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OPENING REMARKS: "Informer / CIU Missions Rally Service"

The January-February 2010 issue of the *Informer* is available online at <http://www.scfwb.org/informer.htm>. The printed version will come back from the press tomorrow and be distributed to churches on Friday.

On Saturday, April 10, 2010, there will be a **Memorial Missions Rally** at Columbia International University (formerly Columbia Bible College) in Columbia at 7:00 PM. The service will be in the midst of the GO10 Walk coming through South Carolina. Mrs. Laura Belle Barnard, our first Free Will Baptist missionary under Free Will Baptist International Missions, went to college at Columbia Bible College. Our state moderator Reverend Sherwood Lee and also a representative from CIU will be speaking at the rally. Everyone is invited to attend. For details, feel free to contact Reverend Bruce Kimbrel at 843-307-4016.

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

- 1) **Joseph Hutchinson**, age 53, the son of **Reverend David and Mrs. Mildred Hutchinson**, passed away this past Sunday. The visitation will be Thursday, March 18, 2010, at Stoudenmire Dowling Funeral Home from 6-8 PM. The funeral will take place on Friday, March 19, 2010, at Mt. Elon Free Will Baptist Church in Pamplico at 11:00 AM. Please remember Reverend Hutchinson and his family in prayer during this time.
 - 2) Please pray for **Mrs. Carolyn Woodfind**, mother of missionary Andrea Moore, who has faced some physical difficulties recently. Also, please pray for missionaries Andy and Andrea Moore as they return to Brazil this Friday, March 19, 2010, from being in the states to spend some time with Andrea's mother.
 - 3) Please pray for the **annual FWB Conference in India** which will take place this week from March 18-21, 2010.
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MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **Spartanburg Area Minister Luncheon** - Monday, April 5, 2010 - Grave Vine Restaurant, 11:30 AM
 - 2) **South Carolina Conference Quarterly Meeting** - Friday, April 9, 2010 - First FWB Church, Charleston - 7 PM (This meeting was originally schedule for April 2nd, but was changed to the 9th due to the fact that April 2nd is Good Friday)
 - 3) **Central Association Meeting** - Saturday, April 10, 2010, First FWB Church in Hamlet, NC. (9 AM)
 - 4) **Beaver Creek Association Meeting** - Saturday, April 24, 2010, First FWB Church in Enoree, SC. (9 AM)
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CHURCH NEWS:

March

- 14-17 **REVIVAL** - **Eastside FWB Church**, Florence, with Reverend Jake Creech
15-19 **REVIVAL** - **Turning Point FWB Church** in Spartanburg with Reverend Bob McCurry (7 PM Nightly)

15-19 **REVIVAL - Happy Home FWB Church** in Andrews with Reverend James Sanders (7:30 PM Nightly)

20 **SINGING FUNDRAISER - Pine Grove FWB Church** in Jefferson - 11:00 AM - 5 PM. The event will raise funds for Brother Charles Harden who is in the last stages of cancer.

21 **HOMECOMING - Cornerstone-Fellowship FWB Church** in Manning, with Reverend Tony Lynch, 11 AM

21 **SINGING and FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY - Socastee FWB Church** in Myrtle Beach, with "Willing Hearts" at 6 PM.

Friends and Family Day will be at 10 AM and dinner will be service after the morning worship service.

21-24 **REVIVAL - First FWB Church in Florence** with Reverend Tim Rabon (Sun 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

21-24 **REVIVAL - Horse Branch FWB Church** in Turbeville with Reverend Theron Scott (Sunday 11 AM & 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

22-26 **REVIVAL - Freedom FWB Church, Tabor City** - with Reverend Henry Ward. 7:30 PM nightly.

27 **YOUTH RALLY - Temple FWB Church in Darlington** is hosting a youth rally with Marcos Osuna (from Southeastern FWB College).

There will be food, fun, and games. The event begins at 3:30 PM and will end at 8 PM. All youth are welcome to attend!

*Please contact Rev. Bruce Kimbrell (843-307-4016) by April 25, 2010, to let him know if your church will be participating and how many will be coming.

28-April 2 **REVIVAL - First FWB Church in Simpsonville.** Pastor Dr. Chris Jackson and Reverend preaching. (Sun 6 PM / M-F - 7:30 PM)

TMT Ministries - Teen Ministry Team (TMT), a ministry of White Savannah FWB Church in Conway, will have several services over the next several months ministering in various churches throughout our state. For details of their schedule, feel free to visit www.TMTministries.com. Please pray for them for God to use them in each service as they seek to honor God and reach the lost for Christ.

