

SC FWB Update, Vol. 5, No. 05, Wednesday, February 2, 2011

OPENING REMARKS:

January was a very busy month with closing out the books for the year, compiling year end reports, attending annual conference meetings, and attending special meetings and services. After arriving home from Spartanburg, this week has been spent closing out the books for January and preparing for the next issue of *The Informer*. Matt Deckard, our Christian Book & Supply Manager, has been preparing for shipping Sunday school literature, which will go out at the end of the week. Upon closing out the books for January and getting reports completed and emailed to missionaries and disbursing funds, plans are to complete *The Informer* with hopes of sending it to press next week. Next week, our annual FWB Promotional Director's meeting will take place in Florida with NAFWB Executive Secretary Keith Burden. The next issue of *The Informer* will include a complete 2010 report of income from churches and individuals, along with disbursements. Below is a list of the top 20 giving SC FWB churches and how much they gave through our SC FWB State Office in 2010. Whether you or your church sent a little or much, God will honor every gift given to further His Kingdom that souls might be won and lives might be changed! Thank you for your faithfulness in the Lord's work!

1. Horse Branch, Turbeville \$142,739.06
2. Lebanon, Effingham \$88,520.52
3. Westside, Johnsonville \$54,685.40
4. First, Florence \$54,340.17
5. First, Inman \$49,543.16
6. Peace, Florence \$42,709.60
7. Bethany, Timmons ville \$38,399.50
8. Grace, Lake City \$31,628.48
9. Sand Hill, Coward \$30,430.15
10. Gilead, Lake City \$23,931.45
11. Black River, Andrews \$22,483.47
12. Bay Branch, Timmons ville \$20,172.00
13. Liberty, Lancaster \$19,878.38
14. Beulah, Pamplico \$19,660.19
15. Evergreen, Conway \$17,562.48
16. Mill Branch, Johnsonville \$17,395.28
17. Temple, Darlington \$17,315.90
18. Southside, Darlington \$16,504.55
19. Parkway, Spartanburg \$15,142.38
20. Damascus, Conway \$15,034.27

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

*Please remember in prayer the **family of Mrs. Retha McAlister**, wife of Reverend Larry McAlister, pastor at Gilead FWB Church in Scranton. Mrs. Retha McAlister's mother, Mrs. Nita

Lee Dennis, passed away. The funeral will take place today, Wednesday, Feb 2nd, at the Bible Outreach Church on Hwy 378 just outside Lake City across from the Barn Restaurant. Please remember Mrs. Retha McAlister and her family in prayer during this time.

***Reverend Earl Hendrix**, the pastor at First FWB Church in Inman, went into the hospital last week, due to stroke like symptoms. He is now home recovering. Please remember him in prayer.

*Pamela Childers, daughter of **Reverend James Childers** (First, Chesnee), passed away last week. Her visitation and memorial service were held yesterday, February 1, 2011. Please remember Reverend James Childers and his family in prayer during this time.

MINISTER NEWS:

*Spartanburg Area Minister Luncheon - Monday, February 7, 2011 - Grape Vine Restaurant, Boiling Springs, 11:30 AM

*Florence/Darlington Area Wide Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, February 8, 2011 - Bazen's Restaurant, Florence, 8:30 AM - **Mr. David Williford and Dr. Matt Pinson** will be attending this meeting for the purpose of discussing the name change for FWBBC.

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

CHURCH NEWS:

February

5 ANNUAL BBQ - Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmons ville - Saturday, February 5, 2011 - 11 AM

6-9 REVIVAL - Mt. Trolly FWB Church, Galivants Ferry, with Evangelist Billy Fields (Feb. 6th - 10:45 AM & 7 PM / Feb. 7-9 - 7:30 PM)

7-11 REVIVAL - Mullins Marion FWB Church, Marion, with Reverend Mike Blanton (M-F / 7:30 PM)

11 VALENTINE BANQUET FUND RAISER - Socastee FWB Church in Socastee, 7 PM (Steak plates are \$10 each).

13 Turning Point FWB Church, Spartanburg, with Evangelist Mike Blanton (11 AM & 6 PM) and "Evidence" of Grove City, Ohio will be providing special music.

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

March

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

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

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

*Please send church news announcements via email to ToddSmith@scfwb.com by Tuesday of each week for the following SC FWB Update.

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

YOUTH NEWS:

*February 5, 2011 - South Carolina Conference **CTS Youth Conference** meeting at Sand Hill FWB Church - Registration is at 9 AM. This is the 2nd and last practice for the youth competitors before the District Meeting. All youth competitors in the SC Conference must attend one practice in order to compete in the District Competitions.

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

*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

CLOSING REMARKS: "In the Right Place But Not Anchored"

After arriving home from the funeral home yesterday evening, I discovered that my daughter's recently installed closet rods had fallen. My first assumption was the wall studs had been missed upon installation. However, upon further investigation, I learned that the screws were in the right place but not anchored into the wooden studs, thus causing the rods to tumble to the floor. As I re-installed longer wood screws into each spot, I was reminded of how easy it is to be in exactly the right place but not founded deep enough upon the Rock of Jesus Christ. Shallow Christian living is the endangerment of spiritual failure. The attitude of doing just enough for God to get by is the culprit of a spiritual demise that will weaken one's faith.

Jeb Stewart was a leader of some of the ranks in the Civil War. Whenever he would write his general, at the bottom of the letter, he would always conclude with the following salutation:

YOURS TO COUNT ON,
JEB STEWART

God desires Christians that he can count on -- Christians that are grounded in their faith, stable on the Rock of Christ, and prepared to step forward at any moment for spiritual warfare. Someone once said, "Duty is a matter of the mind; commitment is a matter of the heart." Recently I was following a truck on the highway that had a bumper sticker and in small letters were written the words: "Are you following God this close?" Following God and faithfully serving Him through being grounded in His Word, disciplined in daily living, and established in the faith will produce a Christian walk that will endure!

Please pray for us as we pray for you that our lives might be committed to His will and that the life we lead might be God-honoring.

In Christ,

Todd Smith

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