

SC FWB Update, Vol. 5, No. 08, Tuesday, February 22, 2011

OPENING REMARKS:

The SC FWB Weekly email update is going out on Tuesday of this week due to the fact that we will be out of the office Wednesday through Friday attending the annual South Carolina Free Will Baptist General Board and State Association meeting. The bookstore will also be closed due to the fact that we will be representing the bookstore at the state meeting.

The Spring Sunday school quarter starts on Sunday, March 6, 2011. Most churches should have their Sunday school literature by now. The Adult Bible Scholar will be covering the Gospel of John taking you all the way through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Adult Fusion material will cover the theme of "A Certain Hope" and will cover passages throughout the book of Genesis. The Teen Horizon and Direction will cover the theme of "Messy Faith" while also covering passages throughout the book of Genesis. In the Upper and Lower Elementary, students will learn the things to accomplish in being a "Friend of God." Square 1 (2's and 3's) and Round 2 (4's and 5's) students will learn that God keeps his promises by sharing stories about various Biblical characters, that Jesus is Alive, and that God gives us special jobs to accomplish.

Every Sunday school teacher will definitely want to round up your students and get them to class this quarter for exciting lessons on growing close to the Lord. Oh, by the way, teacher's don't forget to purchase your Essentials packet if you haven't already purchased it. There is an Essentials packet available for every age group packed with posters and many other additional tools and helps in teaching your Sunday school class! Feel free to call us at 843-657-2091 or email us at bookstore@scfwb.com if we can help meet any of your Sunday school needs!

Let's Go to Sunday School!!!

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

***Reverend I. Bennie Turner** (Eastern Conference) is currently in Toumey Hospital in Sumter due to congestive heart failure and fluid on his lungs. Please remember him in prayer during this time.

***Reverend Jacob Creech** will be having a kidney biopsy on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. Please remember him in prayer during this time.

***Missionary Mirial Gainer** will be going back to the Mayo Clinic on March 19, 2011, for three weeks to possibly have a third back surgery. She hopes to get medical clearance after the back surgery and would like to go back to Japan in the summer. She will also continue speech therapy while at the Mayo Clinic. Please remember her in prayer during this time.

***Mrs. Stella Young**, wife Reverend Murrell Young (pastor at Olanta FWB Church - Eastern Conference), passed away on Thursday of last week. The funeral was held on Saturday, February

19, 2011, at Floyd Funeral Home in Olanta. Please remember Reverend Murrell Young and his family in prayer during this time. On behalf of their family, thank you for your prayers, those who attended the funeral, and those who provided meals.

***Mrs. Jeraldine Cagle** would like to extend her gratitude to those who attended Reverend Joe Cagle's funeral and for the ministers who served as honorary pall bears. On behalf of her family, thank you for your prayers, those who attended the funeral, and those who provided food.

***Mrs. Anne Truett**, widow of the late Reverend Sam Truett, passed away Saturday, February 19, 2011 at 11:50 PM at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, NC. Mrs. Anne Truett served alongside of her husband, Reverend Sam Truett, who served as a pastor for several years amongst Free Will Baptist churches in South Carolina, including First FWB Church, Kingstree; Beulah FWB Church, Pamplico; Faith FWB Church, Darlington; and Black River FWB Church, Andrews. The graveside will take place at 1 PM on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at Grove Hill Cemetery in Darlington, SC. Friends will be received after the graveside at First FWB Church in Darlington.

***Reverend Don Payne** (True Life Conference), the pastor at Mt. View FWB Church in Dallas, NC, suffered a heart attack recently. Please remember him in prayer during this time.

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

CHURCH NEWS:

February

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 Rumfelt (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

April

2 FISH AND CHICKEN FRY - Mt. Ariel FWB Church in Conway - 2 PM - Games / 4 PM - Eat / The purpose is to raise funds to replace the carpet in the church. Everyone's invited to attend.

*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 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:

*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 (Early bird price) - \$235 per camper after May 18, 2011.

*SC FWB Junior Camp - July 25-29, 2011, Camp Pee Dee, Marion, SC - Guest Speaker, Reverend Jonathan Postlewaite / Cost per camper - \$125 (Early bird price) - \$135 per camper after June 1, 2011.

CLOSING REMARKS: "Sea of Forgetfulness"

Depending on the map or atlas, one may find as many as seventy water bodies listed as seas, the greatest being the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian Ocean. The Pacific is the largest, followed by the Atlantic and then the Indian Ocean. The Pacific Ocean covers more than 63,800,000 square miles and one-third of the earth's surface. It is large enough to hold all the combined continents of the earth. Near the Equator, it stretches about 11,000 miles, almost halfway around the earth. The sea's or oceans of the world contain 328 million cubic miles of seawater. The sea is so vast, less than 10 percent of it has been explored.

The prophet Micah used the illustration of the sea to show the forgiveness of God in **Micah 7:19**, *"He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea."* It is a wonderful joy to know the forgiveness of God. Though man may remember our sins, God does not. **Psalm 103:12** says, *"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."* **Isaiah 38:17** says, *"Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back."*

The deepest part of the Indian Ocean is the Java Trench that is 25,344 feet deep or 4.8 miles deep. The deepest part of the Atlantic Ocean is the Puerto Rico Trench that is 28,231 feet deep or a little over 5.3 miles deep. The deepest spot in the ocean is the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean and is 36,200 feet deep or over 6.8 miles in depth. If you were to take the highest mountain in the world, Mt. Everest, and set it in the Mariana Trench, there would still be more than a mile of water above it.

Corrie Ten Boom: "When God cast someone's sins into the depth of the sea, He places a sign nearby that reads, 'No fishing.'"

Are your sins forgiven? If not, ask God today, and He is willing and able to forgive! Praise God! Praise God for His loving forgiveness!!

In Christ,

Todd Smith

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