

**OPENING REMARKS:**

A portion of this past weekend was spent being with Reverend Joe Cagle's family during his time in the hospital until he went on to be with the Lord Sunday evening. Being with family members during a time like this is heartbreaking, yet when you know that person is right with God, it is also a reminder of what the psalmist said in Psalm 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Reverend Joe Cagle touched many lives. This was evident by the many that came by the hospital and by the hundreds that were at the receiving of friends and family yesterday evening at New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church. He was passionate about what he believed was right. He was a great soul winner, loved people, and was a mentor to many young preachers. Many admired his stand for Christian education and his love for Biblical preaching and singing. As we shared tears with family members at his home going Sunday evening, I could not help but think of the many great men of God that he loved and respected dearly that went on before him...men such as Reverend Norwood Gibson, Reverend Jimmy Miller, Reverend Lloyd Gore, and many others. No doubt, he is rejoicing with them in Heaven now! If he could stand before us now, he would not want to come back to this earth, but somehow I believe he would say as he did many times in his sermons while here on this earth, "Be prepared to meet me one day in Heaven." If one soul came to know Christ through his death, Reverend Cagle would claim it was worth it all! And for us...it will be worth it all one day, when we see Jesus face to face!

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**PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:**

\***Reverend Joe Cagle**, the pastor at Little Bethel FWB Church in Johnsonville, passed away this past Sunday evening at McLeod Regional Medical Center. The visitation took place last night at New Prospect FWB Church in Pamplico, and the funeral will be held today, Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at 3:00 PM at New Prospect FWB Church located at 4221 Sheminally Road in Pamplico. The burial will take place immediately following the funeral service at New Prospect FWB Church Cemetery. Please remember **Mrs. Jeraldine Cagle** and her family in prayer during this time.

\*Hispanic **Home Missionary Fernando Bustamante** had a stress test on his heart yesterday. Please remember him in prayer during this time.

\*Please remember **Reverend Reedy Saverance** in prayer as he has faced some health issues recently.

\*Please continue to remember **Missionary Carlisle Hanna** (India) in prayer. A recent email from him expresses gratitude for all the prayers through his recent time of illness. Please pray for him and our India pastors as they prepare for the annual Free Will Baptist Conference that will take place in March.

\*Please remember in prayer **Reverend Jacob Creech** as he will be having a medical procedure on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. Please pray for wisdom on the part of the doctors and physical strength for Reverend Creech.

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### **MINISTER NEWS:**

\*SC FWB State Meeting - February 24-25, 2011 - Gilead FWB Church, Scranton. The General Board will meet on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at 10 AM at Gilead FWB Church. - [http://www.scfwb.com/state\\_meet.html](http://www.scfwb.com/state_meet.html)

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### **CHURCH NEWS:**

#### February

14-18 REVIVAL - Evergreen FWB Church, Conway, with Rev. Tim Larrimore (7 PM nightly) with special singing each night.

28-March 4 REVIVAL - Rains FWB Church, Rains, with Reverend Kevin Smith (7:30 PM)...special singing each night.

#### March

7-10 REVIVAL - First FWB Church, Greenwood, with Rev. Chris Rumpfelt (7 PM nightly)

7-11 REVIVAL - White Savannah FWB Church in Conway, with Reverend Wayland Owens. (7:30 PM nightly).

13 GOSPEL SINGING - Landmark FWB Church, Anderson, with "The Bradys" from Dothan, AL, at 6 PM. Free admission, but a love offering will be taken.

19 TMT DRAMA TEAM - Cornerstone FWB Church, Whiteville, NC - 6 PM.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. Church youth groups are encouraged to attend.

21-25 REVIVAL - Turning Point FWB Church, Spartanburg, with Reverend Bob McCurry (7 PM nightly)

21-25 REVIVAL - Cornerstone FWB Church, Whiteville, NC, with Reverend Allen Goodman (7:30 PM nightly with special singing each night).

26-30 REVIVAL - High Point FWB Church, Lancaster, with Reverend Todd Smith (SS 10 AM, Worship 11 AM & 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

27-April 1 REVIVAL - First FWB Church, Simpsonville, with Reverend Kevin Smith

\*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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### **SC WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST (WAC):**

\*February 19, 2011 - Central District WAC Annual Meeting - Oak Grove FWB Church, Conway - 9:30 AM

\*February 26, 2011 - South Carolina Conference District WAC Annual Meeting - Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville (Registration 9 AM)

\*March 5, 2011 - Beaver Creek District WAC Annual Meeting - Whitney FWB Church,

Spartanburg - (Registration 9 AM / Starts 9:30 AM)

-Sarah Fletcher will be the guest speaker for the Beaver Creek District WAC meeting.

\*March 19, 2011 - SC WAC STATE MEETING - Fairview FWB Church, Spartanburg - 8:30 AM

-Roy Harris, author of Caring for the Care Giver, will be the speaker at the annual SC WAC State Meeting

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#### **YOUTH NEWS:**

\*April 30, 2011 - Eastern Conference Youth Rally, New Prospect FWB Church, Pamplico

\*May 20-21, 2011 SC State CTS/NYC Competition - Columbia FWB Church, Columbia

\*SC FWB Teen Camp - June 6-11, 2011, Camp Anchorage, Waccamaw, NC - Guest Speaker, Reverend Blake Coghill / Cost per camper - \$225

\*SC FWB Junior Camp - July 25-29, 2011, Camp Pee Dee, Marion, SC - Guest Speaker, Reverend Jonathan Postlewaite / Cost per camper - \$125

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#### **CLOSING REMARKS:**

In the Barcelona Olympics in 1992, a British runner rounded the last curve in the race known as the 400 meters. The crowd in the stands and the watching world gasped as the runner grimaced, reached for his left hamstring, and came to a halt. A security guard rushed to his aid, only to be brushed away by the young runner, who attempted a few more steps in sheer agony. The runner's father jumped the fence, placed the agonizing young man's weight on his shoulders, and carried him across the finish line, to the applause of the watching world.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ saw you and I struggling, lame, and unable to save ourselves. Born lame, we could never finish on our own. He leaped over the fence of Heaven, climbed on the cross, and paid the price to carry us home to be with Him in Heaven! We couldn't make it on our own, but Jesus paid the price so that we could! There has been no greater Valentine love than the love that Jesus gave to you and I when he hung on the cross and died for our sins. Vance Havner said, "A Christian is not a citizen of earth trying to get to heaven, but a citizen of heaven making his way through this world." What a glorious day that will be when we arrive as citizen's in our home above!

In Christ,

Todd Smith

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