

## SC FWB Update, Vol. 3, No. 32, Wednesday, August 26, 2009

### OPENING REMARKS: "NYC/CTS"

We now have on our South Carolina Free Will Baptist web site a "National Youth Conference" page that gives dates for upcoming events in regard to youth competitions. Also, available on that page are the names of the South Carolina NYC leaders and their contact information. The page can be viewed at the following link:

[www.scfwb.org/nyc.html](http://www.scfwb.org/nyc.html)

**SC FWB STATE MEETING** - The Central Association will be hosting the next South Carolina Free Will Baptist State meeting, and it will be held at Evergreen FWB Church in Conway. The state meeting will be held February 25-26, 2010. The General Board will meet at Evergreen Church at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 24, 2010. The headquarter hotel will be the Sleep Inn located at 3345 Church Street in Conway. The special rate will be \$59.95 plus tax for two queen or one king. The price for suites will be \$69.95 plus tax. Feel free to make your reservations at the Sleep Inn by calling 843-365-2828. A second option for lodging will be the Best Western located at 1004 Waccamaw Drive in Conway. The Best Western special rate is \$45 plus tax for 2 queen or one king. Feel free to make your reservation at the Best Western by calling 843-234-1678. The theme for the state meeting will be "Conforming to His Likeness" (Psalm 17:15). The Thursday night quest speaker will be Dr. Garnett Reid from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN.

### PRAYER REQUEST:

- 1) Please remember in prayer the **family of Reverend Daggett Duncan**, the pastor at New Vision FWB Church in Rock Hill. Reverend Duncan's mother passed away. The visitation will take place tonight at Green's Funeral Home Northwest Chapel in Rock Hill from 7-8:30 PM. The funeral will be tomorrow, Thursday, August 27, 2009, at New Vision FWB Church in Rock Hill at 2:00 PM.
- 2) Please remember in prayer the **family of Reverend Cyrus Shoffner**, the pastor at Faith FWB Church in Darlington. Reverend Shoffner's dad passed away. The funeral was held yesterday at Richland Gospel Church in Liberty, NC.
- 3) Please continue to pray for **Reverend Earl Hendrix**, the pastor at First FWB Church in Inman. Reverend Hendrix continues his chemotherapy treatment, and afterward he'll be going through six weeks of radiation treatment.
- 4) Please pray for **missionary Mirial Gainer's mother** who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Mirial's mother, Mrs. Rogers, is a member at Peace FWB Church in Florence. Also, please pray for Mirial as she has many decisions to make in regard to helping with her mother.

### MINISTER NEWS:

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

### CHURCH NEWS:

#### August

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

6 HOMECOMING - **Socastee FWB Church in Myrtle Beach** at 10:00 AM, with founding pastor Reverend Ray Cribbs.

- 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 - White Savannah FWB Church, Conway**, with Reverend Hollen Norris (7:30 PM nightly).
- 14-18 **REVIVAL - First FWB Church, Simpsonville**, with Rev. Tim York (7:30 PM)
- 14-18 **REVIVAL - St. John FWB Church, Pamplico**, with Rev. Michael Calder (7 PM nightly)
- 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 **SINGING - Socastee FWB Church in Myrtle Beach**, at 10:00 AM, with the Oxendines. The event will be in celebration of Mrs. Diana  
Squires 40th Birthday.
- 20-23 **REVIVAL - Fairview FWB Church, Spartanburg**, with Rev. Shawn Hackett.
- 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)
- 25 **HOMECOMING - White Savannah FWB Church, Conway**, with Rev. Billy Poe Jones. Everyone is invited to attend. Lunch to follow the service.
- 20-25 **FALL JUBILEE and HOMECOMING - 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. 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. The retreat is for young people ages 12 to 18, and the cost is \$125 per person. The guest speaker will be Reverend Keith Hubbard. Also, Joe Wilson from FWB International Missions will be there to give a presentation to the youth in regard to the GO10 walk retracing the steps of Laura Bell Barnard. For more details, feel free to contact Rev. Jonathan Postlewaite at 843-601-4072 or Rev. Bruce Kimbrel at 843-307-4016.

**FWB CHILDREN'S HOME News:**

Saturday, November 7, 2009 - Children's Home Day at the SC FWB Home for Children in Turbeville, SC.

**CLOSING REMARKS: "SOMEBODY DID ME WRONG??!!**

Lately, I have been reading a book written by Robert Jeffress, entitled "The Solomon Secrets." In this book, he addresses the book of Proverbs and Solomon's wisdom in many aspects that are applicable to our lives. Suffice it to say, we all deal with issues in our lives, whether it be discouragement, being wrongfully treated, or just the day to day mundane routine of life. This past week, I came to the portion in Jeffress book that deals with the subject of forgiveness when somebody has treated us in a wrong way. Forgiveness is not always easy, but I thought I'd share with you some of Jeffress advice in regard to what true forgiveness really means.

1. *True forgiveness admits that you have been wronged.* When Joseph forgave his brothers for selling him into slavery, he said, "You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good." He did not hide their wrong. He did not say "Let's let bygones be bygones." He was painfully blunt with them about the severity of their defense..."You meant it for evil..." But he also recognized that God could use it for good in the end.

2. *True forgiveness acknowledges your offender's obligation to you.* Offenses create obligations. When someone wrongs you, they become indebted to you. They owe you some form of restitution for what they did. It is no accident that the word translated "forgive" in the Bible was commonly used to describe the release of someone from a financial debt. Similarly, when we forgive someone, we are releasing him or her from a very real obligation.

3. *True forgiveness releases your offender from his obligation to you.* Jeffress says, "When I forgive someone, I surrender my right to hurt my offender for hurting me." One might say, "Why should I let someone off the hook for hurting me?" The answer to that question is found in Ephesians 4:32, "Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Why? The answer is because God has forgiven us.

Jeffress goes on to say, "When I forgive someone, I say to God, 'What (so and so- offender's name) did to me was wrong. He owes me for what he has done to me. But today I am releasing him of his obligation to me, not because he deserves to be released or even asks to be released. Today I am forgiving him because of the undeserved forgiveness you have offered me through Jesus Christ.'" Lewis Smedes says, "When we forgive, we set the prisoner free, and we often discover that the prisoner we set free is us."

4. *True Forgiveness confronts the offender when necessary.* Jeffress says, "We have the ability, as well as the responsibility, to forgive those who wrong us regardless of whether they ever ask for forgiveness. (consider Mark 11:25-26)." If necessary, there are times to confront the offender when we feel enraged to the point that forgiveness is not possible without confrontation. BUT the confrontation must NOT be done for RETALIATION, it must be done for RESTORATION.

Forgiveness does not mean that you will forget. "Forgive and forget" is a false representation of forgiveness. We are human; we remember things. Forgiveness means that I may remember what they have done, but I am choosing to no longer hold it to that person's account. Will the hurt still be there at times? Yes/Maybe/At Times. But through Christ's strength in our lives, we can choose to forgive, and we can choose to go on and live a victorious life through Christ Jesus who chose to forgive us first.

Love and Prayers,

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