

SC FWB Update, Vol. 5, No. 03, Wednesday, January 19, 2011

OPENING REMARKS:

Youth Ministries / CTS Board Meeting - The South Carolina Free Will Baptist Youth Ministries Board and the CTS Board will be meeting on Monday, February 7, 2011, at 7 PM at the SC FWB State Office for the purpose of drawing up a plan to combine boards and ministry efforts. Also, we encourage all our churches to send an offering to the SC FWB State meeting (http://www.scfwb.com/state_meet.html) for the Thursday night offering as it will be going toward the South Carolina Free Will Baptist Youth Ministries/Camp Board.

Sanctity of Life Sunday - This Sunday, January 23, 2011, is Sanctity of Life Sunday. Each year, close to the anniversary date of Roe v. Wade (January 22), individuals and churches are encouraged to affirm their belief in the sanctity and dignity of human life. For resources and other materials to plan a special day, visit <http://www.heartlink.org/beavoice/resources.cfm>.

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

***Reverend Murrell Young** (Eastern Conference) recently had eye surgery. Please remember him in prayer.

*Mrs. Dolly Stox, wife of **Dr. Lorenza Stox** (President of Southeastern FWB College), passed away, and the funeral took place on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Please remember Dr. Lorenza Stox and his family in prayer during this time.

*Mr. Emory Bruce Huggins, brother of **Reverend Richard Huggins** (Damascus FWB Church, Conway), passed away, and the funeral was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Please remember Reverend Richard Huggins and his family in prayer during this time.

MINISTER NEWS:

***South Carolina Conference Annual Meeting** - Thursday-Friday, January 20-21, 2011 - Grace FWB Church in Lake City (Thursday Meal - 5:30 PM / Thursday meeting - 7 PM / Friday 9 AM - 3:30 PM)

***Eastern Conference Meeting** - Saturday, January 22, 2011 - Freedom FWB Church in Ladson - 9:30 AM

***Beaver Creek Association Meeting** - Saturday, January 29, 2011 - Whitney FWB Church, Spartanburg, 9 AM

CHURCH NEWS:

January

9 SINGING - Peace FWB Church, Spartanburg (1195 Old Converse Rd) on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011, at 6 PM, with the Mike Bowling Family. For more information, call 864-579-4762 or 864-

497-7963.

16-19 REVIVAL - Liberty FWB Church in Lancaster - with Reverend Billy Fields (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM / Sun 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

26-28 GRANDVIEW CAMP MEETING - First FWB Church, 900 67th Ave N, Myrtle Beach, SC (Pastor Wayne Snipes) - Guest Evangelist - Reverend Jack Lassiter (7 PM Nightly) / Suggested Accommodations: Mystic Sea Motel, 2105 S. Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577, 800-443-7050 (mention camp meeting) / Special Singing by The Dosses. Everyone's invited to attend!

February

5 ANNUAL BBQ - Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmonsville - Saturday, February 5, 2011 - 11 AM

7-11 REVIVAL - Mullins Marion FWB Church, Marion, with Reverend Mike Blanton (M-F / 7:30 PM)

14-18 REVIVAL - Evergreen FWB Church, Conway, with Rev. Tim Larrimore (7 PM nightly) with special singing each night.

*Please send church news announcements via email to ToddSmith@scfwb.com by Tuesday of each week for the following SC FWB Update.

SC WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST (WAC):

*February 19, 2011 - Central District WAC Annual Meeting - Oak Grove FWB Church, Conway - 9:30 AM

*February 26, 2011 - South Carolina Conference District WAC Annual Meeting - Place To Be Announced.

*March 5, 2011 - Beaver Creek District WAC Annual Meeting - Whitney FWB Church, Spartanburg - (Registration 9 AM / Starts 9:30 AM)

*March 19, 2011 - SC WAC STATE MEETING - Fairview FWB Church, Spartanburg - 8:30 AM

CLOSING REMARKS: "Sanctity of Life"

Women who have had abortions tend to have longer-term mental effects and experience high levels of anxiety, as well as feelings of guilt and shame many years after the procedure, according to a study in Norway. Comparatively, women who have had a miscarriage were found to be more distressed in the short-term.

The study found that, ten days after the loss of a child, 47.5 percent of women who had miscarried suffered from some degree of mental distress, compared with 30 percent of those in the abortion group. After six months, the distress of those who miscarried dropped to 22.5 percent, while 25.7 percent of those who had an abortion were still affected. After five years, those with miscarriage-related distress had dipped to just 2.6 percent, while 20 percent of those having abortions still experienced distress.

Pro-family experts claim this work shows the importance of providing truthful and complete information to women about the potential psychological effects of losing a baby, whether as a result of miscarriage or abortion.*

Ronald Reagan said, "I've noticed that everybody that is for abortion has already been born." President George W. Bush said, "The right to life cannot be granted or denied by government because it does not come from government. It comes from the Creator of life." Attorney David Gibbs, Jr. shared the following statistics:

- For every three babies born, one child is aborted.
- Only 37% believe that abortion is morally acceptable.

God is the giver of life. Let us pray for doctors who commit abortions that they might know the broken heart of their Creator when a life is taken. God is a God of second chances. Let us pray for mothers who have committed abortion that they might know the grace of God and realize a second chance at life.

In Christ,

Todd Smith

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*Pastor's Weekly Briefing, Volume 13, Number 50 December 16, 2005