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OPENING REMARKS:

The next issue of the *Informer* can be viewed online at <http://www.scfwb.com/informer.html> It is due back from the press next week in order to be distributed.

At the July 2007 Free Will Baptist Convention, the national body voted for Randall House to meet with all state office promotional and bookstore individuals. On February 4-5, 2008, the Randall House board, staff, and Director Ron Hunter met with Free Will Baptist state promotional and state bookstore individuals and staff. There were 35 present at the meeting with 9 bookstore/state offices being represented. The purpose of the meeting was to collaborate together on how state offices and bookstores can work together more effectively in serving the local church by providing Sunday school literature and books. The meeting provided the opportunity for transparent conversation regarding bookstore contracts and CLEAR Sunday school literature. At the end of the meeting, there was emphasized a greater commitment from everyone to unite together in a common cause for a greater purpose of providing Christian educational tools for churches.

DON'T FORGET: If you have not already done so, don't forget to register online for the upcoming South Carolina Free Will Baptist state meeting. www.scfwb.com

PRAYER & PRAISE:

- 1) **Rev. I. Bennie Turner**, pastor at Fellowship FWB Church in Manning, SC, was admitted and released from the hospital this week. Please remember him in prayer as he continues to recover.
- 2) Please remember the **family of Renee Driggers** in prayer. Renee's father B.G. Kirby passed away on Sunday, February 3, 2008. Renee is the wife of Rev. John Driggers, pastor at Bay Branch FWB Church in Timmonsville, SC. John is also the son of Rev. Elro Driggers.
- 3) **Phillip Jones**, pastor at Low Country FWB Church in North Charleston, SC, has not been doing well this week. Please remember him in prayer.
- 4) **Paul Creech**, nephew of Rev. Jake Creech, member of the South Carolina Conference, was recently diagnosed with cancer in the esophagus. He begins chemo therapy treatments on February 18, 2008. The cancer is localized to his esophagus. Please remember him in prayer as he undergoes treatments.
- 5) **Rev. Glenn Poston**, TN FWB Promotional Director, reported that Tennessee FWB churches sustained minimal damage due to the tornadoes in Tennessee this week; however, NAFWB Master's Men reported that the **Union Grove FWB Church in Atkins, AR**, received extensive damage from a tornado. Please remember this church in prayer.
- 6) **Rev. Frank Owens**, son of Rev. Guy Owens and a FWB pastor in TN, was recently diagnosed with cancer and is due to have surgery on March 6, 2008.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **NOTE:** The **True Life Conference** was supposed to meet Saturday, January 19, 2008 at Heartland FWB Church in Lancaster, SC. Due to inclement weather, the meeting has been re-scheduled to Saturday, February 16, 2008, at Heartland FWB Church in Lancaster, SC, at 10 AM.

2) **Florence Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at 8:30 AM at Bazen's Restaurant.

3) **Beaver Creek Minister's Luncheon** - Monday, February 18, 2008, at 11:00 AM at C.J's Restaurant, Boiling Springs, SC.

4) **Lake City Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at 8:30 AM at Prosser's Restaurant.

CHURCH NEWS:

1) JUBILEE 2008 - **Canaan FWB Church**, Lancaster, SC. February 18-21 (M-TH), with **Rev. Jack Lassiter** (www.jacklassiter.com)

2) REVIVAL - **Black River FWB Church, Andrews**, SC. February 24-27 (Sun 11 & 6, M-W 7:30 PM), with **Dr. Matt Pinson**.

3) REVIVAL - **Low Country FWB Church**, N. Charleston, SC. March 9-14 (Sun 6 PM & M-F 7 PM) with **Rev. Bobby Jackson**.

4) REVIVAL - **High Hill FWB Church**, Scranton, SC. April 6-9, 2008, with **Rev. Milton and Melvin Worthington**.

5) **White Savannah FWB Church Teen Ministry Team (TMT)** will be at Socastee FWB Church, Myrtle Beach, SC, on Saturday, January 27, 2008 at 6:00 PM.

*Please send church news announcements via email to ToddSmith@scfwb.com by Wednesday of each week for the following SC FWB Update. THANKS.

SC WAC NEWS:

1) **Central WAC District meeting** - Saturday, February 16, 2008, at Mt. Ariel FWB Church, Conway, SC

2) **SC Conference WAC District meeting** - Saturday, February 23, 2008, at Beulah FWB Church, Pamplico, SC

3) **Beaver Creek WAC District meeting** - Saturday, March 1, 2008, at First FWB Church, Greenwood, SC

4) **SC WAC State Meeting** - Saturday, March 15, 2008, at Temple FWB Church, Darlington, SC

YOUTH MINISTRIES NEWS:

1) **CTS District Run Off Competition** - Saturday, March 8, 2008, at Peace FWB Church, Florence, SC.

2) **Summer Junior and Teen Camp** Details - Visit http://www.scfwb.com/youth_ministries.html

CLOSING REMARKS:

Charlie "Tremendous" Jones tells the following story in his book, *Life is Tremendous*. Once a boy was rowing an old timer across a wide river. The old timer picked a floating leaf from the water, studied it for a moment, and then asked the boy if he knew anything about biology. "No, I don't," the boy replied. The old timer said, "Son, you have missed twenty-five percent of your life." As they rowed on, the old timer took a rock from the bottom of the boat. He turned it in his hand, studying its coloration and asked the boy, "Son, do you know anything about geology?" The boy sheepishly replied, "No, I don't, sir." The old timer said, "Son, you've missed fifty percent of your life." Twilight was approaching and the old timer gazed raptly at the North Star that had begun to twinkle. After a while he asked the boy, "Son, do you know anything about astronomy?" The boy, head bowed and brow furrowed, admitted: "No, I don't, sir." The old timer scolded: "Son, you've

missed seventy-five percent of your life!" Just then the boy noticed the huge dam up-stream beginning to crumble and torrents of water pouring through the break. Quickly he turned to the old timer and shouted, "Sir, do you know how to swim?" The old timer replied, "No," to which the boy shouted back, "You just lost one hundred percent of your life."

We live in an information age today, in which one can learn all they want to of biology, astronomy, archeology, astrology, and the many of studies of life and matter. There is nothing wrong with the learning of these things. Many have used the knowledge of these studies in a trade or occupation and have given God the glory through their learning. However, we must never forsake the greatest learning of that which will save not our life here on this earth but our soul in eternity. Then as we learn of Jesus Christ, we are to take that which we've learned and teach others that they might live eternally with Him as well. Live your life to be a blessing!

You Are Greatly Appreciated,

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