

SC FWB Update, Vol. 4, No. 8, Wednesday, February 24, 2010

OPENING REMARKS: "General Board / State Meeting"

The South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association General Board met today at Evergreen FWB Church in Conway. The South Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association will convene for their annual meeting tomorrow and Friday, February 25-26, 2010, at Evergreen FWB Church. Dr. Garnette Reid, Old Testament professor at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, will be bringing the Thursday message in the evening service at 7 PM. There were 83 pre-registered as of Tuesday, February 23, 2010, for the state meeting. There are expected to be approximately 130-150 in attendance for the meeting.

SC Conference District WAC Meeting - The South Carolina Conference District WAC annual meeting will take place this Saturday, February 26, 2010, at Liberty FWB Church in Manning at 9:30 AM.

State CTS Meeting - The State CTS Youth Competition Event will take place on Friday - Saturday, April 30 - May 1, 2010, at Whitney FWB Church in Spartanburg. The headquarter hotel for this event will be the Best Western (<http://www.bestwesternsouthcarolina.com/hotels/best-western-spartanburg-inn/>) located at 125 Sloan Garden Road, Spartanburg, SC. The rate is \$49.00 per night. To make your reservations, call 864-699-0000. Be sure to let them know you'll be attending the Free Will Baptist CTS youth competition event.

PRAYER / PRAISE REQUEST:

- 1) **Mrs. Vivian Turner**, wife of Reverend I. Bennie Turner, was in the hospital last week due to a mini stroke. She is now home recovering. Please remember her in prayer.
- 2) **Mrs. Sharon Shoffner**, wife of Reverend Cyrus Shoffner, has been facing some physical complications. Please remember her in prayer during this time.

MINISTER NEWS:

- 1) **SC FWB State Meeting and General Board** - Evergreen FWB Church, Conway, SC - Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 10 AM (General Board Meeting) and Thursday-Friday, February 25-26, 2010, (State Meeting). Feel free to pre-register, get lodging information, and retrieve other details at http://www.scfwb.com/state_meet.html
- 2) **Spartanburg Area Minister Luncheon** - Monday, March 1, 2010 - Grape Vine Restaurant, 11:30 AM.
- 3) **Florence/Darlington Area Minister** - Tuesday, March 9, 2010 - Bazen's Restaurant, 8:30 AM

CHURCH NEWS:

February

28-March 3 **REVIVAL - Sand Hill FWB Church**, Coward (Sun 6 PM - Reverend Todd Parrish / M-W 7 PM with Reverend Eddie Carter)

March

1-5 **REVIVAL - South Conway FWB Church** located at 3602 Copperhead Road in Conway, with Reverend Billy Poe Jones (7:30 PM Nightly)

Pastor Paul Lambert and congregation invites everyone to attend.

1-5 **REVIVAL - Liberty FWB Church in Lancaster**, with Reverend Larry McAlister.
Pastor Timmy Larrimore welcomes everyone to attend.

5 **SINGING - Unity FWB Church, Johnsonville**, with Karen Peck and New River at 7 PM.

7 **HOMECOMING - Liberty FWB Church, Orangeburg**, with Reverend Earl Hanna (SS 10 AM / Worship 11 AM)

8-12 **REVIVAL - Little Star FWB Church** in Johnsonville with Reverend Stephen Hyman. (7:30 PM Nightly). Pastor Tony Miles welcomes everyone to attend.

8-12 **REVIVAL - Mullins-Marion FWB Church** with Reverend Mike Blanton (7:30 PM nightly). Pastor Neil Hinson welcomes everyone to attend.

14-17 **REVIVAL - Eastside FWB Church**, Florence, with Reverend Jake Creech

21 **HOMECOMING - Cornerstone-Fellowship FWB Church** in Manning, with Reverend Tony Lynch, 11 AM

22-26 **REVIVAL - Freedom FWB Church, Tabor City** - with Reverend Henry Ward. 7:30 PM nightly.

