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Opening Remarks:

The final reading and meeting for rezoning the property in Turbeville in order for the new SC FWB State Office to be built concluded this week. Full construction on the new state office can begin next week. Inclement weather this week prevented the footings from being dug; however the promise of no rain at the beginning of next week will enable construction to begin.

We encourage you to attend the special called state meeting to be held next week at Horsebranch FWB Church in Turbeville, SC to discuss the potential of the SC FWB State Association selling approximately 2 acres of land at the FWB Children's Home.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: SPECIAL CALLED SC FWB STATE MEETING - THURSDAY, JUNE 21ST, 2007 AT 10 AM AT HORSEBRANCH FWB CHURCH, TURBEVILLE, SC.

Prayer Request:

Jorge Zacarias, pastor at the recently founded FWB church in Michocan, Mexico, informed our SC FWB Hispanic missionary, Bro. Gerardo Rodriguez from Una, SC, that the Michoacan Church tent and contents were burned to the ground by a group of people in Michoacan trying to prevent the church from growing. Please remember this church in prayer during this difficult time.

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Closing Remarks: "A GLIMPSE OF TODAY'S DAD"

There are approximately 64.3 million fathers in our nation. An estimated 26.5 million of those dads are married with children under the age of 18.* Fathers and mothers have the greatest opportunity as teachers of anyone in the world. You see, that boy or girl in the home has the chance to see if father and mother really believe and practice what they teach. A father who says he believes in Sunday school, and then does not go himself, is teaching by his actions that he really does not feel it very important. A father who teaches love to all and yet maintains a critical attitude in the home toward his brothers and sisters in the church is doing a wrong to his children which never in this world can be undone. A father who says he believes the Bible to be the greatest book, to be God's Word to us, but leaves it on the shelf to gather dust while he spends hours with the newspaper, magazines, radio, and television, is in reality saying, "Children, the Bible is not too important. You should read it if you have any extra time."

Which one of you had not heard a little boy step proudly forward among his playmates and declare, "I KNOW that's so because my Daddy said so!" He has confidence in you, dear dad, and the things which he sees you put first in your life are going to stand out as mighty important to him, too. Is your prayer: "Lord, fit me to be loved and imitated by my children"?

You are a blessing,

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This week has proven to be a busy yet prosperous week for the State Office. The 2008 State Meeting program has been finalized. The meeting will be at Horsebranch FWB Church, Turbeville, SC on February 28-29, 2008. The General Board will meet on Wednesday, February 27th at Horsebranch Church at 10 AM. A full program will be listed in the next Informer. The 2008 meeting will be hosted by the SC FWB State Association instead of an individual conference. We are requesting that each conference send in \$500 to help cover the expense of the meals. Dr. Matt Pinson, the president of the FWB Bible College in Nashville, TN, will be the Thursday evening guest speaker. We look forward to a great state meeting next year.

Results of the Special Called State Meeting: Yesterday, at Horsebranch FWB Church Turbeville, SC, a general session of the SC FWB State Association body voted to sale 2 acres of property at the Children's Home to the Clarendon County District 3 for the purpose of building a district office on Atkinson Street.

Update on State Office Construction: This week, the following progress took place on the construction site in Turbeville for the new SC FWB State Office: 1) plumbing pipes were laid, 2) trusses were delivered, 3) the foundation was treated for protection against termites, and 4) the concrete foundation was poured. Next week, the plans are to frame up the building. After this takes place, the building will be bricked and roofed. Things are progressing along (*see attached picture).

Executive Secretary Schedule Update: This coming Sunday, I begin revival with Millbranch FWB Church, Johnsonville, SC and will be preaching through Wednesday evening of next week. A year-in-view of my schedule has been made available on our SC FWB web site (www.scfwb.com). Adobe Acrobat Reader is needed to view the file. Changes are constantly being made to the web site. If you see any changes that need to be made regarding church service times, contact details, or other information for your church, feel free to drop me an email at ToddSmith@scfwb.com, and I will forward your request to our web designer.

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Closing Remarks:

We are so blessed in so many ways, and yet we often assume that we have a right to it. We act like we have a right to beautiful homes, to landscaped cities, to safe schools, to great weather. We naturally assume that it's our Divine right to have good health, security, safety, freedom and all the things that we enjoy. We often forget that most of the world really is barely struggling to survive. Let me just put this in perspective:

- If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of all the people in the world. You're in the top 25%.
- If you have any money in the bank, some money in your wallet, and some spare change, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. You are richer than 92% of the people in the world. You are blessed.
- If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are already ahead of 500 million people.
- If you can attend a worship service at church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than 3 billion people.

