

## SC FWB Update, Vol. 2, No. 16, Wednesday, May 14, 2008

### OPENING REMARKS:

My family and I enjoyed our time together on vacation, and we are back to the grind of catching up from being away. Mrs. Linda Tanner, our Bookstore Manager, started back working some half days this week. She has her third chemotherapy treatment this Monday. Please continue to pray for her.

Mrs. Dari Goodfellow, National Association of Free Will Baptist Executive Office Assistant, has requested that state offices send out a reminder regarding convention registration. If you pre-registered for the national convention and have not received a letter of confirmation, then you are not officially registered. Feel free to call the executive office for more details: 877-767-7659. The deadline for pre-registration is June 15, 2008.

Many of you are aware of Missionary Carlisle Hanna's situation in India. He was granted a two month extension until July 6, 2008. Please continue to keep this as a matter of prayer.

The next issue of the *Informer* will be published at the beginning of June. Please submit any South Carolina Free Will Baptist church news worthy articles and pictures by Wednesday, May 25, 2008. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### PRAYER & PRAISE:

- 1) **Update - Mrs. Linda Tanner**, our Christian Book & Supply manager, will have her third chemotherapy treatment on Monday, May 19, 2008. She started back to work this week working half days until she can gain her strength back. She is doing better. Please pray that the chemotherapy treatments will work in shrinking the tumor so that she will be able to have surgery.
- 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, May 5, 2008. As of this morning, he was in critical but stable condition in the intensive care unit. Please pray for him and his family during this time.
- 3) **Tim Campbell**, FWB Promotional Director of the state of Arkansas, will be having cancer surgery on Thursday, May 15, 2008. Please remember him in prayer during this time.

### MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **Lake City Area Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 8:30 AM, at Prosser's Restaurant in Lake City, SC.
- 2) **True Life Conference Meeting** - Saturday, May 17, 2008, at Gloryland FWB Church, Rock Hill, SC, 10 AM.

### CHURCH NEWS:

- 1) REVIVAL - **Little Star FWB Church**, Lake City, SC, May 15-17, 2008, with **Rev. Buddy Seay** (Th, Fri, & Sat - 7:30 PM nightly)
- 2) "Radical Change" Youth Ministry Golf Tournament - **Temple FWB Church**, Darlington, SC - Saturday, May 17, 2008, at Governors Run Golf Club - call Steve Brodgen at 843-250-1799 for details.
- 3) ANNUAL CAMP MEETING - **Freedom FWB Church**, Ladson, SC. June 8-12 with various ministers preaching.
- 4) REVIVAL - **First FWB Church, Simsonville, SC.** September 14-19, (Sun PM - Friday - Sun at 7 PM @ M-F at 7:30 PM - Meals at 6 PM before each service), with **Rev. Tim York**.

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### **CLOSING REMARKS:**

The late Colonel Sanders of Kentucky Fried Chicken is remembered by a small band of airline passengers more for his compassion than his secret recipe. During a flight, one young infant was screaming and crying. The feverish mother tried desperately to calm the child but to no avail. She was even assisted by the flight attendants but nothing seemed to work. Finally, the Colonel asked if he might hold the baby. He gently cradled the child and rocked her to sleep. The plane's cabin became still and quiet. When Sanders returned to his seat a passenger said, "We all appreciate what you did for us." The stately old man replied, "I didn't do it for us. I did it for the baby." Ministry may provide benefits for those who engage in it, but the motive for such service must be others, not self.

May we each have others in mind when we perform ministry as we do it to the best of our might. May the Lord bless you.

You Are Greatly Appreciated,

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## **SC FWB Update, Vol. 2, No. 17, Wednesday, May 21, 2008**

### **OPENING REMARKS:**

Revival services in many of our churches has past. Vacation Bible School planning is on the agenda for many. Lots of family members have watched or will be soon watching a graduate walk down the aisle from Kindergarten, High School, or College. Many farmer's are preparing their fields for planting. It's a time of reflection and preparation. It's a time of planting. I encourage you to seize every moment that God gives you as if it were your last, and you won't go through life regretting the moments that were used unwisely.

Mrs. Linda Tanner, our bookstore manager, took her third chemotherapy treatment on Monday. She is now working half days at the Bookstore until she can gain her strength back. Her fourth treatment is scheduled for June 9, 2008. Hopefully, after this treatment she will be able to have surgery. She is doing much better. Thanks for your continued prayers.

