

SC FWB Update, Vol. 5, No. 16, Wednesday, April 27, 2011

OPENING REMARKS:

National Secretary's Day - Today is "National Secretaries Day." Secretaries work behind the scenes to make sure the small things don't get left undone. There are many people in churches that work behind the scenes, such as nursery workers, teachers, lay leaders that clean the church and cut the grass, and countless others. For those who work behind the scenes, thank you for all your hard work! You do make a DIFFERENCE!

NAFWB Convention Lodging Parking Fees - Regarding the hotels listed in *One Magazine* for the National FWB Convention in Charlotte, please know that a parking fee may be charged on top of the room rates. The parking charges that would apply for each hotel listed are as follows: Hampton Inn Charlotte Uptown (Complimentary Parking), Hilton Charlotte Center City (\$18 self park / \$25 valet), Hilton Garden Inn Charlotte Uptown (\$10 per day parking), Marriott Charlotte Center City (\$12 self park / \$18 valet), Omni Charlotte (\$15 self park / \$22 valet), and Westin Charlotte (\$18 self park / \$25 valet). Room rates and other information can be found on the convention web site listed below.

NAFWB Convention - Feel free to visit <http://www.nafwb.org/2011conv> for the annual Free Will Baptist convention for pre-registration, program, and lodging information. This year's meeting will take place July 17-20, 2011, in Charlotte, NC. We are looking forward to a great National Free Will Baptist Convention.

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

*Thank you for the many churches who participated in World Mission Offering (WMO) this past Sunday. Over the new few weeks, we will eventually know how much was taken up for the WMO offering, and once we know an accurate figure, we will share that information with you, but for now...we just want to say "Thank You for supporting World Missions!" Please continue to pray for all of our missionaries on their various fields of service!

MINISTER NEWS:

*Beaver Creek Association Quarterly Meeting - Thursday, April 28, 2011 - First FWB Church, Inman - 5 PM - Speaker: Rev. Danny Dwyer

*Spartanburg Area Minister Luncheon - Monday, May 2, 2011 - Grape Vine Restaurant, Boiling Springs - 11:30 AM

*Florence/Darlington Area Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, May 10, 2011 - Bazen's Restaurant, Florence - 8:30 AM

*Lake City Area Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, May 17, 2011 - Prosser's Restaurant - 8:30 AM

*Eastern Conference Meeting - Saturday, May 21, 2011 - Cypress Fork FWB Church, Manning - 9:30 AM

*Palmetto Conference Meeting - Saturday, May 21, 2011 - New Vision FWB Church, Rock Hill

CHURCH NEWS:

May

1-4 REVIVAL - New Harvest FWB Church, Tradesville, SC with Reverend David Casper

1-4 REVIVAL - Mt. View FWB Church, Dallas, NC (True Life Conference), with Rev. Harold Holcom (Sun 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

1-6 REVIVAL - Lynch River FWB Church, Scranton, with Rev. Wayland Owens (Sun 6 PM / M-F 7 PM)

14-15 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Columbia FWB Church, Columbia. Open House Celebration will be on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 4-8 PM. The Saturday evening service will be a time of singing and sharing memories. Then the 50th Anniversary Homecoming service will take place on Sunday, May 15, 2011, at 10:30 AM. The guest speaker will be Reverend Jon Justice. A meal will follow the morning worship service at the South Kilbourne Road Elementary School. Please send acknowledgements to Rev. Ernest Barnes, 1039 Orangeburg Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169 or preacherbarnes@aol.com or call [803-520-7463](tel:803-520-7463).

15-18 REVIVAL - New Prospect FWB Church, Pamplico (Sun - 6:30 PM - Rev. Rickey Evans; M-W 7:30 PM; Mon - Rev. Kevin Johnson; Tues. - Rev. Doug Mathis; Wed - Rev. Todd Smith). Special Singing each night!

20 SINGING - Turning Point FWB Church, Spartanburg with "The Singing Cookes" - Friday, May 20th at 7 PM

20 Summerjam 2011 - Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham, 6 PM. 7-12 Graders. Games, Band, Food, Time in the Word, Lock-in. If you would like to attend, please contact Chris Edwards, Lebanon's Youth Pastor at chris.lebanonfwbc@gmail.com or [843-665-7605](tel:843-665-7605).

June

11 TMT DRAMA Team will be at Evergreen FWB Church, Conway - 7 PM - Performing "Hope for Every Man."

13-17 Lancaster / Rock Hill Area Wide Free Will Baptist Wide Camp Meeting - with Reverend Chris Rumpfelt (7 PM Nightly) at the Lancaster High School Auditorium

18 YOUTH FEST - Mt. Ariel FWB Church, Conway. Different youth groups from various churches singing and providing skits. The event also includes a devotion, fellowship, food, and fun. The event starts at 3 PM.

23-25 YOUTH RALLY - Mt. Ariel FWB Church, Conway (23-24th - Special Singing and Devotion by David Stevens / 25th - TMT Drama Ministry Team) For details, call [843-289-7809](tel:843-289-7809)

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

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:

Yesterday, I had the privilege to assist in the funeral of Mrs. Jessie Johnson, 90 years of age. Mrs. Jessie was a dear godly women, who was a humble servant of the Lord. She made it past the years of strength that the psalmist talked about in Psalm 90:10. Once again this week, as all of us do when we attend a funeral, I was reminded of the reality of death. In Psalm 116, we see that the psalmist struggled with the "Difficulty" of death. Then the Lord helps him, and the psalmist realizes the "Deliverance" that comes from death. He soon realizes the "Delight" in death when he says, "*Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.*" (Psalm 116:15).

This earthly house we live in is gradually decaying. "*For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*" (2 Corinthians 5:1). This earthly house can be repainted, remodeled, and re-roofed with a new color of shingles, but it is decaying every day.

John Quincy Adams, the 6th President of the United States was walking down the street one afternoon, and a friend walked up to him and said, "How is John Quincy Adams today?" Now at this time in his life, he was 80 years old. He said, "Thank you for asking. John Quincy Adams is quite well, but the house in which he is living is becoming rather dilapidated. In fact, it will soon be quite unlivable and I shall have to move out any day now. But John Quincy Adams is doing quite well, thank you."

Having trusted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, all mankind has the opportunity to know the words of President Adams: "I am doing quite well, thank you." *Only those who are prepared to die are really prepared to live.* — **Dr. L. Nelson Bell**