

SC FWB Update, Vol. 2, No. 18, Wednesday, June 4, 2008

OPENING REMARKS:

The *Informer* is being compiled and will go to press on Friday. The online version should be ready to view by the weekend. The printed copies will be distributed to churches next week.

Two exciting events will take place this Saturday. Students will be graduating from the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute in Inman, SC, and also the Gold City Children's Home annual benefit concert will take place this Saturday at 7:00 PM in Sumter, SC, at Patriot Hall. Tickets to the concert are still available. Please call the SC FWB Home for Children for details at 843-659-2880.

If your church needs a missions **Vacation Bible School project idea**, the following missionary accounts are in the red, and these missionaries would appreciate any extra push to pull their accounts out of the red: 1) David and Annette Aycock (Brazil), 2) Carlisle Hanna (India), 3) Bobby and Geneva Poole (Brazil), 4) Fernando Bustamante (Effingham), 5) Jim Fairchild (Aiken), and 6) Gerardo Rodriguez (Una).

Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting and praying for the ministry of the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Office. We are here to serve you!

PRAYER & PRAISE:

- 1) **Bert Tippett**, 67-year old director of church relations at Free Will Baptist Bible College, has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of prostate cancer. Treatment will be in the form of radiation instead of surgery. He is a 1962 FWBBC graduate and has been a member of the college staff since 1965. Please remember him in prayer.
- 2) **I. Bennie Turner**, member of the Eastern Conference, had a fistula placed in his arm so that he can begin receiving dialysis. It will be a few months before he will begin dialysis, but please remember him in prayer.
- 3) CORRECTION: Please remember to pray for **Andy and Andrea Moore**, missionaries to Brazil, who are currently on stateside assignment. They will spend the rest of this year on furlough.
- 4) **Bobby and Geneva Poole** arrive in Atlanta on July 1, 2008. They will be attending the NAFWB Convention in Charleston, WV in July and will continue with stateside assignment.
- 5) **Tim and Kristi Johnson** leave tomorrow (June 5, 2008) to head to Michigan to continue stateside assignment. Please continue to remember them in prayer.
- 6) **Levi Moore, Missionaries Andy and Andrea Moore's son**, is currently in Mary Black Memorial Hospital in Spartanburg, SC, with pneumonia. Please remember him in prayer.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **Florence Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at Bazen's Restaurant in Florence at 8:30 AM.
- 2) **Lake City Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at Prosser's Restaurant in Lake City at 8:30 AM.

CHURCH NEWS:

- 1) ANNUAL CAMP MEETING - **Freedom FWB Church**, Ladson, SC. June 8-12 with various ministers preaching.
- 2) REVIVAL - **Socastee FWB Church**, Surfside Beach, SC. June 15-18 with **Rev. Brad Duncan** from Maringo, OH.
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SCFWB STATE NEWS:

- 1) 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.

- 2) **Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute Graduation**, Inman, SC - Saturday, June 7, 2008, at 10:00 AM
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CLOSING REMARKS - "Broken Glass":

One of the commencement addresses given to Columbine High School seniors, just one month after its tragic carnage on April 20, 1999, provided a beautiful picture of renewal. Sara Martin talked about the experience of people in Cambridge, England, during World War II. To save the stained-glass windows of King's College Chapel, the residents broke out each little section of

glass and safely stored them. After the war, they reassembled all of the little pieces and brought them back to their original beauty. Pain, suffering, and disappointment will certainly fragment all of our lives, but God can certainly take the broken pieces and turn them into a supernatural work of art.

Never forget that you are a beautiful creation of God's handiwork!

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If you will be attending the SC WAC retreat in September, a special PowerPoint Presentation Tribute will be given on behalf of those who have served or are currently serving in the military. For this project, please email any photos or questions to Mona Dukes at monadukes@hotmail.com. Please place "WAC Photos" in the subject line. In advance, thank you for your help with this special project.

The Conway area churches will be gathering at White Savannah FWB Church tomorrow evening (Thursday, June 12, 2008), at 7 PM for a time of prayer. The special time of prayer will focus on the need for work due to the work shortage in the Conway and Myrtle Beach areas. Everyone is invited to attend this special prayer meeting.

The Informer will be distributed to churches tomorrow. The current issue is available to read online at www.scfwb.com. Under "State Ministries," click on "State Paper" to read the current issue.

The **Eastern Conference** will be meeting on **Saturday, June 21, 2008**, at Williams Hill FWB Church in Hemingway, SC, at 9:30 AM. This is a correction as to what was previously listed on our state web site.

If you are interested in some old flannel graph Sunday School material for your church, please reply to this email and let us know if you are interested. A church has contacted our state office inquiring of those that might be interested.

