

## SCFWB Update Vol. 1, No. 23

### Opening Remarks:

We closed out the books for the end of July this week and forwarded all of our missions funds to their respective places. Construction is continuing on the new state office in Turbeville. The outside of the building is completely bricked. Interior and exterior doors have been installed. This week, painters have been working on the interior of the building. The following construction projects are on the agenda for the next couple of weeks: 1) finalizing the interior painting, 2) framing and pouring the cement driveway and sidewalks, and 3) building shelves for the Sunday school distribution room and storage area. On Monday and Tuesday of next week, the distribution of Sunday school material for the next quarter will take place here in our Florence office.

I am truly thankful for our South Carolina Free Will Baptist conferences, churches, pastors, and lay people. Partnering with you is a joy in ministry. Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's leadership and guidance in everything we do!

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## **Closing Remarks:**

It will not be long before the summer weeks are over, and young people will be heading back to school. Our young people today are facing extreme amounts of pressure to fit in with the world. They need our prayers and our support. They need guidance and leadership in our churches. And most of all, they need the godly example of holy, Christian living in the home. Last year, my wife and another home school mom attended a Josh McDowell conference in Augusta, GA. She brought back some hand written notes for which I have kept and read frequently. Mr. McDowell stated that teens "used to say, 'If it is true, it will work;' however, they now say, 'If it works, it is true.'" Truth is slowly fading as the pre-eminent factor in guiding their lives. In order for people to accept truth as the primary guiding factor in their life, the teaching of Biblical concepts must start in the home by parents from the cradle age up to adulthood. Moses writes in Deuteronomy 6:4-7: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." For many, family devotions is a thing of the past, but may I encourage all of us to take the time on a daily basis to study God's Word with our children.

If you take a piece of wax, a piece of meat, some sand, some clay, and some shavings and put them over a fire, you will notice that they all will react differently. Each object is being acted upon by the same agent, but the wax melts, the meat fries, the sand dries out, the clay hardens, and the shavings blaze. Just so, under the identical influence of circumstances and environment, one man is made better and becomes stronger, while another becomes weaker, and still another withers away.

This explains why one hears the Word of God and is made better, while another hears the same thing and is made angry, even bitter. It is not so much what is done to us, but what we do with truth that determines our destiny. May we each hunger and thirst after righteousness.

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It's so easy to take for granted the many blessings of life. It's often when we go without these blessings that we realize how thankful we should have been. This week at the State Office, our A/C system went out, and temperatures in the office were in excess of 90-95 degrees. Needless to say when we came in on Thursday morning, we were thankful that the A/C unit had been repaired and that the office temperature was very comfortable considering the outside temperature.

Shelving for the Sunday school distribution and storage room at the new state office building in Turbeville was built this week. Today, vinyl covering is being placed on the roof trim line of the building. We are still projecting October or November as an occupancy time frame. When that time arrives, if your church will be able to help us relocate, it would be greatly appreciated. We'll keep you informed as the time approaches.

Sunday School literature for the next quarter was partially distributed on Monday of this week, and the remainder of the orders will be completed today. We're hoping that our next distribution will be from Turbeville.

On Thursday of next week, I'll be attending a meeting with the SC FWB Home Mission Board in Columbia, and then my family and I will be going to Thomasville, NC on Friday and Saturday of next week to attend the Palmetto Conference meeting.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We appreciate your faithfulness to the Lord's work.

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### **Closing Remarks: "EAGLE'S NEST"**

The eagle is one of the largest and most powerful birds in the world. Some eagles weigh as much as 12 or 13 pounds and have a wingspan of about seven feet.

The nests of eagles are called eyries. They are built mainly of sticks and are often lined with fresh green leaves while they are being used. Once a year, the female lays one or two eggs, and they are carefully tended, sometimes even by the male eagle, until they hatch, in about 40 days. Both parents then guard the nest and take food to the young.

At about 11 or 12 weeks, a curious thing happens. If the eaglets have not ventured forth on their own, the parent eagle "stirs" or rocks the nest, tipping the eaglets out! The young eaglets flap about in panic, still novices at this flying business. The parent eagle hovers watchfully, waiting for the critical moment. With wings spread wide, the eagle then swoops down underneath the eaglet and delivers it back to the security of the eyry.

