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## Pastor's News and Notes

May 29, 2009

<sup>36</sup> Give me an eagerness for your laws  
rather than a love for money!

<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from worthless things,  
and give me life through your word.

Psalm 119:36, 37, NLT

### PRAYER FOCUS

**Church for this week: (5/25/09) Horton Memorial – Wilbur and Jewel Key**

Church for next week: (6/1/09) Iglesia Wesleyana El Camino – Frankie and Deysi Rodriguez

Church for the next week: (6/08/09) Iva First – Wade and Nora Lee Rogers

- o District events this summer: District Conference, Missions Rally, Family Camp, youth camps and children's camps.
- o The mother of Dr. Mari Gonlag has been hospitalized in Wisconsin this week.
- o Rev. James Ramsay is continuing to recuperate from his blood clot condition.
- o Rev. Bob Wilson (Northeast) is recovering from shoulder surgery done on May 14. The total recovery time is expected to be about 12 weeks.
- o Mrs. Bob Cooley (Norma) is continuing the treatment for her breast cancer.
- o Gladys Spearman, mother of Lynne (Mrs. Ken) Addis, has experienced a return of her cancer.
- o Rev. Ray Lewis (Retired) continues rehabilitation following surgery for a broken hip.
- o Mrs. Herbert Taylor (Carolyn) is still undergoing chemo for her cancer.
- o Continue to pray for the physical needs of Rev. Darlene Teague.
- o Pray for Mrs. Chet Rowan (Kathy) whose treatment for MS continues.
- o The families of Vergie Milstead and Saul Rodriguez.
- o South Coastal DS Dan Berry and his wife, Shelley  
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/danshelleyberry>.

### **What's Been Happening**

Did I mention last week that our week-long vacation earlier this month seems like it was a month ago? Well, if I did, then this week it seems like about three months ago! Such is life. We did have a busy week last week with the accumulation of tasks that come when we are out of the office coupled with new items on the plate . . . expected and unexpected. The week leading up to a DBA

meeting also brings some additional preparation, and we also managed a full 9-5 day of training in using our new software. Add to this what is becoming a familiar theme—the arrival of a new granddaughter—and we had an immense amount of fun and joy along with the work! We literally ran out the door as soon as the training day ended on Friday, jumped in the car, drove quickly to Greenville and arrived about 20 minutes after the even-quicker arrival of our newest family member! Abigail Susannah Rampey was born at 6:03pm, weighing 9 lb. 1 oz. Her parents are our son, Matt, and his wife, Michelle. Their three-year-old son, Will, was absolutely beside himself with excitement!

During the week, there was a high volume of calls, emails, and meetings. One of the highlights was a *wonderful* DBA meeting on Saturday. Some would say it was *wonderful* because we adjourned at 12:30, which may be the earliest adjournment in almost 5 years! Others would say it was *wonderful* because of the food. Thanks to Pastor Richard Hall and the Eden folks for their hospitality which included their special strawberry treats. Yum! I would say it was *wonderful* because all (except for one, excused) members were present, a great spirit prevailed, our business was handled efficiently and thoroughly, and we had some time for “dreaming and planning”. . . especially about the upcoming District Conference. We are blessed to have such a dedicated and talented group of pastors and lay persons on our DBA!

We also had our monthly Leadership Team meeting. Our Assistant DS's are helping, in so many ways, to share the load of leadership and decision-making for our district. Tony, Fred and Tim are invaluable servants as they share their time, energy and wisdom. As mentioned earlier, we had a day of training in using our new software as we continue to upgrade and bring the remaining component of our database on line.

On Sunday, we had the high privilege of installing Pastor Frankie (Deysi) Rodriguez as Pastor of the El Camino congregation. We believe that this quality young couple is a gift to our district and to the Kingdom. There was a good group present to witness this event and the entire service was marked with a wonderful spirit of anointing. Pastor Orvan Link shared words of appreciation and encouragement and Pastor Frankie shared his heart about the call of God upon him and for the church. I had the honor of sharing some words of encouragement and challenge based upon 1 Cor. 3 and the message was well- received by the congregation. This service was a time to say “*Thank You*” to Pastor Link and “*Welcome*” to Frankie and Deysi and their infant son, Christian. You are asked to pray for this new pastor. They are the church of the week next week in our prayer list. (Here is the link to a video of the prayer portion of the installation service: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8w53uieeMU>.)

