



District News and Notes

June 24, 2010

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What's Been Happening

I have heard several people say recently that they need a vacation. I am not going to say that, but I will say that ours seems like a long time ago! There is no denying the need to get away and having a change of scenery . . . which is a great segue into a reminder that Family Camp is just around the corner.

I invite you to beautiful Table Rock for a time of renewal, July 18-25. The preaching of Drs. Willis and Graham will feed your soul, and you will be refreshed by the music ministry of Bob and Gail Kerstetter—both ordained Wesleyan ministers. They come with a wide experience of music in the church and will lead us into God's presence in a blended worship experience. Add to that the wonderful fellowship opportunities that an informal setting like camp meeting provides, and you have a sure recipe for a better vacation. I will look forward to seeing you here as our district family gathers.

April concluded with my being at the SC coast (DS/GS retreat). We traveled to Columbia and spent the night since we were scheduled to visit the Northeast Wesleyan Church on Sunday morning, May 1. While in Columbia on Saturday evening, we enjoyed dinner with Dr. and Mrs. Eddie Estep, South Carolina DS for the Church of the Nazarene. We got up early on Sunday morning and worshipped at an early service with our daughter, Emily, and her family at East Lake Community in Irmo then traveled back across town to the Northeast church. We have always been warmly received by the congregation of Northeast, and this time was no exception. Their response to the message was affirming. For the first time in 19 years this congregation is in pastoral search mode. Pastor Bob Wilson and Betty have announced their retirement and are planning to move to Kentucky. We appreciate their ministry and wish for them many more years of good health and strength.

Our family vacation once again took us to beautiful Hilton Head Island from May 7-14 (see final paragraph). Upon arrival back to TR, we began the process of recovery from our time away. We enjoyed attending the lovely Buchanan/Jolley wedding at TR on May 15 and extend to them our congratulations and best wishes. Brittany Buchanan Jolley is the daughter of Oakway pastor, Scott and Sandy Buchanan.

Sunday, May 16, we made our way to the Cherrydale area of Greenville to visit the Perry Road congregation. Since late Fall, the "City of Refuge" congregation has also been meeting in the facility for an early Sunday morning worship service. It was a privilege to meet Pastor Joseph Tarzoho and worship with this quality group. We are working to build a relationship with this new congregation and appreciate the generous spirit of the Perry Road church to accommodate this new group. The worship service of Perry Road congregation followed. I appreciated the opportunity to share with the congregation and then to have a time of fellowship over lunch. Some of the City of Refuge members were there, as well as members of a nearby Baptist congregation who are offering to make some renovations to the facilities as a gift. It was refreshing to sense the spirit of cooperation and mutual generosity as we gathered. We express our appreciation to Pastor Jim Reed and Terry for their ministry and hospitality.

The following Sunday, May 23, we made the first of what would be multiple weeks of travel to Spartanburg County as we visited at the Spartanburg, First, Wesleyan Church. The relocation and new facilities completed several years ago were very important strategic moves and provide this congregation with a great opportunity for growth. In the service and in the time with the leadership team following, we sought to encourage and challenge them with the possibilities for increased community impact. We are thankful for the

hospitality of this congregation and Pastor Gary Long and Magdalene, who have served this congregation for 24 years.

It was a privilege to be part of the special day at True Life Christian Fellowship on May 30 as they celebrated the conclusion of three years of ministry in that location and prepared for their new place of worship for the next week. Over 80 persons were present. Pastor Gene Burgess and Kathy have been building a strong leadership team and community during the past year that will be the base for this "restart" congregation. It is encouraging to see all the new and younger faces present. The future for the congregation is bright as they move to the Breakthrough Church facility at 235 E. Blackstock Road (close to the Reidville Road intersection).

Since this service started at 10:00am, I was able to leave there a bit early in time to preach at the Startex church and then return for lunch and fellowship with the True Life congregation.

During the month of May, I had several local board meetings as well as several district committees/ boards: DBA, Nominating Committee, TRRCC Board, Hispanic Advisory Council and Budget Committee. I also met with the ReFocus pastors, Conflict Response Team and the Leadership Team. There were a significant number of meetings and consultations with pastors.

May 7 - 14 was our annual family vacation at the beautiful SC coast. All of our family was present - 19 in total. It seemed especially good this year since we now have one of our children living in Denver, CO. The weather was incredible, the fellowship and sharing together was enriching, and Joan and I just loved soaking in every minute with the family. This tradition, which began in 1997, has become for us, "the best week of the year." By request, I am including the "family picture." You can probably imagine how much fun it is to make this happen during vacation. There is a separate picture of all the grandchildren as well. Bribery with M & M's can work wonders.



