

# N C F W B NEWS

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## From Billy's Desk

*My first newsletter of year 2009 is going to concentrate on two areas: financing of the Promotional Office and up-dating our web-site. Bro. Doug Western has written a letter explaining some of the changes to the web-site. It was cheaper to print this as part of this newsletter than to do a second mail out. Bro. Doug will pattern our web-site after the one he has done for South Carolina. To compare the two go to [ncfwb.org](http://ncfwb.org) and [scfwb.org](http://scfwb.org). There will be much more information on the new site. Please bear with us as we begin the transformation.*

*The financing of the Promotional Office is yet another challenge. While our total income to the office totaled over \$110,000.00 this year, we did not meet our budget or our needs. We all know that our world is going through a tough time financially. All our organizations are feeling the results. Our offices in Nashville are reducing personnel, our Children's Homes are cutting expenses and our churches are pinching pennies. This is affecting my office as well.*

*While our total income was over \$110,000.00 over \$34,000.00 went to something other than the office. That left about \$78,000.00 toward a budget of \$90,000.00. Some areas of the budget could be cut while others had no room for reduction. I will share some more facts and figures later. Let me just say here that we must all pull together, if this office is to continue to operate. This has not been true in the past.*

*Of the 177 churches in the State Association, only 67 gave an offering to the office. Add to those 10 individuals or families, 10 local chapters of WAC and 5 associations and you see where the support came from. If only 10 churches had given \$10.00 per week this year, all expenses that needed to be spent could have. I determined at the first of the year that I would not spend more than came in. No one told me to do that nor did anyone ask me to do that. It was a choice I made on my own. I say that because the vast majority of the lack of funds affected my compensation. I am not complaining. I am only encouraging you to try to do better this year.*

*I am still trying to get e-mail addresses so this newsletter can be sent less expensively. Send me your address if you are willing to be changed-over. I still would like for the pastor to make copies available to their church members. Each one I mail costs about \$.50. That comes to \$6.00 per year. This will also enable me to send out urgent prayer requests which Bro. Jim Marcum has been more than willing to do in the past. My thanks to him again for helping me during our transition.*



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Dear Pastor,

I just wanted to drop you a note to let you know that exciting things are coming for your North Carolina Free Will Baptist State website. I will be working with Billy Keith to give the NCFWB website a makeover. The new site will give you access to everything that you need to stay informed and up to date with the happenings in our FWB churches all across this great state. The new site will include an online directory of all of the NCFWB churches and will have links to all of those that currently have websites. In addition once the site is up and running, we will be including informational pages for all churches that do not currently have a website. These pages will include a picture of the church, a picture of the pastor, the church address, service times, contact information, and an interactive map. The new site will also include a "what's happening" page where NCFWB churches will be able to list upcoming events and general announcements. Also included will be information such as the state constitution, state leader's contact information, conference meeting schedules, helpful forms, and helpful links. Our goal is to provide you with everything you need to help you and your ministry. In order to make this a reality, we need your help. Here is a list of the information we need from you.

1. We need the physical address for your church
2. We are asking each church that currently has their own website to send us that information so that we may provide a link for those searching for your church.
3. If you do not have a website we need the following information from you – the name of the church & pastor, service times, a current picture of the pastor, and a picture of the church.
4. Please send all information to Doug at [westernwebweaver@yahoo.com](mailto:westernwebweaver@yahoo.com) or mail it to:  
Doug Western, 1905 Cherokee Trail, Sanford, NC 27332

Having a page for each of our churches will take a while so they will be created as the information is received. These are informational pages and not church websites. We are looking for the launch of the new state site to take place in January. Keep an eye online for this new tool for your ministry, [www.ncfwb.org](http://www.ncfwb.org). I look forward to working with you as we seek to expand our opportunities to spread the gospel.

Thanks  
Doug Western