

SC FWB Update, Vol. 4, No. 23, Wednesday, May 5, 2010

OPENING REMARKS: "Randall House Flooded and FWBBC Releases Students Early"

Due to several inches of rain in a 48 hour time period, Randall House Publications and many Free Will Baptist churches in middle Tennessee experienced flood damage. The flood did not make its way to the Free Will Baptist Bible College Campus; however, due to two water treatment plants in Nashville being under water and the reserve dropping 15% already, the FWBBC is releasing approximately 100 students from college immediately upon completing their exams. The college began experiencing water pressure issues on its West End campus mid-morning Tuesday which affected areas basic to operations, including drinking water, sanitation, food preparation, and showers. A campus-wide alert informed students, faculty, and staff to conserve as much water as possible. However, after Mayor Dean's announcement concerning the water treatment plants and the need to conserve water, administrators decided that more positive measures were necessary. All other campus events related to the 7:00 p.m. Thursday baccalaureate and the 10:00 a.m. Friday commencement will proceed as planned.

In a related matter, numerous inquiries have been made regarding the impact of widespread flooding on the college's relocation site purchased two years ago in Gallatin. President Matt Pinson reported that the torrential rains that dropped more than 12 inches of water in Nashville and surrounding areas of Middle Tennessee did not create unexpected problems on the site of FWBBC's 66-acre future campus in Gallatin, located just off Vietnam Veterans Boulevard (SR 386). As college administrators anticipated, flood waters reached the 100-year flood plain portion of the Gallatin property. President Pinson said: "Let's put it this way—if we had just completed construction on the new campus the way it is designed, no water would have entered any campus buildings. That's great news for us in light of the fact that the Army Corps of Engineers is calling this a 1,000-year flood event. Several buildings would have had water near them, but none would have been damaged." Gallatin's Station Camp High School, located across the street from the FWBBC property, did not experience any flooding. Pinson indicated that when the college purchased the property in 2008, plans called for athletic fields and green space in the flood plain areas. He personally walked over the Gallatin property on Monday, May 3, the day after the rains stopped, and also spoke with neighbors and others who occupy adjacent properties. Bob Bass, project consultant for FWBBC's Campus Relocation Task Force, said: "Even with this being the worst flooding event in Gallatin's recorded history, we were still right on target with construction plans. Which means that even if this or a similar event happens in the future, FWBBC is in good shape to build a new campus and be assured of a safe environment for students."

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

*CORRECTION: Reverend Larry Bell's mother-in-law, 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.

***Reverend Glenn Poston**, originally from Pamplico and currently serving as the Free Will Baptist Tennessee state Promotional Director, was recently hospitalized due to a series of T.I.A's (mini-strokes). Please pray for him as he recovers and has been given restrictions on his diet and schedule by his doctor.

*Please pray for **Randall House Publications** staff members and several **Free Will Baptist churches** in the Nashville, Tennessee area that faced flooding this week due to receiving several inches of rain in a 48 hour period.

MINISTER NEWS:

*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:

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)

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.

*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, 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:

*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: "Mother's Day"

The idea for "Mother's Day" began in 1872 when Julia Ward Howe (author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic") suggested the idea of Mother's Day here in the U.S. The cause was later taken up by Anna Jarvis, a daughter of a Methodist preacher. Jarvis felt that the scars of the Civil War could best be healed by mothers. She died in 1905 before she was able to see the establishment of "Mother's Day." However her daughter also named Anna took up the cause and finally in 1914 President Woodrow Wilson officially established "Mother's Day" as a National holiday.

John Quincy Adams said this concerning his mother... "All that I am, my mother made me."
Abraham Lincoln said "All that I am or hope to be in life, I owe to my angel mother.
D.L. Moody said, "All that I have ever accomplished in life, I owe to my mother.

All of the men listed above had God as their number one priority in life, but they realized the importance of a mother!

Noman Bales of All About Families ministry said of mothers: "The 'Mom Ministry' is one of the toughest assignments God ever gave anybody. She's got to be as insightful as a psychologist, tough as a marine corps drill instructor, gentle as a nurse...It requires an endless amount of energy, a massive amount of patience, an iron will, and recognition of the fact that if she gets sick, she's got to get well before the end of the day."

Paul wrote a letter to Titus to advise him on supervising the churches on the Island of Crete. Titus was a Greek who converted to Christ, most likely under Paul's ministry. In Titus 2:1-5, we learn several things regarding the role of a mother:

1. The Ministry of Teaching (vs.3) "teachers of good things"
2. The Ministry of Admonition (vs. 4) "teach the young women to..love"
3. The Ministry of Building...homemakers. (vs. 5) "keepers at home"

There is a great difference between a house builder and a home maker. One builds the physical structure of a house and the other builds the lives who live in the house. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all mothers for your sacrifice, labor of love, and continued faithful godly example. May the Lord bless you!