

## SC FWB Update, Vol. 5, No. 34, Tuesday, October 5, 2011

### OPENING REMARKS:

OCTOBER is a month filled with revivals, homecomings, conference meetings, and special services. It's a time when the weather gets cold and the seasons change. The grass will eventually turn brown, and the leaves will eventually fall from the trees. Spiritually speaking, our lives and churches go through seasons of change. There's a time of plowing, a time of planting, a time of patience, and a time of plenteous. Our prayer is that throughout this month in each church, a harvest of souls will be gathered for the Master's use. But whether your church is in a time of sowing or a time of reaping, may you continue to go forth knowing that your work is not in vain in the Lord! Paul said, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (I Cor. 3:6).

WASHINGTON, NC - It will be a joy this coming Sunday through the following Thursday (October 9-13, 2011) to preach Homecoming and Revival at Five Points FWB Church in Washington, NC, where my father-in-law served as pastor many years ago when I first met my wife. I look forward to renewing acquaintances and having fellowship with Pastor David Young. Matt Deckard, our bookstore manager, and my wife Teresa Smith will be covering the office while I am away. Thank you for allowing us to partner together in ministry.

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### PRAYER REQUEST/ PRAISE:

\*Ralph Hampton, former chairman of FWBBC's Biblical and Ministry Studies Department, was diagnosed with cancer of the vocal cords in mid-2010. He now appears to be cancer free. However, he still cannot swallow or talk above a whisper. He has tried several types of therapy and dilation of the esophagus without any change. He taught 50 years at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Please remember him in prayer during this time.

\*Mrs. Betty Lewis, mother of Mrs. Gail Huggins, passed away this morning, October 5, 2011. Mrs. Betty is the mother-in-law of Reverend Richard Huggins, the pastor at Rains FWB Church in Rains. Another email, Facebook post, and/or calling post message will be sent once funeral arrangements are known. Please remember their family in prayer during this time.

\*Mrs. Veda Lee, wife of State Moderator Rev. Sherwood Lee (Sand Hill, Coward), will be having orthopedic surgery on Monday morning, October 10, 2011, at McLeod Regional Medical Center. Please remember her in prayer for the surgery and as she recovers.

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### MINISTER NEWS:

\*South Carolina Conference Fall Missions Luncheon - Friday, October 7, 2011 - Horne's Restaurant - 11 AM

\*South Carolina Annual Missions Conference - Friday, October 7, 2011 - Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham - 7 PM (Coffee/doughnuts provided around 6 PM before the meeting). Also, be sure to see the "Youth News" at the end of this email before the "Closing Remarks" regarding the annual SC Conference Missions Youth Rally to take place this Saturday evening.

\*Central Association Meeting - Saturday, October 8, 2011, at Mt. Ariel FWB Church, Conway - 9 AM

\*Eastern Conference Meeting - Saturday, October 22, 2011, at Williams Hill FWB Church, Hemingway - 9:30 AM

\*Beaver Creek Association Meeting - Thursday, October 27, 2011, at First FWB Church, Simpsonville - Guest Speaker, Dr. Dan Patrick - The Association meets at 5 PM, and the worship service is at 7 PM.

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### CHURCH NEWS:

#### October:

3-6 FAMILY REVIVAL - Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham, with Rev. Buddy Seay (7 PM)

- 3-7 REVIVAL - Cornerstone FWB Church, Whiteville, NC, with Reverend Darwin Cook (7:30 PM Nightly).
- 2-5 REVIVAL - First FWB Church, Chester, with guest preachers Rev. Kevin Smith, Rev. Wesley Campbell, and Rev. Tim Larrimore.
- 3-7 REVIVAL - Calvary FWB Church, Georgetown, with guest preacher Reverend Thad Jacobs (7 PM Nightly)
- 6 CHRISTIAN SKATE NIGHT - Sponsored by Mt. Elon FWB Church (Pamplico), held monthly from 7-9 PM at the Pee Dee Skateland 4524 Hwy 76, Marion ([843-423-1802](tel:843-423-1802)). Cost is \$5 per person. Great fun, games, music, and fellowship. For further details, feel free to call Pastor Mark Leonard at [843-687-0779](tel:843-687-0779).
- 8 TMT DRAMA TEAM - Rains FWB Church, Rains, with the White Savannah TMT Drama Team (7 PM)
- 9 HOMECOMING - Beulah FWB Church, Pamplico, with former pastor Brother Gerald Owens (10:30 AM)
- 10-13 REVIVAL - Rains FWB Church, Rains, with Reverend Thad Jacobs (7:30 PM)
- 15 BIKE-A-THON / WALK-A-THON - New Prospect Christian School - 10 miles Bike Ride or 5 Mile Walk - All proceeds go to the Christian school
- 16 144th HOMECOMING - Mt. Elon FWB Church, Pamplico. The Oxendines will be singing. Everyone is invited to attend.
- 16 HOMECOMING - Oak Grove FWB Church, Conway - Pastor Paul Hyman (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM)
- 16 HOMECOMING / PASTOR APPRECIATION - First FWB Church, Charleston - Pastor Robie Hiott
- 16-19 REVIVAL - Beulah FWB Church, Pamplico, with Reverend Todd Parrish (Sun 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)
- 16-19 REVIVAL - Liberty FWB Church, Lancaster, with Reverend Jack Lassiter
- 23-26 REVIVAL - Canaan FWB Church, Lancaster with Reverend Kevin Smith, the pastor at Westgate FWB Church in Spartanburg. Special singing each night. (7 PM Nightly).
- 23-26 REVIVAL - New Town FWB Church, Lake City with Reverend Todd Parrish (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM & 6:30 PM / M-W 7 PM)

