

SC FWB Update, Vol. 2, No. 52, Wednesday, January 7, 2008

OPENING REMARKS: "Procrastination"

It is 6:45 PM on Thursday, January 8, 2009, and as you can tell, my Wednesday update is now a Thursday update. I almost decided to make it a Friday update and send it out tomorrow due to the busyness of yesterday and today, but I am reminded of the humorous quote I heard a while back regarding procrastination. "Procrastination is the bad habit of putting off until the day after tomorrow what should have been done the day before yesterday." I'm sure you have had days like that as well, and I smile as I say that.

As we close out the books for the end of the year and make preparations for annual reporting and starting a new year of receipting gifts for January 2009, I am thankful for another year that we have to serve Free Will Baptist in South Carolina.

As you will notice in the prayer request listed below, Mrs. Linda Tanner, our bookstore manager, was admitted to the hospital today. She was to start her chemotherapy treatments again on this coming Monday. Please continue to pray for the doctors as they oversee her care, and pray for the guiding hand and healing touch of God in her life.

Sunday School literature changes were due this week on Tuesday, and the literature order will be placed tomorrow for the upcoming quarter. Just a reminder to those who receive the CLEAR Living Adult Sunday School literature, in the Spring quarter beginning in March, this literature will be replaced with FUSION, a new and improved Sunday school literature being published by Randall House. Only the adult category will be changing in the CLEAR literature. All other categories will remain the same, and the CLASSIC Bible material will still be available as well.

PRAYER REQUEST:

- 1) Myra Leonard's dad, **Billy Matthews**, is currently in McLeod Hospital in Florence. He had heart valve replacement surgery on Wednesday, and after complications doctors had to take him back into surgery Wednesday evening. He is currently in the CCU and is stable. Myra is the wife of Reverend Mark Leonard, pastor at Mt. Elon FWB Church in Pamplico. Please remember Mr. Matthews in prayer during this time.
- 2) **Mrs. Linda Tanner**, our bookstore manager, was admitted to the hospital today. There is a possibility that she will have to undergo gall bladder surgery tomorrow depending on the results of test. She is currently in Carolina Hospital System in Florence, SC. She was to start her next round of chemotherapy treatments on next Monday in Charleston. Please remember her in prayer during this time.
- 3) **Virginia Rentz**, piano player at the High Point FWB Church in Lancaster, is in CMC-Union Hospital having a knee replacement surgery. Please pray for her during this time.
- 4) **Reverend Mike Haynes**, member at High Point FWB Church in Lancaster, is now at home but still needs continued prayers.
- 5) **Mrs. Barbara Dunbar**, wife of Reverend Galen Dunbar, is in Carolina Hospital System in Florence, and has had a rebound of pneumonia. Please remember her in prayer during this time.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **FWB Central Association Meeting** - Saturday, January 10, 2009, at Wildwood FWB Church in Nichols, SC - 9:00 AM; Devotion - Reverend Rick Bowling / Message - Reverend Carlisle Hanna
- 2) **FWB Florence / Darlington Area Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at Bazen's Restaurant in Florence - 8:30 AM
- 3) **FWB True Life Conference Meeting** - Saturday, January 17, 2009, at Pine Grove FWB Church, Jefferson, SC - 9:30 AM
- 4) **FWB Beaver Creek Minister's Luncheon** - Monday, January 19, 2009, at CJ's Restaurant in Spartanburg - 11:30 AM
- 5) **FWB Lake City Area Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at Prosser's Restaurant in Lake City - 8:30 AM - Guest Speaker: Reverend Carlisle Hanna
- 6) **FWB South Carolina Conference Annual Meeting** - Thursday and Friday, January 22-23, 2009, at Westside FWB Church in Johnsonville, SC
- 7) **FWB Beaver Creek Annual Conference Meeting** - Saturday, January 31, 2009, at First FWB Church, Chester, SC - 9:00 AM

CHURCH NEWS:

- 1) **CAMP MEETING IN THE CAROLINAS - Sponsored by the Central Association - Hosted by First FWB Church, Myrtle Beach, SC:**

Thursday, January 29, 2008 - 7 PM - Reverend Steward Norris and Reverend Jack Lassiter

Friday, January 30, 2008 - 10 AM - Reverend Tony Miles and Reverend Jack Lassiter
(Lunch at local restaurants)

Friday, January 30, 2008 - 7 PM - "The Rivertown Boys" (Special Singing) and Reverend Jack Lassiter

- For Details contact Reverend Buddy Seay at 843-455-7028

- Make your reservations at the Mystic Sea Motel, 2105 S. Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach (843-626-2353) and mention "campmeeting '09"

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SC WAC Announcement:

Please send your State Project monies to your District Treasurer. The District Treasurer will forward the monies to the State WAC Treasurer, and she will forward the monies to the SC State Office. The State Project monies will be divided evenly between the four designated state works after all monies have been collected. The four state works are SC Home Missions, the FWB Children's Home, the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute, and the SC FWB State Office. The goal is \$20,000.00. I am thankful for all the WAC groups that have been working to achieve our goal. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

Pam Hackett

SC WAC State Coordinator

CLOSING REMARKS: "Servanthood"

A certain family had two sons. The older said he must make a name for his family, so turned his face toward Parliament and fame. The younger decided to give his life to the service of Christ and turned his face toward China and duty. He was Hudson Taylor, the missionary, who died beloved and known on every continent. "But," someone wrote, "when I looked in the encyclopedia to see what the other son had done, I found these words, 'the brother of Hudson Taylor.' " It may be that some were inclined to ridicule him when he went to the mission field, but in the end, he was respected and admired. His mercifulness had not been in vain, even as far as the world was concerned. But the merciful also receive recognition and reward from God Himself. This takes place both in this world and, in its full measure, in the world to come.

Thank you for your faithful service to the Lord. You are greatly appreciated.

In Christ,

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