

SC FWB Update, Vol. 5, No. 28, Wednesday, August 24, 2011

OPENING REMARKS:

INFORMER - The latest edition of "The Informer" is online and can be viewed at the following link -

http://www.scfwb.org/PDF/informers/2011informers/Summer%202011_Web.pdf.

It will be distributed to churches this week. We hope to have another edition coming out soon that will be a special "FWB 75th Anniversary" edition that will have the NAFWB convention news as well as the 75th year South Carolina National Youth Conference (NYC) winners. We appreciate the honor to serve our South Carolina Free Will Baptist Churches. Thank you for your faithfulness in the Lord's work!

PASTOR APPRECIATION - Don't forget...October is "Pastor Appreciation Month." We encourage our churches to start planning now for that special day to honor your pastor. We encourage you to include your pastor's wife and children in the appreciation event. Things you might consider doing would include a possible salary raise, a special offering, or a special get-away gift for him and his family. Let them know that you appreciate them in a very special way, and God will honor you for doing so! On behalf of our pastors and their families, in advance, thank you for what you might do in order to honor them. Romans 10:15 - "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

PRAYER REQUEST/ PRAISE:

*Missionaries Neil and Mandi Morgan are to depart soon to go to the mission field in Uruguay. Having graduated from language school, they will begin their work in Uruguay. Please remember their family in prayer during this transition time.

*Former missionary to Côte d'Ivoire Vada Lee, wife of Moderator Reverend Sherwood Lee (Sandhill, Coward), is facing orthopedic surgery. Pray for wisdom and direction for the surgeons as they seek to determine the best course of action. Ask God to grant relief from pain.

MINISTER NEWS:

*Conway Area FWB Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, September 6, 2011 - Shoney's Restaurant - 8:30 AM

*Florence/Darlington Area FWB Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, September 13,

2011 - Bazen's Restaurant - 8:30 AM

*True Life Conference Meeting - Saturday, September 17, 2011 - Calvary FWB Church, Gastonia, NC

*Lake City Area FWB Minister Breakfast - Tuesday, September 20, 2011 - Prosser's Restaurant - 8:30 AM

*South Carolina Conference Fall Missions Luncheon - Friday, October 7, 2011 - Horne's Restaurant - 11 AM

*South Carolina Annual Missions Conference - Friday, October 7, 2011 - Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham - 7 PM (Be sure to see the "Youth News" at the end of this email before the "Closing Remarks" regarding the annual SC Conference Missions Youth Rally).

*Central Association Meeting - Saturday, October 8, 2011, at Mt. Ariel FWB Church, Conway - 9 AM

*Eastern Conference Meeting - Saturday, October 22, 2011, at Williams Hill FWB Church, Hemingway - 9:30 AM

*Beaver Creek Association Meeting - Thursday, October 27, 2011, at First FWB Church, Simpsonville - 7 PM - Guest Speaker, Dr. Dan Patrick

CHURCH NEWS:

August

19 Monthly One Night Revival - South Conway FWB Church, Conway, with Rev. Thad Jacobs (Happy Home FWB Church, Andrews) - 7:30 PM / Food and Fellowship to follow the service.

21 SINGING - Turning Point FWB Church in Spartanburg with "The Parsons" from Goshen, Indiana - 11 AM

28-30 Fall Revival - Liberty FWB Church, Orangeburg, with Rev. Earl Hanna (Sun 6 PM / M-Tues. 7 PM). Special singing each night.

September

14-17 Old-Fashion Jubilee Sept 14 -17, 2011, starting at 7:00 P.M. Saturday morning at 9:30. Rev James Sanders (main speaker), Rev James Julian, Rev Robert Griswold, and Rev. Wesley Campbell will be preaching. Two preachers each night and 3 on Saturday. Great singing and preaching. Contact Pastor Jackson for details at [864-967-4080](tel:864-967-4080).

18-21 REVIVAL - Fairview FWB Church in Spartanburg - with Reverend Richard Atwood. (Sunday 10 AM and 6 PM / M-W 7 PM)

18 HOMECOMING - Fellowship FWB Church, Florence - with Reverend Mike Jones. Special singing will be provided by the

Red/White family at 10 AM and worship will be at 11 AM with a meal to follow the service.

18 HOMECOMING - Turning Point FWB Church in Spartanburg with special singing from the "Singing Cookes" (10:30 AM).

19-23 REVIVAL - Oak Grove FWB Church, Conway, with Rev. Stephen Hyman (7:30 PM nightly)

25-28 Fall Revival - First FWB Church, Myrtle Beach, with Rev. Roy Roach, previous SC FWB Children's Home Director. (Sun 11 AM & 6 PM / M-W 7 PM) --

**All ministers are encouraged to attend a special meeting of prayer on Tuesday, Sept. 27th at 11 AM to pray for the upcoming elections. Lunch will be provided following the special prayer meeting. For more information, please contact Pastor Wayne Snipes at [843-457-0825](tel:843-457-0825).

26-30 Fall Jubilee - Turning Point FWB Church, Spartanburg, with Rev. Mike McCoy (Crossville FWB Church, TN) - 7 PM Nightly - Special singing each night (Mon - Tammy Shealy; Tues - Phillips Family; Wed - Peace FWBCH Choir, "Red Lighting Preaching;" Thurs - Driven Quartet; Fri - Saddler Family. Pastor Todd Black welcomes everyone to attend. www.turningpointsc.com

26-30 Fall Revival - South Conway FWB Church, Conway, with Rev. Mitch Ingram (Freedom FWB Church, Lancaster) / 7:30 PM Nightly. For more information, contact Pastor Chris McEachern at [843-397-4678](tel:843-397-4678)

October

2 HOMECOMING - South Conway FWB Church, Conway, with Rev. Timmy Larrimore (Liberty, Lancaster) - 10 AM / Special singing and a meal provided!

23-26 REVIVAL - Canaan FWB Church, Lancaster with Reverend Kevin Smith, the pastor at Westgate FWB Church in Spartanburg. Special singing each night. (7 PM Nightly).

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

YOUTH NEWS:

*SC Conference Annual Missions Youth Rally - Saturday, October 8, 2011 - Lebanon FWB Church, Effingham - 5-7 PM

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

CLOSING REMARKS: "Hanging in Mid-Air"

Trapeze artists are brave. Can you imagine being perched more than 100 feet in the air on a tiny platform, waiting for the proper moment to lean forward, grab a small wooden stick, and sail forward, with the anticipation of making contact with another stick swing? However, the brave trapeze performers have one dilemma which is sometimes overlooked. In order to successfully grab onto the second swing, they must release their vice-like grip on the first. For a brief moment, they hang in mid-air. Those who cannot bring themselves to release the first swing

merely continue to swing, eventually coming to a standstill with no progress. Faith is similar. We have to let go of our own plans before we can successfully be united with God's plan for our life. Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Spiritually speaking, that moment of hanging in mid-air is an act of faith placing our life into the hands of our Heavenly Father to grasp His plan for our lives that we might be used for His glory. "Hanging in mid-air" spiritually speaking might seem rather frightful, but in that moment of complete surrender is when we can truly experience an inner peace which passeth all understanding (Philippians 4:7).