

SC FWB Update, Vol. 4, No. 30, Wednesday, June 30, 2010

OPENING REMARKS:

This week's update is coming a day early due to the fact that my dad's brother passed away, and I am to travel to North Carolina for the funeral and return Thursday to close out the books for June. Please pray for my dad and family during this time.

We have our SC FWB Executive Committee meeting today to plan our 2011 state meeting which will be hosted by the Eastern Conference.

As a short reminder, volunteer workers are need in helping to replace the roof at the Children's Home on July 8, 9, and 10, 2010. Work will begin each morning around 7 AM and will continue to the evening. Any help will be greatly appreciated. For more details, feel free to contact the Children's Home at 843-659-2880.

Dr. Randy Sawyer's new book, *Battling the Black Dog: Raw Confessions of Depression* published by Randall House, is available at our FWB Christian Book and Supply. Call and order your copy today at 843-657-2091. Supporting your FWB Christian Book and Supply enables us to serve our state, churches, ministers, and missionaries. In advance, thank you for your faithful support.

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

*Please pray for many of our missionaries who are making plans to return to the states in order to attend the National Association of Free Will Baptist Convention.

*Congratulations to Reverend Jonathan and Mrs. Amy Postlewaite on the birth of their new baby girl, Anna Grace, born June 24, at 11:11 AM. Jonathan is the pastor at First FWB Church in Darlington.

MINISTER NEWS:

*Spartanburg Area Minister Luncheon - Monday, July 5, 2010 - Grape Vine Restaurant, Boiling Springs - 11:30 AM

*Central Association - Saturday, July 10, 2010 - First FWB Church, Myrtle Beach - 9 AM

*Florence / Darlington Area Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, July 13, 2010 - Bazen's Restaurant - 8:30 AM

*NAFWB Convention - July 18-21, 2010 - Oklahoma City, OK

CHURCH NEWS:

July:

9-10 YOUTH RALLY - Bethany FWB Church in Timmonsville will be hosting a "Soldiers of the Saviour (SOS)" Youth Rally. All teens and youth are welcome to attend. The youth rally will begin at 5:30 PM on Friday and on Saturday at 11:30 AM. There will be preaching, games, activities, prizes, and food. Youth workers, please contact Reverend Joshua Horton if you are planning to attend. You can call him at 843-346-2593. Thank you.

August:

13-15 YOUTH RETREAT - Westgate FWB Church in Arcadia (Spartanburg) will be hosting its first annual YOUTH RETREAT August 13-15, 2010. Some of the events will be roller skating, putt putt, batting cage, bon fire, and much more. Reverend Kevin Smith (pastor at Westgate), Reverend Joey Mills (youth pastor at Westgate), and Reverend David "Boo" Casper (pastor at Promise FWB Church) will be preaching. For more information or registration forms, contact Tami Fish at the church office at 864-574-5904 or Youth Pastor Joey Mills at 864-219-1849.

20 BACK TO SCHOOL BASH BOWLING PARTY - South Gate Bowling in Florence, 6-9 PM. \$10 per person. Grades 4-12. Area churches are invited. Please contact Reverend Chris Edwards for details - 843-598-4410 or chris@lebanonfwbc.com

*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:

*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: - PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION -

*SC WAC Fall Retreat - October 8-9, 2010 - Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, South Carolina.

CLOSING REMARKS: "Prayer"

Years ago an elderly lady had no money to buy food. She prayed, "Dear Lord, please send me a side of bacon and a sack of corn meal." Over and over again she prayed the same prayer aloud. One of the town's unscrupulous citizens decided to play a trick on her. He dropped a side of bacon and a sack of corn meal down her chimney. It landed in front of her as she knelt in prayer. Jumping to her feet, she exclaimed, "Oh Lord! You have answered my prayer!" Then she went all over town telling everyone the good news. This was too much for the scoundrel who dropped the food down her chimney. He ridiculed her publicly and told her that God did not answer her prayer; he did. The old lady replied, "Well, the devil may have brought it, but it was the Lord who sent it!"

God answers prayers in many ways. When it's the wrong request, sometimes God says, "No." When it's the wrong time, sometimes God says, "Slow." When it's the wrong person, sometimes God says, "Grow." But when it's the right request, the right time, and the right person, God says, "Go!" He may not always answer our prayers in the way we want, but he does answer our prayers. When Jeremiah was in prison, God told him, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33:3).

Abraham Lincoln said, "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go." Charles Spurgeon said, "God's people have always in their worst condition found out the best of their God. He is good at all times; but He seemeth to be at His best when they are at their worst."

For the Christian, prayer is not an option; it is a command. It is not a moment; it should be a lifestyle. It is not only to be practiced in the bad times, but it should also to be practiced in the good times. May we each continue in prayer as a daily part of our life