

SC FWB Update, Vol. 2, No. 2, Thursday, January 10, 2008

OPENING REMARKS:

This week has been a busy week of compiling year end reports for the Digest of Reports, preparing for our next Sunday School literature order, and making preparations for the minister's luncheons to be held on Friday and Saturday at Peace FWB Church in Florence and at Parkway FWB Church in Boiling Springs, SC. I'd like to encourage pastors to attend the FWB International Missions luncheons that will take place at these two churches on Friday and Saturday. If you have not already responded regarding your attendance, please R.S.V.P. to April Bybee in FWB International Missions office by Thursday of this week. The details of these luncheons are listed below under "Minister News."

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE: **Don't forget to pre-register for the upcoming SC FWB state meeting.**

The option to pre-register for the upcoming SC FWB State meeting is now online through our web site at <http://www.scfwb.com/registration.htm> You will find a schedule of the state meeting along with directions and a map. Conference leaders, please note the special announcements regarding representation to the state meeting found at the following link: http://www.scfwb.com/state_meetings.html We are looking forward to a wonderful time of fellowship together in the Lord.

Thank you for faithfulness to the Lord! It will be worth it all one day "when we see Jesus."

PRAYER & PRAISE:

- 1) Please remember to pray for the **Missionaries Tim and Kristi Johnsons** and their family as they are now back in the states on mission itinerant. They will be in SC from January - May 2008.
- 2) Please remember **Missionary Carlisle Hanna** as he is having some difficulties with a situation in India.
- 3) **Phillip Jones**, pastor at Low Country FWB Church in Charleston, SC, will be having a heart procedure on January 29, 2008. Please remember him in prayer.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **Lake City Area Minister's Breakfast**, Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at Prosser's Restaurant in Lake City, at 8:30 AM.
- 2) Two **FWB IM luncheons** will be held in South Carolina to discuss the newly proposed refunding FWB IM projected plan:
 - a) East side of the state - Peace FWB Church, Florence, on January 11, 2008 at 12 noon, and
 - b) West side of the state - Parkway FWB Church, Boiling Springs, on January 12, 2008, at 12 noon.Lunch will be furnished, so reservations are requested.
Please RSVP to April Bybee in the Mission office (april@fwbgo.com or toll-free 1-877-767-7736).
- 3) The **Central Association meeting** will take place on Saturday, January 12, 2008, at Socastee FWB Church, Socastee, SC.
- 4) The **True Life Conference** will be meeting on January 19, 2008 at Heartland FWB Church in Lancaster, SC.
- 5) The **South Carolina Conference** will be hosting their meeting on January 24-25, 2008 at Sand Hill FWB Church, Coward, SC.
- 6) The **Beaver Creek Association** will be hosting their annual meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at Enoree FWB Church in Enoree, SC.

*Be sure to visit the SC FWB web site for all upcoming conference meeting dates and places. Also, feel free to visit the SC WAC web site at www.scwac.org for upcoming ladies auxiliary events.

CHURCH NEWS:

1) **Pastor Donnie and Mrs. Trudy Miles at Peace FWB Church in Florence, SC**, will be hosting their 18th annual couples retreat to be held on Friday and Saturday, February 8-9, 2008, at the Hilton Hotel in Myrtle Beach, SC. The cost is \$155 per couple. A \$100 deposit is due by December 12, 2007. The guest speaker will be Rev. Bill Evans, former FWB Board of Retirement Director. For more information, feel free to contact Trudy Miles at 843-667-6285 (church) or 843-667-8798 (home).

2) **Westgate FWB Church in Arcadia, SC**, will be having a "Sportsman Banquet" on Saturday, January 12, 2008, at 6:30 PM. Pastor Kevin Smith said the menu will include "deer hash, duck, quail, and more." Please call 864-574-5904 for more information.

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

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS:

Randall House Director Ron Hunter along with the Randall House Board will be meeting with state promotional directors and state bookstore managers in Nashville, TN, on Monday and Tuesday, February 4-5, 2008, in accordance with a motion passed at the July 2007 FWB Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, in order to collaborate together on the best effective means to make Randall House and our state bookstores succeed in providing the best Christian education for our churches.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Sometimes the hardest thing to do in life is to wait on the Lord. We often have to be reminded that our time table is not always the same as God's time table. In the past, I have been asked the question, "Why does God not answer my prayers." God answers prayers in one of four ways: 1) NO, 2) SLOW, 3) GROW, or 4) GO. When our request is the wrong, God says, "No." When the timing is wrong, and God wants us to wait, He says, "Slow!" When our attitude is wrong and we need to change, He says, "Grow!" But when our timing is right, our request is right, and our spiritual maturity is right, God says, "Go!" He always answers our request, but He may not always answer it the way that we want Him to. However, He knows what is best for our lives better than we do! Wait on Him and in due season, we shall reap if we faint not!

Isaiah 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."

You are greatly loved,

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