

SC FWB Update, Vol. 2, No. 5, Wednesday, February 5, 2009

OPENING REMARKS: "A Mission Message That Will Speak to Your Heart"

This past Saturday, it was a joy to listen to Missionary Carlisle Hanna speak at the Beaver Creek Association meeting, which was held at First FWB Church in Chester. "Uncle," as Missionary Hanna is called in India, gave a soul stirring message regarding God calling him to India to plow the field and reap the harvest of souls. Prior to his message, his son Dr. Don Hanna shared insights from growing up in India and brought greetings to the conference. As Uncle preached, tears filled the eyes of many as he spoke of the great work which God has done amongst the people in West Bengal and even in the country of Nepal. This message has been made available on our state web site. At the beginning of the message, Missionary Hanna is introduced by Reverend Tim Hackett, moderator of the Beaver Creek Association. Feel free to click on the following link to listen to the message: www.scfwb.org/plan_support.htm

If you have not already done so, feel free to pre-register or get details for the state meeting at www.scfwb.com/state_meet.html We look forward to a great state meeting!

PRAYER REQUEST:

- 1) Missionary Kristi Johnson's grandmother, **Mrs. Gertrude Hanna**, passed away on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. Please pray for the Hanna family during this time.
- 2) **Reverend Mike Haynes** from Lancaster passed away on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 6:30 PM. Visitation for Reverend Haynes will be Thursday from 6:00 - 9:00 PM at the Lancaster Funeral Home. The funeral will be Friday at 3:00pm at High Point Free Will Baptist Church in Lancaster with Rev. Mike Haynes Jr, Rev. Buddy Seay, and Rev. Cliff Wilson officiating the funeral. Please remember Reverend Haynes' family during this time.
- 3) **Marcus and Susanto** are two young men in North India who are preparing for ordination to the ministry. Please pray for these men as they make preparations for ordination.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **Florence/Darlington Area Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at Bazen's Restaurant in Florence, 8:30 AM
- 2) **Lake City Area Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at Prosser's Restaurant in Lake City, 8:30 AM
- 3) **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.
- 4) **Palmetto Conference Meeting** - Saturday, February 28, 2009, at Fairview FWB Church in Spartanburg (Note: The Palmetto Conference always meets the Saturday after the state meeting at the state meeting host church).

CHURCH NEWS:

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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.

*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) Second SC Conference CTS Preliminary Meeting - Saturday, February 7, 2009, Sand Hill FWB Church, Coward, SC (Registration 9:00 AM)
- 2) SC Conference CTS District Competition - Friday (registration 6:30 PM) and Saturday (registration 8:30 AM) - March 13-14, 2009 - Temple FWB Church, Darlington
- 3) 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: "Missions"

A Moravian missionary named George Smith went to Africa. He had been there only a short time and had only one convert, a poor woman, when he was driven from the country. He died shortly after on his knees while praying for Africa. He was considered a failure by some. But a company of men stumbled onto the place where he had prayed and found a copy of the Scriptures he had left. Presently they met the one poor woman who was his convert. A hundred years later his mission counted more than 13,000 living converts who had sprung from the ministry of George Smith.

Charles Spurgeon once said, "If God has called you to be a missionary, don't stoupe to be a king." George Murray, missionary to Italy, once said that for years he was willing to go but planning to stay. Not until he became planning to go but willing to stay did God send him out to Italy.

Jesus said in John 4:35, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

We must pray for our missionaries, but we must all realize that we are all missionaries placed here by God to plant the seed of the Gospel of Christ that others might know the Truth and that the Truth might set them free.

May the Lord bless you,

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