

SC FWB Update, Vol. 3, No. 41, Wednesday, November 4, 2009

OPENING REMARKS: "The Informer"

The September/October 2009 issue of "The Informer" is available to view online at www.scfwb.org/informer.htm. You will also notice if you scroll to the bottom of the Informer page, that we have added online some back issues from the 1970's. We had some old Informers donated to the State Office, and we are currently in the process of archiving, scanning, and filing these for our historical archives and for publishing to the web. We are still missing some issues. If you would like to donate some old issues of "The Informer" or "The Post" (the forerunner to the "The Informer"), we would love to get a copy of them. If you are willing to give them up, please feel free to drop by our State Office historical issues, or feel free to ship them to 1169 Atkinson Street, Turbeville, SC 29162. In advance, thank you for helping us preserve our rich history. Continue to visit the online Informer page as we continue to add more issues from the past.

Don't Forget...Children's Home Day is this Saturday, November 7, 2009. Tours begin at 10 AM. Special Singing at 11 AM. Director Reverend Todd Parrish will be bringing the message, and lunch will be provided for everyone in attendance following the service. Also, a special note burning service will take place as well. You don't want to miss this special day!

PRAYER REQUEST:

- 1) **Missionary Carlisle Hanna** returned to India yesterday, November 3, 2009. Please pray for him as he continues in ministry.
- 2) Please remember **Reverend Earl Hanna**, pastor at Bethany FWB Church, in prayer regarding his physical health.
- 3) Please remember **Reverend Galen Dunbar**, member of the SC Conference, in prayer regarding his physical health.
- 4) **Mr. Cliff Hanna**, brother of Reverend Earl Hanna, had hear bypass surgery yesterday. Please remember him in prayer.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **Florence/Darlington Area Minister's Breakfast**, Tuesday, November 10, 2009, Bazen's Restaurant in Florence, 8:30 AM
- 2) **Lake City Area Minister's Breakfast**, Tuesday, November 17, 2009, Prosser's Restaurant in Lake City, 8:30 AM
- 3) **Palmetto Conference Meeting**, Saturday, November 21, 2009, New Vision FWB Church in Rock Hill, 10 AM
- 4) **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

7 GOLF TOURNAMENT - **Sponsored by Westgate FWB Church** at Greer Country Club, 10:30 AM. For more information, call 864-574-5904

7 GOSPEL SINGING - **Liberty FWB Church in Orangeburg** will be having a gospel singing at 6:30 PM featuring Eighth Day and 7TH Vision.

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

8-12 REVIVAL - **Mill Branch FWB Church, Johnsonville** (SS 10 AM / SS Worship 11 AM & 6 PM / M-Th 7:30 PM) - Various Preachers

9-13 REVIVAL - **New Prospect FWB Church** in Pamplico, November 9-13, with Reverend Rickey Evans, 7:30 nightly

14 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - **75th Birthday Celebration for Rev. Bennie Turner** at the FWB Children's Home in Turbeville, 2-5 PM

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

15 JOHN WEAVER SERVICE - **Horse Branch FWB Church** in Turbeville will be having Missionary John Weaver on Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 11 AM & 6 PM.

Sister churches are invited to have a combined service on Sunday evening for those who would like to attend.

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)

29-Dec 2 REVIVAL - **First FWB Church** in Hamlet, NC with Reverend Jack Lassiter

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.

FWB CHILDREN'S HOME News:

Saturday, November 7, 2009 - **60th Annual FWB Home for Children Homecoming Day** (1949-2009) in Turbeville, SC. Activities begin at 10 AM. The day will include tours of the home, special singing, preaching, and lunch provided for everyone in attendance. Also, a special "Note Burning" service will also take place in celebration of the debt retirement.

WAC NEWS:

- 1) **SC Conference District WAC Prayer and Praise Rally** - "SEEING BEYOND THE BROKEN PIECES SEMINAR" - **Mt. Elon FWB Church in Pamplico**, November 14, 2009. Registration 9:30 AM. Service at 10 AM. Ellen Rauh, a teacher from Delmae in Florence, will be sharing her testimony. Break out sessions include: "Care Givers/Illnesses," "Employment Issues," "Single Life," and "Abusive Situations."
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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 Conway. 10 AM.

CLOSING REMARKS: "Shedding the Shell"

From time to time, lobsters have to leave their shells in order to grow. They need the shell to protect them from being torn apart, yet when they grow, the old shell must be abandoned. If they did not abandon it, the old shell would soon become their prison—and finally their casket. The tricky part for the lobster is the brief period of time between when the old shell is discarded and the new one is formed. During that terribly vulnerable period, the transition must be scary to the lobster. Currents gleefully cartwheel them from coral to kelp. Hungry schools of fish are ready to make them a part of their food chain. For awhile at least, that old shell must look pretty good.

Our lives are not so different from lobsters. To change and grow, we must sometimes shed our shells—a structure, a framework—we've depended on. Discipleship means being so committed to Christ that when he bids us to follow, we will change, risk, grow, and leave our "shells" behind.

May the Lord Richly Bless You,

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