PRAYER & PRAISE:

- 1) **Subhas**, Pastor Saifal's son, from our FWB India mission, was in a cycle rickshaw, which was hit from the rear by a vehicle. Please remember Subhas in prayer.
- 2) **Kevin Smith**, pastor at Westgate FWB Church in Spartanburg, has been through some recent medical testing due to a lesion that doctors discovered on his spinal cord. So far there are no permanent conclusions. He will be returning to the doctors in 6 weeks for further testing. Please remember him in prayer.
- 3) **Danny Stone**, pastor at Tabernacle FWB Church in Coward, has been facing some physical issues recently. In treating an infection, doctors discovered that he has non-Hodgkin lymphoma which will be monitored by doctors, but no treatments are currently necessary. If it ever comes to the point for need of treatment, the doctors are very optimistic. Please remember him in prayer.

MINISTER NEWS:

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CHURCH NEWS:

- 1) SINGING - **North Spartanburg FWB Church**, Spartanburg, SC. Saturday, June 14, 2008, at 7 PM with the **Hope Street Southern Gospel Trio**.
- 2) REVIVAL - **Socastee FWB Church**, Surfside Beach, SC. June 15-18 with **Rev. Brad Duncan** from Maringo, OH.
- 3) GATEWAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE - **North Spartanburg FWB Church**, Spartanburg, SC. Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 7 PM.
- 4) JUBILEE REVIVAL- **Liberty FWB Church**, Lancaster, SC. June 16-20, 2008 with **Rev. Buddy Seay** (Mon/Tues) and **Rev. Chris Rumfelt** (Tues-Frid) at 7 PM.
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- 7) REVIVAL - **Gaffney FWB Church**, Gaffney, SC. June 22-25, 2008 with **Rev. Kenneth Cash** (Sun at 6 PM M-W at 7 PM).
- 8) REVIVAL - **First FWB Church, Kingstree**, SC. June 22-25, 2008 with **Rev. Benny Hartley** (Sun at 11 AM & 6 PM & M-W at 7:30 PM)
- 9) SINGING - **Horse Branch FWB Church**, Turbeville, SC. Sunday, June 22, 2008, at 11 AM, the **Free Will Baptist Bible College** Rejoice Group will be providing special music.
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CLOSING REMARKS - "Red Radish":

Did you ever raise a radish? You put a small black seed into the black soil, and in a little while you return to the garden and find the full grown radish. The top is green, the body white and almost transparent, and the skin a delicate red or pink. What mysterious power reaches out and gathers from the ground the particles which give it form and size and flavor? Whose is the invisible brush that transfers to the root, growing in darkness, the hues of the summer sunset? If we were to refuse to eat anything until we could understand the mystery of its creation, we would die of starvation--but mystery, it seems, never bothers us in the dining room; it is only in the church that it causes us to hesitate.

Don't understand something in ministry or your life...a circumstance, a solution, a problem, a task at hand? Remember, your Creator understands, and He deserves your willingness to grow and be used of Him. But in order to do this, we must trust Him in all areas of our life! May you grow in His grace!

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Confirmation sheets for Sunday school literature will be mailed this week. For churches that are using or who are interested in starting to use CLEAR Sunday school literature, Randall House has developed a training kit for developing the greatest potential of CLEAR literature. The kits will be provided free of charge by our SC FWB State Office to churches that are a part of the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association on a request basis. Please let us know if your church is interested in receiving a kit. We believe this tool will be a great asset to your church in the area of Sunday school growth. A sample kit will be made available for viewing purposes at the upcoming quarterly minister conference meetings.

Bookstore Manager Linda Tanner, has undergone her fourth chemotherapy treatment. The treatments are working, and she will most likely have surgery in July. After the surgery, she will most likely have more chemotherapy treatments. The doctors are very optimistic regarding her situation. Please continue to remember her in prayer.

The South Carolina Free Will Baptist Executive Committee will be meeting on Tuesday of next week at the State Office to plan next year's state meeting. Next year's state meeting will be hosted by the Beaver Creek Association and will be held at Fairview FWB Church in Spartanburg, SC, on February 26-27, 2009.

Due to a conflict in scheduling the Ridge Church Restoration Project Phase II (painting the church) has been rescheduled for August 11-15, 2008. If you are interested in this project, feel free to contact the FWB Master's Men Department at 877-767-8039.

PRAYER & PRAISE:

- 1) **Jason Singletary**, member at Bay Branch FWB Church in Timmonsville, SC, was injured in an motor vehicle accident at the end of May. He was recently at Carolina Hospital System in Florence, SC, but was to be transferred to Shepherds Rehab in Atlanta, GA. There will be a benefit singing at the First FWB Church auditorium in Florence, SC on Friday, August 1, 2008 at 7 PM to help with medical expenses. There will be a \$5 optional entry fee to help with this cause. There has also been set up a fund at the Citizen's Bank called "Jason Singletary Fund." Feel free to leave him a message of encouragement at www.caringbridge.org/visit/jasonsingletary. Please remember Jason in prayer.
- 2) **Carlisle Hanna**, missionary to India, still has not found out any results on his papers. Please continue to remember him in prayer.

