

SC FWB Update, Vol. 5, No. 25, Wednesday, July 13, 2011

OPENING REMARKS:

COMMISSION FOR THEOLOGICAL INTEGRITY - The Free Will Baptist Commission for Theological Integrity has back issues of the journal Integrity (volumes 2 through 5) and have made these available to our ministers for \$6 each (including postage). If you would like to purchase any of these, please send a check payable to the Commission for Theological Integrity and indicate which volume(s) you want. Mail your payment to: NAFWB, PO Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011, Attn: Melody Hood.

NAFWB CONVENTION STREAMED LIVE - Services at the 2011 National Association of Free Will Baptists, July 17-20, in Charlotte, NC, will be streamed live online. The FWB Media Commission, in conjunction with the Executive Office, will make services available for viewing for those who are unable to attend the convention. Services will begin Sunday morning, July 17, with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. EDT, followed by Morning Worship at 11:00. Evening services begin at 7:00 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday night. This does not include youth competitive events and business sessions. Viewers can watch events online at www.nafwb.org, www.fwbmedia.com, or www.onemag.org. Live feed links on these web sites will be made available at the times of the services.

*The SC FWB Christian Book and Supply will be closed Monday through Wednesday, July 18-20, 2011 due to attending the NAFWB Convention. The next weekly SC FWB Email Update will go out on Wednesday, August 3, 2011, as we will be attending the NAFWB Convention next week and celebrating our 20th year wedding anniversary the following week. It is an honor to serve you. Thank you for your faithfulness in the Lord's work.

In Christ,

Todd Smith

SC FWB Executive Secretary

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PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

*Please continue to remember in prayer **Reverend Dennis Tolley**, the pastor at Gaffney FWB Church. He is still recovering but doing much better.

***Missionary Neil Morgan**, currently in language school in Costa Rica, was diagnosed with a blood clot in his leg. He saw a cardio vascular surgeon on Monday of this week, and the doctor felt the best remedy would be to remove the vein in his leg. He was to undergo surgery Tuesday evening at 9 PM EST (July 12, 2011). Please remember him as he recovers.

* **Reverend Scott Ard's dad Mr. Billy Ard** has been diagnosed with cancer. Scott is the pastor at Mill Branch FWB Church in Johnsonville. His dad has spent time in the hospital this past week with several complications. Please remember Mr. Billy Ard in prayer during these difficult days.

***Mrs. Myra Leonard's dad Mr. William Matthews** spent time in McLeod hospital this past week. Mrs. Myra is the wife of Reverend Mark Leonard, the pastor at Mt. Elon FWB Church in Pamplico. Mr. Matthews has faced heart and other physical complications. Please remember him in prayer during this time.

***Reverend Mike Bishop's wife Mrs. Jennifer** was diagnosed with a tumor in the bile duct going to her liver. Reverend Mike Bishop is the Associate Pastor at Gilead FWB Church in Scranton, SC. Please remember his wife Jennifer in prayer during this time.

MINISTER NEWS:

*Lake City Area FWB Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, July 19, 2011 - Prosser's Restaurant, Lake City - 8:30 AM

*NAFWB FWB Convention - July 17-20, 2011 - Charlotte, NC (<http://www.nafwb.org/2011conv>)

*Beaver Creek Association Meeting - Thursday, July 28, 2011 - High Point FWB Church - 5 PM - Guest Speaker: Dr. Randy Sawyer

*Eastern Conference Meeting - Saturday, July 30th, 2011 - New Prospect FWB Church, Pamlico - 9:30 AM

CHURCH NEWS:

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11-15 VBS - Vacation Bible School - Evergreen FWB Church, Conway - Classes for all Ages. Adult classes will be taught by area FWB ministers (Mon. - Rev. Teddy Rabon, Tues. - Brother David Stevens, Wed. - Pastor Kevin Johnson, Thurs. - Rev. Stephen Hyman, Fri. - Rev. Wayne Snipes. Theme - "Home Town Nazereth" / Time 6:30 - 9 PM (Supper 6:30 - 7 PM)

25-29 VBS - Vacation Bible School - First FWB Church, Simpsonville, SC - 6 PM / For information contact Dr. Chris Jackson at [864-967-4080](tel:864-967-4080).

31-Aug 2 FAMILY REVIVAL - Rains FWB Church, Rains, with Reverend Buddy Seay (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM & 6 PM / M-T 7:30 PM)

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

YOUTH NEWS:

*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.

*SC FWB Teen Retreat - October 21-22, 2011 - Guest Speaker Reverend Joe Wilson (FWB IM) - Ages 12-19 - Cost: \$125 per student.

CLOSING REMARKS: "Owned It But Did Not Possess It"

In west Texas there is a famous oil field known as the Yates pool. During the depression, this field was a sheep ranch, owned by a man named Yates. Mr. Yates was not able to make enough money on his ranching operation to pay the principal and interest on the mortgage, so he was in danger of losing his ranch. With little money for clothes or food, his family, like many others, had to live on a government subsidy. Day after day, as he grazed his sheep over those rolling west Texas hills, he was no doubt greatly troubled about how he would be able to pay his bills.

Then a seismographic crew from an oil company came into the area and told Mr. Yates that there might be oil on his land. They asked permission to drill a well, and he signed a lease. At 1,115 feet they struck a huge oil reserve, giving 80,000 barrels a day. In fact, thirty years after the discovery, a government test of one of the wells showed that it still could flow 125,000 barrels of oil a day. And Mr. Yates owned it all. The day he purchased the land he received the oil and mineral rights. Yet, he was living on relief. A multimillionaire living in poverty -- What was the problem? He owned it, but he did not possess it. That is like many Christians who don't realize how rich they are in Christ.

We have the greatest abundance of the blessings of God at our disposal in following the will of God, but unless we possess his will in our hearts and live it out in our lives, we miss out on the great blessings that result from being in the center of His will. Let's not only own being a Christian, but let's possess it and all of its blessings!