God doesn't want us to get comfortable with where we are spiritually. He wants us to progress in our spiritual growth and maturity. May we each "examine" our own lives as David the Psalmist encourages us, and may we progress forward based upon this spiritual analysis.

And may we see where others can be and not where they currently are as we disciple them in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Isa 40:31** *But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

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## SCFWB UPDATE Vol. 1, No. 25

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This week, the cement driveway and sidewalks were poured at the new state office building in Turbeville. Also, the following projects have been partially completed this week: 1) painting the interior walls, 2) installing lights, and 3) vinyl trimming. There are still a lot of small projects, but things are going great with the construction.

My family and I will be traveling to Thomasville, NC tomorrow to attend the Palmetto Conference meeting at Bright Light FWB Church. Please remember us in prayer as we travel.

We are coming upon the time of the year when many of our churches are having revivals and homecoming services. If you would like your church's revival, homecoming, or other church news announced, please send a reply to this email before Wednesday of next week, and I'll be glad to list it in the next SC FWB Update.

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## CLOSING REMARKS: "THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT"

Little Sally pulled her brother's hair and kicked him in the shin. Her mother asked, "Sally, why do you allow the devil to cause you to kick your brother in the shin and pull his hair." Sally said, "The devil made me kick him in the shin, but it was my idea to pull his hair." Vance Havner once said, "Our adversary is not found in the first two chapters in the Bible nor in the last two chapters in the Bible," and might I add, "But you will find him in the middle of almost everything." It is Satan's desire to destroy your church, your family, and your life.

"In the Australian bush country grows a little plant called the 'sundew.' It has a slender stem and tiny, round leaves fringed with hairs that glisten with bright drops of liquid as delicate as fine dew. Woe to the insect, however, that dares to dance on it. Although its attractive clusters of red, white, and pink blossoms are harmless, the leaves are deadly. The shiny moisture on each leaf is sticky and will imprison any bug that touches it. As an insect struggles to free itself, the vibration causes the leaves to close tightly around it. This innocent-looking plant then feeds on its victim" (Our Daily Bread, December 11, 1992). Just as this little plant comes as an attraction of good, so Satan also comes as an angel of light.

However, we can be encouraged in the fact that we can resist Satan through God's grace (James 4:7), and we can also be encouraged in the fact that "greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). God is for you, not against you. Keep hanging in there!

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Lighting and outlet plug installation, bookstore book shelf assembly, and painting were just a few of the projects on the agenda for this week at the construction site for the new South Carolina Free Will Baptist (SC FWB) State Office in Turbeville, SC. In accordance with a request that I received this past week, attached is an updated picture of the new state office. We had some much needed rain in Turbeville last night which was a plus in helping to prep the ground for the parking lot paving in the near future for the new state office. We are still looking at the end of September or first part of October as a potential relocation time frame. We will keep you posted as we get closer to that time period.

Over the past few years, some of our SC FWB Churches have developed web sites for their churches. Some of these church web sites are linked to our SC FWB state web site; however, we are not sure if all of these church web sites are linked to our state web site. If your church has a web site and your church's web site is not already linked to our state web site, it would greatly help if you would reply to this message and give us the web site for your church so that we can link it through our state web site at [www.scfwb.com](http://www.scfwb.com). We want to help you in any way possible to get the message out about your church! Thanks for your help!

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Daniel Whittle was named after American politician Daniel Webster. Whittle reached the rank of major in the American Civil War, and for the rest of his life was known as "Major" Whittle. During the war, Whittle lost his right arm, and ended up in a prisoner of war camp. Recovering from his wounds in the hospital, he looked for something to read, and he found a New Testament. Though its words resonated with him, he was still not ready to accept Christ. Shortly after, a hospital orderly woke him and said a dying prisoner wanted someone to pray with him. Whittle demurred, but the orderly said, "But I thought you were a Christian; I have seen you reading your Bible." Whittle then agreed to go. He recorded what took place at the dying youth's bed side:

*"I dropped on my knees and held the boy's hand in mine. In a few broken words I confessed my sins and asked Christ to forgive me. I believed right there that He did forgive me. I then prayed earnestly for the boy. He became quiet and pressed my hand as I prayed and pleaded God's promises. When I arose from my knees, he was dead. A look of peace had come over his troubled face, and I cannot but believe that God who used him to bring me to the Savior, used me to lead him to trust Christ's precious blood and find pardon. I hope to meet him in heaven."*

After the war, Whittle became treasurer of the Elgin Watch Company in Chicago, Illinois. In less than 10 years, he entered the evangelism field. During this period, he worked with musicians Phillip Bliss and James McGranahan. His daughter May Moody also wrote music for some of his lyrics. He later went on to write many hymns...one of them including Banner of the Cross.