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CLOSING REMARKS - "Statue of Liberty":

On June 17, 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City aboard the French ship *Isero*. Miss Liberty's sculptor was the noted Frenchman, Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi. Together with his crew, Bartholdi created a masterpiece of excellence. The intricacies of this statue are incredible. One intriguing aspect of this commitment to excellence can be found atop her head. The detail given to this section of the statue makes you think the sculptor planned for the whole world to frequently gaze down at Lady Liberty's head. The fact is, once she was raised to her full height of more than 151 feet, only the seagulls could appreciate the artist's propensity for excellence. Bartholdi didn't think anyone would notice his work up top, but he still wanted every inch to be finished with the best he had to offer. Good thing, because in 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright created a new avenue for the world to examine Bartholdi's work. Excellence starts when we're committed to doing our best, whether or not anybody else will ever notice. Besides, somebody like Orville or Wilbur may come along and make sure the whole world takes notice of your work.*

There are so many things that Christians do that may go unnoticed by others. However, our Father in Heaven sees all that we do, and He will reward us accordingly and openly. May we be reminded that the work which we do that is not noticed by others needs to be done with a spirit of excellence, because we are to do it not as unto others but as unto our Master, who knows all and sees all. I am reminded of Paul's statement to the church at Corinth when he said "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Corinthians 10:31.

Thank you for your faithfulness in doing the unnoticed things in an excellent way!

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* Houston Post, June 17, 1993, p. A-25; Insight for Living, Charles Swindoll, June 1987; The Timetables of History, Bernard Grun, 1982, p. 457

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OPENING REMARKS - "Mileage Rate Increase:"

The IRS announced on Monday, June 23, 2008, that due to recent gas price increases, the standard mileage rate will increase to 58.5 cents per mile from 50.5 cents per mile beginning July 1, 2008, and running through the end of the year. "Rising gas prices are having a major impact on individual Americans. Given the increase in prices, the IRS is adjusting the standard mileage rates to better reflect the real cost of operating an automobile," said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. For ministers that log mileage, this is a positive benefit.

The SC FWB Executive Committee met on Tuesday, June 24, 2008, to plan the 2009 State Association meeting. The meeting will be hosted by the Beaver Creek Association and held at Fairview FWB Church in Spartanburg, SC, on February 26-27, 2009. As always, the General Board will meet on Wednesday of that week at 10 AM. The theme for next year's meeting will be "To Know Him and to Make Him Known." The headquarter hotel will be the Best Western (previously Fairfield Inn), located at 125 Sloan Garden Lane in Spartanburg, SC. Our group rate will be \$49 per night plus taxes. The group code is "SCFWB." Please mention this code when making reservations. The phone number to the hotel is 864-699-0000.

PRAYER & PRAISE:

- 1) **Lisa Evans** had surgery on Tuesday, June 24, 2008. Lisa is the wife of Reverend Rickey Evans, pastor at Evergreen FWB Church in Conway. Please remember Lisa in prayer as she recovers.
- 2) **Reverend Allen Fredell**, pastor at Freedom FWB Church, in Ladson, SC, is currently in Morganton, NC. His mother is in the ICU unit and is in critical condition. Doctors have not given her much hope. Please remember this family in prayer.
- 3) Esther Roach, the mother of **Reverend Roy Roach**, passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2008. Reverend Roach is the Director of our SC FWB Home for Children in Turbeville, SC. The funeral was held in Ironton, OH, on Tuesday, June 24, 2008. Please remember this family in prayer.

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- 4) **Beaver Creek Quarterly Conference Meeting** - Saturday, August 2, 2008, at Westgate FWB Church, Arcadia, SC. (**Note:** Due to the fact that the meeting was scheduled to fall on the

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CLOSING REMARKS - "The Birth of a Nation":

Nations come into being in many ways -- military rebellion, acts of heroism, civil strife, and acts of treachery. The birth of our nation included them all. That birth was unique, not only in the immensity of its later impact on the course of world history and the growth of democracy, but also because so many of the threads in our national history run back through time to come together in one place, in one time, and in one document: The Declaration of Independence.

On July 1, 1776, Congress returned to session. On July 2, the Lee Resolution for Independence was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies (New York signed July 9). The wording of the Declaration was then considered. The discussions in Congress resulted in a few more alterations and deletions -- but the document remained mostly as Jefferson had intended. The

process of revision continued through July 3 and into late afternoon of July 4. Then at last, church bells rang out over Philadelphia -- the Declaration had been officially adopted. John Hancock, the President of the Congress, was the first to sign.

Note that, when the Declaration was signed, church bells began to ring!! Oh, that it would be, 232 years later, that the church would be heard from -- and our message would signal intolerance to those things that threaten our basic biblical freedoms.*

May the Lord bless you,

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