

SC FWB Update, Vol. 2, No. 5, Thursday, January 31, 2008

OPENING REMARKS:

January has proven to be an extremely busy but prosperous month. February provides us with an extra day due to leap year, which places our state meeting a little later than usual. However, we are looking forward to the dedication of our state office as well as a wonderful opportunity of fellowship with Free Will Baptist across South Carolina at our upcoming annual meeting. Details of our state meeting are provided on our web site at <http://www.scfwb.com/registration.htm>. Most ministers should receive a Digest of Reports from Rev. Mike Jones, the SC FWB State Clerk, within the next week if you have not already received your copy.

Thank you for your many kind words of encouragement regarding the SC FWB weekly update. It is our desire to provide the most up-to-date information for our churches, members, and ministers. Thank you for sending your South Carolina Free Will Baptist church announcements to us through email. We are more than happy to place these announcements in our weekly updates.

PRAYER & PRAISE:

1) Mike Lyles, member of the Central Association, is the pastor at Freedom FWB Church in Tabor City, NC. Bro. Mike Lyles' daughter, Lisa Renea Lyles Harris (age 37), passed away this week. Lisa leaves behind a husband and two children (ages 7 & 16). The cause of death is unknown at this time. The visitation will be Wednesday, January 30, 2008, from 7-9 PM, at Inman Funeral Home, 300 E. 5th Street, Tabor City, NC. The funeral will take place on Thursday, January 31, 2008, at 3 PM at Inman Funeral Home Chapel. Please remember Pastor Mike Lyles and family in prayer.

2) Phillip Jones, pastor at Low Country FWB Church in North Charleston, SC, is recovery from a heart procedure that took place on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at MUSC. Please remember him in prayer.

3) E.B. McDonald (86), former treasurer at Free Will Baptist Bible College, passed away on January 28, 2008. The visitation is Friday, February 1, 2008, from 4-8 PM at Boyd Funeral Home. The funeral will take place on Saturday, February 2, 2008, at Bethlehem FWB Church in Ashland City, TN. Please remember his family in prayer.

4) PRAISE - **Mrs. Cleo Pursell**, previous WNAC treasurer for 22 years, celebrated her 90th birthday on Friday, January 25, 2008.

5) **Paul Creech**, nephew of Rev. Jake Creech, member of the South Carolina Conference, was recently diagnosed with cancer in the esophagus. There is a high probability of successful treatment and surgery. Please remember him in prayer.

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) **Conway Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at 8:30 AM at Shoney's Restaurant.
- 3) **Florence Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at 8:30 AM at Bazen's Restaurant.
- 4) **Beaver Creek Minister's Luncheon** - Monday, February 18, 2008, at 11:00 AM at C.J's Restaurant, Boiling Springs, SC.
- 5) **Lake City Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at 8:30 AM at Prosser's Restaurant.

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) JUBILEE 2008 - **Canaan FWB Church, Lancaster, SC.** February 18-21 (M-TH), with **Rev. Jack Lassiter** (www.jacklassiter.com)
- 2) REVIVAL - **Low Country FWB Church, N. Charleston, SC.** March 9-14 (Sun 6 PM & M-F 7 PM) with **Rev. Bobby Jackson.**
- 3) REVIVAL - **High Hill FWB Church, Scranton, SC.** April 6-9, 2008, with **Rev. Milton and Melvin Worthington.**
- 4) **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 SC Conference District Practice** - Saturday, February 2, 2008, at Bay Branch FWB Church at 9:30 AM
- 2) **CTS District Run Off Competition** - Saturday, March 8, 2008, at Peace FWB Church, Florence, SC.
- 3) **Summer Junior and Teen Camp** Details - Visit http://www.scfwb.com/youth_ministries.html

CLOSING REMARKS:

When Queen Victoria lived in Buckingham Palace, according to biographer Cecil Woodham-Smith, the maintenance of the outside of the palace was under the supervision of the Office of Woods and Forests, while the maintenance of the inside was under the supervision of the Lord Chamberlain and his staff. This meant that one group was responsible for washing the outside of

the windows and another for the inside. When these two groups failed to work together, the queen, says one had to look “through obscured and dirty windows.”

Sometimes Christians are like that. They claim to let God deal with their inner lives, but they let the world dictate their business ethics and their social behavior. Thus, they look at life through dirty windows, for a window that is washed on only one side is still dirty.

As Jesus reminds us, we cannot serve God with our inner lives and mammon with our outer lives. Christ must be in control of both. He must guide us in our work as well as in our worship, in our pleasures as well as in our prayers. We must try to be as Christian in the way we seek our pleasures and deal with others as we try to be when we go to church. It must be clear to others that Christ controls our ethics as well as our emotions, our morals as well as our meditations. Like Zacchaeus, who returned fourfold the money he had taken dishonestly, we must give convincing evidence by our outward dealings that we have really experienced a change of heart.*

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