

SC FWB Update, Vol. 4, No. 13, Wednesday, March 31, 2010

OPENING REMARKS:

Lord willing, Reverend Mike Jones and I will be leaving on Monday, April 5, 2010 to go to India for two weeks. We'll be away April 5-17, and I'll be back in the office on Monday, April 19, 2010. Please remember us in prayer while we are away. The first week we are gone, our South Carolina Christian Book and Supply and State Office will be closed April 5-9, 2010, for Spring Break Easter week and will re-open Monday, April 12, 2010. We will not have a weekly email update going out the next two weeks. The next weekly email update will go out on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Below is a greeting from our FWB Children's Home Director Reverend Todd Parrish regarding the addition of children to our Children's Home.

Greetings From Our South Carolina Free Will Baptist Children's Home Director, Reverend Todd Parrish: "This past weekend, our FWB Children's Home in Turbeville doubled in size, going from 7 to 14 children (not including staff children). We are thankful God has given us the opportunity to serve the needs of these children. Please pray with us and for us as we continue to grow and seek more opportunities to serve our Lord. With an increase in children, there is also an increase in expenses. Currently our income is somewhat down, and we'd like to encourage you to continue supporting us financially and prayerfully. Please feel free to send your gifts through our South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Office at PO Box 9, Turbeville, SC 29162, or you may send your gifts directly to the SC FWB Children's Home at PO Box 229, Turbeville, SC 29162. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. May the Lord bless you!

REMINDER - GO10 WALK: Free Will Baptist International Missions is hosting a youth event to retrace the steps of Laura Belle Barnard (the first FWB IM missionary 75 years ago) from Glennville, GA to New York City and ending in Oklahoma City at the convention. The event will be going through South Carolina for seven days from April 8-15, 2010. Volunteer walkers are still needed for South Carolina. To sign up, please visit www.go10walk.com. 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) Please remember the family of **Reverend Richard Huggins** in prayer. Reverend Huggins is the pastor at Rains FWB Church in Rains, SC. His sister, Frances Maryland Louis passed away this past Sunday from a battle with cancer. The funeral was held yesterday. Please remember their family in prayer.
- 2) **Bert Tippett**, FWBBC's long-time director of church relations who retired in August 2009, is participating in a clinical research trial at the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center in Nashville to

combat the highly aggressive prostate cancer with which he was diagnosed in May 2008. Please continue to remember him in prayer.

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) **Florence/Darlington Area Minister's Breakfast**, Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at Bazen's Restaurant in Florence (8:30 AM)
 - 5) **Beaver Creek Association Meeting** - Saturday, April 24, 2010, First FWB Church in Enoree, SC. (9 AM)
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CHURCH NEWS:

March

28-April 2 **REVIVAL - First FWB Church in Simpsonville**, with Reverend Kevin Smith preaching. (Sun 6 PM / M-F - 7:30 PM)

29-April 2 **REVIVAL - Little Bethel FWB Church in Johnsonville**, with Reverend Larry McAlister (7:30 PM Nightly)

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

11-14 **REVIVAL - Jefferson Road FWB Church** in Sumter with Reverend David Crowe (Sun 11 AM & 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

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)

18-21 **CAMP MEETING - Southside FWB Church in Darlington** (Sun 11 AM & 6 PM / M-W 7:00 PM).

Sun AM (Rev. Eddie Carter), Sun PM (Rev. Thad Jacobs), Mon (Rev. Rickey Evans), Tues (Rev. Tim Larrimore), and Wed (Rev. Billy Vanderford)

24 **EASTERN CONFERENCE YOUTH RALLY - Gilead FWB Church**, with Reverend Jamie Montgomery, 5 PM

Singing and Drama / Meal Provided. Please contact Reverend Teddy Rabon for details and number attending - 843-520-6407

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

May

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

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

22 **GOLF TOURNAMENT - Temple FWB Church (Darlington)** youth ministry will be hosting their 4th annual Golf Tournament at Gov. Run Golf Course in Lamar.

The cost is \$60 per golfer for the 4 man team, best ball tournament. Prizes will be given away. Lunch provided.

For details contact Reverend Bruce Kimbrel at 843-307-4016 or Steve Brogden at 843-250-1799

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

1) **EASTERN CONFERENCE YOUTH RALLY - Gilead FWB Church**, with Reverend Jamie Montgomery, 5 PM. Singing and Drama / Meal Provided. Please contact Reverend Teddy Rabon for details and number attending - 843-520-6407

2) **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.

3) **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

4) **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) **South Carolina Conference District WAC Spring Retreat** - April 9-10, 2010, Camp Bob Cooper
 - 2) **Central District WAC District Mother / Daughter Banquet** - Saturday, May 1, 2010, Oak Grove FWB Church - 1 PM Luncheon
 - 3) **South Carolina Conference District WAC Mother/Daughter Luncheon** - May 15, 2010, 10 AM - Eastside FWB Church, Florence
 - 4) **SC WAC Fall Retreat** - October 2-3, 2010 - White Oak Conference Center, Winnsboro, SC
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CLOSING REMARKS: "HERE LIES...."

When we wander through a graveyard and look at tombstones or examine old monuments, we see one heading to many of them: "Here lies"...then follows the name with the date of death, and perhaps some praise of the good qualities of the deceased. But how different is the epitaph on the tomb of Jesus! It is not written in gold nor cut in stone, it is spoken by the mouth of an angel; and it is the exact reverse of what is put on all other tombs: "He is not here."

Two-thirds of the gospel story is devoted to the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The fact of his Resurrection was declared by Jesus Christ himself 7 times during his ministry.

The women, who had so lovingly watched the embalming of the body of the Lord Jesus by Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, had stayed until the trumpet blast, before the beginning of the Sabbath, and then, with sad and weary hearts, had proceeded on their way homeward. The Sabbath had passed; it was evening, and once again there was the sound of the trumpet from the temple courts. Sunday had begun, and on that day, Jesus Christ arose from the grave! At the heart of our Christian gospel is the fact of the empty tomb. We can declare that the tomb is empty, the throne is filled, and Jesus lives!

There was 1) The Witness of the Father (Matthew 27:51) when the veil in the temple was rent in two, 2) The Witness of Foes (John 19:34) when the soldiers were commissioned to guard the tomb lest someone steal his body, and 3) The Witness of Friends (Matthew 27:59-60).

- Because of Good Friday you can look back and repent.
- Because of Easter you can look ahead and rejoice.
- Because of Ascension Day you can look up and pray.
- Because of Pentecost you can look inward and live.

May we rejoice in the fact that we serve a risen Saviour, and because He lives, we also can live victoriously in Him.

In Christ,

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