

## **SC FWB Update, Vol. 2, No. 11, Wednesday, April 2, 2008**

### **OPENING REMARKS:**

This has been a very busy week. We closed out the books for the month on Monday in order to disburse the giving from our churches. Yesterday, I had the opportunity to be with a couple of our ministers as we were able to receive a gift for missions. My next big project is to compile the next issue of the Informer, have it printed, and then disbursed to our churches in a timely fashion. There is a lot of information that has already been received that needs to go in this issue. Please pray that the Lord will give me wisdom in utilizing all the space wisely. At the same time, we are receiving Sunday School literature orders from our churches. We will soon make preparations for the next order and shipment of our literature. It is a beautiful day to serve the Lord. May we rejoice and be glad therein.

### **PRAYER & PRAISE:**

- 1) **Mrs. Linda Tanner**, our SC FWB Christian Book & Supply Bookstore manager, will be going for her first chemotherapy treatment in Charleston this coming Friday, April 4, 2008. After the chemotherapy shrinks the cancerous tumor, the doctors will then do surgery to remove the tumor. After surgery to remove the tumor, she will undergo more chemo treatment to prevent the cancer from spreading. The doctor did not give a stage of the cancer; however, he was optimistic regarding her prognosis. Please continue to remember her in prayer.
- 2) Please remember the **mother of Rev. Cliff Wilson** in prayer. Rev. Wilson is the pastor at High Point FWB Church in Lancaster, SC. His mother recently underwent heart surgery and had some very difficult set backs. Brother Cliff wishes to express his gratitude to everyone for their prayers, and he ask for your continued prayers.
- 3) Please remember our **India Mission** work as decisions will be made by the end of this week that will determine whether or not a need is met. Please pray for this need that God's will be accomplished and that the request be granted.

### **MINISTER NEWS:**

- 1) **South Carolina Conference Quarterly Meeting** - Friday, April 4, 2008, at Faith FWB Church in Darlington, SC - 7:00 PM
- 2) **Florence Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at Bazen's Restaurant in Florence, SC - 8:30 AM.
- 3) **Central Association Quarterly Meeting** - Saturday, April 12, 2008 at South Conway FWB Church in Conway, SC.
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### **CHURCH NEWS:**

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- 2) SPRING JUBILEE - **Westgate FWB Church**, Arcadia, SC. April 3-6, 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.

- 3) REVIVAL - **High Hill FWB Church**, Scranton, SC. April 6-9, 2008, with **Rev. Milton and Melvin Worthington**.
- 4) REVIVAL - **Eastside FWB Church**, Florence, SC. April 6-9, 2008, with **Rev. Jake Creech**.
- 5) REVIVAL - **Hickory Hill FWB Church**, Gresham, SC. April 6-19, 2008 (TWO WEEK REVIVAL), with **Rev. Darwin Cook** (4/7-12/08), **Rev. Todd Smith** (4/13/2008), and **Rev. Richard Cole** (4/14-19/08). Services 7:30 PM nightly and Sunday, April 13 - 10 AM & 6 PM.
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**CLOSING REMARKS:**

A sailor was telling a small boy about the sea. He mentioned the wind. "What's wind?" asked the little boy. "I don't know what wind is," replied the sailor, "but I know what it does when I raise a sail." We now know a lot about how to chart the wind's course, but we still can't see it; we can only see what it does. So it is with God's Spirit. We can't see it; we can only see what it does in the lives of those who put their trust in God. The winds of God's grace are always blowing, but we must raise the sail of faith if we want them to propel us toward deeper peace and joy in our relationship with Him. Prayer is lifting our sails to the winds of God's wisdom and power. We do not tell the wind which way to blow. We learn how to adjust our sail to the wind so it can propel us in the right direction. In prayer we do not tell God how to act. Instead, we lift our praise and concerns so God can fill us with a deeper sense of God's presence and help us steer toward the answer God has in store for us.

