

SC FWB Update, Vol. 4, No. 24, Wednesday, May 12, 2010

OPENING REMARKS: "SC FWB Teen Camp"

Canoeing, Fishing, Swimming, Skiing, Skating, Basketball, Volleyball...are just a few of the options for teens participating in the week of SC FWB Teen Camp to take place June 7-12, 2010, at Camp Anchorage in Lake Waccamaw, NC. Reverend Jonathan Blakenship will be the guest speaker for the week. A \$50 non-refundable deposit and registration application and medical release form are due by May 25, 2010. If there are at least 100 teens in attendance the week of camp, there will be a \$50 rebate per camper. For registration and medical release forms, please visit http://www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm. Also, camp board members are listed on the Youth Ministries page as well in case you would like to contact any of them regarding further details. It will be a great week of camp that your teens will not want to miss!

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

*Reverend Robbie Hiott, pastor at First FWB Church in Charleston, was admitted to the hospital last week and diagnosed with pneumonia. He is currently home recovering. Please remember him in prayer.

*Philip Wright, brother of Mrs. Carol Horne (wife of Reverend Royce Horne), was recently diagnosed with Lupus. Please remember Philip in prayer.

*Reverend Seldon Buck, member of the South Carolina Conference and Peace FWB Church in Florence, lost his sister this week. She died after a lengthy illness, and the funeral was held this week. Please remember his family in prayer during this time.

*Missionaries Neil and Mandy Morgan now have clearance from FWB IM to go to the mission field. They will be departing on August 16, 2010, for language school in Costa Rica. Their commissioning service will take place on Sunday, August 8, 2010, in the afternoon at Horse Branch FWB Church in Turbeville. Please remember them in prayer as they make preparations for their departure.

*Reverend Danny Keen, previous pastor at Landmark FWB Church in Anderson, was recently diagnosed with Stage 1 prostate cancer. Please remember him in prayer as doctors make decisions regarding his care.

MINISTER NEWS:

*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:

May:

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

16-19 HOMECOMING / REVIVAL - Columbia FWB Church, with Reverend David Carlson (SUN 11 AM / SUN PM - WED 7 PM)

16-19 REVIVAL - Gaffney FWB Church in Gaffney with Reverend Allen Fredell (Sun 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

16-19 REVIVAL - Mt. Elon FWB Church in Pamplico with Reverend Theron Scott (SUN 6 PM / M-W 7:30 PM). The Sunday evening service will follow with dinner and fellowship, and Monday through Wednesday, there will be a pre-music service starting at 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.

27-28 REVIVAL ON THE HOME - High Point FWB Church, Lancaster, with Reverend Buddy Seay. Pastor Cliff Wilson welcomes everyone to attend (803-287-9215)

28-29 BUILD THE FIRE YOUTH RALLY/REVIVAL - Mt. Ariel FWB Church, Conway, with Reverend Darren Squires (7:00 PM). Pastor Timmy Locklear welcomes everyone to attend.

29 TMT - Teen Ministry Team from White Savannah in Conway will be with Turning Point FWB Church on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at 3 PM

June:

7-11 VBS - First FWB Church in Inman (M-F 6:30 - 8:30 PM)

6-10 VBS - Landmark FWB Church in Anderson (6-8:30 PM) - THEME: EGYPT: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

13 FAMILY DAY & VBS Commencement Service - First FWB Church in Inman - 11 AM.

19 TMT - Teen Ministry Team from White Savannah in Conway will be with Freedom FWB Church in Lancaster at 6 PM

27 ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY - Landmark FWB Church in Anderson (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM)

*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:

*Teen Camp, Camp Anchorage, Waccamaw, 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! May 25th - Deadline for Registrations. 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:

*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: "Canals on Mars"

At the turn of the century, the world's most distinguished astronomer, Sir Percival Lowell, was certain there were canals on Mars. When he heard, in 1877, that an Italian astronomer had seen straight lines crisscrossing the Martian surface, Lowell spent the rest of his years squinting into the eyepiece of his giant telescope in Arizona, mapping the channels and canals he saw. He was convinced the canals were proof of intelligent life on the Red Planet—possibly an older but wiser race than humanity. His observations gained wide acceptance and none dared contradict him. Since that time space probes have orbited Mars and landed on its surface. The entire planet has been mapped and no one has seen a canal. Today we know that Lowell suffered from a rare eye disease that made him see the blood vessels in his own eyes. The Martian “canals” he saw were nothing more than the bulging veins of his eyeballs, a malady known as “Lowell’s syndrome.”

Spiritually speaking, it can be so easy for a person to look at the faults of others through their own eyes when all the while their own heart is in need of repair. When we measure our successes and failures to others through our own eyes, we will be prone to think highly of ourselves. However, when we measure our life in comparison to Christ, we realize how much room we have for spiritual growth. Spiritual growth is not an event but a process. As we each grow in our spiritual walk, may our eyes be focused on Christ who is our ultimate example.

May the Lord bless you!