

OPENING REMARKS: - "March/April Informer"

The March/April 2009 issue of *The Informer* is coming back from the press this week and will be distributed to churches on Friday. You can also view the online version at the following link: www.scfwb.org/informer.htm You will find an article relating the South Carolina Foreign Missions giving changes on page 7. These changes will be effective January 1, 2010. Please pass this information along to your church. Also, you will find an article on page 6 regarding the "Minister's Benevolent Fund." I encourage all of our SC Free Will Baptist churches to pay the membership fee for this fund on behalf of your pastor and his spouse. This is just one way that you can show your appreciation for your pastor and his spouse and also to other ministers and their families in the case of a death. You can also find an information and application form at the following link under "Church Resources": www.scfwb.com/forms.htm

Sunday school literature for the summer quarter arrived today at the SC FWB State Office and will be distributed to churches within the next few weeks. Just as a reminder, we are providing **FREE SHIPPING and HANDLING** to all of our churches for the Summer 2009 Quarter Sunday school literature orders. This is just our way of saying "THANK YOU" for your faithful support. We greatly appreciate you!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 1) **Reverend Billy Baker**, pastor at Free Welcome FWB Church in Conway, had two stints placed in his heart last week. Please continue to pray for him as he recovers.
- 2) **Missionary Kristi Johnson's grandfather Mr. Zuel Hanna** passed away last week. The Hanna family had lost their grandmother, Mr. Zuel's wife, in January. Please remember them in prayer during this time.
- 3) **Mrs. Lillian King**, wife of **Rev. Henry King** who is the pastor at Bright Light FWB Church in Thomasville, NC, passed away last week. Please remember Rev. Henry King and his family in prayer during this time.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **Beaver Creek Association Quarterly Meeting** - Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Canaan FWB Church in Lancaster, SC, at 9:00 AM.
- 2) **True Life Conference Meeting** - Saturday, May 16, 2009, at Mt. View FWB Church in Dallas, NC, at 10:00 AM.
- 3) **Palmetto Conference Meeting** - Saturday, May 16, 2009.
- 4) **PASTORAL TRAINING / SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING** - Saturday, May 16, 2009, at Evergreen FWB Church in Conway at 9:00 AM. Registration is \$20. For each church sending 5 people or more people with a paid registration, the pastor can attend the training at no charge. Lunch will be provided by the Evergreen Church.

5) **EASTERN CONFERENCE MEETING** - Saturday, May 23, 2009, at Olanta FWB Church in Olanta, 9:30 AM

CHURCH NEWS:

April

23 **Town Hall for Hope Simulcast Event** - Horse Branch FWB Church in Turbeville will be hosting a simulcast event with

Dave Ramsey on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 8:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

23 **Town Hall for Hope Simulcast Event** - Peace FWB Church in Florence will be hosting a simulcast event with

Dave Ramsey on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 8:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

25 **FUNDRAISING CONCERT - First FWB Church in Florence** for David Gibson's summer ministry in China.

The concert will feature The Poston Brothers, Karen Kelly, a Trio from the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The event will take place at 7 PM. For more details, call Allen Gibson at 843-230-7150

26 **COMBINED MISSIONS SERVICE** - at Evergreen FWB Church in Conway on Sunday, April 26, 2009, at 6 PM.

Missionary Fernando Bustamante will be preaching with Hispanic Director Rick Bowling as interpreter.

26-29 **REVIVAL - First FWB Church, Chester, SC, with Rev. Kevin Smith**

26-May 2 **REVIVAL - Heartland FWB Church, Lancaster, SC, Sunday (11 AM & 6 PM) - Rev. Tim Hackett**

M-Tuesday (7 PM) - Rev. Tim Hackett, Wed - No Service, Thurs-Fri (7 PM) Rev. Buddy Seay

Sat (May 2nd - 6 PM) White Savannah TMT Drama

May

4-8 **REVIVAL - Calvary FWB Church in Georgetown - MONDAY MAY 4 - FRIDAY MAY 8 7:30 PM EACH NIGHT WITH REV. JAMIE MONTGOMERY.**

16 **GOLF TOURNAMENT - Peace FWB Church in Florence 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.

16 **GOLF TOURNAMENT - Temple FWB Church in Darlington will be hosting its third annual "Radical Change" golf tournament on Saturday, May 16, 2009,** at the Governor's Run golf course in

Lamar, SC. It will be four men teams, captain's choice, shotgun start tournament that will start at 9 AM. The cost will be \$60 per person which includes lunch, good bag, snacks, and drinks during the tournament. Tickets for prizes will be available for some of Myrtle Beach's finest golf courses. Also, there will be four hole-in-one prizes as well as longest drive and closest to the pin. Proceeds will go toward the youth fund for expenses for going to the NAFWB Convention in Ohio in July. For more information or to register a team, contact Reverend Bruce Kimbrel at 843-307-4016 or Temple FWB Church at 843-393-5251. The deadline for entries is Monday, May 11, 2009.

16 BASS FISHING BENEFIT TOURNAMENT - The **North Spartanburg FWB Church** in Spartanburg will be hosting a "Bass Fishing Benefit Tournament" for the Free Will Baptist Home for Children, on Saturday, May 16, 2009, at Lake Greenwood State Park Landing. The entry fee is \$50 per team. Sign in and live well check is at 5:45 AM. Weigh in at 2:30 PM. There is a 5 fish limit. \$10 from each team entry fee will go to the FWB Children's Home. For a copy of the rules or other information, please contact Jerry McKelvey at 864-978-3056, or you may email him at jerry2@charter.net.

June

14 67th HOMECOMING - Mt. Carmel FWB Church in York with Rev. Earl Stanley (11 AM)

*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) **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.

2) **Central District WAC Mother Daughter Banquet** - Saturday, May 2, 2009, at Little Star FWB Church in Lake City, SC.

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.

4) **SC WAC STATE RETREAT** - "ESTHER'S CLOSET" - Friday and Saturday, October 2-3, 2009, at the White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro, SC. The total cost for 1 night stay and 3 meals is \$70. A \$20 non-refundable fee is due by April 30th. Please make checks payable to "SCWAC" and mail the payment to Cathy Logan at 1580 Potter Road, Lancaster, SC 29720. The remaining \$50 is due upon arrival.

CTS/NYC News:

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 Waccamaw 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: "Criticism from the World"

Colonel George Washington Goethals, the man responsible for the completion of the Panama Canal, had big problems with the climate and the geography. But his biggest challenge was the growing criticism back home from those who predicted he'd never finish the project. Finally, a colleague asked him, "Aren't you going to answer these critics?" "In time," answered Goethals. "When?" his partner asked. "When the canal is finished."

Nehemiah was challenged to quit building the wall in order that his critics might share their concerns with him, but Nehemiah continued with the task at hand.

There will always be criticism from the world when Christians are trying to serve the Lord and do the right thing, but I would like to encourage you to continue in the task for which God has called you. No greater joy would Satan have than to see you and I stop the work in order to answer the critics, but on the other hand, no greater joy than for our Heavenly Father to see us staying faithful in the task for which He has called us.

On the other hand, sometimes we as Christians are tempted to criticize one another. I heard someone once say, "When looking for faults, use a mirror, not a telescope." We can always find fault if we look hard enough, but if we are busy about the father's business, the greater joy will come in serving Him!

May the Lord Richly Bless You,

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