

OPENING REMARKS: "State CTS Youth Competition"

The South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Youth CTS/NYC Competition will take place this coming Friday and Saturday, April 30-May 1, 2010, at Whitney FWB Church located at 847 Iron Ore Road in Spartanburg. Friday registration is at 6:30 PM, and Saturday registration is at 8:30 AM. The headquarter hotel is the Best Western, located at 125 Sloan Garden Lane in Spartanburg (864-699-0000). The special rate for the Best Western for this event is \$49.00.

With Mother's Day around the corner, we have available at our Christian Book and Supply Mother's Day gifts that can be purchased to give away to all the mother's in attendance at your church on Mother's Day Sunday. Feel free to give us a call at 843-657-2091.

Sunday school literature for the summer quarter will be shipped out within the next week. Thank you for allowing us to serve your Sunday school literature needs. Your faithful monthly giving and support of our SC FWB Christian Book and Supply Bookstore enables us to serve Free Will Baptist churches, conferences, pastors, and lay people across our state. It is an honor to partner with you in ministry. May the Lord bless you.

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

*Reverend Larry Collin's (True Life Conference) wife Mrs. Mae Collins has cancer, and hospice has been called in to take care of her. Please remember her in prayer during this time.

*Reverend McLeod Strickland, age 91, passed away Monday, April 26, 2010. He was a member of the Central Association. The visitation will take place on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at Inman's Funeral Home in Tabor City, NC, and the funeral will take place on Thursday, April 29, 2010, at 11:00 AM at Inman's Funeral Home. Please remember his family in prayer during this time.

*Reverend Larry Bell's mother, Mrs. Alvertine Jordan, passed away on April 10, 2010, after a long term illness. Please continue to pray for the family of Reverend Larry Bell.

MINISTER NEWS:

***Spartanburg Area Minister Luncheon** - Monday, May 3, 2010, Grape Vine Restaurant, Spartanburg, 11:30 AM.

***Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast** - Tuesday, May 11, 2010, Bazen's Restaurant, Florence 8:30 AM

***True Life Conference** - Saturday, May 15, 2010, Mt. Carmel FWB Church, York, 10 AM

***Lake City Area Minister Breakfast** - Tuesday, May 18, 2010, Prosser's Restaurant, 8:30 AM

***Eastern Conference Meeting** - Saturday, May 22, 2010, New Vision FWB Church, Hemingway, 9:30 AM

CHURCH NEWS:

April

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, Timmonsville, 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

16-20 **REVIVAL - First FWB Church in Inman** - Reverend Billy Fields (Sun 11 AM & 6 PM / M-Th 7 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

22 **MISSION FUND RAISER - "PRAISING ON THE PAVEMENT** at Westgate FWB Church, Arcadia - 4-7 PM. Cruise in car show, hamburgers, hot dogs, and outdoor singing.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

***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.

***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. See http://www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm for further details.

***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. For further details, visit http://www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm

WAC NEWS:

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

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

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

CLOSING REMARKS: "Giving a Ticket to a Stranger"

A father took his children to the county fair one day. Since they were obviously not interested in the prize pig or calf, the father bought a whole roll of tickets for the various rides at the fair. As each of the children approached a ride, they would hold out a hand to get a ticket from their father. At one ride, after all his children had received tickets, a strange boy whom the father had never seen came up and held out his hand, obviously expecting a ticket. The father draw back his roll of tickets. He wasn't about to give this boy a ticket. Upon seeing this, the man's son Stephen turned and said to his dad, "It's okay, Dad! This is my friend. I told him you would give him a ticket." Do you know what the father did? He gave the boy a ticket in Stephen's name. That boy had no right to a ticket, but since his son had said he would do it, the father honored the name of his son by giving that strange boy a ticket.

As an unholy people, we do not deserve a ticket into God's holy Heaven, but because of the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ, we can come boldly to the throne of Grace in the name of Jesus and seek forgiveness and gain admittance into Heaven. "Jesus said unto him, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.'" If you are a Christian, may you rejoice today that in the name of the Son, God has given you a ticket into His glorious Heaven.