

SC FWB Update, Vol. 2, No. 7, Friday, February 22, 2008

OPENING REMARKS:

Tomorrow, my family and I will attend the annual SC District WAC meeting at Beulah FWB Church in Pamplico, SC. We'll also celebrate in the home going of Mrs. Molly Gibson, faithful wife of 54 years to Rev. Norwood Gibson, our first full time SC FWB Promotional Director. Mrs. Molly passed away on Thursday of this week. Please see the details of the funeral arrangements in the prayer request below. Preparations are underway for our annual SC FWB State meeting, which will take place next week at Horse Branch FWB Church in Turbeville, SC. Our family will enjoy a State Office emphasis Sunday at Liberty FWB Church in Manning in the morning worship service, and I'll enjoy watching my son give his CTS drama competition speech on Sunday evening at Horse Branch. We are here to serve you in any way that we can. It is an honor to serve you. Thank you for being a part of our ministry.

PRAYER & PRAISE:

- 1) **Molly Gibson** passed away Thursday morning, February 21, 2008, at Bethea Baptist Home in Darlington, SC. Molly was the faithful wife of 54 years to Norwood Gibson, our first full time SC FWB Promotional Director. She was a member at Peace FWB Church in Florence, SC. She is survived by two children, Allen Gibson and Debbie Scott, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild. The visitation will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2008, from 6-8 pm at Stoudenmire Dowling Funeral Home, 2402 S. Irby Street, Florence, SC 29505. The funeral will take place on Sunday, February 24, 2008, at 3:00 pm at Peace FWB Church, 897 Third Loop Road, Florence, SC 29505. The graveside service will be at Florence Memorial Gardens just off Cashua Drive in Florence. Please remember her family in prayer during this time.
- 2) **Joe Huggins**, the brother of **Rev. Richard Huggins**, passed away Sunday, February 17, 2008. Rev. Richard Huggins is the pastor at Rains Original FWB Church in Rains, SC. Brother Joe Huggins was a long time member and deacon at Rains Original FWB Church in Rains, SC. Please remember this family in prayer.
- 3) **Molook Ashoori** in Boston, MA, passed away Sunday, February 17, 2008. Mrs. Malook was the mother of **Rev. Parviz Ashoori**, member of the Central Association. Rev. Parviz also previously served as a member of the South Carolina FWB Home Missions Board. Please remember this family in prayer.
- 4) **Rev. Paul Creech**, nephew of Rev. Jake Creech and also former missionary to Cote d'Ivoire, was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus on January 29, 2008. He had his first radiation treatment on Monday, February 18, 2008, and seems to be doing well. Continue to pray for strength as he undergoes 24 more radiation treatments and chemotherapy at the same time.
- 5) **INDIA MISSION:** The annual Free Will Baptist conference in North India began February 20, 2008. Dr. Robert Picirilli will be preaching at the annual conference. Please pray for strength for Brother Carlisle Hanna as he meets with thousands of other Free Will Baptist Christians who have traveled many miles to attend the conference. Also, pray for the many who will be baptized and will possibly face severe persecution due to their conversion.
- 6) **Rev. Paul Childers**, member of the Beaver Creek Association, desires our prayers. Doctors found a mass behind his sinuses. Please remember him and his wife Sarah in prayer.
- 7) **PRAISE:** **Rev. Neil Hinson**, pastor at Mullins Marion FWB Church in Mullins, SC, stated that the **Mullins-Marion Christian School basketball team** won the North Myrtle Beach basketball tournament last week and will be traveling to Tennessee this week to play in a tournament there.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **SC FWB State Meeting** - Thursday and Friday, February 28-29, 2008, at Horse Branch FWB Church in Turbeville, SC. The General Board will meet on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at 10 AM at Horse Branch Church. Visit the SC FWB web site for further details, www.scfwb.com.
- 2) **Palmetto Conference Meeting** - Friday and Saturday, February 28 - March 1, 2008, at Horse Branch FWB Church in Turbeville, SC.
- 3) **Free Will Baptist Bible College Annual Bible Conference**, Nashville, TN, March 2-6, 2008. Special Guest: Rev. Gordon Sebastian and Rev. Erwin Lutzer.
- 4) Conway Minister's Breakfast, Saturday, March 4, 2008, at 8:30 AM at Shoney's Restaurant in Conway, SC.