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## SC FWB Update, Vol. 2, No. 12, Wednesday, April 9, 2008

### OPENING REMARKS:

This week, the March/April issue of the *Informer*, our South Carolina Free Will Baptist state paper, was completed and went to press. You may view the current issue online at [www.scfwb.org/informer.htm](http://www.scfwb.org/informer.htm) It is due to come back come the press on Friday of this week and will be distributed to our churches. The optimal time to have made hotel reservations for the National Association of Free Will Baptist annual convention was on Tuesday of this week. However, all the hotels listed in *One Magazine* were booked very quickly. If you are a minister, and your family is not traveling with you and you would like to split the cost of a room with another minister, feel free to drop me a reply to this email, and I will let you know what ministers might be available to travel with someone. This will help defray the cost in attending the convention and may also provide a room for someone who was not able to get a reservation in one of the hotels listed. In your reply, please let me know if you have already booked a room and at which hotel so that I can communicate this information with other ministers.

Please continue to pray for Mrs. Linda Tanner, our bookstore manager. She is taking chemotherapy treatments every other week, which will be followed by surgery and more chemotherapy treatments. We are here to serve you in any way that we can. We place our Sunday school literature for the next quarter this week. We are also ordering Vacation Bible School literature for many of our churches. Feel free to let us know if we can help you with your VBS needs.

### PRAYER & PRAISE:

- 1) Please continue to remember **Reverend I. Bennie Turner** in prayer as he continues to face some difficult health issues.
- 2) Please remember **Wayne Rhodes**, retired Free Will Baptist minister. He will be having heart surgery.
- 3) Please remember **Reverend Carroll Alexander** in prayer. He had surgery on Monday of this week at the Baptist Hospital in Columbia. Please remember him in prayer as he recovers.
- 4) Please continue to pray for **Mrs. Linda Tanner**, our Christian Book & Supply manager, as she continues to undergo chemotherapy treatment.
- 5) Please remember **Reverend Bobby & Mrs. Joyce Bowers**. They will both be having surgery in the month of April. Reverend Bobby will be having a total knee replacement, and Mrs. Joyce will be having surgery on her foot.

### MINISTER NEWS:

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### **CLOSING REMARKS: "FAITHFULNESS"**

Yellowstone National Park's most featured attraction is a geyser named Old Faithful, which earned its name by consistently erupting like clockwork. Millions of visitors come to view the geyser. Three hotels are located for clear viewing of Old Faithful; folks who can't get reservations in them fill the huge parking lot in anticipation of witnessing this natural phenomenon. But Old Faithful is losing its faithfulness. In the 1960s it erupted an average of every 64 minutes. Now it kicks up about every 80 minutes, and often waits 90 minutes. Its name hasn't changed but its behavior has. Christians and churches can do the same thing. The term "faithful" may apply more to what we used to be than to what we are now. As with manna, we cannot live on yesterday's supply. Faithfulness is a name we keep by demonstrating it every day.

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**OPENING REMARKS: "Combined Services - All About Home & Foreign Missions"**

Churches will have the opportunity to participate in two combined services in the near future involving Home Missions and International Missions. Below are the combined service opportunity details:

- 1) **Sand Hill FWB Church in Coward, SC**, is extending an invitation to area churches to participate in a combined Thursday evening mid-week service on April 24, 2008. **Dr. Don Hanna**, son of Missionary Carlisle Hanna, will be speaking on the latest update and visa situation with Brother Hanna. Pastor Sherwood Lee stated that cake and coffee will be served from 6-7 PM, and the service will begin at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- 2) **Evergreen FWB Church in Conway, SC**, is extending an invitation to area churches to participate in a combined Sunday evening Home Missions Rally service on April 27, 2008, at 6 PM. The speakers will be Reverend Rick Bowling, Hispanic Missions Director; Reverend Jim Fairchild, Home Missionary to Aiken, SC; and Reverend Fernando Bustamante, Hispanic missionary to Effingham and Conway, SC. An offering will be received for Home Missions. For further details, please contact Pastor Rickey Evans at 843-503-4400.

