

SC FWB Update, Vol. 3, No. 31, Wednesday, August 19, 2009

OPENING REMARKS: "Back to School"

As many children, teens, and young adults head back to school and into college, let's remember to pray for them during this time. I have often heard it said that our youth are "tomorrow's church," and that is true; however, they are a great part of "today's church" as well. Let's pray that God will build a hedge of protection around them as they guard against temptation and pray for God's wisdom as they make progress in their learning.

FACEBOOK - The South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Office now has a ministry page on Facebook. If you are a member of Facebook and would like to add us on your list, you will find us under a search for "SC FWB," or you can go to www.scfwb.com and click on the Facebook link on the home page of our website. If you are not a member of Facebook and would like to join, feel free to follow the link on the home page of our website. The SC FWB Facebook page will be used to promote South Carolina missionaries, ministries, and churches. If your church is having an event or if you are a missionary or if you are a church member or pastor and would like to post events or news updates to this page, feel free to do so. It is there to serve you in promoting your church or ministry.

PRAYER REQUEST:

- 1) **Rev. Earl Hendrix**, the pastor at First FWB Church in Inman, starts chemotherapy treatments today. He will be taking one a week for three weeks and then will be placed on a chemotherapy pump for 6 weeks. Please remember him in prayer during this time.
- 2) **Rev. Cyrus Shoffner**, the pastor at Faith FWB Church in Darlington, fell off a horse last week and was admitted to the hospital. He is now home recovering with a broke shoulder and will have to wear a sling for 6 weeks. Please remember him in prayer during this time.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **Eastern Conference Meeting** - Saturday, August 22, 2009, at St. John FWB Church in Pamplico, SC, at 9:30 AM
- 2) **Conway Area Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at Shoney's Restaurant in Conway, at 8:30 AM
- 3) **Spartanburg Area Minister's Luncheon** - Monday, September 7, 2009, at the Grape Vine Restaurant, at 11:30 AM
- 4) **Florence/Darlington Area Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at Bazen's Restaurant, at 8:30 AM
- 5) **Lake City Area Minister's Breakfast** - Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at Prosser's Restaurant, at 8:30 AM
- 6) **True Life Conference Meeting** - Saturday, September 19, 2009.

CHURCH NEWS:

August

- 23 **HOMECOMING - Fairview FWB Church, Spartanburg**, with Rev. John Gibbs (SS 9 AM / Worship 10 AM)
- 27-29 **YOUTH REVIVAL - Temple FWB Church in Darlington**, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:00 PM, with Rev. Jacob Riggs.
- 30 **BIKER SERVICE - Liberty FWB Church, Orangeburg**, Sun, August 30th. Christian Motorcyclist Association, Heaven Saints, Biker Church USA, Bikes for Christ and Others.

September

- 12 **GOLF TOURNAMENT - Turning Point FWB Church, in Spartanburg** will be having a golf tournament on Saturday, September 12, 2009. Shotgun start at 9:00 AM. The tournament fee is \$56.00. The proceeds will go toward the Building Fund. For further details, contact Tony Bayne (864-612-9078), Tim Fleming (864-809-3818), or Harold Jackson (864-578-3669).
- 13 **HOMECOMING - New Life FWB Church, Conway**, with Rev. Todd Smith (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM) Special Singing - Native Spirits of Pembroke, NC
- 13-16 **REVIVAL - First FWB Church, Inman**, with Rev. Van Dale Hudson (Sunday 11 AM and 6 PM, M-W 7 PM)

- 14-18 REVIVAL - **First FWB Church, Simpsonville**, with Rev. Tim York (7:30 PM)
- 20 HOMECOMING - **Fellowship FWB Church in Florence**, Singing at 10 AM with the Rivertown Boys and worship at 11 AM.
- 16 HOMECOMING - **Cornerstone FWB Church, Chester**, 10 AM - Special singing provided by "7th Vision"
- 20-23 REVIVAL - **Mt. Elon FWB Church, Pamplico, SC**, with Rev. Milton and Rev. Melvin Worthington (Sunday 11 AM & 6 PM, M-W 7:30 PM)
- 20-25 FALL JUBILEE - **Turning Point FWB Church, Spartanburg**, with Rev. Billy Fields (Sunday 10:30 AM, M-F 7 PM)
- 21-25 REVIVAL - **South Conway FWB Church**, with Rev. Stephen Hyman
- 26 ORDINATION - **Pine Grove FWB Church, Jefferson** - Ordaining Brother Charles Watkins into the Gospel ministry.
- 27 HOMECOMING - **South Conway FWB Church**, with Rev. Allen Goodman
- 27 HOMECOMING - 25th Anniversary Homecoming at **Peace FWB Church in Florence** on Sunday, September 27, 2009.
- 28-Oct 2 REVIVAL - **Happy Home FWB Church, Andrews**, with Rev. Kevin Smith

October

- 4 150th HOMECOMING - **Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville**, with Rev. Talmage Brown (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM)
- 4 HOMECOMING - **Pamplico FWB Church, Pamplico**, with Rev. Todd Smith (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM)
- 18 HOMECOMING - **Bethany FWB Church, Timmonsville, SC**. Begins at 10:00 AM, with Rev. Galen Dunbar and "One Focus" Singing.
- 18 HOMECOMING - **Mt. Trolly FWB Church, Galivants Ferry**, with Rev. Todd Smith (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM)

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

SC WAC News:

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.

SC FWB Youth Ministries News:

SC FWB Teen Retreat - October 23-25, 2009 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

CLOSING REMARKS: "Screams, Tearing Steel, the Rattle of Machine Guns"

On the morning of December 7, 1941 explosions, screams, tearing steel, the rattle of machine guns, smoke, fire, and the whine of diving planes characterized the scene at Pearl Harbor. Japanese fighter planes had launched an unsuspected attack on the United States Naval fleet that had made it's home in the tiny Hawaiian harbor. Of the approximately 100 U.S. Navy ships present in the harbor that day, eight battleships were damaged with five sunk. Eleven smaller ships including cruisers and destroyers were also badly damaged. Among those killed were 2,335 servicemen and 68 civilians. The wounded included 1,178 people. The U.S.S. Arizona was dealt the worst blow of the attack. A 1,760-pound bomb struck it, and the ammunition on board exploded killing 1,177 servicemen. No doubt the outcome on December 7, 1941 would have been much different if the U.S. had known that they were about to be attacked.

Satan is much like that. He attacks when we least expect it. However, if we can learn something about our enemy and when he likes to attack, we can have a better chance of overcoming him. We see four things about Satan's temptation of Christ in Matthew 4:

- 1) Satan likes to attack after a spiritual blessing. In the preceding verses of the previous chapter, we read of the "Inauguration of Christ's Mission and Ministry."
- 2) Satan likes to attack when we are alone. Christ was alone when Satan attacked him. When did David yield to temptation in 2 Samuel 11? It was when he was alone.
- 3) Satan likes to attack in times of physical weakness. Christ had been fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. He was hungry and most likely very tired.

4) Satan likes to attack when one is getting ready to do something great for God. Mark it down. Whenever we get set to go in the direction the Lord wants us to go, look for the devil to try to derail the train before it pulls out of the station.

This brings us to the question, "Can we overcome Satan?" YES, we can.

I John 4:4 "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

I Corinthians 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

Philippians 4:13 " I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

In all three instances of Satan's temptation, Christ responded with Scripture. God is our strength. With His help, we can overcome the wiles of the devil when we surrender our lives to His will.

Love and Prayers,

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