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OPENING REMARKS:

CONGRATULATIONS - Thus far, the following names have been submitted to our State Office by parents or churches regarding young people that have been approved or registered for ETEAM and TRUTH and PEACE 2012:

***Stevie Martin** (Evergreen FWB Church, Conway) - SUMMER 2012
ETEAM Japan

***Caitlin Todd** (Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville) - SUMMER 2012 ETEAM
Spain

***Emily Parrish** (Black River FWB Church, Andrews) SUMMER 2012 ETEAM
Spain

***Emily and Ellen Parrish** (Black River FWB Church, Andrews) - TRUTH and
PEACE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2012
Emily - 4th year (401) / Ellen - 2nd year (201)

We congratulate these young people! Please pray for them as they raise funds over the next few months for these ministries!

Do you have a teen in your family or church going on an ETEAM mission trip or participating in the National YET Program or Truth and Peace next year? We'd like to have the opportunity to promote their participation in these ministries. If you would like to help the youth in your church by making sure they are promoted on a state level in order to get the opportunity for prayer and financial support, please email to ToddSmith@scfwb.com the following information: their picture, name, church name, grade/age, program or ministry of which they are participating (including the place of their mission trip if participating in ETEAM), and some brief profile information (such as salvation experience, future plans and goals, and what they hope to accomplish in their participation).

Any contributions for ETEAM, YET, or Truth and Peace members can be sent through the SC FWB State Office, PO Box 9, Turbeville, SC 29162. In advance, thank you for what you might do in the coming months to help our youth in these ministries.

BOOKSTORE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK - The SC FWB Christian Book and Supply will be closed the week of December 26-30, 2011 for the

Christmas holiday. We will re-open on Monday, January 2, 2011, at 9 AM. We appreciate the honor to serve you and partner together in ministry. Also, the next weekly email update will go out on January 4, 2012. We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

PRAYER REQUEST/ PRAISE:

*Mr. Ivan Miles, Rev. Donnie Miles' dad (Peace FWB Church, Florence), recently experienced congestive heart failure and had to be admitted to Emory Medical Center in Atlanta. While at Emory, he had a heart valve replacement. Mr. Ivan Miles later had to be admitted to McLeod Regional Medical Center where he is currently located due to further difficulties. Please remember him in prayer during this time.

MINISTER NEWS:

*Conway Area Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at Shoney's Restaurant at 8:30 AM.

*Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at Bazen's Restaurant in Florence at 8:30 AM.

*Lake City Area Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at Prosser's Restaurant in Lake City at 8:30 AM

*Spartanburg Area Minister Luncheon - Thursday, January 26, 2012, at the Grape Vine Restaurant in Boiling Springs at 12 Noon.

CONFERENCE / ASSOCIATION MEETINGS:

*Central Association - Saturday, January 14, 2012 - Mt. Trolly FWB Church, Galivant's Ferry - 9 AM

*South Carolina Conference - Thursday-Friday, January 19-20, 2012 - Southside FWB Church, Darlington - Thursday (7 PM - Registration 6:30 PM) and Friday (9:30 AM - Registration 9 AM) - Guest Speaker - Rev. Ken Cash, the pastor of Trinity FWB Church in Greenville, NC.

*Eastern Conference - Saturday, January 21, 2012 - Calvary FWB Church, Georgetown - 9:30 AM

*True Life Conference - Saturday, January 21, 2012 - Bethel FWB Church, Fort Mill - 9:45 AM

*Beaver Creek Association - Thursday, January 26, 2012 - Westgate FWB Church, Spartanburg - (Meeting 5 PM / Supper 6 PM / Worship 7 PM) - Guest Speaker - Rev. Van Dale Hudson

*SC FWB STATE MEETING - Thursday-Friday, February 23-24, 2012 -

Southside FWB Church, Aiken (www.scfwb.com/state_meet.html)

CHURCH NEWS:

January:

15-18 REVIVAL - Liberty FWB Church, with Reverend Billy Fields.

*Please send church news announcements by Tuesday of each week for the following week's SC FWB Email Update.

WAC NEWS:

*Central District WAC Annual Meeting - Saturday, February 18, 2012

*SC Conference District WAC Annual Meeting - Saturday, February 25, 2012, at FWB Home for Children, Turbeville

*Beaver Creek District WAC Annual Meeting - Saturday, March 3, 2012

*SC WAC State Annual Meeting - Saturday, March 17, 2012, at FWB Home for Children, Turbeville

CLOSING REMARKS: "In One Year and Out the Other"

The New Year is traditionally a time of high resolves and vocal intentions. Today this is even more imperative. If there was ever a time when we need to scrub our slates, make reparations for our reprisals, and offer penitence for our sins, it is now. It is essential to begin with God. In Him we begin; in Him we end.

The curtain of time has rung down on another year. No amount of agonizing will rewrite the witness of your life and mine. But God has brought us to the land of beginning again, and through His grace we may yet experience a closer walk with Him.

Too often, New Year's resolutions go in one year and out the other. But with God's help we can ascertain the fact that we can accomplish His will in His way and in His timing. The New Year marks a time in which we can reaffirm this commitment.

The famous Bible commentator Matthew Henry wrote this resolution in his journal on January 1, 1705: *"...I do in the beginning of this New Year solemnly make a fresh surrender of myself, my whole self, body, soul, and spirit, to God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, my Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,*

covenanting and promising, not in any strength of my own, for I am very weak, but in the strength of the grace of Jesus Christ, that I will endeavour this year to stand complete in all the Will of God. I know this is the Will of God, even my sanctification; Lord grant that this year I may be more holy, and walk more closely than ever in all holy conversation; I earnestly desire to be filled with thy holy thoughts, to be carried out in holy affections, determined by holy aims and intentions, and governed in all my words and actions by holy principles. O that a golden thread of holiness may run through the whole web of this year." May these words be our resolve as well. May the Lord bless you in the coming year!