28-April 2 **REVIVAL - First FWB Church in Simpsonville**. Pastor Dr. Chris Jackson and Reverend preaching. (Sun 6 PM / M-F - 7:30 PM)

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YOUTH MINISTRY -- CTS/NYC NEWS:

1) **State CTS/NYC Meeting** - April 30 - May 1, 2010, at Whitney FWB Church in Spartanburg. Friday, April 30 (Registration 6:30 PM) and Saturday, May 1 (Registration 8:30 AM)

2) **Teen Camp, Camp Anchorage, Wacamaw, NC** - June 7-12, 2010 - cost \$225 / A rebate of \$50 per camper will be issued if there are at least 100 teens to attend Teen Camp! Guest Preacher - Reverend Jonathan Blakenship

3) **Junior Youth Camp, Camp Pee Dee**, August 2 - 6, 2010. Vince Tharpe with Art Alive Ministry will be the Evangelist. Please visit Brother Vince's website at www.Artalive.org

WAC NEWS:

1) **South Carolina Conference WAC Meeting** - Saturday, February 27, 2010 - Liberty FWB Church in Manning.

2) The **Beaver Creek District Meeting** will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Inman, **Saturday, March 6th**. Alyene Lucas will be our guest speaker and will share her experiences with us regarding her trip to the Ivory Coast with the Hanna Project Medical Mission's trip. We will also be having a 'personal gift shower' for the students at the Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute in memory of Mrs. Gwen Hendrix. We are looking forward to having a great day as we celebrate being the, "Bride of Christ." Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. in the educational/cafeteria building.

3) The **South Carolina Women Active for Christ** state meeting will be hosted by **Beulah Free Will Baptist Church in Pamplico on March 20, 2010**. The Women Nationally Active for Christ ministry is celebrating its 75th year. Our state has contributed to our rich WNAC heritage, and we have chosen as our theme for this year, "Celebrating Our Heritage" with Mrs. Maude Coffey and Mrs. Rebecca (Coffey) Pugh as our guest speakers. Mrs. Maude Coffey served as the Vice President of the WNAC from South Carolina during the years 1957-1959 and

became the WNAC President in 1959. Her daughter Rebecca Pugh has been our WNAC President since 2008. Please make preparations to come and have a great time of fellowship as we remember our past, recognize our present, and realize our future potential. Registration for the state meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. Lodging reservations may be made at the following motels: Florence motels at I-95 and Hwy 52 (approximately 45 minutes from Beulah) Holiday Inn - 1819 Lucas Street - 843-665-4555; Ramada Inn - 2038 Lucas Street - 843-669-4241; Country Inn and Suites - 1739 Mandeville Road - 843-317-6616; Days Inn - 2111 W. Lucas Street - 843-665-4444; Wingate Inn - 2123 W. Lucas Street - 843-629-1111. Lake City Motels at Hwy 52 (approximately 25 minutes from Beulah) Lake City Inn - 202 N. Ron McNair Blvd. 843-394-8400."

4) **Central District WAC Mother / Daughter Banquet** - Saturday, May 1, 2010, Oak Grove FWB Church - 1 PM Luncheon

CLOSING REMARKS: "I Don't Mean to Be Rude..."

Coming out of an office supply store one day, I could hear across the parking lot, a lady expressing her views to another man, with whom she was upset. Evidently, when he got out of his vehicle, he moved a shopping cart that was close to his vehicle. He moved the cart to the next parking spot far away from his vehicle. I heard her say in a very abrupt voice, "Sir, I don't mean to be rude, but you pushing that cart to the next parking space and not taking it to the cart location is just as lazy and as bad as the person who left it there to start with!" You can rest assured when someone starts out a sentence with "I don't mean to be rude, but...", you can be sure that most likely, they are getting ready to be rude. Even though there may have been an essence of truth of what she said, her actions spoke louder than her words. How she spoke, spoke more loudly than what she said. I heard the man reply, "Well, you take the cart in if you want it in." His re-action was no better than her original action. Someone once said, "Say what you mean; mean what you say; but don't be mean when you say it." May we each be kind in our actions, sweet with our words, and cautious with our spirit when we have to speak the truth in love.

May the Lord bless you.

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