

SC FWB Update, Vol. 4, No. 36, Wednesday, August 25, 2010

OPENING REMARKS: "Next Sunday School Quarter"

The next Sunday school quarter starts on September 5, 2010. The Randall House material deals with a variety of subjects for all age groups this coming quarter. The Adult Class Scholar will be covering the books of 1 and 2 Kings. The Teen Horizon, Teen Direction, and Fusion Adult material will be covering various passages throughout the book of Genesis dealing with creation, the fall, the curse, Noah's ark, and God's covenant. The Elementary Explorers and Adventure Kids will be covering a theme of "First Things First" as it relates to various passages in Genesis and other portions of Scripture. The curriculum deals with questions about dinosaurs, who is Lamech, and what happens when pride gets in the way of our lives. The curriculum is KJV Bible based material and has something for every age group in the family. Thank you for allowing us to meet your Sunday school needs. Feel free to contact our South Carolina Free Will Baptist Christian Book and Supply at 843-657-2091 if we can help you in any way.

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

Prayer - Please remember the **parents of Missionary Jim Fairchild** in prayer. His dad, Mr. Asa Fairchild (age 83), and mother, Mrs. Shirley Fairchild (age 80), both have cancer. Please remember this family in prayer.

Praise - Congratulations to **Reverend Joshua and Mrs. Stephanie Horton** on the birth of their baby Ethan Nathanael, born on August 12, 2009 at 11:09 AM. He weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Reverend Joshua Horton is the Associate/Youth Pastor at Bethany FWB Church in Timmonsville. We congratulate this wonderful couple on the birth of their first baby!

MINISTER NEWS:

***Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast** - Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at Bazen's Restaurant in Florence at 8:30 AM.

***True Life Conference Meeting** - Saturday, September 18, 2010 at Calvary FWB Church in Lancaster at 9:45 AM.

***Lake City Area Minister Breakfast** - Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at Prosser's Restaurant in Lake City at 8:30 AM.

***South Carolina Conference Missions Luncheon** - Friday, October 1, 2010, at Horne's Restaurant in Florence from 11 AM - 1 PM.

***South Carolina Conference Fall Missions Quarterly Meeting** - Friday, October 1, 2010, at Horse Branch FWB Church in Turbeville at 7 PM. A supper meal will be served at the FWB Home for Children in Turbeville prior to the meeting at 5:30 PM.

***Central Association Meeting** - Saturday, October 9, 2010 at Free Welcome FWB Church in Conway at 9 AM.

CHURCH NEWS:

August:

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

September:

15-19 OLD FASHION JUBILEE - First FWB Church, Simpsonville (M-F 7 PM / Sat. 9:30 AM). Everyone's invited to attend!

October:

3 HOMECOMING - St. John FWB Church, Pamplico, with Reverend Billy Baker (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM)

4-8 REVIVAL - Liberty FWB Church in Lancaster, with Reverend Jacob Berry. Everyone's welcome. (Pastor Timmy Larrimore)

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

November:

14-17 CAMP MEETING - Westgate FWB Church in Arcadia

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

NOTE CHANGE -- SC FWB Teen Retreat - Weekend of October 29-30, 2010. The date for the Teen Retreat has been changed to the last weekend in October (Friday and Saturday). Also, this year's retreat will take place in Columbia instead of Myrtle Beach in order to have it in a more centralized location. Reverend Ken Cash, the pastor at Belvoir FWB Church in Greenville, NC, will be the guest speaker. The lodging place is the Laquinta Inn on Garner's Ferry Road. For details, feel free to contact Reverend Jonathan Postlewaite at 843-601-4072, or you may contact Youth Ministries Director, Reverend Cyrus Shoffner at 843-858-0195.

***South Carolina Conference Youth Rally** - Saturday, October 2, 2010, at Bethany FWB Church, at 7 PM. The quest speaker will be Missionary Jim Fairchild.

***Eastern Conference Youth Rally** - Saturday, November 13, 2010, at Happy Home FWB Church in Andrews at 10 AM. Lunch will be provided.

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. You can also contact Mrs. Sandra Dail at 843-307-4079 or email her at sandradail@msn.com.

CLOSING REMARKS: "I can shoot him afterwards...."

It was Christmas Eve 1875 and Ira Sankey was traveling on a Delaware River steamboat when he was recognized by some of the passengers. His picture had been in the newspaper because he was the song leader for the famous evangelist D.L. Moody. They asked him to sing one of his own hymns, but Sankey demurred, saying that he preferred to sing William B. Bradbury's Hymn, "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us." As he sang, one of the stanzas began, "We are Thine; do Thou befriend us. Be the Guardian of our way."

When he finished, a man stepped from the shadows and asked, "Did you ever serve in the Union Army?" "Yes," Mr. Sankey answered, "in the spring of 1860." Can you remember if you were doing picket duty on a bright, moonlit night in 1862?" "Yes," Mr. Sankey answered, very much surprised. "So did I, but I was serving in the Confederate army. When I saw you standing at your post, I thought to myself, 'That fellow will never get away alive.' I raised my musket and took aim. I was standing in the shadow, completely concealed, while the full light of the moon was falling upon you. At that instant, just as a moment ago, you raised your eyes to heaven and began to sing... 'Let him sing his song to the end,' I said to myself, 'I can shoot him afterwards. He's my victim at all events, and my bullet cannot miss him.' But the song you sang then was the song you sang just now. I heard the words perfectly: 'We are Thine; do Thou befriend us. Be the Guardian of our way.' Those words stirred up many memories. I began to think of my childhood and my God-fearing mother. She had many times sung that song to me. When you had finished your song, it was impossible for me to take aim again. I thought, 'The Lord who is able to save that man from certain death must surely be great and mighty.' And my arm of its own accord dropped limp at my side."

There is no doubt that God is our refuge and strength and a very present help in time of trouble, and there are no doubt many times that His hand of protection is upon us, and we do not even recognize that it is there. But all the while, each day of our life, he protects us. Nothing happens that He does not allow, and everything that He allows to happen is for our good and His glory. May we rest in peace today knowing that He is the guardian of our soul and that He loves you and I more than we could ever imagine.