

N C F W B NEWS

October – November 2008



From Billy's Desk

Change is in the air. Temperatures are dropping, leaves are changing color and falling to the ground, and pastors are renting U-Haul trucks. There is much to be said for change, but we must be careful what we change. I am glad God nor His Word will ever change.

Change is also coming to our website. At the September Executive Board meeting, I was asked to do some work to up-grade the information you find at ncfwb.org. Several of our pastors like the look of scfwb.org, the web-site of South Carolina Free Will Baptists. Since western web weaver works with both our groups, the change will not be hard, just time consuming. The work will begin with a letter sent to each church explaining what we plan to do. We will then include your

information as you get it to us. I am sure you will enjoy seeing the change come about.

Another important change is the fact that over one-third of you have received the newsletter by e-mail. I have finally set-up e-mail addresses for as many of our pastors as I have information for. This saves me over fifty cents per newsletter. It also gives me a way to get news to our pastors on a regular basis. If you have received this newsletter by mail, it is because I do not have your e-mail address.

One last change to mention, the dates of our Minister's Retreat have been changed to Thursday, Friday, and Saturday following Labor Day. Our next retreat will be September 10, 11, and 12, 2009. We are also going to plan some golf time on Thursday and Friday afternoons. We hope this will allow more of our ministers to join us.

YOUTH BOARD NEWS

At our all boards meeting last month, our state youth board shared a challenge with us that they have been working on for several months. They want our youth to get involved with helping our smaller NC churches, especially our mission churches. On March 28, 2009, they have an all day event planned for Roanoke Rapids. There will be door knocking, a fun carnival, and youth rally. More details will be sent to you by the youth board at a later date.

TEACHER TRAINING

Our first Ministers and Teachers Workshops will be held November 22nd at Calvary FWB Church, Swannanoa. Dr. Robert Piccirilli and Bro. Keith Kenemer will be our speakers. This is mainly for our four western associations. Registration forms have been mailed out. Registration deadline is November 15, 2008.

Our second set of workshops will be January 10, 2009 at White Oak Hill FWB Church, Bailey. These workshops will be led by Rev. Eddie Moody and Rev. B L. Efird. They are mainly for our four eastern associations. Registration forms will be mailed soon. Any church may attend either or both sets of workshops. My goal is to continue these each year.

N.C. Missions News

At our all boards meeting last month, our missions board presented a plan to have our work in Asheboro debt free by our state meeting in June of 2009. Less than \$40,000.00 is owed by the church. Bro. Bob Edmonson and his family have been faithful through these years. We need to help them reach this goal. Glad Tidings FWB Church members are looking to us to see them through to the end. Send your contributions to:

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Happy Thanksgiving!



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