

## **SC FWB Update, Vol. 4, No. 1, Wednesday, January 6, 2010**

### **OPENING REMARKS: "SC FWB Give \$1,128,579.71 in 2009"**

South Carolina Free Will Baptist churches and individuals gave \$1,128,579.71 to missions and ministries around the world in 2009. Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship. Whether through financial support or through prayer support, you made a great impact for the cause of Christ in 2009. Every penny that was sent to our State Office in 2009 was forwarded from our office to the ministry for which it was designated. The only monies that remained in the office was monies specifically designated for our State Office. The following is a breakdown of percentages for which the above money was designated: 6% SC FWB State Office, 12% SC FWB Children's Home, 15% Home Missions, 47% Foreign Missions, 11% Bible Colleges, 9% Other (NAFWB Executive Office, Master's Men, Board of Retirement, Christian Schools, and other ministries). More than words can express, thank you for your labor of love and faithful giving! If you would like to be a partner in ministry with missionaries and ministries around the world through the SC FWB State Office, feel free to download a giving form from our web site at [www.scfwb.com](http://www.scfwb.com). Click on Quick Links in the upper left corner and then click on Plan of Support Form. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to open the form ([www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)). Whether an individual or a church, when funds are sent to our office, we will send you an acknowledgement of your gift with a new giving form. As a member of your local church, we encourage you to give your tithes and offerings through your local church for the growth of the church and the furtherance of God's kingdom. Again, thank you for making an impact for the cause of Jesus Christ!

**FWB IM CRISIS UPDATE:** Feel free to view an update video on the Free Will Baptist International Missions crisis at the following link: <http://fwbgo.com/about/crisis.html>. Please pray about this crisis and about what God might have you and/or your church do to help.

### **PRAYER REQUEST:**

- 1) CONGRATULATIONS - **Reverend Joshua and Mrs. Stephanie Horton** have found out they are going to have a baby. The baby is due on August 11, 2010. Brother Joshua is the Youth Pastor at Bethany FWB Church in Timmonsville under Pastor Earl Hanna.
- 2) CONGRATULATIONS - **Reverend Carroll and Mrs. Susanna Bazen** are due to have their first baby this month on January 31, 2010. Brother Carroll is the pastor at Grace FWB Church in Lake City. Please remember Mrs. Susanna in prayer as she approaches her delivery date.
- 3) Please pray for **Reverend William Smith**, Promotional Director of Georgia Free Will Baptist. Brother William had shoulder surgery last week. He is a dear friend in ministry. Please remember him in prayer as he recovers.

### **MINISTER NEWS:**

- 1) **Central Association Meeting** - Saturday, January 9, 2010, Evergreen FWB Church in Conway, 9:00 AM
- 2) **Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast** - Tuesday, January 12, 2010, Bazen's Restaurant, Florence, 8:30 AM
- 3) **True Life Conference Meeting** - Saturday, January 16, 2010, Bethel FWB Church in Ft. Mill at 10 AM.

- 4) **Lake City Area Minister Breakfast** - Tuesday, January 19, 2010, Prosser's Restaurant, Lake City, 8:30 AM
  - 5) **South Carolina Conference Annual Meeting**, January 21-22, 2010, at Liberty FWB Church in Manning
  - 6) **Eastern Conference Meeting** - Saturday, January 23, 2010, at Hickory Hill FWB Church in Gresham at 9:30 AM.
  - 7) **Central Association Camp Meeting** - Thursday and Friday, January 28-29, 2010. Hosted by First FWB Church in Myrtle Beach
    - Thurs - 7 PM - Reverend Wayne Snipes and Brother Trymon Messer
    - Frid - 10 AM - Reverend Tom Hill and Brother Trymon Messer
    - Frid - 7 PM - Brother Trymon Messer and Special Gospel Singing by the "Reverend Eddie Carter Family"
- \*The partnering motel is the **Mystic Sea** located at 2105 S. Ocean Blvd in Myrtle Beach, SC.  
To make your reservations, call 843-626-2353 and mention the "Camp Meeting." Everyone is invited to attend.
- 8) **Beaver Creek Association Annual Meeting** - Saturday, January 30, 2010 at Fairview FWB Church in Spartanburg at 9 AM.

## **CHURCH NEWS:**

### **January**

- 7 **Combined Master's Men Meeting, Lancaster, SC** - Meeting at High Point FWB Church at 7 PM (All Lancaster area churches are invited)
  - "Heritage" Singing group will provide special music and Reverend Frank Woods from Greenville, TN will be preaching.
- 23 **SINGING BENEFIT - White Savannah FWB Church** in Conway will be having a benefit singing on January 23, 2010, at 6:30 PM with the Oxendines and the Rabon Sisters. The singing will benefit the Darren Squires family who recently lost their home to fire.
- 24-27 **NEW YEAR'S REVIVAL** - Fellowship FWB Church in Florence with Reverend Todd Parrish (SS - 10 AM / Worship 11 AM & 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)
  - \*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.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:**

**Junior Youth Camp, Camp Pee Dee**, August 2 - 6, 2010. Vince Tharpe with Art Alive Ministry will be the Evangelist. Please visit Brother Vince's website at [www.Artalive.org](http://www.Artalive.org)

## **CLOSING REMARKS: "THAT IS WHERE I GOT THAT SERMON!"**

During the great Welsh revival it is said a minister was marvelously successful in his preaching. He had but one sermon, but under it hundreds of men were saved. Far away from where he lived, in a lonely valley, news of this wonderful success reached a brother preacher. Forthwith he became anxious to find out the secret of this success. He started out, and walked the long and weary road, and, at length, reaching the humble cottage where the good minister lived, he said: "Brother, where did you get that sermon?" He was taken into a poorly furnished room, and pointed to a spot where the carpet was worn shabby and bare, near a window that looked out towards the solemn mountains, and the minister said: "Brother, that is where I got that sermon."

My heart was heavy for men. One evening I knelt there, and cried for power to preach as I had never preached before. The hours passed until midnight struck, and the stars looked down on a sleeping valley and the silent hills; but the answer came not, so I prayed on until at length I saw a faint grey shoot up in the east; presently it became silver, and I watched and prayed until the silver became purple and gold, and on all the mountain crests blazed the altar fires of the new day; and then the sermon came, and the power came, and I lay down and slept, and arose and preached, and scores fell down before the fire of God; that is where I got that sermon."—G. Campbell Morgan.

May the power of God fall upon our lives in 2010 as we knee and pray and seek His will for our lives as we totally surrender to doing His will in the coming year. Living in the Expectancy of the Soon Return of Our Lord - God bless you!

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