

SC FWB Update, Vol. 5, No. 21, Wednesday, June 8, 2011

OPENING REMARKS:

Three Salvations and Many Other Decisions - It has been an honor this week to spend time with our South Carolina Free Will Baptist teens at Camp Anchorage in Lake Waccamaw, NC. In the Tuesday evening service, three salvation decisions were made, and about 20-30 campers came forward for other spiritual decisions as well. These decisions have no doubt been worth all the effort, energy, and finances put into getting these young people to camp!

Reverend Blake Coghill, previous Associate Pastor at Peace FWB Church in Florence and current Music/Associate at Trinity FWB Church in Greenville, NC, is the guest preacher for camp this week. Youth Ministries Director Teddy Rabon has been here this week spending time with our youth, and previous Youth Ministries Director Cyrus Shoffner has been here this week volunteering his time in helping Camp Anchorage build a new counter top in their newly renovated Snack Shop area.

It has also been an honor to have two of our Bible college representatives here this week. Jake Manning, a student at FWBBC and the son of Dr. Jeff Manning (Unity, Greenville, NC), has been here representing the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Marcos, son-in-law of Reverend Jim Marcum (Mt. Calvary, Hookerton, NC), is here representing Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College. Both colleges are no doubt very proud of these young men. Both of them truly are servants to others and most of all servants of the Lord. We have all enjoyed great fellowship together.

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

*Pray for our **South Carolina Free Will Baptist teens** this week at camp as this has been a wonderful week of camp thus far. Pray the decisions they make camp will be turned into commitments when they return home.

***Mrs. Elice Barrington**, mother-in-law of Reverend Philip Tipton (St. John, Patrick), recently spent several days in the hospital due to some very serious health issues; however, she will be going to rehabilitation for two weeks and is doing much better. Please continue to remember her in your prayers.

***Reverend Galen Dunbar**, member of the South Carolina Conference, had shoulder surgery last week, and is now home recovering. Please continue to remember him in prayer.

*Please pray for several **ETEAM members** as they will be leaving Nashville this week to go to various fields of service to share the Gospel and be a blessing to others in ministry.

MINISTER NEWS:

*Florence Area FWB Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, June 14, 2011 - Bazen's Restaurant, Florence - 8:30 AM

*True Life Conference Meeting - Saturday, June 18, 2011, Mt. Carmel FWB Church, York, SC

*Lake City Area FWB Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, June 21, 2011 - Prosser's Restaurant - 8:30 AM

*Lancaster / Rock Hill Area FWB Minister Breakfast - Monday, June 27, 2011 - Belltown Grill, 4205 Great Falls Hwy, Lancaster, SC - 9 AM

CHURCH NEWS:

June

5-9 Landmark FWB Church, Anderson - Vacation Bible School - "Pandamania - Where God is Wild About You" / 6-8:30 PM. Pre-registration party will take place June 4th from 2-4 PM.

10 REVIVAL - South Conway FWB Church, Conway - 7:30 PM - One night revival service with Rev. Mitch Ingram (Freedom FWB Church, Lancaster). Food and Fellowship to follow the service. Pastor Chris McEachern invites everyone to attend.

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

11 ONE DAY VBS - St. John FWB Church, Pamplico - with guest speaker, Rev. Timmy Larrimore.

14 CAR WASH / BAKE SALE - Mt. Ariel FWB Church, Conway - 7 AM Until. Proceeds will go to the Mt. Ariel Youth League. For details, contact Pastor Timmy Locklear at [843-289-7809](tel:843-289-7809)

13-17 FWB LANCASTER AREA WIDE CAMP MEETING at the Lancaster High School (Mon-Thurs) and at High Point FWB Church, Lancaster (Friday), with Reverend Chris Rumfelt. Services start at 7 PM. Reverend Chris Rumfelt will be singing Monday, Thursday, and Friday, and Sam and Labreeska Atkinson will be singing Tuesday and Wednesday. The Super 8 Motel located at 1201 Highway Bypass 9 in Lancaster will be providing a special rate for the meeting. In order to make reservations, contact them at [803-283-1200](tel:803-283-1200), and let them know you will be attending the FWB Camp meeting in order to get their special rate.

13-17 VBS - Mt. Ariel FWB Church, Conway - Vacation Bible School (6-8:30 PM - Friday night will be at 7 PM) - "Inside Out and Upside Down" on Main Street Where Jesus Makes a Difference Everyday!" Adult and Youth Classes. Kick off will be June 4th at 10 AM - 12 NOON. For details, contact Pastor Timmy Locklear at [843-289-7809](tel:843-289-7809)

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.

20-22 VBS - Vacation Bible School - New Prospect FWB Church, Pamplico (7 PM) - Theme: "Big Heart Farms! Where God's Fruits Grow"

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:

*SC FWB Teen Camp - June 6-11, 2011, Camp Anchorage, Waccamaw, NC - Guest Speaker, Reverend Blake Coghill

*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: "Worth the Investment"

As I read the following true story that Robert Russell told, I couldn't help but be reminded of the fact that working with our youth is worth the investment...The young teen had become increasingly rebellious, wore dark clothing, and ran with bad kids. Then the mother found a folder in her daughter's room marked: "Leave this alone. This is my life." With trembling hands the mother opened the folder and found the most disturbing letters she'd ever seen. One note had blood smeared around the edges. The teen, who had grown up in the church, was involved with witchcraft and the occult.

The parents realized their daughter was beyond their ability to control. So they took drastic action. Within twenty-four hours they whisked her away to her aunt. The aunt, a dedicated Christian, insisted the girl go through a Biblically based program. She took her niece with her to Precept Bible Studies. She homeschooled her. One day this young girl devoted her life to Jesus Christ.

She was gone for three months, but she came back a new creature in Christ. Today she is active in youth group, and she recently gave her testimony. Her mother wrote me, "Bob, encourage people to be obedient to God even if it's embarrassing, even if it's drastic. We are thankful we did."

Seeds planted today will bring fruit eventually. Today's youth may not remember all the things we say, but they will never forget that we loved them and that we cared enough to invest into their lives!