

## SC FWB Update, Vol. 5, No. 42, Wednesday, November 16, 2011

### OPENING REMARKS:

\*THANKSGIVING - Next week, our SC FWB Christian Book and Supply will be closed Wednesday through Friday, November 23-25, 2011, for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will not have a weekly email update going out next week due to Thanksgiving, and our next weekly email update will be going out on Wednesday, November 30, 2011. We hope you and your family have a very blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving!

\*SATURDAY EVENTS - This Saturday, November 19, 2011, several events will take place across our state. District Women Active for Christ will be having Prayer and Praise Rallies (see WAC news below before the Closing Remarks), the Palmetto Conference will be meeting, and the Eastern Conference will be having their Youth Rally. Some of our churches are still in revival, and it is a wonderful time of year to be thankful for the many blessings which God has bestowed upon us!

\*NORTH AMERICA MISSIONS OFFERING - Don't forget, Sunday, November 20, 2011, is the annual "North American Missions Offering Sunday," which goes to help our National Free Will Baptist Home Missions Department. We encourage each church to receive a special offering for this special day. You can earmark your gift "North America Missions Offering" and send it through the SC FWB State Office, PO Box 9, Turbeville, SC 29162, and we will forward 100% of your gift to National Home Missions. On behalf of all our National FWB Home missionaries and staff, thank you for your faithful support.

\*NEW SC PLAN OF SUPPORT FORM - For churches that utilize our "SC Plan of Support Giving Form" to send missions and outside giving through our SC FWB State Office, we have an updated form on our website. We have added Missionaries Jonathan and Amy Postlewaite who will be going full time with FWB International Missions in January to raise support to ultimately go to Bulgaria as missionaries. Please pray for Jonathan and Amy Postlewaite, and please consider adding them to your church budget. The new "SC Plan of Support Giving Form" can be found on our website at [www.scfwb.com](http://www.scfwb.com). On the home page, click on "Quick Links" and then click on "Plan of Support Form" to download the form. Thank you for all your support and prayers for our missionaries, state ministries, and denominational causes!

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### PRAYER REQUEST/ PRAISE:

\*As many of you may have heard last week, the night before Missionary Carlisle Hanna was to return to India, he fell and broke his knee. Having gone to the hospital early the next morning, x-rays revealed the knee was broken. He was given a soft leg brace and returned to India on Wednesday of last week. It was a difficult trip, but he arrived safely in India. Please remember him in prayer. Please pray for healing, for strength, and for God's grace during this time.

\*Rev. Wayland Owens, pastor at First FWB Church in Kingstree, is now home from the hospital from his gall bladder surgery. Please continue to remember him in prayer as he

recovers.

\*Please pray for Missionaries Neil and Mandi Morgan to be able to find substantial housing for their family in Uruguay as their current rental contract ends soon.

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### **MINISTER NEWS:**

\*Palmetto Conference Meeting - Saturday, November 19, 2011 - New Harvest FWB Church, Tradesville, SC

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### **CHURCH NEWS:**

#### November:

15 4TH ANNUAL SEASSON OF HARVEST (Four Churches/One Goal):

First FWB Church, Una (Tues. Nov. 15 - 7 PM) with Rev. Dennis Tolley

First FWB Church, Inman (Tues., Nov. 22 - 7 PM)

13-16 REVIVAL - Mill Branch FWB Church, Johnsonville - with Reverend Donnie Miles

13-17 CAMP MEETING - Westgate FWB Church, Spartanburg (Sun 6 PM / M-Th 7 PM), Rev. James Sanders

Special Singing Monday with Sam and Labreeska Atkinson, the Phillips Family on Tuesday,

The Nelsons on Wednesday, and the Driven Quartet on Thursday.

13-19 YOUTH REVIVAL - Happy Home FWB Church, Andrews - Reverend Wesley Campbell (Sun. AM & PM),

Reverend Jamie Montgomery (Mon.), Reverend Craig Villines (Tues.), Reverend Gerald McGaha (Wed.),

Reverend Chris McEachern (Thurs.), Reverend Kevin Johnson (Fri.), and Reverend Teddy Rabon,

Reverend Chris White, and Reverend Tommy Haselden (Saturday) /

Sunday 10 AM & 6 PM / M-F 7:30 PM /

Sat. 9 AM (with food, games, and fellowship for all ages). For more information, contact Pastor Thad Jacobs at [843-221-5283](tel:843-221-5283).

14-18 REVIVAL - Mt. Ariel FWB Church, Conway, with Reverend Buddy Seay (7:30 PM Nightly)

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:**

\*Eastern Conference Youth Rally - Saturday, November 19, 2011, at Happy Home FWB Church in Andrews (9 AM). There will be food, games, and fellowship for all ages. For more information, contact Reverend Thad Jacobs at [843-221-5283](tel:843-221-5283) or Reverend Teddy Rabon at [843-520-6407](tel:843-520-6407).

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## **WAC NEWS:**

\*Beaver Creek Women Active for Christ Prayer and Praise Rally - Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 10 AM at Fairview FWB Church, 2058 Chesnee Hwy, Spartanburg, SC. Lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Gail Hill at [864-578-8382](tel:864-578-8382) or [864-680-7398](tel:864-680-7398).

\*Central District Women Active for Christ Prayer and Praise Rally - Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 10 AM at Mt. Ariel FWB Church in Conway. A meal will be provided. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship, and ladies are encouraged to attend. For further information, feel free to contact District Secretary Rhonda Hucks at [843-333-7864](tel:843-333-7864).

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## **CLOSING REMARKS: "Proper Protection"**

In December 2004, a single question from a young soldier touched off a media firestorm. U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld had come to deliver a pep talk to the troops at Camp Buehring in Kuwait. But the usually unflappable secretary found himself blindsided by a bold query. As news cameras rolled, Army Specialist Thomas Wilson of the 278th Regimental Combat Team asked Rumsfeld, "Why do we soldiers have to dig through local landfills for pieces of scrap metal and compromised ballistic glass to up-armor our vehicles?"\*

Specialist Wilson clearly felt he was being sent into battle without proper protection. As Christians, however, we shouldn't have that fear. Our Supreme Commander generously equips us with the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. But it's up to us to put them on and put them to use.

\* "Troops Put Thorny Questions to Rumsfeld," CNN.com (December 9, 2004)