This week, we are having the Middle School campers here at TR. What a great week they/we are experiencing. There is a great group of young people here along with our awesome youth leaders. The senior highers will be here next week and the Kids Kamps will follow on July 11-15. Thank you so much for your prayers and support of these important events in the district calendar.

The Work Day in preparation for conference/camp is scheduled for Friday, July 16. A great turnout is essential to our being ready for these events. We need you! Please put this date on your calendar.

Between now and then, we hope you have a wonderful July 4th holiday.

Believing in each other,

Pastor Buddy

NEWS and INFORMATION

Churches Need to Replace Some Wireless Microphones

June 12, was the deadline for churches across the country to stop using wireless microphones that operate in the 700-megahertz band (frequencies between 698 and 806 MHz), a frequency that will now be used by emergency responders (police, fire and emergency services). Under the new FCC rule, anyone — including churches — that uses 700-MHz wireless microphones after June 12 will be subject to fines, seizure of equipment and even criminal penalties — including both licensed users and unlicensed users. Churches that have questions about their microphones can find answers on the [FCC's Web site](http://FCC.gov). [FCC.gov, OneNewsNow.com]



The Christian Stewardship Institute
July 10-11 @ United Wesleyan in Easley
 Featuring the following workshops presented by
Stewardship Ministries | Estate & Gift Planning

Estate and Gift Planning – *Determine to Finish Well*

The Estate and Gift Planning Seminar is designed to assist pastors and laypeople with their estate and gift planning needs. In this seminar we will answer important questions regarding estate taxes, probate expense, trusts, guardianship of minor children, selection of personal representatives, and how to create a Christian Will for little or NO cost. Our goal is for every Wesleyan family to have an estate plan designed to provide for the needs of their family and for the work of building the Kingdom.

Saturday 9 to 11 AM (July 10)

Title: Financial Planning

Topic: Managing Money from a Biblical Perspective

Table Rock Work Projects

There will be a special work day on Friday, July 16, here at Table Rock in preparation for district conference and family camp. We need a significant number of volunteers on this day. In addition, there are always have some projects that volunteers can complete here at Table Rock. If you could come for a day and even bring others with you, we would delighted to have you come. Please contact Greg Hayes at 864.878.2792 or email: camp@scwesleyan.org.

DS Schedule for June

1	Pastors' Gathering Committee TRRCC Board of Directors	AM PM
3-5	Doctrinal Symposium	Fishers, IN
6	True Life Christian Fellowship Horton Memorial	10am 11am
9	<i>The Techology Show</i>	AM
13	Providence	AM
17	Leadership Team	
19	DBMD	
20	<i>Father's Day</i>	
24	DBA (Conference Call)	
26	Pleasant View Oakway (LCC)	AM PM

Pastor/ Church Relations

CenterPoint – In process
Chesnee – Doug Windsor, Supply Pastor
Davis Chapel – Ken Hales, Supply Pastor
Life Journey (Pelzer) – In process
Mt. Olivet - Open
Northeast (Columbia) – Open
Oakway - Open
Startex - Open

PRAYER FOCUS

Church for the Week:

June 13, 2010	Glendale – Frank & Mary Cantrell
June 20, 2010	Glenville – Ralph & Mavis Campbell
June 27, 2010	Glenwood – Roger & Jean Rhoads
July 4, 2010	Golden Grove – Matthew & Ashlee Tietje
July 11, 2010	Graham Chapel – Preston & Donna Edmonds
July 18, 2010	Greenville, First – Steve & Kimi Stanley
July 25, 2010	Greenwood – Kenny & Sheryl Smith

Mrs. Carolyn Wilcox is on dialysis at home and is beginning to feel better. Continue to pray for her and Paul in these days of adjustment.

Rev. Wade Rogers (Iva First) is recovering from an accident at work in which three bones in his foot were broken.

Rev. Bob Broome is hospitalized at Hillcrest Hospital in Simpsonville for treatment of an abdominal abscess, with perhaps further tests being done in the coming days.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to . . .

. . . **Mrs. Donna Spittal**, wife of SWU President Dr. David Spittal, on the death of her mother, Mrs. Lorene E. Perry. Mrs. Perry died on Saturday May 15, 2010, after an extended illness. The funeral service was on May 18, 2010 in Bourbonnais, Illinois.

. . . the family of Mrs. Thelma Phillips, mother of **Rev. Terrell (Charlotte) Bodenhorn** and grandmother of **Stacey Clay (Randy)**, who passed on May 29 in Tipton, Indiana. The funeral was June 2.

. . . the family of Ivan D. Fortney, father of **Rev. Dan (Dorene) Fortney** (Pleasant View), who passed away on Saturday, June 19. The funeral was held on June 23 in Newburg, West Virginia.