

SC FWB Update, Vol. 4, No. 41, Wednesday, September 29, 2010

OPENING REMARKS: "Shredded Tire"

Having traveled yesterday to Greenville, South Carolina to attend an event, our family arrived with a shredded tire. Thankfully, we were able to contact AAA to change the spare tire. Being too late to have tires purchased and installed and being too far to drive home on a doughnut spare tire, we had an unexpected stay overnight. This morning involved purchasing new tires and waiting for them to be installed. I am typing this week's update while my lovely wife drives our family back to Turbeville. I am thankful for the Lord's protection when days do not go as expected.

When we return to Turbeville, I am due to meet Mr. George Williamson from Williamson Printing in order for him to deliver *The Informer*. It will be distributed to churches tomorrow. Mr. Williamson has been printing our SC FWB State paper, *The Informer*, for many years now and continues to do an excellent job. We are thankful for his service.

The South Carolina Conference mission luncheon is Friday at Home's Restaurant from 11 AM - 1 PM, and the South Carolina Conference meeting is Friday at Horse Branch FWB Church in Turbeville at 7 PM. A meal will be served before the conference meeting at the FWB Home for Children in Turbeville at 5:30 PM.

Thank you for allowing us to partner together for the cause of Christ. It is an honor to serve our Lord together!

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

*Reverend Cyrus Shoffner, the pastor at Faith FWB Church in Darlington, had an emergency hearth catherization today at McLeod Hospital. Test results revealed his heart was in good condition from previous stints placed in his heart. The doctor indicated the source of his pain is not from his heart. Please remember Brother Cyrus in prayer.

*Bert Tippet Update: Brother Tippet, having previously been diagnosed with an aggressive form of prostate cancer, continues to receive pain management care. He previously went through several radiation and chemotherapy treatments, and he also participated in clinical trials and a cancer study at Rudy Cancer Center. Over the summer, he continued to received muscular weakness, mounting pain, and loss of appetite. He was able to speak at the NAFWB Convention in Oklahoma in July. Please continue to remember him in prayer.

*Mrs. Mary Dilda, mother of Susanna Bazen (wife of Reverend Carroll Bazen), has been facing some health issues recently. Mrs. Mary previously lived in Pamplico when her husband served as pastor at the Pamplico FWB Church. She now lives in Hookerton, NC. Please remember her in prayer.

MINISTER NEWS:

*South Carolina Conference Mission 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. (*see Youth Ministry news for SC Conference Youth Rally information).

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

*Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, October 12, 2010 - Bazen's Restaurant - 8:30 AM

*Eastern Conference Meeting - Saturday, October 23, 2010 - Lighthouse FWB Church, Florence - 9:30 AM

CHURCH NEWS:

September:

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

20-24 REVIVAL - Great Vision FWB Church, Bladenboro, NC - with Reverend Dale Manning (M-F 7:30 PM). For details, call 910-207-8070.

26-29 REVIVAL - Beulah FWB Church in Pamplico, with Rev. Jacob Creech (Sun), Rev. Elro Driggers (Mon), Rev. Galen Dunbar (Tues), and Rev. Eddie Riddick (Wed). (Sunday 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

26-29 REVIVAL - Happy Home FWB Church in Andrews with Rev. Jacob Berry (Sun 10 AM/Worship 11 AM/6 PM // M-W 7:30 PM)

26-29 REVIVAL - Mt. Elon FWB Church in Pamplico with Rev. Milton and Rev. Melvin Worthington. (Sun - 11 AM & 6 PM / M-W at 7:30 PM)

26-30 REVIVAL - White Savannah FWB Church in Conway with Reverend Van Dale Hudson (Sun at 10 AM & 6 PM / M-Th at 7:30 PM)

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, with Reverend Billy Baker (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM)

3 HOMECOMING - Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville, with Reverend Todd Smith (Service will begin with Singing at 10 AM)

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

9 YOUTH DAY - Mt. Ariel FWB Church in Conway and Cornerstone FWB Church in Whiteville, NC - Youth groups from various churches will be represented. The day will be filled with skits, singing, and a devotion by Pastor Timmy Locklear. Afterwards, everyone will be invited to refreshments. For more information, call Tammy Thompson (910-642-5783), Kathy

Bulter (910-625-9844), or Deborah Locklear (910-653-8790).

9 5th ANNUAL BIBLE, BLUE GRASS, and BBQ - Mt. Carmel FWB Church - Funds will go to the SC FWB Children's Home. For information, visit www.mtcarmelfreewillbaptist.com

10-13 REVIVAL - Grace FWB Church in Lake City, with Reverend Karl Sexton (Sun 11 & 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

11-13 REVIVAL - First FWB Church, Myrtle Beach with Reverend Cliff Wilson (7 PM each night)

16 YOUTH BAKE SALE / CAR WASH - Mt. Ariel FWB Church in Conway - 8 AM until. For information, contact Reverend Timmy Locklear at 843-289-7809

17 HOMECOMING - Mt. Elon FWB Church, Pamplico with Reverend Bobby Jackson - 10:30 AM

24 HOMECOMING - Little Star FWB Church in Lake City. Reverend Tommy Bryson will be the guest preacher. Everyone's invited to attend!

24-27 REVIVAL - High Point FWB Church in Lancaster with Reverend Kenneth Cash (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM and 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

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

30 RIDE FOR JESUS - ANNUAL BIKE RIDE - Mt. Ariel FWB Church, Conway - Starts at 8 AM - For details, contact Pastor Kevin Johnson at 843-289-7809

November:

7 HOMECOMING - New Prospect FWB Church in Pamplico with Reverend Mike Jones

8-12 REVIVAL - New Prospect FWB Church in Pamplico with Reverend Daggett Duncan (M-F 7:30 PM)

14-17 CAMP MEETING - Westgate FWB Church in Arcadia

*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:

***SC FWB CTS/NYC** - The first South Carolina Conference practice meeting - Saturday, October 16, 2010 - Liberty FWB Church in Manning, 9 AM

***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 event will include a free meal and fun activities at the church.** 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. Registration will begin at 4:00 PM in the Walter Cox Building. The cost is \$70 (including deposit), and the \$30 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 843-731-6313 or email her at sandradail@msn.com. Remember to come dressed in 50's attire for this year's "Happy Days" retreat. The guest speaker at this year's retreat will be Mrs. Joanne King from North Carolina. Also, special guest Missionary Geneva Poole will be at the retreat with signed copies of her new book.

CLOSING REMARKS: "Throwing Sticks into the Air"

A gypsy stood at a crossroads and three times threw a stick into the air, letting it fall to the ground each time. A man passing by asked, "Why do you do that?" The gypsy replied, "Because I want to know which is the right road for me to take. I will go whichever way the stick points." The man then asked, "But why throw the stick up three times?" To which the gypsy said, "Because, not until the third time did it point in the direction that I want to go!"

If we are not careful, it can be tempting for us to treat God's will in much the same way. We may not throw a stick into the air, but often times we can desire the will of God all the while going the direction we want to go. Surrender to God is the greatest way to discover His will for our life, and following God's will is the greatest way to discover true and lasting joy.

In Romans 12:1-2, we learn that God's will is 1) Profitable ("good"), 2) Pleasing ("acceptable"), and 3) Perfect ("perfect"). Someone once said, "Never confuse the will of the majority with the will of God." His ways are not always our ways, but His way is always the best way. May we all have a great desire to follow His will, surrender to that will, and in doing so, reap the benefit of joyful living.

May the Lord bless you.

In Christ,

Todd Smith

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