April

3 **FUND RAISER** - for Rev. Darren Squires and family at Aynor High School at 6 PM with Heart Song and Harvest Heart singing.

4 **EASTER DRAMA - White Savannah FWB Church** in Conway (7 PM)

10 **KIDS CARNIVAL - First FWB Church in Florence** (Lots of fun filled activities for kids of all ages)

11 **FRIEND DAY - First FWB Church in Florence** - 10:30 AM - Everyone's welcome.

11 **SINGING - Socastee FWB Church** in Myrtle Beach at 6 PM with Service Kings Road Quartet.

11-14 **REVIVAL - White Savannah FWB Church** in Conway with Reverend Thad Jacobs

11-16 **REVIVAL - St. John FWB Church in Pamplico** with Reverend Nathan Jennings from First FWB Church in Johnson City.

The revival will be kicked off on April 11th at 5 PM with the Tyners in a special service.

15-17 **ANNUAL SPRING JUBILEE - Westgate FWB Church** in Arcadia (Thurs 7 PM - Reverend James Sanders,

Friday 7 PM - Reverend Thad Jacobs, Saturday 9 AM - Rev. Michael Calder, Rev. Mitch Ingram, and Rev. Timmy Larrimore)

18 **TMT Drama - White Savannah FWB Church in Conway** - Teen Ministry Team Drama Service - 6 PM

25-28 **REVIVAL - White Savannah FWB Church** in Conway with Reverend Roger Webster from Rockingham, NC.

May

21 **SINGING** - Turning Point FWB Church in Spartanburg with "The Singing Cookes and the Cooke Brothers" - 7 PM

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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). The headquarter hotel is the **Best Western** located at 125 Sloan Garden Lane in Spartanburg. The special "FWB CTS Competition" rate is \$49.00. Feel free to contact Best Western Manager Kirby Mack at 864-699-0000 for details or to book your reservation.

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! Guest Preacher - Reverend Jonathan Blakenship

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) 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."

2) **South Carolina Conference District WAC Spring Retreat** - April 9-10, 2010, Camp Bob Cooper

3) **Central District WAC District Mother / Daughter Banquet** - Saturday, May 1, 2010, Oak Grove FWB Church - 1 PM Luncheon

4) **South Carolina Conference District WAC Mother/Daughter Luncheon** - May 15, 2010, 10 AM - Eastside FWB Church, Florence

5) **SC WAC Fall Retreat** - October 2-3, 2010 - White Oak Conference Center, Winnsboro, SC

CLOSING REMARKS: "Let Me Hear You Play That Harmonica!"

Today is St. Patrick's Day and is a day to celebrate the culture of Ireland. Thinking of Ireland, it reminds me of a story I read. A young American engineer was sent to Ireland by his company to work in a new electronics plant. It was a two-year assignment that he had accepted because it would enable him to earn enough money to marry his long-time girlfriend, who was now his fiancé. She had a job near her home in Tennessee, and their plan was to pool their resources and put a down payment on a house after they were married. They corresponded often, but as the lonely weeks went by, his fiancé began expressing doubts that he was being true to her. The young engineer wrote back, declaring that he was paying absolutely no attention to the girls of Ireland and that he was committed to marrying her one day. In the next mail, the engineer received a package. It contained a note from his fiancé and a harmonica. "I'm sending this to you," she wrote, "so you can learn to play it and have something to occupy your mind." The engineer replied, "Thanks for the harmonica. I'm practicing on it every night and thinking of you." At the end of his two-year stint, the engineer was transferred back to company headquarters. He took the first plane to Tennessee to be reunited with his fiancé. Her whole family was with her, but as he rushed forward to see her, she held up a restraining hand and said sternly, "Just hold on there a minute. Before we go any further in this relationship and get married, let me hear you play that harmonica!" No doubt she needed to know had he been learning to play the harmonica as he said he had been doing.

In our relationship with Christ, Satan tempts us on a regular basis to get our minds off Christ and on the things on the world. God has not sent us a harmonica but He has sent us the most precious book in all the world, the Holy Bible. We declare our love to him and even tell others about the fact that we are committed to Christ, but if God were to ask us to quote all the Scripture we had memorized and to share with Him all the things we had learned and asked us how much time we had spent studying the His Word, what proof could we give Him of our time spent with Him in His Word? May the music of God's Word sound in our hearts and minds day and night as we meditate on His Word that we might grow thereby!

In Christ,

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