**PRAYER & PRAISE:**

- 1) **Larry Collins**, Children's Home Board representative from the Palmetto Conference, is currently undergoing kidney dialysis treatments. Correction: Larry Hawkins, member at Sand Hill Church and Children's Home Board member, is doing well.
- 3) **Johnny Howell**, Children's Home Golf Tournament Committee member and member of the FWB Bible Church in Darlington, has been diagnosed with cancer and needs our prayers.
- 4) **Earnest Broach**, Children's Home Golf Tournament Committee member and also a member at Peace FWB Church in Florence, had heart surgery and needs our prayers.
- 5) **Jeraldine Cagle**, wife of Reverend Joe Cagle, was admitted to McLeod Hospital in Florence this week. Please remember her in prayer.
- 6) Please remember **Moderator Sherwood Lee's daughter and family** in prayer. His daughter Kathryn was expecting twins (a boy and a girl), and the twins had to be delivered early due to complications. The twins and Kathryn are at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville, NC. Please remember them in prayer.
- 7) Please continue to pray **Reverend Carroll Alexander**. He had surgery last week at the Baptist Hospital in Columbia. He is now home. Please remember him as he recovers.
- 8) Please continue to pray for **Mrs. Linda Tanner**, our Christian Book & Supply manager, as she continues to undergo chemotherapy treatment.
- 9) Please remember **Reverend Bobby & Mrs. Joyce Bowers**. They will both be having surgery in the month of April. Reverend Bobby will be having a total knee replacement, and Mrs. Joyce will be having surgery on her foot.
- 10) Please continue to pray for **Mrs. Betty Wilson**, mother of Reverend Cliff Wilson, in prayer. Brother Wilson is the pastor at High Point FWB Church in Lancaster, SC. Brother Cliff stated that his mother is still in the ICU in Asheville, NC. Last week, doctors placed in a pacemaker for Mrs. Wilson. She is currently having a lot of fluid build up, and she is still in critical condition. Please continue to remember her in prayer.

11) Please remember **Dr. Robert Picirilli** in prayer. Dr. Picirilli had open heart surgery on April 10, 2008. Please remember him in prayer as he recovers.

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#### **SC WAC NEWS:**

1) **National WNAC News** - Each May, WNAC celebrates Emphasis Month, a designated time for sharing information about our multi-faceted worldwide ministries. This year, we've made sharing a little easier with a special PowerPoint presentation and reproducible bulletin inserts. Download these resources at [www.wnac.org](http://www.wnac.org). A short Mother's Day skit, "The Many Roles of Mom" is available upon request from [info@wnac.org](mailto:info@wnac.org) or 1-877-767-7662. Emphasis is also a time for sharing financially with Women Nationally Active for Christ. The annual WNAC Emphasis Mother's Day Offering helps offset operational costs, enabling us to better serve you. The 2008 offering is extremely important as we face the challenges of leadership transition. After 10 years as WNAC Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Marjorie Workman is stepping down, entering retirement. On July 22, at our annual convention, women will elect a new leader. Generous

Emphasis offerings will help cover her moving and relocation expenses and allow WNAC to continue its day-to-day operations.

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Grandpa was well into his eighties before he decided to try a hearing aid. He was amazed at the fancy gadget's capabilities, and stopped by to thank the audiologist who had assisted him. Grandpa told of his new ability to easily hear conversations, even in the next room. The hearing specialist was delighted. "Your relatives must be happy to know you can now hear so well." The wise elder replied with a smile, "Oh, I ain't told 'em. I just been sittin' around the house listenin' to 'em. Y'know what; I've changed my will twice already."

