

OPENING REMARKS: "NYC Web Page"

This is the time of year when our youth and churches are gearing up and preparing for National Youth Conference (NYC) competitions. This past Friday night, I had the privilege to sit in a meeting with our SC FWB NYC conference and state leaders. As I sat and listened, I realized that each leader has a heart for the youth in our state, conferences, and churches. My heart was blessed as the leaders emphasized that the competition was not just about competing in Bible, Music, and Arts categories, but it's about learning more about God's Word and allowing the youth an opportunity to exercise their God-given talents and abilities. What a wonderful opportunity for the youth in our state to grow in the Lord! We now have a "National Youth Conference" page on our SCFWB web site with a list of the leaders and their contact information at www.scfwb.org/nyc.html. If you or your church would like to get involved in NYC or have questions about the activities, feel free to contact any of these leaders, and they will be more than happy to assist you. We are proud of all the young people in all of our churches and are excited about God raising them up as leaders of tomorrow's church.

REMINDER: Don't forget, if you would like to get more information about the upcoming teen retreat, feel free to download an application and brochure from the Youth Ministries page at www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm

PRAYER REQUEST:

- 1) Please continue to pray for Missionary Carlisle Hanna as he is traveling to churches over the next couple of months. Please pray for his physical strength, and please continue to pray for the work in India.
- 2) Missionary Mirial Gainer came back to the states at the beginning of this month to help take care of her mother who has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for Mirial's mother during this time, and please pray for Mirial during this time as she helps take care of her mother.
- 3) Reverend Earl Hendrix, the pastor at First FWB Church in Inman, was unable to take his chemotherapy treatment last week. Please continue to pray for him as he continues medical treatment.
- 4) The David Aycok family is back in the states. Please pray for them as they travel to churches and conferences, and also pray that they will have the time to get some rest and regain their strength before going back to the mission field in Brazil.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) Lake City Area Minister's Breakfast - Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at Prosser's Restaurant, at 8:30 AM
- 2) True Life Conference Meeting - Saturday, September 19, 2009, at Bride of Christ FWB Church, Rock Hill, 10 AM
- 3) South Carolina Conference Missions Luncheon, Friday, October 2, 2009, at Horne's Restaurant in Florence, 11 AM - 1 PM
- 4) South Carolina Conference, Friday, October 2, 2009, at Peace FWB Church in Florence at 7 PM.
- 5) Spartanburg Area Minister's Luncheon, Monday, October 5, 2009, at the Grape Vine Restaurant at 11:30 AM.
- 6) Conway Area Minister's Breakfast, Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at Shoney's Restaurant at 8:30 AM.
- 7) Central Association Meeting - Saturday, October 10, 2009, at Damascus FWB Church in Conway at 9 AM.

CHURCH NEWS:

September

- 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE - Freedom FWB Church in Ladson at 7 PM
- 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 HOMECOMING - Whitney FWB Church in Spartanburg at 10 AM, with Soul Harvest Singers.
- 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)
- 16 HOMECOMING - Cornerstone FWB Church, Chester, 10 AM - special singing provided by "7th Vision"
- 19 FISH FRY - Gloryland FWB Church in Rock Hill, at 5 PM. Gospel singing to follow with "Blue Grass Gospel Tones" at 7 PM
- 20 HOMECOMING - Fellowship FWB Church in Florence, Singing at 10 AM with the Rivertown Boys and worship at 11 AM.

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 - Jefferson Road FWB, Jefferson, with Rev. Jeff Jones (Sunday - 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

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.

27-30 REVIVAL - High Point FWB Church in Lancaster, with Reverend Todd Black (Sunday at 6 PM and M-W at 7 PM)

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. Guy Owens (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM)

4 OLD FASHION DAY - Freedom FWB Church in Ladson

10 BIBLE, BBQ, and BLUEGRASS - Mt. Carmel FWB Church in York to help raise money for the FWB Home for Children.

11 HOMECOMING - First FWB Church in Myrtle Beach, with the Phillips Family, 10:30 AM, Dinner to follow the service.

11-14 REVIVAL - Columbia FWB Church with Reverend Todd Smith (Sunday 11 AM and 7 PM, M-W 7 PM)

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)

18 HOMECOMING - Freedom FWB Church in Ladson at 10 AM

31 FALL FESTIVAL - Freedom FWB Church in Ladson at 6 PM

November

14 SEEING BEYOND THE BROKEN PIECES SEMINAR - Mt. Elon FWB Church in Pamplico, November 14, 2009. Registration 9:30 AM. Service at 10 AM. Ellen Rauh, a teacher from Delmae in Florence, will be sharing her testimony. Breakout sessions include: "Care Givers/Illnesses," "Employment Issues," "Single Life," and "Abusive Situations."

15-18 REVIVAL - Liberty FWB Church in Lancaster, with Reverend Billy Fields.

*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:

- 1) South Carolina Conference Youth Rally, Peace FWB Church in Florence, Saturday, October 3, 2009, at 7 PM
- 2) 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.

A \$35 non-refundable deposit is due by October 10th. The guest speaker will be Reverend Heath 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. The application will be available this week on the web at www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm

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: "Resemblance of Christ" My son Cameron read this story and brought it to me last week, and said, "Dad, this would be a good story for the closing remarks of the weekly email update." To help understand the reflecting of Christ, we could go to Alamo, Texas where there are pictures of heroes who gave their lives in the battle of a free Texas. One of the heroes

was named James Butler Bonam. Above his name on the wall is a portrait, but the portrait is not of him. Under the portrait is the following inscription: "James Butler Bonam. No picture of him exists. This portrait is of his nephew, James Bonam, deceased, who greatly resembled his uncle. It is placed here by the family that people might see the appearance of the man who died for freedom." As we go about our day to day lives, we need to show others a reflection of Jesus Christ who died for our spiritual freedom. Might it be inscribed under our picture: "Jesus Christ. No picture of him exists. This portrait is a picture of his child. It has been placed here to show a reflection of the character of Jesus Christ."

May the Lord richly bless you as you continue to reflect the image of Christ.

Love and Prayers,

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