

OPENING REMARKS: "Two Big Events, One Weekend" -

This weekend, many of our South Carolina Free Will Baptist ladies will be participating in the SC WAC Retreat in Winnsboro, SC at the White Oak Conference Center (Visit www.scwac.com for details). Also, this weekend, many will be participating in the annual Children's Home Benefit Golf Tournament in Manning, SC (Call 843-659-2880 for details). Please pray that both of these events will be a great success.

PRAYER & PRAISE:

1) **Mrs. Linda Tanner**, our Christian Book and Supply Bookstore Manager, will be having her second post-surgery chemotherapy treatment on Monday, September 8, 2008. Please continue to remember her in prayer.

2) Pray for our country as we approach **Election Day** on November 4, 2008.

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2) **Lake City Area Minister's Breakfast**, Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at Prosser's Restaurant in Lake City at 8:30 AM.

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SC WAC NEWS:

- 1) 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.
- 2) Calling All Pastors' Wives in the SC Conference!! If you're interested in networking with other FWB pastor's wives in our conference for fellowship, Bible study, accountability, and prayer for our churches on a monthly basis, please come to a Fellowship Get-together on Tuesday, September 23, at 7 p.m. at the home of Trudy Miles, 3419 W. Hampton Pointe Dr., Florence, SC. A light supper will be prepared. Just come and enjoy the fellowship! Please respond by phone (667-8798) or email: trudymiles54@cs.com Thanks!

SCFWB STATE NEWS:

- 1) Teen Retreat - October 24-26, 2008 at Myrtle Beach, SC.
- 2) SC FWB Children's Home Golf Tournament - Saturday, September 6, 2008. Visit www.homeforchildren.org for details.

CLOSING REMARKS: "Sanitation Strike"

In 1 Corinthians 12:22, Paul noted that the gifts we often see as unimportant are truly most necessary. When President Reagan was shot in 1981, the nation's government continued to function as though the attempted assassination had never taken place. During that same year the garbage men of Philadelphia went on strike for three weeks and brought the city to its knees. Although most would say the Presidency is far more important than domestic sanitation, it was the trash men who proved to be indispensable. Likewise, in the church there are those who appear to have "unnecessary" gifts, but the absence of their service might hurt more than you would expect.

For those who faithfully serve even in tasks which seem so trivial, thank you for your faithfulness. No job done for God is in vain or unimportant. May the Lord bless you for your service!

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OPENING REMARKS:

Mrs. Linda Tanner, our Bookstore Manager, was to have her second post operative chemotherapy treatment on Monday. However, due to her platelet count, the treatment has been re-scheduled. Please continue to remember her in prayer. The Children's Home was able to host their annual golf tournament despite the potential threat from tropical storm Hanna this past weekend. By the time the tournament started, the rain had stopped, and it turned out to be a great day raising almost \$35,000 for the Children's Home. Also, the ladies retreat was able to meet at the White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro this past weekend. The retreat turned out to be a great success. The September/October issue of the *Informer* will have a report on both of these events.

PRAYER & PRAISE:

- 1) Tony Bryson, brother of **Reverend Tommy Bryson**, pastor at Oak Grove FWB Church in Conway, passed away last week. A memorial service for Tony was held at the Liberty FWB Church in Lancaster on Saturday, September 6, 2008. Please remember Reverend Tommy Bryson and his family in prayer during this time.
- 2) Mrs. Joyce Annette Rabon Small, mother of **Reverend Teddy Rabon**, pastor at Calvary FWB Church in Georgetown, SC, passed away Sunday, September 7, 2008, at Marion County Medical Center. Mrs. Small was a member of the Mullins-Marion FWB Church where the funeral service was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at 4:00 PM. Please remember Reverend Teddy Rabon and his family in prayer during this time.
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- 6) **Central Association Quarterly Meeting** - Saturday, October 11, 2008, at White Savannah FWB Church in Conway, SC, at 9:00 AM

CHURCH NEWS:

- 1) 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE - **Freedom FWB Church, Ladson, SC** - Thursday, September 11, 2008, 6:00 PM (Meal provided following service).
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- 16) SINGING - **Low Country FWB Church, North Charleston, SC**, Sunday, October 5, 2008, with **Laurel Jean**, from 10 AM - 12 Noon.
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CLOSING REMARKS: "The People Are Responsible for the Character of their Congress" -

Tomorrow, September 11, 2008, is the 7th Memorial Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on American soil. Our heart goes out to the many family and friends who lost a loved one due to these tragic attacks. Our prayers are with them during this time. In a couple of months, Americans will go to the polls to vote for the next president of the United States of America. President James A. Garfield (an ordained minister of the Gospel) foresaw a century ago where we are today: *"Now, more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption. If that body be intelligent, brave, and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature. If the next centennial does not find us a great nation, it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces."* (John M. Taylor, Garfield of Ohio: The Available Man (New York: W.W. Norton and Company, Inc., 1970), p.180, quoted from "A Century of Congress," by James A. Garfield, Atlantic, July 1877.)

As American citizens, we have the responsibility to vote for our leaders. As a Christian, we have a responsibility to vote for the candidate that best represents the moral truths of God's Word. As parents, we have the responsibility to provide a better America for our children and grandchildren. May each of us, follow through with these commitments!

God bless America!

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Saturday, October 4, 2008, is the deadline to be registered to vote in South Carolina. Voters must be registered one month in advance of Election Day on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. Please encourage people in your church to register to vote. You can find the voter registration form and guidelines at www.state.sc.us/scsec/vr.html This year's election is a crucial election. Your vote does count and can make a difference! At the following site, you will find a 2008 voters guide that can be viewed online or downloaded to be used as a bulletin insert:
www.wallbuilders.com/LIBissuesArticles.asp?id=5386

Mrs. Linda Tanner, our Christian Book and Supply bookstore manager, will be returning to work tomorrow after two post-operative chemotherapy treatments. We have missed her and look forward to her return.

