State

- 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 Tippett.
- 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.



Churches Seeking Pastors

Directory Update

Rev. Jim Tolbert

First FWB Church; Scottsmoor
1755 Ayshire Drive
Titusville, FL 32796
321-383-7971

Rev. Reggie Palmer – NEW ADDRESS!

Christian Home FWB Church; Bartow
1450 Hackl Blvd.
Bartow, FL 33830

Rev. Phil Dillon – NEW PHONE NUMBER!

Lake Hamilton FWB Church; Lake Hamilton
863-258-1754



EDGMON UPDATE

Go for the Gold

Spaniards celebrate May 15th as the patron saint day of Madrid. Included among the festivities of this local holiday were bullfights, parades and the "Evangelical Olympics." Some thirty-five churches, mostly from the Madrid province, gathered together for fellowship and to cheer on the competitors. We are pleased to report



that eighteen children represented the Alpedrete Church in several events and brought home two silver medals and two bronze

medals. Please pray for these kids as they press on and grow in the knowledge of Christ so that they may win the "imperishable crown."

Three-Legged Race

On April 30th – May 2nd, the 48 attendees of our annual church retreat enjoyed fellowship and team-oriented games. One of the games that we played was a version of the three-legged race, except that each team had five or six people instead of only two. We had to race to the other side of the court working together... "being of the same mind". Coincidentally, this was also the theme of our retreat. While we realize that there is a diversity of people in the church, we must find ways to work together as one body to glorify Christ and do the work of the ministry. We ask that you pray that our congregation here will seek to serve the body of Christ as they reach the world for Christ.

Thank you for your continuing support,
Anthony and Lea Edgmon

VERLIN AND DEBBIE ANDERSON

Whew! May was a very busy month for us! After more than sixty work hours of preparing and participating in the Ivorian FWB Leadership Forum in mid-May, we headed to Abidjan for two weeks packed full with work.

Right before we were to leave Abidjan, Verlin ate some spoiled sardines and became violently ill for a day.

God healed, and we headed back north for our scheduled meetings. Armed with strong antibiotics, Verlin headed off to Bouna to immerse the 5th Ivorian Bible Institute class in Community Health Evangelism principles.

On June 17th – 20th, after spending four days at home,

Verlin drove to the remote village of Taoudi where he was able to share the CHE Vision. Twelve interested believers and an itinerant pastor completed the introductory training with enthusiasm and appreciation. Before the year is through, they anticipate forming a team of eight to twelve trainers. We are eager to see how the Lord will use their outreach and we invite you to pray with us for the healing of a regional schism of Christian brothers.



Verlin met with the ordination committee the following Tuesday. Throughout the prior months, this particular candidate meeting demanded more than thirty-five hours of preparation in reading and research. However, the six hour meeting ended in delayed acceptance of the candidate until further clarification of his doctrinal understandings.

In the meantime, Debbie not only held down the fort at home, but has expanded its outreach! This past Sunday afternoon, she had an introductory meeting with the ladies of the Goumere FWB church and began their training using CHE activities for home visits. Both she and Alice anticipate addressing physical needs lessons interspersed with biblical instruction in order to help the women improve health in their homes and enable them to reach out to their neighbors. Debbie spent over forty hours proofreading and correcting French translations of various materials necessary in the field. She also spent countless hours getting nearly 100 English CHE lessons ready for use in French, supervising the re-entry of Sunday School material for a TEE course and home schooling Corbin, all while keeping up with her normal household duties and chores! You women know what that is like!

Thank you for all you do. Your partnership sustains us and He is faithful to hear and answer!

Verlin, Debbie and Corbin Anderson

McVAY UPDATE

We are within a month of returning to Spain. Every time this happens, we have mixed feelings. While we have been in the States, we have missed Spain and all our friends there; however, while we've been here, we have

enjoyed traveling and seeing so many of you! So, we will thoroughly miss seeing all of you, but at the same time, we will be glad to be back in Spain.

Please be in prayer for us as we return to Spain. Since we've been away for six months, we will need time to renew our friendships there, as well as to set up house-keeping again. We will also be getting back into the work and figuring out what programs to continue, as well as what things would enhance the ministry in Spain. We do plan to work with all of our pastors and leaders to give them encouragement, offer our assistance when needed, and to do all we can to help further the spread of the Gospel.

In June, we were involved with the training of E-TEAM. Nine teams of teens and their leaders went to Brazil, Uruguay, Panama, Japan, Mexico, Cuba, St. Croix and Chicago to help in the ministries there. There were so many positive comments and several reports of people who gave their lives to Christ!

We will be heading to the National Association in Oklahoma City on July 18th -21st and we are excited to have a few Spaniards who are coming to the conference to participate in the 75th Anniversary of the mission. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Thanks to all of you who continue to support us with your prayers, finances, and encouragement. We could not do what we do without you. May God bless each and every one!

