



Convention of Original Free Will Baptists Christian Education Ministry

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TO: All Pastors, Ministers, Sunday School Superintendents, and Others
From: Gail Heath, Executive Director, OFWB Christian Education Ministry
RE: Annual LIFE Conference, Sunday School Month Continuing Education
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How quickly a year passes. I know for some of you as individuals and within your churches this year may have brought about many changes, but there is one thing along with the love of our Great God and Savior Jesus Christ that has not changed and that is our appreciation to every church, auxiliary and individual for your support through prayer, thoughts, concerns and monetary gifts during this past year. This is so very important as we continue to expand the work of the Christian Education Ministry to meet the needs of all our people. As you explore this package please be sure to look at everything we have enclosed and **share each item with your church**. Please be sure to fill out the SS Report and send it back in whether your church attends the LIFE Conference or not. **Information on this form such as SS attendance and addresses are often used for various reasons throughout our denomination.**

This packet may be smaller than in previous years but with the increase in postage, we are trying to be wise and know that you will take the opportunity to visit our website to find the details of upcoming events and training.

Sunday, February 25, 2024 has been designated as SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY. We would like for your church to put forth extra effort on this day and throughout February to celebrate your Sunday School and it's workers. **We would also like to encourage you to receive a special offering for the work of the Christian Education Ministry on this Sunday.** As the ministry expands its programs, more financial resources are needed to meet the ever increasing needs of our people. God continues to open doors of opportunity as we explore different avenues of service. One thing that we have added back into our budget is an Annual Sunday School Banquet, where the 2024 Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent will be recognized. We will also offer again this year to each conference within our denomination, additional Sunday School Teacher training. This year's training will be "Teaching to Transform, Not Inform". We are looking for a church in each conference to host this training. Please contact us if your church is willing. There will be very little cost to the host church and we will do all preparations and clean up.

We would also like to take this opportunity to share information concerning the annual **LIFE Conference on Saturday, March 2, 2024**. **This year's conference will be held at Stoney Creek OFWB Church, 752 Stoney Cree Church Rd. Goldsboro, NC.** The theme for the Conference is "**M:28 Mission Possible**", based on the Great Commission that is found in Matthew 28. Our keynote speaker this year will be the **Reverend Dr. John Hill. You will want to make sure ALL Church Leaders, including Pastors attend this year's conference.** There will be lots of specialized training for Sunday School Teachers, Youth Workers, Church Leadership and lay persons. There will be something for everyone. **Be sure to bring your teens. They will assemble under the direction of Reverend Anderson Barnes. There will also be activities for children ages 4-11. Opening assembly will begin sharply at 8:50 a.m. in the sanctuary. There will be someone at registration to take children and teens to designated areas.**

Look for the signs as you enter the church campus for location of registration. Juice, coffee and water will be served in the registration area as you arrive. Several vendors, as well as Cross and Crown Bookstore, will be on hand for you to visit with and will have materials for Sunday School work, VBS, youth work, men's and women's work, Bible studies and much more.

Descriptions of the workshops will be available prior to the conference through the headquarters and through our web site at www.ofwbchristianeducation.org. You can also find registration material, information about other events and ideas for your Sunday School on our website.

The registration fee will be \$5.00 for children ages 4-11, \$25.00 for individuals ages 12 and up with a **maximum cost for the church to be no more than \$125.00**. Registration fees will cover all class materials, breakfast items and lunch. **Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. and the conference will conclude at 2:45 p.m. If at all possible please send in the enclosed Registration/Report form prior to the conference.** If it cannot be completed before the Conference, we are asking that it be brought, along with the registration fee, to the Conference, however if you could call or email us with the number attending it would be helpful in the registration process. **PLEASE ALLOW ONE PERSON TO DO ALL REGISTERING at the Conference. That person will receive a bag for each attendee.** We have found this procedure to ease the congestion. Registration will be taken at your appropriate Conference tables or at the Pre-Registered table. **Enclosed you will find flyers for the Conference and Rally Day.** Once again, **Please share this information with you church and encourage everyone to attend. Complete the Report Form and the Pre-registration form any time after you receive this and return it to the Christian Education Ministry at 201 W. James St., Mt. Olive, NC 28365 by February 23, 2024.** We need to prepare adequately for food and materials. We are looking forward to seeing each of you at Stoney Creek OFWB Church on **March 2, 2024**.

Come and help us have a wonderful day in the Lord!

**Reminder: We have several bulletins available upon request, especially for SS Rally Day.
Invite us to your church to share with you what this ministry is doing and how we can help you.**