

OPENING REMARKS: "Devastation of Storm"

Thank you for your prayers for me and Reverend Mike Jones while we were away in India the past two weeks. We arrived home this past Saturday after several miles of diversion from the volcanic ash. Our hearts were filled with joy as we were able to visit with Missionary Carlisle Hanna, our India pastors, and churches. Our precious India people welcomed us with kind hospitality and the love of Christ. God is producing a great harvest of souls through the ministry of Missionary Carlisle Hanna. Please continue to pray for his strength as the demands and responsibilities are ever increasing. Also, while we were there, a northeastern storm came through that devastated many parts of north India. It affected areas where our people live. Please pray for the many who were hospitalized, lost their homes, and devastated by the storm. Thank you for your prayers and faithful financial support of all of our Free Will Baptist missionaries and ministries. Little is much when God is in it. Labor not for wealth or fame. There is a crown, and you can win it, if you'll only go [and give] in Jesus name!

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

Mr. A.T. Evans passed away last Thursday evening, and the funeral was this past Sunday. Mr. A.T. was the father of **Mrs. Lisa Evans**, wife of Reverend Rickey Evans. Please remember Mrs. Lisa and her family in prayer during this time.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **Beaver Creek Association Meeting** - Saturday, April 24, 2010, First FWB Church in Enoree, SC. (9 AM)
 - 2) **Spartanburg Area Minister Luncheon** - Monday, May 3, 2010, Grape Vine Restaurant, Spartanburg, 11:30 AM.
 - 3) **Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast** - Tuesday, May 11, 2010, Bazen's Restaurant, Florence 8:30 AM
 - 4) **True Life Conference** - Saturday, May 15, 2010, Mt. Carmel FWB Church, York, 10 AM
 - 5) **Lake City Area Minister Breakfast** - Tuesday, May 18, 2010, Prosser's Restaurant, 8:30 AM
 - 6) **Eastern Conference Meeting** - Saturday, May 22, 2010, New Vision FWB Church, Hemingway, 9:30 AM
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CHURCH NEWS:

April

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

1 **FAMILY FUN DAY** - Turning Point FWB Church, Spartanburg - 2 PM, Hot Dogs, Games, Fun, and Fellowship. Everyone's Invited!

2-6 **REVIVAL** - Bethany FWB Church, Timmons ville, with Reverend Rusty Conyers.

3 **MAY DAY MONDAY SERVICE** - Turning Point FWB Church, Spartanburg - 7 PM, Come for a time of spiritual refreshing and fellowship.

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

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

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

CLOSING REMARKS: "You May Have Them If You Pay For Them!"

Charles Spurgeon and his wife, according to a story in *The Chaplain* magazine, would sell, but refused to give away, the eggs their chickens laid. Even close relatives were told, "You may have them if you pay for them." As a result some people labeled the Spurgeons greedy and grasping. They accepted the criticisms without defending themselves, and only after Mrs. Spurgeon died was the full story revealed. All the profits from the sale of eggs went to support two elderly widows. Because the Spurgeons were unwilling to let their left hand know what the right hand was doing (Matthew 6:3), they endured the attacks in silence. We can never out give God, and what is important is not who knows what we give but that we do give and that we give of our best to God. Let us rethink our Christian responsibility in stewardship, test our reality in giving, and then rest with patience until the day of rewarding. Then—and only then—shall we discover the full joy of true giving.

May the Lord bless you,

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