

SC FWB Update, Vol. 5, No. 41, Wednesday, November 9, 2011

OPENING REMARKS:

FALL 2011 INFORMER - A "Special 75th Free Will Baptist Anniversary Historical Edition" of the *Informer* is now available online at the following link: <http://www.scfwb.org/informer.htm>. This "Special Edition" can be given to a new church member who may not know the doctrine or history of Free Will Baptist, or it can be read to familiarize the history of our denomination for a current Free Will Baptist church member. You can place your church label on a copy and donate it to your doctor's office for their lobby table, or it can be kept on the coffee table in your home for guest that may come visit you. We as Free Will Baptist have a rich history. We extend a special thanks to Eric Thomsen, editor of *One Magazine*, for helping with much of this information. The printed edition of the *Informer* is due to come back from the press this week and will be distributed to churches within the next week. The yearend edition of the *Informer* will include church news, pastor appreciation news, conference news, and missions news.

*CHRISTMAS CARDS - Boxed Christmas cards are now available for purchase at our SC FWB Christian Book and Supply. Attached are some sample pictures of the boxed cards we have in stock. Boxed cards with a quantity of 12 are \$5.99 a box, and boxed cards with a quantity of 20 are \$6.99 per box. The cost of the individual cards comes out between 35-49 cents per card. Don't forget, our SC FWB churches get a 5% discount on everything except Sunday School literature and VBS material, and our SC FWB ministers get a 10% discount. Please feel free to call Bookstore Manager Matt Deckard at 800-319-2346 (843-657-2091 locally) to place your order for Christmas cards, Bibles, church supplies (such as tithing envelopes, bulletins, SS record books, etc.), and much more. In advance, thank you for supporting us so that we can serve our missionaries, ministers, churches, and conferences!

*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. On behalf of all our National FWB Home missionaries and staff, thank you for your faithful support.

PRAYER REQUEST/ PRAISE:

*Missionary Carlisle Hanna returns to India today. Please remember him as he travels and transitions back to India.

*John Poole, son of Missionary Bobby Poole, had surgery three weeks ago. Doctors removed some nodules in his neck. There's no evidence of malignancy, but the final test results have not returned. Please continue to remember him in prayer as he recovers.

*Missionary Mirial Gainer has continued working with disaster relief programs in Japan. In a recent email, she indicated that the 3/11 disaster had opened many doors for witness through relief work and personal evangelism. Some new converts plan to follow up with baptism on Christmas, which falls on Sunday this year. Please continue to pray for the ongoing relief efforts in Japan and for missionaries and their families.

*Mrs. Kaye Burch, wife of former FWBBC registrar Fred Burch, passed away this past week. Her funeral was held in Pleasant View, TN this past Sunday. Please remember her family in prayer during this time.

MINISTER NEWS:

*Lake City Area Wide Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, November 15, 2011 - Prosser's Restaurant, Lake City - 8:30 AM

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

CHURCH NEWS:

November:

8 4TH ANNUAL SEASSON OF HARVEST (Four Churches/One Goal):

Turning Point FWB Church, Spartanburg (Tues., Nov. 8th - 7 PM) with preaching and

singing by Rev. Chris Rumfelt

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

7-11 REVIVAL - **Socastee** FWB Church, Myrtle Beach with Rev. Daniel Bennett, Rev. Richard

Visingard, and Rev. Darren Squires (7:30 PM)

7-11 REVIVAL - **Evergreen** FWB Church, Aynor with Rev. Mike Wilson - 7 PM Nightly

12 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - **New Town** FWB Church, Lake City (7 PM). Supper will be provided.

13 SINGING - **Rains** FWB Church, Rains - with the Phillip's Family - 6 PM

13 HOMECOMING - **Evergreen** FWB Church, Aynor - 10 AM - Special singing by the Phillips Family

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.

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).

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).

CLOSING REMARKS: "Failures"

We all have failures. How we respond to those failures, determines whether we are bitter or better. John Maxwell listed several common mistakes he made in his life:

- 1) "I tried to please everybody."
- 2) "I played the political game."
- 3) "I put my ministry before my family."
- 4) "I failed to equip people."
- 5) "I relied too much on myself."
- 6) "I tried to take everybody on the journey, even those who didn't want to go."
- 7) "I allowed loneliness to be a part of my leadership life."

But thankfully, failure is not final! Charles Dickens said, "Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some." Dr. Bob Jones Sr. often said, "Blessed is the man who knows how to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks." John Salak said, "Failures are divided into two classes – those who thought and never did and those who did and never thought." Another person once said, "Bottom Line: Be afraid of being stupid, be afraid of missing out on great experiences, but don't be afraid of failure. Planning prevents failure. Don't let fear of failure prevent planning."

"I can't," "I won't," and "I don't"...These are the words that keep people from reaching their full potential. There's no telling how different this world would be if people throughout the ages had not lived up to their fullest potential. Consider this: What if Michelangelo said, "I don't do ceilings!?" What if David said, "I don't do giants!?" What if Neil Armstrong said, "I don't do space!?" What if George Washington said, "I don't do revolutions!?" What if Paul said, "I don't do missions!?" What if Jesus said, "I don't do crosses!?"

We can sit, soak, and sower, or we can rest, rise, and reach forward. We can beat ourselves up, or we can be our best, realizing that God is our Refuge, Salvation is our Shield, and God's Word is our Strength. May we move forward for the cause of Christ, not in our our strength but through Him who enables us to live life and live it more abundantly!