Has there ever been a time when you would change your words if you knew the person about whom you were speaking could hear the words you were saying about them? I must confess that I have been guilty at times as I imagine most of us have. The tongue is such a deadly member of the body. James stated in James 3:10, "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be." In the closing of this weekly update, I want to encourage us all to guard our tongues and be careful what we say about others. Even if you wouldn't care if they heard of the evil which you spake of them, may you be reminded of the words of David in Psalm 39:1, "I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me. "

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## SC FWB Update, Vol. 2, No. 14, Wednesday, April 23, 2008

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I am writing this weekly update from Spartanburg. I am currently in revival at Whitney FWB Church. I worked at Whitney FWB Church with their youth while in grad school. It has been a joy to have fellowship with the Whitney Church, Pastor Larry Monday, and some of the ministers in the area. Many of the young people that my wife and I worked with are now grown and some married with children. Sometimes, it's difficult to accept the fact that with time, we get older. Children grow up and have children, providing grandchildren to parents, who soon face the frailties of old age. I am reminded of the words of Christ to Peter in **John 21:18** "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry *thee* whither thou wouldest not." Life comes and goes, but though this flesh decays, thanks be to God that we can live eternally with Christ in Heaven. What a glorious day that will be!

### PRAYER & PRAISE:

- 1) Update - **Mrs. Linda Tanner**, our Christian Book & Supply manager, was taken to the hospital yesterday to have some more fluid withdrawn. She is to go to Charleston on Monday, May 28, 2008, to have her second chemotherapy treatment. Please continue to remember her in prayer.
- 2) Update - **Reverend Bobby Bowers** had a total knee replacement surgery two weeks ago and is recovering. Please continue to remember him in prayer. **Mrs. Joyce Bowers'** surgery will not be until May 30, 2008. She will be having surgery on her foot.
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Talking about aging in the opening remarks, I don't remember where I received this, but I had it saved in my files and thought you might enjoy it.

Ten Ways To Know Your Are Getting Older:

(1) Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

(2) Your back goes out more than you do.

(3) You consider coffee one of the most important things in life.

(4) You join a health club but never go.

(5) You're asleep, but others worry that you are dead.

(6) You know all the answers but nobody asks you the questions.

(7) You look forward to a dull evening.

- (8) The reason you walk with your head so high is that you are trying to get used to your trifocals.
- (9) Your knees buckle and your belt doesn't.
- (10) You are a "17" around the neck, a "44" around the waist and a "96" around the golf course.

On a serious side, the author of "Amazing Grace," John Newton, had great difficulty with his memory. In the later days of his life a friend asked if he still had a bad memory. Newton replied, "Yes, I do, but I remember two things: I am a great sinner and I have a great Savior; and I don't suppose an old slave trader needs to remember much more than that."

I pray you have a blessed week!

In Christ,

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**OPENING REMARKS:**

We're closing out the books for the end of the month today. Sunday School literature for the next quarter is being distributed this week. We have some back orders, and we have some orders ready to be picked up for those who pick up their literature. Within the next couple of days, we'll be calling to let you know which orders are ready to be picked up.

The 14th Annual Gold City Children's Home Benefit Concert will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 7:00 PM at Patriot Hall in Sumter, SC. Tickets will be \$10.00, the same as last year. Ads for the program booklet can be purchased for the following amounts:

1/4 page - \$75.00

1/2 page - \$100.00

Full page - \$150.00

For more information or to purchase an ad, please contact the SC FWB Children's Home at 843-659-2880.

My family and I will be out of town next week on family vacation. The next weekly update will go out on Wednesday, April 14, 2008. Reverend Mike Jones and Reverend Rickey Evans will be covering for us here at the State Office on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of next week. The Bookstore and State Office will be closed on Wednesday of next week.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. You are a great part in the work of our SC FWB State Office. We are here to serve you!