If we will allow Him, God will use us where we are, when we least expect it, and will produce a phenomenal outcome for HIS GLORY!

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I had the privilege today of helping Cyrus Shoffner, the SC FWB Youth Ministries Director, with a partial mailing for the SC FWB Annual Teen Retreat which will take place at Myrtle Beach, SC. In the next few days, each church will receive a brochure and medical release form. Details of this event are listed below in the "State News" section. We encourage you to publicize this information in your church and fill out the appropriate forms and mail them back in a timely fashion for this great event. In advance, thank you for allowing your youth to participate.

Property grading, plumbing, electrical completion, and bookstore book shelf staining were the items that took place at the construction site for the new state office this week. The carpet is scheduled to be put down next week, and the parking lot is scheduled to be paved the week of September 10th.

The bookstore will be closed on Monday (Sept. 3rd) for Labor Day. I will enjoy a much needed day of spending time with my family. On Tuesday of next week, I'll be attending the SC FWB Home Mission Board meeting in Columbia, SC. The board will be evaluating the Hispanic ministry and also speaking with someone in regard to taking the Aiken Mission work.

We will be closing out the books for August tomorrow at the State Office and distributing all the missions giving that came in during the month. It is a joy to serve the Lord in this capacity. I look forward to many more great things that God will accomplish amongst Free Will Baptist in South Carolina. Without God, we are nothing, but in His grace and strength, we can accomplish great things for HIM!

### PRAYER REQUEST: (Please note updates.)

- 1) **Leroy Larrimore**, pastor at Pee Dee FWB Church, Conway, SC, had heart surgery a few weeks ago, and his recovery time has been extensive. He is currently at Carolina Hospital System Cedar Tower Rehabilitation Center. He may be going home in a couple of days; however, he has no sight whatsoever. The doctor told him today that it is possible that he had an optical stroke impairing his vision. Please remember him in prayer during this difficult time.
- 2) **Crystal Kimbral**, wife of Bruce Kimbral, music director at Temple FWB Church, Darlington, SC, had her first chemo treatment yesterday. People at Temple Church have reported her very positive spirit during this difficult time. Please continue to remember her in prayer as she continues to undergo chemo treatments.

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- 9) REVIVAL - Hillside FWB Church, Florence, SC**, Florence, SC, Sept 23-26, with **Rev. Larry McAlister**.
- 10) REVIVAL - Jefferson Road FWB Church**, Sumter, SC, Sept 30-Oct 3, with **Rev. Rex Evans**.
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- 15) REVIVAL - St. John FWB Church, Pamplico, SC**, Sun-Wed, Oct. 7-10, with **Rev. Wayland Owens**
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### **CLOSING REMARKS: "I DIDN'T KNOW THAT WAS IN THE BIBLE"**

A gentleman who owned a small estate wished to sell it. He sent for a real estate agent and asked him to produce an advertisement of the estate. When the advertisement was read to him, he said: "Read that again." The agent read the description of the estate once more, whereupon the owner of the property said: "I do not think I will sell. I have been looking for an estate like that all my life, and I did not know that I owned it." Some times we are like that with the Bible. We have the most treasured book in all the world, and it is interesting how we sometimes discover a forgotten or unknown truth that is imbedded in the pages of God's Word, and often times, we will respond, "I didn't know that was in the Bible."

God's Word is the greatest book in all the world. There is nothing wrong with reading other books, but may we not drink from the springs and forsake drawing from the fountain of living water. How often do you read your Bible? Have you ever read through the whole Bible? How much time does it take to read from Genesis to Revelation? If you would read the Bible at standard pulpit speed (slow enough to be heard and understood), the reading time would be seventy-one hours. If you would break that down into minutes and divide it into 365 days, one could read through the entire Bible, cover to cover, in only twelve minutes a day. Is this really too much time to spend reading God's Word! So, I challenge us to search for some things that "we didn't know were in the Bible!" May God's richest blessings be added upon your life as you discover the gold nuggets found within His Word!

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