CHURCH NEWS:

- 1) REVIVAL - **Black River FWB Church, Andrews, SC.** February 24-27 (Sun 11 & 6, M-W 7:30 PM), with **Dr. Matt Pinson.**
- 2) REVIVAL - **Northgate FWB Church, Greer, SC.** March 2-5, with **Rev. Clay Cordell.**
- 3) REVIVAL - **Low Country FWB Church, N. Charleston, SC.** March 9-14 (Sun 6 PM & M-F 7 PM) with **Rev. Bobby Jackson.**
- 4) SPECIAL SERVICE - **Turning Point FWB Church, Boiling Springs, SC.** Sunday, March 16, 2008, at 11 AM. **Rev. Benny Hartley**, former Cincinnati Red player and Southeastern FWB College graduate, will be sharing his life testimony of how fame led to drug and alcohol abuse and how the Lord delivered him through saving grace!
- 5) REVIVAL - **Free Welcome FWB Church, Conway, SC.** March 17-21, 2008, with **Rev. Buddy Seay**, Evangelist. Services begin at 7:30 PM. Billy T. Baker, Pastor.
- 6) REVIVAL - **Turning Point FWB Church, Boiling Springs, SC.** March 17-21, 2008, with **Evangelist Bob McCurry.** 7 PM nightly.
- 7) EASTER DRAMA - **White Savannah FWB Church, Conway, SC.** Sunday, March 23rd at 7:30 PM.
- 8) SPRING JUBILEE - **Westgate FWB Church, Arcadia, SC.** April 4-6, 2008. Special music by Sam & Labreska Atkinson, Soul Harvest, and others. Guest Speakers: Rev. James Sanders, Rev. Buddy Seay, Rev. Todd Smith, Rev. Chris Jackson, Rev. Mitch Ingram, and others. Free meal on Saturday for all who attend.
- 9) REVIVAL - **High Hill FWB Church, Scranton, SC.** April 6-9, 2008, with **Rev. Milton and Melvin Worthington.**
- 10) REVIVAL - **White Savannah FWB Church, Conway, SC.** April 7-11, 2008, with Rev. Allen Goodman.

*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) **SC Conference WAC District meeting** - Saturday, February 23, 2008, at Beulah FWB Church, Pamplico, SC
- 2) **Beaver Creek WAC District meeting** - Saturday, March 1, 2008, at First FWB Church, Greenwood, SC
- 3) **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 7-8, 2008, at Peace FWB Church, Florence, SC. (Friday - 7 PM, Bible Competition & Saturday - 8:30 AM, Music and Art Competition)

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

CLOSING REMARKS:

On Wednesday of this week, I found myself on top of a ladder in our living room trying to repair a ceiling fan as I took the day off in order to complete some items on the "honey do" list. I took the opportunity to teach my boys that you solve problems through a process of elimination by trying to resolve the simple things first. The endeavor began as a small task, but ended up being a monumental task of fixing one fan and replacing another. In life, we find that there are simple solutions, and we also find that there are some difficult answers. What do you do when you don't know what to do? What do you do when you don't have all the answers? There are times when we must wait on God. Moses commanded the people at the water to "Be still and see the Salvation of the Lord." However, there are times that waiting only prolongs the problem. Sometimes, we must as some have said, "Put wheels on our prayers." In doing so, if we will search the Scriptures, we will find answers to all types of problems in life even when we don't know what to do! Sometimes, the answer might be to wait, and sometimes the answer might be to walk through a door and seek God's leadership and guidance.

God's will is not difficult. We tend to make it difficult. David Livingstone once said, "I had rather be in the heart of Africa in the will of God than on the throne of England out of the will of God." Listen closely to what Alan Redpath said: "I say without hesitation that if every Christian were submitted to God's will, we would have continuous revival. The whole tragedy of the church is that Christian men and women, born-again, redeemed by the blood, indwelt by the Spirit, still raise their big 'I' and refuse to bend before the Lord. The thing that puts the brakes on Holy Spirit revival, that raises the bar against God's mighty blessing, and the outpoured floodtide of the Holy Spirit's power, is Christian men and women who will not submit to the omnipotent will of God."

As a Christian, there is probably nothing anymore important in the Christian life than understanding the will of God and undertaking the will of God. Finding the will of God and following the will of God is an essential, expedient, and exciting part of being saved. George W. Truett said: "To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge; to find God's will is the greatest discovery; and to do God's will is the greatest achievement." May the Lord richly bless you as you seek, find, know, and do His will for your life!

You Are Greatly Appreciated,

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