

## SC FWB Update, Vol. 5, No. 01, Wednesday, January 5, 2011

### OPENING REMARKS:

Last year was a tough year financially for several of our churches. Our Sunday school literature sales were \$4,000 down last year from the previous year due to the economy. Many of our churches had to make cut backs in order to help make ends meet within the church. Please continue to pray for the many who struggle through these tough economic times. In 2009, we were able to provide complimentary three regional Ministers and Wives Christmas Fellowship Suppers across our state; however, we were unable to do this in 2010. For the past three years, we have been able to provide free shipping for the summer quarter for churches that order Sunday school literature from us. We were able to continue this in 2010. Depending on how things go financially, may determine if we are able to continue this for this year's summer quarter. It is an honor to serve our churches. Our church members, pastors, churches, and conferences are the reason we exist. More and more, I am continually realizing that ministry is not about me and what I am doing, but it is about Him and what He has done for us and how we can help Him by serving the needs of others. Please continue to pray with us and for us as we help those who help others.

On a positive note, in closing out the books yesterday for our missions giving, we realized that last year we received in from churches and individuals \$1,217,739.45 over all for missionaries and ministries around the world. This was an increase of \$71,820.19 over 2009. However, much of the increase related to large gifts for special mission projects and other special offerings like the GO10 Walk and Free Will Baptist Bible College Relocation commitments. Despite the economy, God still knows our every need and is able to meet these needs for our good and His glory. We praise Him for His goodness.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you, our pastors, conferences, churches, lay leaders, and church members, and thank you for continually being faithful in your local church where God has called you to serve!

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### PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST

\***Reverend Bert Tippett**, former director of church relations at Free Will Baptist Bible College, died Wednesday, January 5, 2010, after a nearly three-year battle with prostate cancer. He was 70. Please remember his family in prayer during this time.

\***Ron Tolliver**, the father of Reverend Brian Tolliver, passed away Friday, December 30, 2010. Reverend Brian Tolliver is the pastor at High Hill FWB Church in Scranton. Please remember Brother Tolliver and his family in prayer during this time.

\***Reverend Jonathan Postlewaite's dad, Mr. Joe Postlewaite**, was in a car accident over the Christmas holiday. Mr. Joe is home recovering now. Please continue to remember him in prayer. Reverend Jonathan Postlewaite is the pastor at First FWB Church in Darlington.

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### **MINISTER NEWS:**

- \*Central Association Meeting - Saturday, January 8, 2011 - Freedom FWB Church in Tabor City, NC - 9 AM
  - \*Florence/Darlington area wide FWB Minister's Breakfast - Tuesday, January 11, 2011 - Bazen's Restaurant, Florence - 8:30 AM
  - \*True Life Conference Meeting - Saturday, January 15, 2011 - 10 AM
  - \*Lake City Area Wide FWB Minister's Breakfast - Tuesday, January 18, 2010 - Prosser's Restaurant in Lake City - 8:30 AM
  - \*South Carolina Conference Annual Meeting - Thursday-Friday, January 20-21, 2011 - Grace FWB Church in Lake City
  - \*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
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### **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!

\*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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### **CLOSING REMARKS: "Diary of the Bible"**

JANUARY: A busy time for me. Most of the family decided to read me through this year. They kept me busy for the first two weeks, but they have forgotten me now.

FEBRUARY: Clean-up time. I was dusted yesterday and put in my place. My owner did use me for a few minutes last week. He had been in an argument and was looking up some references to prove he was right.

MARCH: I had a busy day the first of the month. My owner was elected president of the P.T.A., and he used me to prepare a speech.

APRIL: Grandpa visited us this month. He kept me on his lap for an hour reading I Corinthians

13. He seems to think more of me than do some people in my own household.

MAY: I have a few green stains on my pages. Some spring flowers were pressed in my pages.

JUNE: I look like a scrapbook. They have stuffed me full of newspaper clippings - one of the girls was married.

JULY: They put me in a suitcase today. I guess we are off on vacation. I wish I could stay home; I know I'll be closed up in this thing for at least two weeks.

AUGUST: Still in the suitcase.

SEPTEMBER: Back home at last and in my old familiar place. I have a lot of company. Two women's magazines and four comic books are stacked on top of me. I wish I could be read as much as they are.

OCTOBER: They read me a little bit today. One of them is very sick. Right now I am sitting in the center of the coffee table. I think the pastor is coming by for a visit.

NOVEMBER: Back in my old place. Somebody asked today if I were a scrapbook.

DECEMBER: The family is busy getting ready for the holidays. I guess I'll be covered up under wrapping paper and packages again, but maybe they will pull me out and read the Christmas story.

This little diary speaks volumes to me. It is so easy to get caught up in the busyness of our schedules and neglect the most precious book in all the world. If you would like to read through the Bible this year, or if you would like a Bible reading schedule to place in the foyer of your church, below are a couple of links that provide a download version of a Bible reading schedule. You will need Adobe Acrobat reader or some type of .pdf file reader in order to open the following files:

[www.bible-reading.com/bible-plan.pdf](http://www.bible-reading.com/bible-plan.pdf)

[www.ccc.org/BibleReadingPlan.pdf](http://www.ccc.org/BibleReadingPlan.pdf)

*We pray you and your family have a wonderful week. May the Lord bless you.*

*In Christ,*

*Todd Smith*

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