### **November:**

- 3 CHRISTIAN SKATE NIGHT - Sponsored by Mt. Elon FWB Church (Pamplico) and held at Pee Dee Skateland (Marion) - \$5 per person - 7-9 PM
- 6 4TH ANNUAL SEASSON OF HARVEST (Four Churches/One Goal):  
 Parkway FWB Church, Spartanburg (Sun., Nov. 6 - 6 PM) with Rev. Todd Smith (Soup and Sandwiches to follow this kick off service)  
 Turning Point FWB Church, Spartanburg (Tues., Nov. 8th - 7 PM) with preaching and singing by Rev. Chris Rumpfelt  
 First FWB Church, Una (Tues. Nov. 15 - 7 PM) with Rev. Dennis Tolley  
 First FWB Church, Inman (Tues., Nov. 22 - 7 PM) with Special singing from the Reggie Saddler Family
- 6 HOMECOMING - New Town FWB Church, Lake City (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM)
- 6 120TH HOMECOMING - New Prospect FWB Church, Pamplico (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM)
- 18-20 60TH HOMECOMING - First FWB Church, Florence - Singing includes Friday 7 PM (First Church Choir),  
 Saturday 7 PM (The Postons), and Sunday Worship at 10:45 AM (Gold City) - Guest Speaker: Rev. Derek Stinnett
- \*Please send church news announcements by Tuesday of each week for the following week's SC FWB Email Update.

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### **YOUTH NEWS:**

- \*SC Conference Annual Missions Youth Rally - Saturday, October 8, 2011 - Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham - 5-8 PM - A supper meal will be served for the youth rally.
- \*SC FWB Teen Retreat - October 21-22, 2011 - Guest Speaker Reverend Joe Wilson (FWB IM) - Ages 12-19 - Cost: \$125 per student. For further details, feel free to visit the following we page: [http://www.scfwb.org/youth\\_ministries.htm](http://www.scfwb.org/youth_ministries.htm)
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## **Closing Remarks:**

Ken Taylor, in his *Romans for the Family Hour*, relates the following story:

One hot day a family traveling down the highway between Johnstown and Jamestown stopped at Farmer Jones's place to ask for a drink of water, which he gladly gave them.

"Where are you headed?" he asked them.

"We are moving from Johnstown to Jamestown to live," they told him. "Can you tell us what the people there are like?"

"Well, what kind of people did you find where you lived before?" Farmer Jones asked.

"Oh, they were the very worst kind!" the people said. "They were gossipy and unkind and indifferent. We are glad to move away."

"Well, I am afraid you will find the same in Jamestown," replied Farmer Jones.

The next day another car stopped, and the same conversation took place. These people were moving to Jamestown, too.

"What kind of neighbors will we find there?" they asked.

"Well," said Farmer Jones, "what kind of neighbors did you have where you lived before?"

"Oh, they were the very best! They were so kind and considerate that it almost broke our hearts to have to move away."

"Well, you will find exactly the same kind again," Farmer Jones replied.

When believers are unhappy and begin to murmur, the first place to look for the problem is in their own hearts. Christians who were unhappy at their last church or town or job are probably unhappy where they are now. If we feel we have just cause for criticism, by all means we should express it to the right people in the right time and in an appropriate way. But we must avoid murmuring, and we must be willing to be part of the solution. "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:" James 1:19. May our conversation always have the goal of edification and restoration. May the Lord bless you as you continue to work while awaiting the return of Christ!