Your Missionaries To Spain,
Sam & June McVay



HISPANIC MISSION UPDATE from West Palm Beach

Please join with us in praising our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the wonderful news coming out of the Iglesia Bautista Libre Missionary Church in West Palm Beach. Pastor Andrés Sancho has reported that June was their highest attendance month since the beginning of their ministry there in West Palm Beach. They are reporting an average attendance of 65 people!

They would also like to thank the Lord for the many visitors to their church from around the world, including Perú, Guatemala and Cuba.

The church was recently blessed with a donation of an electric drum kit and it seems, by His design, one of their Cuban members is a drum player! They also have a wonderful 22-year-old piano player to assist during the worship portion of their services. This young man is not a member of the church; however he is looking for a place where he can worship with his mother. Please pray for this church as it continues to grow and reach the lost for Jesus Christ.

Temple FWB Announces New Ministry

In their continuing efforts to reach as many people as possible with the Good News of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Pastor Jeff Shaver and Temple FWB Church in Winter Garden have launched a brief weekly devotion on YouTube. Please take a moment to visit this website, <http://www.youtube.com/user/PastorJeffShaver>, and drop a line to Pastor Shaver to let him know what you think. This ministry is a work in progress but the Lord has promised us that His Word would not return void. Thank you, Temple FWB and Pastor Shaver for your faithful dedication in fulfilling your role in The Great Commission!



2010 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.

This year's Seniors' Summit will meet at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs, Florida and will run from October 4-6, 2010. The retreat will begin at 7:00 pm with a Worship Service on Monday evening and will conclude at noon on Wednesday. The schedule is as follows:



Monday, October 4
Worship Service ~ 7:00 pm
(Fellowship time following)

Tuesday, October 5
Devotion ~ 8:30-9:30 am
Holy Land Experience
Dinner on Own
Worship Service ~ 7:00 pm
"Singspiration" following the service

Wednesday, October 6
Testimonial Service ~ 9:00-9:45 am
Devotion ~ 10:00-11:00 am
Departure

Rev. Bert Tippett will be the speaker for this year's retreat and will be preaching during the evening services, as well as sharing his testimony during the Tuesday and Wednesday morning sessions. Bro. Tippett served many years as the Director of Church Relations and Publications at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The Tuesday activity will include an excursion to the Holy Land Experience where you will be able to experience some events and truths found in Scripture. The Bible comes alive through skillful teaching, drama and much more!

Music for the worship services will be led by Charlie Elliott who will be organizing a special time of singing after the Tuesday evening service. We invite anyone who sings to share your talent with us during this time. Make sure to bring your music or tape for this special time. In addition to the preaching services, there will be a testimonial time during the Wednesday morning session. This will give everyone the opportunity to share how God is working in their lives and in their church.

The cost for this year's Seniors' Summit is \$240 per couple (\$200 for single occupancy), which includes lodging for two nights, daily breakfast buffets and coffee breaks, entrance into the Holy Land Experience scheduled for Tuesday, and the cost of the scheduled seminars & sessions throughout the retreat. A deposit of \$100 per room is requested when you register and registration must be made no later than September 13, 2010. Payment should be made by check, payable to the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists (FSA FWB).

To Register Visit FLAFWB.com

PALMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE DEVELOPING SERVANT LEADERS

The Palmer Leadership Institute contains six modules, presented in three sessions, to help pastors and leaders develop their ministries. Through a process of instruction, coaching and mentoring, each participant will be equipped and encouraged to lead and develop a healthy, Christ-honoring, growing church.

What makes the Institute unique?

- It is designed specifically for Free Will Baptist ministers and leaders;
- It meets a pastor at his current leadership skill level and helps him to become a more effective leader;
- The coaching and mentoring elements aid both the leader and their church in becoming stronger, healthier and more effective;
- The peer interaction facilitates accountability, networking, fellowship, encouragement and it develops a sense of belonging;
- Each participant will be encouraged to teach the concepts which they have learned in order to mentor and coach others.

The six instruction modules include "Renewing the Spiritual Leader," "Developing a Healthy Church," "Organizing for Growth and Ministry," "Becoming a Godly Leader and Communicator," "Understanding and Dealing with Conflict and Change," "Developing Leaders within your Congregation."

Dr. Douglas Earls, pastor of Calvary Chapel FWB Church in Buffalo, Missouri is the facilitator for this year's Institute. Under his influence, Calvary Chapel has experienced significant numerical growth. As the founder and facilitator of the Palmer Leadership Institute, he presents leadership training in the nation of Panama each year and he is assisting in the development of a new seminary in Chame.

This year's Institute will meet at the Courtyard by Marriott in Jacksonville, Florida on October 15-16, 2010. The sessions will begin on Friday afternoon at 3:00 pm and the cost is \$50 per person.

To Register Visit FLAFWB.com

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.



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.

To Register Visit FLAFWB.com