

SC FWB Update, Vol. 4, No. 6, Wednesday, February 10, 2010

OPENING REMARKS: "Don't Itemize? - You Still Might Be Able to Increase Your Standard Deduction for 2009"

In last week's update, I shared information regarding the housing tax benefit for ministers. The information in this week's opening remarks relates to every American taxpayer. Even if your itemized deductions are not high enough, you still may be able to increase your Standard Deduction for the 2009 tax return by the amount you paid on sales tax for the purchase of a new vehicle in 2009 and/or the amount you paid in real estate tax. Please view the following link under "What's New" for further details.

http://www.irs.gov/publications/p17/ch20.html#en_US_publink1000173001

Our South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association is just two weeks away. (http://www.scfwb.com/state_meet.html). We look forward to our time of fellowship together.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you!

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

1) **Mrs. Ada Blackwell**, the grandmother of Reverend Todd Black, passed away today, February 10, 2010 at 2:30 PM. Reverend Todd Black is the pastor at Turning Point FWB Church in Spartanburg. In his email, Reverend Todd Black indicated that Mrs. Blackwell had practically raised him 21 years in her home. Please remember Brother Todd Black and his family in prayer during this time. At the time of the sending of this email, funeral arrangements were unknown. Brother Todd's family is to meet with the funeral home on Thursday morning regarding arrangements.

2) **Mirial Gainer**, missionary to Japan, had surgery today at McLeod Hospital in Florence. She had a cyst removed from her vocal cords. She also is scheduled to have a full PET scan tomorrow in order to check some potential spots on her lungs. Also, Mrs. Mirial Gainer's mother Mrs. Rachel Rogers lost her last remaining sibling today. Reu Locklear, Mrs. Rachel Roger's sister, passed away today. Please remember Mrs. Rachel Rogers and her family in prayer, and please pray for Mirial Gainer during this time.

MINISTER NEWS:

1) **Lake City Area Minister Breakfast** - Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at Prosser's Restaurant, at 8:30 AM.

2) **SC FWB State Meeting and General Board** - Evergreen FWB Church, Conway, SC - Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 10 AM (General Board Meeting) and Thursday-Friday, February 25-26, 2010, (State Meeting). Feel free to pre-register, get lodging information, and retrieve other details at http://www.scfwb.com/state_meet.html

CHURCH NEWS:

February

20 TMT DRAMA - The Teen Ministry Team from White Savannah FWB Church will be ministering at **St. John FWB Church in Pamplico** on Saturday, February 20, 2010

Meal at 4:30 PM / Service at 6 PM

March

1-5 **REVIVAL - South Conway FWB Church** located at 3602 Copperhead Road in Conway, with Reverend Billy Poe Jones (7:30 PM Nightly)

Pastor Paul Lambert and congregation invites everyone to attend.

1-5 **REVIVAL - Liberty FWB Church in Lancaster** with Reverend Larry McAlister. Pastor Timmy Larrimore welcomes everyone to attend.

8-12 **REVIVAL - Little Star FWB Church** in Johnsonville with Reverend Stephen Hyman. (7:30 PM Nightly). Pastor Tony Miles welcomes everyone to attend.

8-12 **REVIVAL - Mullins-Marion FWB Church** with Reverend Mike Blanton (7:30 PM Nightly). Pastor Neil Hinson welcomes everyone to attend.

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YOUTH MINISTRY -- CTS/NYC NEWS:

1) **State CTS/NYC Meeting** - April 30 - May 1, 2010, at Whitney FWB Church in Spartanburg. Friday, April 30 (Registration 6:30 PM) and Saturday, May 1 (Registration 8:30 AM)

2) **Teen Camp, Camp Anchorage, Wacamaw, NC** - June 7-12, 2010 - cost \$225 / A rebate of \$50 per camper will be issued if there are at least 100 teens to attend Teen Camp!

3) **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

WAC NEWS:

1) **Central District WAC Meeting** - Saturday, February 20, 2010 - Rains FWB Church in Rains, SC. 9:30 AM

2) **South Carolina Conference WAC Meeting** - Saturday, February 27, 2010 - Liberty FWB Church in Manning.

2) The **Beaver Creek District Meeting** will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Inman, **Saturday, March 6th**. Alyene Lucas will be our guest speaker and will share her experiences with us regarding her trip to the Ivory Coast with the Hanna Project Medical Mission's trip. We will also be having a 'personal gift shower' for the students at the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute in memory of Mrs. Gwen Hendrix. We are looking forward to having a great day as we celebrate being the, "Bride of Christ." Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. in the educational/cafeteria building.

3) The **South Carolina Women Active for Christ** state meeting will be hosted by **Beulah Free Will Baptist Church in Pamplico on March 20, 2010**. The Women Nationally Active for Christ ministry is celebrating its 75th year. Our state has contributed to our rich WNAC heritage, and we have chosen as our theme for this year, "Celebrating Our Heritage" with Mrs. Maude Coffey and Mrs. Rebecca (Coffey) Pugh as our guest speakers. Mrs. Maude Coffey served as the Vice President of the WNAC from South Carolina during the years 1957-1959 and became the WNAC President in 1959. Her daughter Rebecca Pugh has been our WNAC President since 2008. Please make preparations to come and have a great time of fellowship as we remember our past, recognize our present, and realize our future potential. Registration for the state meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. Lodging reservations may be made at the following motels: Florence motels at I-95 and Hwy 52 (approximately 45 minutes from Beulah) Holiday Inn - 1819 Lucas Street - 843-665-4555; Ramada Inn - 2038 Lucas Street - 843-669-4241; Country Inn and Suites - 1739 Mandeville Road - 843-317-6616; Days Inn - 2111 W. Lucas Street - 843-665-4444; Wingate Inn - 2123 W. Lucas Street - 843-629-1111. Lake City Motels at

Hwy 52 (approximately 25 minutes from Beulah) Lake City Inn - 202 N. Ron McNair Blvd. 843-394-8400."

CLOSING REMARKS: "FULL SPEED AHEAD"

During World War II, an enemy submarine approached a fleet of ships in the North Atlantic. The captain of one vessel spotted the white mark of a torpedo coming directly at his ship. His transport was loaded with literally hundreds and hundreds of young soldiers on the way to the European front. He realized they would not have time to maneuver to avoid the torpedo. He grabbed the loudspeaker and cried out, "Boys, this is it!"

Nearby, though, a little escorting destroyer also observed the torpedo. The captain ordered, "Full speed ahead." His ship steamed into the path of the torpedo. The destroyer was blown up; it sank very quickly. Every man on it was lost. The captain of the troop transport ship sadly commented, "The skipper of that destroyer was my best friend." Now one verse in the Bible has an even deeper meaning for that captain: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend" (John 15:13).

This coming weekend, as we think about the love that we express to one another, may be each remember the greatest love that was first given to us through Jesus Christ.

May the Lord bless you,

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