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. often said, "When gratitude dies on the altar of your heart, you are well nigh hopeless." May we ever be mindful and thankful to God for His blessings in our lives.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING TO ME!

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It's hard to believe that we closed out the books today for the end of the month and sent out all our missions giving from South Carolina Free Will Baptist churches for the month of June, which represented the closing point for half of the year. Time has passed very quickly.

Construction will continue on the new state office over the summer. This past week, the new state office building walls were framed. Next week, trusses will be placed on the roof, and afterwards the building will be ready to be bricked and roofed. Then workers will be able to begin work on the inside of the building.

Our new contact information for the SC FWB State Office in Turbeville, SC is listed below. Feel free to send any correspondence to the Turbeville PO Box, which is currently available for use.

SC FWB State Office and Christian Bookstore
1169 Atkinson Street, Turbeville, SC 29162-9723
PO Box 9, Turbeville, SC 29162-0009

Our phone numbers will change as well; however, our toll free line (800-319-2346) will continue to be available after we move to Turbeville.

This coming Sunday, it will be an honor to preach a special patriotic service at Grace FWB Church in Lake City, SC. Pastor Carol Bazen and the Grace Church are working diligently to make preparations for this special day.

Recently, I encouraged churches that were promoting a special missions project through their Vacation Bible School offering to please contact me regarding the details in order to place the information in the next publication of the Informer. If I could receive pictures and details via email at ToddSmith@scfwb.com, it would be greatly appreciated, or feel free to drop the information by the State Office in Florence next week.

Prayer Request:

- 1) Please remember **Rev. Todd Parrish**, pastor at Temple FWB Church (Darlington, SC), in your prayers. This past week, he was admitted to the hospital for observation due to chest pain and an irregular heart beat. He is out of the hospital; however, further test will be given to him next week.
- 2) Please pray for **Crystal Kimbrel**, wife of Bruce Kimbrel, music director at Temple FWB Church in Darlington, SC. Crystal was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She will most likely have surgery in the near future. Further test will be run in July to determine further details. They both have requested your prayers.
- 3) Please pray for the **many pastors and church lay people** who will be traveling to Little Rock, Arkansas for the FWB National Convention, which will take place July 15-18th.
- 4) Please pray for **Ronnie Jones**, brother of Mike Jones, our previous SC FWB Executive Secretary. Ronnie recently suffered a heart attack and underwent heart bypass surgery at McCleod Regional Medical Center in Florence, SC. Ronnie is a member at Millbranch FWB Church, Johnsonville, SC. He sent an email requesting continued prayer and also expressed his gratitude for the prayers, cards, and visits from many. Below is part of his message:

"I really believe that I live and breathe today because of the power of intercessory prayer. Sometimes a person really needs help from others, because that individual is too sick to pray on their own behalf. So, thank you, thank you, thank you to every individual and every church who lifted me up in prayer."

Continue to pray for Ronnie as he recovers.

Announcements:

- 1) The **South Carolina Conference** will be meeting at **Eastside FWB Church, Florence, SC** on Saturday, June 30. Registration is at 9 AM.
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At times, life can seem so over whelming for many. Though the pace of life has increased over the years, the anxieties of life have always been around. James Gilmour was born on June 12, 1843 in Scotland – but few noticed his birth, and hardly anyone mourned his death, 48 years later. However, many in heaven were rejoicing. Gilmour came to know Christ at the age of 19. Seven years later, married and ready for missionary service, he journey to Mongolia. The Gilmours lived in a tent, learned the native language, and began to spread the gospel. But after 11 years of marriage, his wife died, and their two children were sent to live with grandparents. From that point on, Gilmour went on alone. His life was lonely. Often he lived on five cents a day. Many times he would walk great distances, to avoid the expense of a camel. His 1886 diary summarized: "Preached to 24,000 people, treated more than 7,500 patients, distributed 10,000 books and tracts...and only two men have openly confessed Christ." He died of typhoid fever in 1891.

The reward of being in the presence of our Lord one day in Heaven will far out way the trials and tribulations that we face here on this earth. If you are facing difficulties right now in your life, please remember that you are not alone. God is with you, and as the psalmist says, "Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea" (Psalms 46).

I pray you enjoy knowing the comforting presence of our Lord in your day to day life. May his blessings be upon you.

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