**PRAYER & PRAISE:**

- 1) **Mrs. Linda Tanner**, our Christian Book & Supply manager, had her second chemotherapy treatment on Monday, April 28, 2008. Please continue to remember her through this process of dealing with the side affects of chemotherapy.
- 2) **Paul Creech**, nephew of Reverend Jake Creech and also former missionary to Cote d'Ivoire, was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus on January 29. He underwent surgery on Monday, April 28, 2008. Please pray for him as he recovers and continues further treatments.
- 3) **Reverend I. Bennie Turner** will possibly have to start kidney dialysis. Please remember him in prayer.

**MINISTER NEWS:**

- 1) **Conway Area Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at Shoney's Restaurant in Conway, SC.
- 2) **Florence/Darlington Area Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at Bazen's Restaurant in Florence, SC.
- 3) **Lake City Area Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at Prosser's Restaurant in Lake City, SC.

**CHURCH NEWS:**

- 1) REVIVAL - **Rains FWB Church**, Rains, SC, April 28-May 2, 2008, with **Rev. Keith Hatton**
- 2) REVIVAL & HOMECOMING - **Columbia Original FWB Church**, Columbia, SC, May 2-4, 2008 (Homecoming, Sunday May 2 & Revival May 2-4), with **Dr. Joseph R. Wallis**
- 3) REVIVAL - **New Prospect FWB Church**, Pamplico, SC, May 5-9, 2008, with **Rev. James Sanders** (7:30 PM nightly)
- 4) REVIVAL - **Little Star FWB Church**, Lake City, SC, May 15-17, 2008, with **Rev. Buddy Seay** (Th, Fri, & Sat - 7:30 PM nightly)

5) ANNUAL CAMP MEETING - **Freedom FWB Church**, Ladson, SC. June 8-12 with various ministers preaching.

\*Please send church news announcements via email to [ToddSmith@scfwb.com](mailto:ToddSmith@scfwb.com) by Wednesday of each week for the following SC FWB Update. THANKS.

#### **SC WAC NEWS:**

1) **SC Conference WAC Mother/Daughter Banquet**, May 3, 2008, 11 AM - 1 PM at Westside FWB Church in Johnsonville, SC.

2) **SC WAC STATE RETREAT** - Friday and Saturday, September 5-6, 2008, at the White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro, SC. A \$20 deposit is due no later than March 30th to Patty Newton, 90 Blackstock Road, Inman, SC 29349. The remaining balance will be due at the retreat. The remaining balance detail is as follows: \$39 for 2 person room, \$32 for a 3 person room, and \$30 for a 4 person room.

#### **YOUTH MINISTRIES NEWS:**

1) **Summer Junior (July 28 - August 1) and Teen Camp (June 9-14)**

2) **Teen Retreat** - October 24-26, 2008 at Myrtle Beach, SC

#### **DENOMINATION NEWS:**

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#### **CLOSING REMARKS: "An Awesome Creator"**

Sometimes our limited view of God's creation actually contributes to a limited view of God himself. The following realization is a good antidote when we start reducing the Creator to someone we can easily comprehend. Our solar system has a diameter of seven hundred light minutes, or eight billion miles. The galaxy that contains our solar system has a diameter of one hundred thousand light years, not minutes. Yet our galaxy, the Milky Way, is but one of over ten billion galaxies in the universe.

The moon is approximately 240,000 miles from earth (238,852 miles). The sun is about 93 million miles from earth (92,956,000 miles). Scientists have concluded that if either one of these astronomical bodies was 100 miles closer or further away from the earth, life on this planet would not be possible. Likewise, the earth spins at 1,000 mph while orbiting the sun at 60,700 mph. Just a 2 mph difference would prevent life on earth. The amazing handiwork of God is not only perfect, but perfectly balanced. The God we serve is He who created it all with but the sound of his voice.

The next time you look out at the stars at night or the next time you consider the vastness of the universe in which we live, may it remind you of what an awesome God that you serve! I pray you grow to know Him better each and every day of your life.

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