

SC FWB Update, Vol. 3, No. 43, Wednesday, November 18, 2009

OPENING REMARKS:

This coming Saturday, the Eastern Conference will be meeting at Mill Branch FWB Church at 9:00 AM, and the Palmetto Conference will be meeting at New Vision FWB Church in Rock Hill, SC at 10 AM.

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is already upon us and that Christmas is right around the corner. What a glorious time of year to be reminded of our need to be thankful, and immediately following, we will be able to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. At our State Office, we are grateful for our ministers who labor faithfully in the Lord, for our church members and lay leaders who assist in the work of the church, for our Women Active for Christ who have a heart for missions and who work very hard in their various churches, and for all of you who support us financially but most of all prayerfully as we labor together in God's kingdom work. You are our friends in ministry. Thank you!

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next weekly update will go out on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. From our heart to yours, we wish each of you a blessed Thanksgiving!

PRAYER REQUEST:

Dr. Matt Pinson, president of the Free Will Baptist Bible College has been diagnosed with the flu and pneumonia. He has been pushing hard due to extensive travel and speaking schedules, as well as teaching duties and presidential responsibilities. His doctor has prescribed medications and a couple of weeks of rest. Please remember him in prayer during this time.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **Palmetto Conference Meeting**, Saturday, November 21, 2009, New Vision FWB Church in Rock Hill, 10 AM
- 2) **Eastern Conference Meeting**, Saturday, November 21, 2009, Eastern Conference Meeting, Mill Branch FWB Church, 9:30 AM.

COUPLES RETREAT:

20th Annual Couple's Retreat - Myrtle Beach Hilton - February 12-13, 2010

Cost: \$175 per couple (includes ocean view room, Friday night buffet at Captain Bennett's Seafood, Saturday morning buffet in the Dune's Ballroom, all sessions, door prizes, and goodie bags. A deposit of \$125 is due by December 18, 2009. If people opt to pay in full by December 18, the cost is \$165 and their names will be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing (\$100 off next year's retreat). For more information, call Donnie Miles at 843-667-8798, or feel free to email him at peacepastor50@cs.com.

CHURCH NEWS:

November

8, 10, 17, 24th 2nd ANNUAL SEASON of HARVEST - Three Churches - One Goal - The Harvest of Souls

Sunday, November 8, 2009 - **Parkway FWB Church, Spartanburg** -6 PM - Kick-Off Service

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 - **Turning Point FWB Church, Spartanburg** - 7 PM
- Driven Quartet

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 - **First FWB Church, Una** - 7 PM - Rev. Wayland
Owens

Tuesday, November 24, 2009 - **Parkway FWB Church, Spartanburg** - 7 PM -
Rev. Buddy Seay

15-18 REVIVAL - **Liberty FWB Church in Lancaster**, with Reverend Billy Fields, 7 PM

15-18 CAMP MEETING - **Westgate FWB Church in Spartanburg**, with Reverend James
Sanders (Sunday 10 AM & 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

Various Singers each night and a meal provided after each service for a small
donation. Everyone's Invited.

15-18 REVIVAL - **Immanuel FWB Church in Santee** with Reverend Phil Ange (SS 10 AM
Worship 11 AM & 6 PM / M-W 7:30 PM)

15-18 REVIVAL - **Liberty FWB Church in Lancaster**, with Reverend Billy Fields.

22 HOMECOMING - **Hillside FWB Church** in Florence, with Reverend Todd Smith (SS
10 AM / Worship 11 AM)

24 SINGING - First FWB Church in Inman, with the Reggie Saddler Family at 7 PM for a
Night of Thanksgiving and Praise. Dinner will be served at 6 PM. All are invited to Attend.

29-Dec 2 REVIVAL - **First FWB Church** in Hamlet, NC with Reverend Jack Lassiter, (29th -
Friends and Family Day - lunch to follow service) (Revival Sun 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

29-Dec 2 REVIVAL - **Bethany FWB Church** in Timmonsville, with Reverend
Timmy Larrimore.

*Please send church news announcements via email to ToddSmith@scfwb.com by Tuesday
of each week for the following SC FWB Update.

WAC NEWS:

1)The **Central District WAC** will be having their annual Prayer and Praise Rally meeting on
Saturday, November 21, 2009 at **Mt. Ariel FWB Church in Conway**. Service begins at 10
AM, and lunch is to be served afterwards.

2) The **Beaver Creek District WAC** will be having their annual Prayer and Praise Rally
meeting on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at **Fairview FWB Church in Spartanburg**. 10 AM.

MISSION NEWS:

The **Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Institute** Fall graduation will take place on Saturday, November
28, 2009, at First FWB Church in Inman at 10:30 AM.

CLOSING REMARKS:

A party of pioneers on the Oregon Trail suffered for weeks from a scarcity of water and grass
for their animals. Most of the wagons had broken down, causing endless delays in the stifling
heat. A feeling of fretfulness and futility prevailed. Optimism and cheer were gone. Courage was
in limited supply. One night the leaders called a meeting to air complaints. When they gathered
around the campfire, one man stood up and said, "Before we commence our grief session, don't
you think we should at least first thank God that he has brought us this far with no loss of life,
with no serious trouble from the Indians, and that we have enough strength left to finish our
journey?"

The other settlers agreed. After the brief prayer, all that could be heard were the cries of a

distant pack of wolves. There was otherwise stone silence around the campfire, because no one had any grievances they felt were important enough to voice. They suddenly realized if they couldn't be satisfied with what they'd received, they could at least be thankful for what they'd escaped. Thankfulness enabled them to see the mercies of God they had been overlooking.*

Psalm 107:1-91 (KJV) "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

8 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

May we with Grateful Hearts Praise Him!

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