

SC FWB Update, Vol. 4, No. 7, Wednesday, February 17, 2010

OPENING REMARKS:

GO10 WALK - The purpose of the Go10 Walk for the World is to challenge young people to consider their role in reaching the nations with the gospel in their generation. The walk begins Monday, April 5, 2010, at the church in Glennville, GA, Laura Belle Barnard attended before her call to missionary service in India in 1935. Events are planned along the route to commemorate major steps in her life:

- * Columbia, SC — attended college; Columbia International University
- * Greenville, NC — commissioned for missionary service: Black Jack FWB Church
- * New York, NY — departed for India; Hephzibah House, Pier 58
- * Nashville, TN — taught at Free Will Baptist Bible College; FWBBC
- * Oklahoma City, OK — grand finale at the National Association

See the Go10 Walk map for dates and specifics about each event.

If you would like to **sponsor a walker, you can do so by donating online or mailing in your donation** through our SC FWB State Office. If you'd like to donate online, visit www.go10walk.com and click on "Donate." If you'd like to mail your gift, please fill free to designate which walker is being sponsored and mail your gift to the SC FWB State Office, PO Box 9, Turbeville, SC 29162. The funds will be forwarded to FWB IM.

SC FWB State Meeting - There are still a few rooms available at the Sleep Inn in Conway. If you have not already made your reservations, feel free to contact them at 843-365-2828. Be sure to let them know that you will be attending the SC FWB state meeting. Also, feel free to pre-register for the state meeting at http://www.scfwb.com/state_meet.html. Scroll to the bottom of the page for the pre-registration form.

State CTS Meeting Lodging - The State CTS Youth Competition Event will take place on Friday - Saturday, April 30 - May 1, 2010, at Whitney FWB Church in Spartanburg. The headquarter hotel for this event will be the Best Western (<http://www.bestwesternsouthcarolina.com/hotels/best-western-spartanburg-inn/>) located at 125 Sloan Garden Road, Spartanburg, SC. The rate is \$49.00 per night. To make your reservations, call 864-699-0000. Be sure to let them know you'll be attending the Free Will Baptist CTS youth competition event.

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

This week, no specific prayer request were submitted for our weekly update, but I would encourage you to pray for our our foreign missionaries, our home missionaries, our country, our leaders, our Children's Home, our State Office, our ministers, our churches, and for all those who are hurting and have needs during this time. Abraham Lincoln said, "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go." May all of us be driven to our needs in prayer as we realize our Heavenly Father knows our every need before we can even ask.

MINISTER NEWS:

1) **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

2) **Spartanburg Area Minister Luncheon** - Monday, March 1, 2010 - Grape Vine Restaurant, 11:30 AM.

CHURCH NEWS:

February

19 **Youth Bowl For Christ** at Southgate Bowling Alley in Florence on Friday, February 19, 2010 from 6-9 PM. The cost is \$10 per person (includes shoe rental). For details, please contact Chris Edwards, Youth Pastor at Lebanon FWB Church at 843-665-7605. All area Free Will Baptist churches are welcome to attend.

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

28-March 3 **REVIVAL** - Sand Hill FWB Church, Coward (Sun 6 PM - Reverend Todd Parrish / M-W 7 PM with Reverend Eddie Carter)

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.

*Please send church news announcements via email to ToddSmith@scfwb.com by Tuesday of each week for the following SC FWB Update.

14-17 **REVIVAL** - Eastside FWB Church - March 14-17, 2010, with Reverend Jake Creech

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: "Lord, Send a Rattlesnake to Bite Bill"

"Uncle" Bob Sheffey had a unique prayer life. Sheffey was born on Independence Day, 1820. When his mother died, an aunt in Abingdon, Virginia, took him in. There, over Greenway's Store, he was converted on January 9, 1839. Feeling the call to preach, he dropped out of college and started through the Virginia hills as a Methodist circuit rider, preaching the gospel.

He did it oddly. For example, one day he was called to a cabin on Wolfe Creek. He had previously tried to win this family to Christ, but without success. As he rode up this time, things were different. A member had been bitten by a rattlesnake. There seemed little hope. Entering the house, Sheffey sank to his knees and prayed, "O Lord, we do thank thee for rattlesnakes. If it had not been for a rattlesnake they would not have called on You. Send a rattlesnake to bite Bill, one to bite John, and send a great big one to bite the old man!"

He is well-remembered for prayers like that. An acquaintance said, "Brother Sheffey was the most powerful man in prayer I ever heard, but he couldn't preach a lick." Once, encountering moonshiners in the mountains, he dismounted, knelt, and offered a long prayer for God to "smash the still into smithereens." He rose, smoothed his trousers, and continued his journey. A heavy tree fell on the still, wrecking it. The owner rebuilt it, and Sheffey prayed again. This time a flash flood did the job.

His prayers were honest, down-to-earth, and plain-spoken—even routine prayers like grace at meals. Once, being entertained in a neighborhood home, he was asked to offer thanks. Sheffey, who loved chicken-and-dumplings, said, "Lord, we thank Thee for this good woman; we thank Thee for this good dinner—but it would have been better if the chicken had dumplings in it. Amen."

Robert Sheffey's unorthodox prayers and sermons ushered many mountaineers into the kingdom and earned him the title "The Peculiar Preacher."*

May we too be a peculiar people for our Lord who are willing to sacrifice in winning souls for Christ!

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* Robert Morgan, Nelson' Annual Preacher's Sourcebook, 2002 ed. (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2001), p. 338.