

OPENING REMARKS:

The SC Conference District NYC competition will take place this Friday (registration at 6:30 PM) and Saturday (registration at 8:30 AM), March 13-14, 2009, at Temple FWB Church in Darlington. The winners from this competition will be going to the state competition on May 1-2, 2009, at Peace FWB Church in Florence.

I'll be leaving today to go to Nashville, TN. Randall House has a meeting with all affiliate bookstores tomorrow, and I'll be returning on Friday in order to attend the NYC competition on Saturday at Temple FWB Church in Darlington. It will be a joy to see my son in his drama competition as well as all the other contestants.

This is the time of the year when many of our churches are beginning to have their spring revival. Please be in prayer for all of these services and the guest evangelists that God will bring a revival to the hearts of many.

PRAYER REQUEST:

- 1) **Mrs. Wanda Bryson**, wife of Reverend Tommy Bryson, had brain tumor removal surgery last week at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, NC. Reverend Tommy Bryson is the pastor at Oak Grove FWB Church in Conway. Please remember Mrs. Wanda as she recovers.
- 2) **Missionary Carlisle Hanna** will be returning to India today to make preparations for the annual FWB Conference in India which will take place March 19-22, 2009. Please be in prayer for his safe return and for the upcoming annual conference.
- 3) **Bert Tippett**, FWBBC's director of church relations, began experiencing acute upper back pain 10 days ago. He met with his doctor Monday afternoon, March 9, who immediately ordered a CT scan. Results of the scan indicate that the pain is related to cancer in the bones. Radiation has been prescribed. He will meet with an oncologist Thursday, March 12 to determine when radiation treatment will begin and the duration of treatments. Please remember Mr. Bert in prayer during this time.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **Lake City Area Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at Prosser's Restaurant in Lake City, at 8:30 AM.
- 2) **Eastern Conference Quarterly Meeting** - Saturday, March 21, 2009, at Cornerstone-Fellowship FWB Church in Manning, SC at 9:30 AM.

CHURCH NEWS:

March 2009

13 Southeastern Free Will Baptist College Choir "Sounds of Victory" will sing at **White Savannah Original Free Will Baptist Church**

4010 Hwy 65 Conway, SC 29526 Friday - March 13, 2009 at 7:30 PM Everyone is invited to attend.

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)

15-18 REVIVAL - **Poplar Hill FWB Church**, Hemingway, with Reverend Todd Smith (SS - 10 AM, SUN 11 AM & 6 PM / M-W 7:30 PM)

- 15-18 REVIVAL - **First FWB Church, Florence**, with Reverend Barry Goodman (Sun 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)
- 16-20 REVIVAL - **Mullins-Marion FWB Church**, with Reverend Mike Blanton.
- 16-20 REVIVAL - **Turning Point FWB Church** in Spartanburg, with Reverend Bob McCurry (M-F 7 PM)
- 22-25 REVIVAL - **New Town FWB Church** in Lake City, with Reverend Mac Atkinson, Jr. (Sun 6:30 PM / M-W at 7 PM)
- 22-27 REVIVAL - **First FWB Church, Simpsonville**, with Reverend Kevin Smith (SS 10 AM Sun 11 AM & 6 PM / M-W 7:30 PM)
- 23-29 REVIVAL - **Happy Home FWB Church**, in Andrews, with Reverend Paul Lambert (M-F 7:30 PM)
- 26-29 REVIVAL - **Freedom FWB Church** in Ladson, with Reverend Wesley Fredell (Thurs-Sat 7 PM / SS 10 AM & Worship at 11 AM)
- 22-25 REVIVAL - **Mt. Elon FWB Church** in Pamplico, with Reverend Mike Jones (SUN 10 AM & 6 PM / M-W at 7:30 PM)

March/April

29-April 1 REVIVAL at **Horse Branch FWB Church**, Turbeville, with **Rev. Donnie Miles** (Sunday evening at 6 PM & M-W at 7 PM)

May

16 GOLF TOURNAMENT - **Peace FWB Church will be hosting a Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 16, 2009**. This charity golf tournament is a fund raiser benefiting the Peace Church's youth ministry trip to the National Youth Conference (NYC) in July in Cincinnati, OH. The cost is \$60 per person and will take place at the Wellman Club located at 436 Clubhouse Drive in Johnsonville, SC. The deadline for entry is May 1, 2009. Please contact Mr. Craig Place for details or entry forms. His email address is singnplay@sc.rr.com, and his home number is 843-968-5837.

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

Guest Speaker: The new NAFWB WNAC Executive Secretary Danita High will be the special guest speaker for this year's state meeting.

(www.wnac.org/office.htm)

2) **SC Conference District WAC Retreat**, April 24-25, 2009, Camp Bob Cooper, Summerton, SC (Friday, Check in at 4 PM and ends Saturday at Lunch). For details, contact Sandra Dail at 843-407-4079 or 843-621-3927 or sandradail@msn.com or Evelyn Upright at 803-478-6318 or eupright@ftc-i.net.

3) **SC Conference District Mother Daughter Luncheon** - Saturday, May 16, 2009, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, at the FWB Children's Home in Turbeville, SC. Guest Speaker: Amber Faulkner. The cost is \$7 for ages 12 and up, \$4 for children ages 4 to 11, and children under the age of 3 are free. For details, contact Sandra Dail at 843-407-4079 or 843-621-3927 or sandradail@msn.com.

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. For a camp brochure, worker screen form, or a medical release form, visit www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm
- 2) SC FWB Junior Camp - July 27-31, 2009 at Camp Pee Dee in Marion, SC. For a camp brochure, worker screen form, or a medical release form, visit www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm
- 3) SC FWB Teen Retreat - October 23-25, 2009 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

CLOSING REMARKS: "BLESSED"

We are so blessed in so many ways, and yet we often assume that we have a right to it. We act like we have a right to beautiful homes, to landscaped cities, to safe schools, and to great weather. We naturally assume that it's our Divine right to have good health, security, safety, freedom, and all the things that we enjoy. We often forget that most of the world really is barely struggling to survive. Let me just put this in perspective:

- If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and you have a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of all the people in the world. You're in the top 25%.
- If you have any money in the bank, some money in your wallet, and some spare change, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. You are richer than 92% of the people in the world. You are blessed.
- If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are already ahead of 500 million people.
- If you can attend a worship service at church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than 3 billion people.

Sometimes, it's easy for us to forget how blessed we truly are. Take time today to thank God for his blessings in your life, and take time today to let someone else know of the Love of Christ that has been a blessing in your life.

You are Loved!

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