### **PRAYER & PRAISE:**

- 1) **Paul Creech**, nephew of Rev. Jacob Creech, is still in critical condition. The post surgery pneumonia is not responding to any medications. Please continue to pray for him.
- 2) **Tim Campbell**, Free Will Baptist Promotional Director in Arkansas, had cancer surgery last week. The surgery was successful. Please remember him in prayer as he recovers.
- 3) **Rebekah Bragan**, wife of Rev. Robert Bragan (pastor at Beulah FWB Church), had a follow up appointment at Vanderbilt Medical Center last week. The scans were negative, and the doctors said everything looked good. She will not have to return for another six months. We praise the Lord for this good report.

### **MINISTER NEWS:**

- 1) **Conway Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at Shoney's Restaurant in Conway at 8:30 AM.
- 2) **Florence Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at Bazen's Restaurant in Florence at 8:30 AM.

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Abraham Lincoln was considered by many Americans as a most successful president. It was strange that he was a man marked for failure, a man suffering from melancholia, who endured long periods of depression throughout his life. He could barely see out of one eye. He had frequent nervous attacks, severe headaches, indigestion and nausea. He had a couch placed near his desk in the White House so he could quickly lie down when one of his spells came over him. When Lincoln was 10 years old he was kicked in the head by a horse and experts now believe that the skull was severely fractured, leaving him with lifelong problems. When he came to deliver the now famous address at Gettysburg, he was coming down with smallpox. Lincoln failed in business in 1831, was defeated for the legislature in 1832. The next year he suffered another business defeat and in 1836 had a nervous breakdown. He failed to be elected speaker in 1838, was defeated for elector in 1840, and for Congress in 1843, as well as in 1848. Lincoln failed to be elected to the Senate in 1855, and was defeated for the Vice Presidency in 1856 and for the Senate in 1858. However, being elected President in 1860, he could afford all those failures. Abraham Lincoln was truly a successful failure.

Some people are slow starters and may discover God's purpose late in life. Moses was 80 years old when he began his life's work. All that time God was preparing him to do one thing--lead the Hebrews out of Egypt. It could be that you are living to accomplish only one great task for God, and that all the rest of your life is merely preparation for that great heroic responsibility.

May you have a blessed week,

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**OPENING REMARKS: "Missionary Update"**

It's been a joy to have missionaries Tim and Kristi Johnson (Spain) with us in South Carolina on state side assignment. However, they leave on June 5, 2008, to head to Michigan to continue their stateside assignment. Please continue to remember their family in prayer. Bobby and Geneva Poole will be coming back to the states in July for stateside assignment. If you are interested in having them for a missions itinerant service, please feel free to let me know, and I will forward your request. Mirial Gainer has been undergoing some physical problems recently. Please remember her in prayer. Please continue to pray for David and Annette Aycock and their family as they continue with the many responsibilities in Brazil. Also, continue to pray for Andy and Andrea Moore as they continue to minister in Brazil. Missionary Carlisle Hanna still needs prayer in regard to his visa situation. Gerardo Rodriguez continues to serve the Lord faithfully in Una, SC. Fernando Bustamante continues to minister faithfully in Effingham and Conway, SC. Jim Fairchild continues to carry forth the ministry in Aiken, SC. I encourage you to pray for all of these South Carolina missionaries, and we also ask you to prayerfully consider what God might have you to do in assisting them financially. Fee free to send any gifts designated for these missionaries through the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Office, PO Box 9, Turbeville, SC 29162. In advance thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**PRAYER & PRAISE:**

- 1) **Paul Creech**, nephew of Rev. Jacob Creech, is doing better. Please continue to pray for him.
- 2) **Reverend I. Bennie Turner**, member of the Eastern Conference, is taking kidney dialysis. Please remember him in prayer.

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A railway gatekeeper, who one cold night required every passenger to show his ticket before passing through to the train, and was rewarded with considerable grumbling and protesting, was told: "You are a very unpopular man tonight." "I only care to be popular with one man," was the reply, "and that is the superintendent." He might have pleased the passengers, disobeyed orders, and lost his position. He was too wise for that; his business was to please one man--the man who hired him, gave him his orders, and rewarded him for faithfulness, and who would discharge him for disobedience. The servant of Christ has many opportunities to make himself unpopular. There are multitudes who would be glad to have him relax the strictness of his rules. If he is their servant, they demand that he should consult their wishes. But if he serves them, he cannot serve the Lord. "No man can serve two masters." He who tries to be popular with the world, will lose his popularity with the Lord. He will make friends, but he will lose the one Friend who is above all others. He will win plaudits, but he will not hear the gracious words: "Well done!"

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