

## SC FWB Update, Vol. 4, No. 35, Wednesday, August 18, 2010

### **OPENING REMARKS: "Plane Grounded But Arrived Safely"**

After their plane was grounded in Miami due to difficulty with the plane, Missionaries Neil and Mandi Morgan and their two girls, Emma Catherine and Aubrey, arrived safely in Costa Rica around 3:00 AM EST on Tuesday. Thank you for your prayers for them as they go to language school over the next year and then head to Uruguay.

Missionary Carlisle Hanna said our India pastors arrived home safely around 2:00 AM on Wednesday. Please remember them in prayer as they join back with their families and continue their ministry in India. Please pray for Missionary Carlisle "Uncle" Hanna as he will be state side until November when he returns to India. Pray that he will have the opportunity to rest and gain strength physically. Thank you to everyone who attended the area wide mission rally services with our India pastors. It was a great blessing to them.

The Eastern Conference meets this Saturday at Hillside Free Will Baptist Church in Florence at 9:30 AM. Also, the Palmetto Conference will meet this Saturday at New Harvest Free Will Baptist Church in Tradesville, SC.

Thank you for partnering together with us in ministry for the cause of Christ!

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### **PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:**

\*Please remember in prayer **Missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole** as they arrived in South Carolina and will be traveling to churches over the next couple of months. We still have a few open spots if you would like to have them come to your church.

\*Please pray for **Missionaries Tim and Kristi Johnson** in Spain as they are making preparations for VBS. An email from Tim and Kristi stated the following: "While most of you are going back to school these days, our summer continues until mid-September. We're gearing up for our 'Isla Canoa' (Outrigger Island) VBS, which will be Sept 6-10. Pray for the teachers as they prepare and for the contacts we will all be inviting over the coming weeks." Please remember them in prayer during this time.

\*We congratulate **Reverend Donnie and Mrs. Trudy Miles** on the birth of their grandbaby, Jack Finley Miles, born on August 13th.

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### **MINISTER NEWS:**

\*Saturday, August 21, 2010 - Eastern Conference Meeting - Hillside FWB Church, Florence - 9:30 AM

\*Saturday, August 21, 2010 - Palmetto Conference Meeting - New Harvest FWB Church, Tradesville - 9 AM

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### **CHURCH NEWS:**

August:

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](mailto:chris@lebanonfwbc.com)

20-21 BBQ FUND RAISER at Heartland FWB Church, Lancaster to help buy equipment for the drama team. Serving begins at 11 AM each day. Plates include BBQ, baked beans, slaw, rice, rolls, and desserts. Also, on Saturday, August 21st, the men will sponsor an auction. Viewing of the auction items starts at 4 PM, and the auction begins at 6 PM. All proceeds will go toward the shelter project.

28 KIDS FUN DAY - Cornerstone-Fellowship FWB Church in Manning at 12 noon. The fun includes water slide, bouncing blowup, dunking booth, food and refreshments (kids 16 and under eat free / minimal charge for adults). A bake sale will take place to raise funds for the building fund.

#### September:

19-22 FALL JUBILEE - Cornerstone-Fellowship FWB Church in Manning (Sun 11 AM & 6:30 PM / M-W 7 PM) with Reverend Todd Parrish

27-Oct 1 REVIVAL - Calvary FWB Church in Georgetown (M-F / 7 PM) with Reverend Kevin Smith

#### October:

3 HOMECOMING - St. John FWB Church, Pamplico

24-27 CAMPMEETING - Canaan FWB Church, Lancaster, with Reverend Kevin Smith (Sunday 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

\*Please send church news announcements via email to [ToddSmith@scfwb.com](mailto:ToddSmith@scfwb.com) by Tuesday of each week for the following SC FWB Update.

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#### **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:**

\*SC FWB Teen Retreat - Weekend of October 23, 2010. Plans are still being made and will be announced as soon as possible. For details, feel free to contact Reverend Jonathan Postlewaite at 843-601-4072.

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#### **WAC NEWS:**

\*SC WAC Fall Retreat - October 8-9, 2010 - Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, South Carolina. The cost is \$70, and the deposit needs to be sent in by September 10, 2010. Monies need to be sent to Cathy Logan, 1580 Potter Road, Lancaster, SC 29720. For more details, feel free to contact Mrs. Pam Hackett at 864-680-3150 or by email at [hackettp71@bellsouth.net](mailto:hackettp71@bellsouth.net). You can also contact Mrs. Sandra Dail at 843-307-4079 or email her at [sandradail@msn.com](mailto:sandradail@msn.com).

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#### **CLOSING REMARKS: "The Clock of Life"**

Life is much like a time clock. If you were to live to be 72 years old, the following represents what time it would be according to your age:

Age 22 8:20 AM

Age 32 11:20 AM - 2,132 weeks left

Age 42 3:20 PM

Age 52 6:20 PM - 1,092 weeks left

Age 62 9:20 PM

In Matthew 25, Jesus shares a parable concerning the kingdom of God. He likens it to 10 virgins who go out to meet the Bridegroom. Five were wise and five were foolish. Five seized the opportunity at hand and five procrastinated.

Charles Spurgeon said, "Procrastination is the thief of time. It steals away our life. And if we knew the hour of our death, we should be no more prepared for it than we are now." With the busyness of our lives, it is so easy to procrastinate on the things we should be doing today. In the book of Acts, we see that Felix knew the right thing to do, but he procrastinated. "And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee" (Acts 24:25).

If there is sin in our life we must not procrastinate. We must repent and leave that sin behind today. If there is something we need to do for God, we must do it today. In Genesis 19:16, we see that Lot lingered when he was warned by the angels to leave Sodom. Jeremiah said, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jeremiah 8:20).

May we each do today what God has for us to accomplish realizing that we can't complete everything in one day, but we can start today by doing the right things. Spiritual growth is not an event; it is a process. It is not a 100 yard dash; it is a marathon. Let's run with patience the race that is set before us!

May the Lord bless you.