

SC FWB Update, Vol. 6, No. 04, Wednesday, January 25, 2012

OPENING REMARKS:

ETEAM MEMBERS- For those going on ETEAM mission trips this summer, half of their funds are due to FWB International Missions by February 18, 2012. Below is a list of SC ETEAM Members. If you would like to send a love gift on their behalf, feel free to send it through the SC FWB State Office, PO Box 9, Turbeville, SC 29162, or you can support them by visiting www.fwbgo.com/eteam and click on "Support ETEAM Today." You can search each team member to view a profile and/or make contributions directly to their account. In advance, thank you for what you might do in helping our SC ETEAM Students.

Beaver Creek Association:

-Austin Barrett (First FWB Church, Greenwood) - Team

Central Association:

-Stevie Martin (Evergreen FWB Church, Conway) - Team Japan

South Carolina Conference:

- Crystal Hyman (Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmonsville) – Team Spain
- Kayla Kimbrel (Temple FWB Church, Darlington) – Team Cuba
- Cody McKay (Bay Branch FWB Church, Timmonsville) – Team Panama
- Ellen Parrish (Black River FWB Church, Andrews) – Team Panama
- Emily Parrish (Black River FWB Church, Andrews) – Team Spain
- Caitlin Todd (Westside FWB Church, Johnsonville) - Team Spain

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PRAYER REQUEST/ PRAISE:

*Rev. Steward Norris, member of the Central Association and the previous pastor at Cornerstone FWB Church in Whiteville, NC, had back surgery last week at Cape Fear Hospital in Wilmington, NC. He came home from the hospital this past Sunday. This was his 8th back surgery. Doctors repaired a broken rod and

previous fusions. Please remember him in prayer as he recovers.

*Rev. Larry Dykes, the previous pastor of the Liberty FWB Church in Orangeburg, who is now back in Alabama, had a heart cath this week. Please remember him in prayer as doctors make decision regarding his care.

*Our SC FWB Christian Book and Supply Bookstore Manager, Matt Deckard's granddad passed away this past weekend after a long battle with physical complications. Matt and his wife Halie have been in Missouri the past few days in order to attend the funeral and visitation of his granddad. Please remember his family in prayer during this time.

*Mrs. Karen Rabon, wife of Rev. Teddy Rabon (Calvary FWB Church, Georgetown), had surgery last week. Please remember Mrs. Karen in prayer.

MINISTER NEWS:

*Spartanburg Area Minister Luncheon - Thursday, January 26, 2012, at the Grape Vine Restaurant in Boiling Springs at 12 Noon.

*Lancaster/Rock Hill Area Minister Breakfast - Monday, January 30, 2012, at Jomars Family Restaurant, 278 Lancaster Byp 521/Hwy 9, Lancaster

CONFERENCE / ASSOCIATION MEETINGS:

*Beaver Creek Association - Thursday, January 26, 2012 - Westgate FWB Church, Spartanburg - (Meeting 5 PM / Supper 6 PM / Worship 7 PM) - Guest Speaker - Rev. Van Dale Hudson

*SC FWB STATE MEETING - Thursday-Friday, February 23-24, 2012 - Southside FWB Church, Aiken (www.scfwb.com/state_meet.html)

CHURCH NEWS:

January:

25-27 CAMP MEETING - First FWB Church, Myrtle Beach, with Reverend Jack Lassiter. (7 PM Nightly)

Special singing provided by The Dosses. For additional information, contact Pastor Wayne Snipes at [843-457-0825](tel:843-457-0825)

28 ICE (Institute for Christian Education) - Temple FWB Church, Darlington - Old Testament Survey Class I

Instructor: Rev. Leroy Lowery (To register, please email Registrar Janet Abila at janetabla@yahoo.com)

29 YOUTH EXPLOSION SERVICE - Socastee FWB Church in Myrtle Beach (6 PM), Guest Speaker: Brother Daniel Bennett

February:

2 SKATING EVENT - Sponsored by Mt. Elon FWB Church, to be held at Pee Dee Skateland - 7-9 PM (Cost: \$5)

For more information, contact Mark or Myra Leonard at [843-493-2494](tel:843-493-2494)

11 SINGING - Rains FWB Church in Rains, SC, with the Rivertown Boys (7 PM)

15-17 REVIVAL - South Conway FWB Church (7:30 PM) - Wed: Rev. Teddy Rabon / Thurs: Rev. Craig Villines / Fri: Rev. Thad Jacobs

Special Singing will be provided each night, and there will be a fellowship to follow the Friday evening service.