Following the service, we enjoyed some wonderful food and fellowship. Sharing these meals together has made me realize that my gifts of a good appetite and a willingness to try a variety of foods are great gifts for a DS to possess!

Pastor Dumar Camacho has again shown his Kingdom attitude by sharing his prized Assistant Pastor (and son-in-law), Frankie, and his worship leader (and daughter), Deysi, with a sister church. *Not to mention his grandson as well!* Pastor Orvan Link continues to experience and rejoice in the rewards of laying another foundation for another strong church. He also has a considerable investment in Pastor Frankie, directly through his mentoring and indirectly through Pastor Dumar who was his student in Colombia several years ago. Well done, Pastor Orvan!

We have enjoyed some opportunities during the past few days to spend

some time with Abigail and are thrilled to report that the family continues to do well. We are blessed!

I pray that as you head into the summer, you have been giving focused attention and prayer to offering quality services and ministries in your local church. We are looking forward to your participation in the district events planned for the summer, which include District Conference, Missions Rally, Family Camp, youth camps and children's camps. Information and brochures are on the website and have already been sent to pastors and others in the churches, with the exception of the printed version of the Family Camp brochure which is in the process of being mailed at this time. Your participation in and support of these ministries is crucial to the success and Kingdom impact of each of them. Would you begin praying and calling your church to prayer now for these events?

Believing in each other,  
Pastor Buddy

## **NEWS AND INFORMATION:**

### **Invitation**

From Anderson Haitian Wesleyan Church  
To all the saints of Wesleyan Church in SC

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Grace and peace from God the father and Christ our Lord .You are invited to our first and special service at our new location on Sunday, May 31 2009 at 2:00 PM. We wish our invitation will be accepted. In case your church would like to participate in our program, let us know and we will be glad to do so. Please come and see what God can do for his children. Receive, brothers and sisters in Christ, our greetings.

For the committee,  
Past Francois Gilles  
Br. Pierre Julien

Past. Adony Seizeme  
Sr Josette Pierre

Our New address on May 31, 2009: Salem Baptist Church,  
*Salem Baptist Church* Street: 113 New Salem Road/ 28 Bypass Rd  
For information: 864-2609511  
864-9338308

### **2009 District Missions Rally**

Approximately 1,200 miles southeast of Table Rock, lies the impoverished country of Haiti. Yet for the South Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church, Haiti is our neighbor. For generations the South Carolina District and Haiti have had rich connections. In recent years, two Wesleyan Haitian congregations have started and are flourishing in the Upstate of South Carolina. We have several missionaries from South Carolina who will soon be stationed in Haiti, and a missions team from FWC/ALIVE has just returned this week from a trip there.

On July 12, 2009, we want to celebrate our connection to the mission work in Haiti. Rev. Dan Irvine, field director for the Wesleyan mission work in Haiti, will be our guest speaker for our District Missions Rally. Dan, a recognized leader and gifted speaker, is also Global Partner's Area Director for the Caribbean area. In

addition to Dan's challenge, we will have some spirited Haitian music, see video of our South Carolina teams in Haiti, and hear from our own South Carolina missionaries to Haiti. Please plan to join us on **July 12 at 6pm** at Table Rock for an exciting Missions Rally as we focus on Haiti.

**80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

You are invited to a dessert buffet reception

Celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of our father

Rev. J. Willett Vess

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Trinity Wesleyan Church

Family Life Center

700 Issaqueena Trail, Central, SC

Libby, Ronda, Joy, and John

A memory book is being compiled. Cards and greetings may be sent to

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**Quote for the Week**

*"People would rather hear about success than sin, but the true gospel is about deliverance from sin."*

– Keith Drury,  
*Common Ground*

**Humor for the Week**

When my daughter, Kelli, was 3, she and my son, Cody, would say their nightly prayers together. As do most children, they blessed every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past).

For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls." As including this at the end soon became part of her nightly routine, my curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?"

Her response: "Because we always finish our prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

– contributed anonymously

**Buddy Rampey**

District Superintendent

South Carolina District - The Wesleyan Church

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