

**OPENING REMARKS:**

The Free Will Baptist Christian Book and Supply will be closed next week from Wednesday through Friday (November 24-27, 2010) for the Thanksgiving holiday and will re-open on Monday, November 29, 2010, at 9 AM. Sunday school literature has been shipped for the next quarter. The next Sunday school quarter begins on Sunday, December 5, 2010. This quarter, the adult Bible Teacher Scholar Classic literature will be covering the Gospel of John and various passages relating to the Christmas story during the Christmas season. The Fusion young adult material, Direction Teen, and Horizon Teen material will be covering the theme of "Jesus, the Early Years" and will be covering various passages in Isaiah, Luke, Matthew, and John. The Explorers Upper Elementary and Adventures Early Elementary material will be covering various names for Jesus. The pre-school material will be covering who Jesus is and what we can learn from him. The Essentials Packet for each age group includes a teachers book, along with lots of other resources that the teacher can use in preparation for the lesson and resources to be used in the classroom setting. It will be a great quarter with lots of sound Biblical expository teaching! You don't want to miss Sunday school during the upcoming quarter! Thank you for allowing us to serve your Sunday school literature needs. It is an honor to partner together in ministry!

Due to being closed for the Thanksgiving Holdiay (November 24-27), the next weekly email update will be going out on Wednesday, December 1, 2010.

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**PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:**

\*Reverend Bennie Turner (Eastern Conference) has recently undergone several medical test and procedures. Please remember him in prayer as doctors make decisions regarding his care.

\*Reverend Joe Cagle (Eastern Conference) was recently in the hospital and has been facing some physical difficulties lately. Please remember him in prayer during this time.

\*Reverend Jake Creech (South Carolina Conference) came home from the hospital last Saturday from having a heart pace maker replacement surgery. He is gaining his strength back. Thank you for your prayers on his behalf.

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**MINISTER NEWS:**

\*Palmetto Conference Meeting - Saturday, November 20, 2010, at Peace FWB Church in Spartanburg - 10 AM

\*NAFWB Leadership Conference - December 6-7, 2010 - For details, visit <http://www.onemag.org/>

\*Florence/Darlington/Lake City Area Wide Free Will Baptist Ministers and Wives Christmas Fellowship - Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 7 PM, at Horne's Restaurant in Florence. God has graciously provided a donor through Minister Ministry, the ministry of Reverend Mike Jones, to provide the meal free of charge for Free Will Baptist ministers and their wives.

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**CHURCH NEWS:**

November:

20 FEED THOSE IN NEED - Westgate FWB Church in Arcadia will be having its annual "Feed Those In Need" day to offer a traditional Thanksgiving lunch from 11 AM - 2 PM. Last year they fed close to 500 people.

28 MARK and MYRA's CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Mt. Elon FWB Church in Pamlico - 6 PM - A time of fellowship will follow the concert. Everyone is welcome to attend this annual event.

29-Dec 2 REVIVAL - Freedom FWB Church in Ladson with Evangelist Scott Eddy (7 PM Nightly with a meal served each night at 6 PM)

December

2 CHRISTIAN SKATE NIGHT at Pee Dee Skateland in Marion (7-9 PM). Fun for the whole family. Admission is \$5 per skater. For details, contact Reverend Mark Leonard at 843-493-5567

\*Please send church news announcements via email to [ToddSmith@scfwb.com](mailto:ToddSmith@scfwb.com) by Tuesday of each week for the following SC FWB Update.

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### **CLOSING REMARKS: "The Apple Core"**

Once upon a time there was a man who had nothing, and God gave him ten apples.

- He gave him the first three apples to eat.
- He gave him the second three apples to trade for shelter from the sun and rain.
- He gave him the third three apples to trade for clothing to wear.
- He gave him the last apple so that he might have something to give back to God to show his gratitude for the other nine.
- The man ate the first three apples.
- He traded the second three for a shelter from the sun and rain.
- He traded the third three for clothing to wear.
- Then he looked at the tenth apple. It seemed bigger and juicier than the rest. He knew that God had given him the tenth apple so that he might return it to Him out of the gratitude for the other nine. But the tenth apple looked bigger and juicier than the rest. And he reasoned that God had all the other apples in the world. So the man ate the tenth apple—and gave back to God the core.\*

Thanksgiving is a time of the year when we remember and are thankful for the blessings of God. As we consider what to give back to Him, may we give Him our best.

Abraham Lincoln: "It has seemed to me fit and proper that the gifts of God should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens . . . to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

Happy Thanksgiving to You and Your Family,

Todd Smith

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\*Morgan, R. J. 2000. Nelson's complete book of stories, illustrations, and quotes (electronic ed.) . Thomas Nelson Publishers: Nashville