17 VALENTINE BANQUET - Temple FWB Church, Darlington - 7 PM - \$15 per person. For more information call [843-250-1799](tel:843-250-1799)

March:

2-3 COUNT ME IN CONFERENCE (Men Mentoring Men) - Temple FWB Church, Darlington (Cost: \$10 per person / Pastors: Free)

(Fri - Registration 1 PM / Saturday Breakfast 8 AM)

Speaker: Ken Akers (NAFWB Master's Men), Tim York (Life FWB Church, TN), and Cliff Donoho (Rejoice FWB Church, TN)

For more information, contact Bruce Kimbrel ([843-307-4016](tel:843-307-4016)) or Steve Brogden ([843-250-1799](tel:843-250-1799))

25-29 REVIVAL - First FWB Church, Simpsonville, with Rev. Kevin Smith

April:

2-6 REVIVAL - Calvary FWB Church, Georgetown, with Rev. Kevin Smith

23-27 REVIVAL - Rains FWB Church in Rains - with Rev. Kevin Smith (7:30 PM nightly) *There will be special singing

each night, and a nursery will be provided.

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

WAC NEWS:

*Central District WAC Annual Meeting - Saturday, February 18, 2012 - Hosted by Little Star FWB Church, Johnsonville (9:30 AM)

*SC Conference District WAC Annual Meeting - Saturday, February 25, 2012, at FWB Home for Children, Turbeville

*Beaver Creek District WAC Annual Meeting - Saturday, March 3, 2012 (Registration 8:30 AM) Hosted by Liberty FWB Church, Lancaster (A Brunch will be served).

*SC WAC State Annual Meeting - Saturday, March 17, 2012, at FWB Home for Children, Turbeville - Guest Speaker: FWB IM Director Clint Morgan (Registration 8:30 AM / Meeting at 9 AM)

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YOUTH NEWS:

*SC FWB STATE CTS/NYC COMPETITION MEETING - Friday and Saturday, April 27-28, 2012 - Peace FWB Church, Florence (Fri. Registration 6:30 PM / Sat. Registration 8:30 AM)

*SC FWB Teen Camp - Monday - Saturday, June 4-9, 2012, at Camp Anchorage, Lake Waccamaw, NC

*SC FWB Jr. Camp - Monday - Friday, July 23-27, 2012, at Camp Pee Dee in Marion, SC

CLOSING REMARKS: "Comforting the Grieving"

Have you ever stood by a casket and were at a loss for words as to what to say to a family member who was grieving? No doubt many of us have been in this situation, especially if it was a tragic death that we are unable to relate to. Jeff Manning, the pastor at First FWB Church in Greenville, summarized in his blog a book entitled "Written in Tears" by Luke Veldt, which helps people understand how to respond to those who have faced tragic death in their family. In 2006, Luke Veldt's 13-year old daughter died of a sudden and tragic death due to a massive brain hemorrhage, caused by a condition she had (unknown to the Veldts) from birth. The loss shook his faith, yet drove Luke to the Scriptures for answers. In the book he shares comfort and the wisdom he gleaned for grieving hearts from Psalm 103. In the book, Veldt offers some helpful answers on things to do and say and things not to do and say when a family has faced such a tragic death. Here are some suggestions from his book:

1. Offer better theology, and less of it. The day of tragedy is not an appropriate time for theological discussion, or even "theological sound bites" like "God knows what He's doing" or "Maybe God was sparing him from a worse death later on" or even "At least we know that all things work together for good." Early on, a hug is the only theology the grieving person needs. Even later on, Veldt warns about sharing your theological insights about the tragedy: "You should hesitate to share your thoughts on suffering with grieving friends [because] they may already understand it better than you do, may be experiencing it at a level you have not, may be asking better questions and demanding better answers. It's not that the information you have to offer is necessarily wrong; it just may not be relevant. Maybe you should be listening to your friend instead of offering advice. If you've suffered in the way your friend is suffering, though, feel free to share what you've

learned. Kay Ann, whose son Timothy had been fighting cancer for five years, told us, 'We have learned that God is good.' That statement coming from her was very meaningful. The same words coming from friends who had not lost a family member were no less true, but they lacked the weight of personal experience."

2. Help out with mundane tasks. Don't underestimate the importance of helping out in mundane tasks like offering meals, taking care of children, running errands, helping with financial needs, preparing the memorial service. There are a thousand and one details to be attended to in a crisis, and those stricken with grief may have barely enough energy to get out of bed.

3. Offer a listening ear. Having a listening ear is always appropriate.

4. Share something specific about the personality of the person who died. Veldt confesses that his greatest fear was that he would forget—forget Allison's face, her voice, her personality; afraid that everything that made Allison what she was would be lost forever. Therefore, the responses he treasured most were those stories about Allison that he hadn't heard before, stories that painted her personality more clearly, maybe in ways that were new to him.

5. Pray for the grieving family. Really pray for them; don't just say, "We'll be praying for you," and then not do it. Carve out time that is dedicated to praying for the hurting family. And then pray for them throughout the days and weeks ahead as the Lord bring them to your mind.

6. Make contact six months later. Veldt advises, "Mark the day on your calendar. Write back in six months to let us know you're still praying for us."

7. Make contact on "special days". Write them during the holidays, or on the anniversary of the person's death, or on that person's birthday. Tell the family you haven't forgotten them or their loved one.

When ministering to families who are facing tragic death, may we minister to them out of a heart of love and prayer that God's grace and strength will be sufficient in their hour of need.

*<http://www.jeffmanning.org/blog/2012/01/24/comforting-the-grieving/>