

SC FWB Update, Vol. 5, No. 08, Wednesday, March 2, 2011

OPENING REMARKS:

SC FWB STATE MEETING - Our South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association meeting was held last week at Gilead FWB Church in Scranton and was hosted by the Eastern Conference. Gilead FWB Church did a wonderful job hosting the state meeting. The preaching, fellowship, food, and business accomplished were all great.

NORWOOD GIBSON MINISTER HELP FUND - Our South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association body voted last week to start the "Norwood Gibson Minister Help Fund." This fund exist for the purpose of helping Free Will Baptist ministers that are in good standing with the South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association. Its purpose is to help them during a time of great crisis or dire need. It will be funded solely by designated gifts from individuals and churches. An explanation of the fund can be found on our web site on the Helpful Forms page at <http://www.scfwb.com/forms.htm>. The "Norwood Gibson Minister Help Fund" guidelines form can be found under "Church Resources." Also, the Norwood Gibson Minister Help Fund has been added on the SC Giving Form under "State Ministries." If you'd like to download a giving form from our web site, go to www.scfwb.com, and look under "Quick Links" at the top and click on "Plan of Support Form."

ONLINE ONLY LIST - Also, at our state meeting last week, it was suggested that we add a link to our state web site allowing ministers to be on a "ONLINE ONLY LIST" so as not to receive minutes and other publications in regular mail but instead retrieve everything from our web site. If you are interested in being on the "ONLINE ONLY LIST" and not receiving copies of the minutes and other publications in the mail, please go to the contact page on our web site at the following link: <http://www.scfwb.org/contact.htm>. Fill out appropriate information boxes, and from the drop down "How Can I Help You?" menu, select "Place Me On The Online List." Once the form has been submitted, it will send a copy to our state clerk and our office for the purpose of creating the "Online Only List." Thank you for your help with this. We greatly appreciate it.

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

*Pray for Missionary Carlisle Hanna (India) and the dear people of India as they prepare for their annual Free Will Baptist Conference to be held March 10-13, 2011 on the mission compound. State Moderator Reverend Sherwood Lee flew to India on Monday of this week and arrived safely and will be there during the conference.

*Pray for many of our churches across our state that are holding revival services. Pray for the preachers preaching the messages and pray that all of our services will not just be a series of meetings but will be a revival in each one of our hearts.

MINISTER NEWS:

*Spartanburg Area Minister Luncheon - Monday, March 7, 2011, at 11:30 AM - Grapevine Restaurant, Boiling Springs

*Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at 8:30 AM - Bazen's Restaurant, Florence

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

*True Life Conference - Saturday, March 19, 2011 - Calvary FWB Church, Gastonia, NC - 10 AM

*South Carolina Conference Quarterly Meeting - Friday, April 1, 2011 - High Hill FWB Church, Scranton - 7 PM - Speaker: Rev. Allan Austin

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.

20-23 REVIVAL - Little Star FWB Church, Johnsonville with Reverend Lanney Ard (Sun 6 PM / M-W 7:30 PM)

20-23 REVIVAL - Sandhill FWB Church, Coward with Reverend Joey Postlewaite (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

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, 7:30 PM

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.

3 SINGING - First FWB Church, Simpsonville with "The Driven Quartet" - 10:30 AM

10-13 REVIVAL - Canaan FWB Church, Lancaster with Reverend Jamie Montgomery (Special Singing Each Night)

11-14 REVIVAL - Parkway FWB Church, Spartanburg with Reverend Larry McAlister (M-Th, 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):

*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: "REVIVAL"

At the dawning of the 20th century, General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army stated that if the church did not have revival, the following would occur in the church:

- Christianity without Christ
- Forgiveness without Repentance
- Salvation without Regeneration
- Religion Without the Holy Spirit
- Politics without God
- Heaven without Hell.

Billy Sunday said, "They tell me a revival is only temporary; so is a bath, but it does you good."

Warren Weirsbe said: "Finally, there are no shortcuts when it comes to revival. The church desperately needs revival, but it is not going to come by quick and easy methods. Evan Roberts prayed for eleven years before the Welsh Revival broke out, and his ministry during that remarkable time broke him physically. More than one hundred thousand people were converted to Christ during that mighty awakening, but it was not the result of manufactured meetings (they were spontaneous) or manmade promotions. True revival goes deeper than that."

G. Campbell Morgan said: "Revival cannot be organized, but we can set our sails to catch the wind from heaven when God chooses to blow upon His people once again."

May God bring revival to our hearts and may it spread throughout our state and throughout our country.

In Christ,

Todd W. Smith

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