

OPENING REMARKS: "January/February 2009 Informer"

The January/February 2009 issue of *The Informer* is currently at the press. The online version is available at www.scfwb.org/informer.htm. In order to save on postage, if you are pre-registered to attend the SC FWB state meeting, we will hand deliver the packet of your church's *Informer*s to you at the state meeting. We will distribute the others via media mail on Friday of this week or Monday of next week.

We are only one week away from our South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association meeting. Feel free to pre-register or get further details at www.scfwb.com/state_meet.html

We look forward to a great time of fellowship together.

PRAYER REQUEST:

- 1) **Reverend Paul Hyman**, member of the Central Association, is currently in the Grand Strand Hospital in Myrtle Beach and will be having heart by-pass surgery. Please remember him in prayer.
- 2) Please continue to remember **Reverend Steward Norris**, pastor at Cornerstone FWB Church in Whiteville. Rev. Norris has still been facing a lot of physical weakness.
- 3) **Reverend Wayland Owen's** father-in-law, Mr. Alfred Parnell Brumbles, passed away on Thursday, February 5, 2009, in the Marion County Nursing Home. Mr. Brumbles was 96 years old. Please remember Rev. Wayland's wife Susie and her family in prayer during this time.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **SC FWB State Meeting** - February 26-27, 2009, at Fairview FWB Church in Spartanburg. Go to www.scfwb.com/state_meet.html for details or to pre-register.
- 2) **Palmetto Conference Meeting** - Saturday, February 28, 2009, at Peace FWB Church, Spartanburg, SC.
- 3) **Conway Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Shoney's Restaurant in Conway, at 8:30 AM.

CHURCH NEWS:

February 2009

22 Southside FWB Church in Darlington will be hosting a combined service with the Darlington area churches for a missionary service with Reverend Carlisle Hanna. The service will begin at 6:00 PM. Southside Church is located on McIver Rd approximately two blocks off US 25 behind McDonalds.

March 2009

14 Blue Grass Afternoon - High Point FWB Church, Lancaster, SC - \$6.00 donation - Food will be sold - Master's Men Fund Raiser - Featuring: Cross Heirs, Ridge Hill, New Fire, Toby Creek, and Easy Pickin' (For details, contact 803-320-4371)

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

SC WAC News:

- 1) Annual **Central District WAC** Meeting - Saturday, February 21, 2009, at Little Star FWB Church in Lake City, SC.
- 2) Annual **South Carolina Conference District WAC** Meeting - Saturday, February 28, 2009, at Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville, SC.
- 3) Annual **Beaver Creek District WAC** Meeting - Saturday, March 7, 2009, at Liberty FWB Church in Lancaster, SC.

4) Annual **SC FWB WAC State Meeting** - Saturday, March 21, 2009, at High Point FWB Church in Lancaster, SC.

CTS/NYC News:

- 1) SC Conference CTS District Competition - Friday (registration 6:30 PM) and Saturday (registration 8:30 AM) - March 13-14, 2009 - Temple FWB Church, Darlington
- 2) State CTS/NYC Youth Competition - Friday (registration at 6:30 PM) and Saturday (registration at 8:30 AM) - May 1-2, 2009 - Peace FWB Church, Florence, SC

SC FWB Youth Ministries News:

- 1) SC FWB Teen Camp - June 8-13, 2009 (Mon-Sat) at Camp Anchorage at Wacamaw Lake, NC
- 2) SC FWB Junior Camp - July 27-31, 2009 at Camp Pee Dee in Marion, SC
- 3) SC FWB Teen Retreat - October 23-25, 2009 in Myrtle Beach, SC

CLOSING REMARKS: "Compassion"

A banker had just turned a man down for a loan, then made an unusual offer. He said to the man, "I have one good eye and one glass eye. If you can tell me which is which, I'll approve your loan." The man looked for a moment, then said, "Your left eye is your good eye." The banker was surprised. "That's right," he said. "How could you tell?" The man said, "I detected a hint of compassion in the other eye." Compassion is active. It is not passive. Compassion cannot drive itself, but once it is driven and given, it can take you to some of the best places in your life spiritually.

Several years ago, I preached a message on Kindness, and I made an acronym out of the word "Kind" with my sermon outline. I have listed it below:

- K - Know Who's Around You - Eyes (Luke 10:30-35)
- I - Illustrate Impartiality - Mouth (James 2:1-9)
- N - Need to Lend a Hand - Hands (Exodus 2:16-21)
- D - Demonstrate Humility - Feet (John 12 & 13)

Kindness and Compassion go hand in hand. The Bible says in Ephesians 4:32, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." I encourage you to find someone each and everyday and show kindness and compassion to them. For some, it might mean starting at home with your spouse and children, for others it might mean starting at church with someone across the aisle, and for some it might mean starting with someone on your job. Let's be kind one to another.

In Christ,

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