We are in the process of archiving historical documents at our State Office. Mike Jones, our previous Executive Secretary, and his wife Paula, archived several of our documents, and we are going to build upon what they did. Our plans are to have a page on our web site that will provide minutes from every South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association meeting. We already have several back issues of our state paper, *The Informer*, on the web. However, there are some gaps that need to be filled. Please announce to your church that we need *Informers* from the 1970's and 1980's. We also will need some back issues of historical state minutes. In upcoming weekly email updates, we will give you the years of the missing minutes. In advance, thank you for your help with this project.

PRAYER & PRAISE:

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CLOSING REMARKS: "218,000 people" -

On July 20, 1969, the world watched as astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first man to set foot on the moon. Who can forget the moment when he said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind"? What we probably don't remember is how many people were involved in getting Mr. Armstrong to the moon. In all, there were 218,000 people working behind the scenes to make that historic moment possible.

In the church, though one or two may seem to get the credit for the big accomplishments, let's remember that the church pulling together as a whole is what really makes it happen! For a true leader, it doesn't matter who gets the credit as long as God's work and will are being accomplished! Thanks for what you do in pulling together to see souls won and lives changed for the Kingdom of God!

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OPENING REMARKS: - "1944 Minutes?"

Last week, I mentioned that we are archiving South Carolina Free Will Baptist historical documents. We hope to have a copy of the minutes from state meetings for every year posted on the web soon. However, we are missing only one year...1944. Will you help us find a copy of the minutes from 1944. This was the second year of the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association meeting. Please announce to your church members that we need help finding a copy of the 1944 South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association minutes.

The September/October Issue of *The Informer* will be due to the press by October 3, 2008. If you have an article or pictures to submit for this issue, please email them to me by the end of this week. If you are having a special day this coming Sunday and want that event in the September/October issue of *The Informer*, please have the information to be by Monday morning, September 29, 2008. In advance, thank you for your help!

The SC WAC Retreat this year honored those who previously served or who are currently serving in the military. Feel free to click on the following link to view the PowerPoint Presentation that was shown at the retreat. www.scwac.com (We extend a special thanks to Mona Dukes for compiling this presentation!)

If you are interested in attending the National Association of Free Will Baptist Leadership Conference, feel free to click the link on our South Carolina Free Will Baptist website for registration information and details... www.scfwb.com.

PRAYER & PRAISE:

- 1) Continue to pray for missionary **Carlisle Hanna** as he makes preparations to return to the states.
- 2) Please continue to pray for our missionaries **Bobby and Geneva Poole**, who are currently on stateside assignment in SC. They were both recently assaulted when two people deceptively requested to use their phone. They came out with minor injuries, and we praise the Lord that the situation was not worse.
- 3) Please continue to pray for missionaries **Andy and Andrea Moore**, who are on stateside assignment traveling across NC, SC, and VA.
- 4) Please pray for **Alejandro and Ana**, children of missionaries Tim and Kristi Johnson, as they have started back the school year in Spain.
- 5) Pray for missionaries **David and Annette Aycock**. Ask God to give wisdom as the family engages in planting churches, training nationals and overseeing current works.
- 6) Pray for missionary **Mirial Gainer** for continued spiritual growth and boldness in witnessing to the Japanese people.
- 7) Continue to pray for newly appointed missionaries to Uruguay, **Neil and Mandy Morgan**, as they travel on itinerant to raise funds for the mission field.

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- 12) **Ketteman Day** at Mt. Elon Free Will Baptist Church, Pamplico, SC. Homecoming Service, Oct. 19th, 2008 Honoring **Rev. and Mrs. Paul Ketteman**. Featuring the Ketteman children: guest speakers **Dr. Garnett Reid (Carol)**; **Dr. Greg Ketteman (Jill)**; **Rev. Randy Corn (Joy)** and special singing provided by the **Ketteman Family**. A day of remembering and honoring the lasting ministry of the Kettemans at Mt. Elon. Services will begin at 10:00 a.m. with lunch after the 11:00 service. Lots of stories and pictures.
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SCFWB STATE NEWS:

Teen Retreat - October 24-26, 2008 at Myrtle Beach, SC. (visit www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm for a registration brochure and medical waiver form)

Denomination News:

NAFWB Leadership Conference - December 8-9, 2008 at Millennium Maxwell House Hotel. (For details, go to www.scfwb.com)

CLOSING REMARKS: "Be Ready to Give An Answer"

A pollster got an earful of confusing rhetoric when he stopped a woman in the mall to survey her religious beliefs. He said, "Ma'am, I'm taking a survey on religious beliefs in America. Would you tell me what you believe about God?" The woman emphatically stated, "I believe what my church believes!" He then asked, "What does your church believe?" She firmly replied, "My church believes what I believe." He then took another angle and inquired, "What do you and your church believe about God?" She assertively said, "My church and I believe the same thing!" This story reminds me of what Peter wrote in 1 Peter 3:15, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" Can you give an answer as to what you believe and as to why you believe what you believe? It must not be founded upon "that's the way I was taught" or "we've always done it that way." However, it must be founded upon the principles of the Word of God. The next time we say, "I believe..." or "I feel this way..." -- Let's also ask the question, "What is the basis of this belief?" Always be ready to give an answer in accordance with a Biblical foundation!

Thank you for your faithfulness,

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