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Florence Baptist Association, December 2017 - January 2018



Prayer Corner :

Please include the following prayer needs on your prayer lists and in your prayer times.

Churches without Pastors:

*Calvary, LC
Elim
Florence First
Northside Chapel
Rehoboth
Union*

New Work:

New Covenant

CLC Program

*Financial Support
Expansion to Lake
City*

Good News Clubs!

*More volunteers as
GNC expands to
other School
Districts; Financial
Assistance*

Family Promise

Financial Support

Hispanic Ministry

As December arrives, I want to share some coming mission trip opportunities with you. We are trying to see who is interested in a March 17-24 trip to Corinto, Nicaragua. Last August, we had a team of five along with two from Maryland and some locals that initiated the beginnings of Special Needs Ministry in Nicaragua. There are no special skills needed for this trip. Medical, special education experience, or children's ministry experience would be helpful. Generally a love for people and a desire to help will allow you to plug in easily. The cost is projected at \$1,600.00 and includes everything except airport food. Lodging is comfortable in a gated and guarded mission compound and our neighbors in the Welch Neck Association (Darlington / Hartsville) have had a relationship with this ministry for years! Remember a valid passport is needed. Please contact me to answer your questions and let me know of your interest. In addition to the March trip, an early August trip is also a possibility.

We are also looking at a possible Spring Break Trip to Ohio. April 2 – 7 with Monday and Saturday travel with a Tuesday – Friday work week in between. This would include construction and possible sports camp/outreach event! This would include all ages 12 and up. Please contact me for more

information. There is also an opportunity there if you would like to do a trip for your church only.

I would like to thank the Personnel Committee of the FBA for encouraging and allowing me to serve, even in a very limited role, First Baptist Florence for the last few months. I believe it has worked out well for all parties and has given me an opportunity to be a practitioner of those things I often encourage pastors to do. While it has been a joy getting to know the First Baptist Family, it has limited me being in the rest of the churches. I look forward to seeing you all in the year to come!

I pray a blessing on each of you as individuals and as congregations through this Christmas and New Year's celebration. I wish you a very Christ filled and Merry Christmas and a Spirit Filled and prosperous New Year!

Looking forward,

Chris

Human Trafficking Community Awareness Event

February 1, 2018 - 6:30 pm
Calvary Baptist Church

For 5th grade through adults
For teens, adults, healthcare workers, law enforcement, etc.

GUEST Speaker: Jenn Thompson,
Executive Director for Lighthouse for Life

Jenn's mission is to draw awareness to today's epidemic of sex trafficking and to help rescue it's victims.

FREE Childcare provided for nursery through 4th grade.
Please RSVP by Monday, January 29 to Louanne Stewart at 843.662.5921 or fbalouanne@sc.rr.com if childcare is requested.

Go Serve! Children's Ministry Day

February 10, 2018 - 9:30 am
Ebenezer Baptist Youth Assembly Building
Pancake Breakfast will be served!

This event is for ALL children - GA's, RA's, CIA's. Awana members! We will be honoring our Veterans and learning to Go Serve! Please invite your Veteran to come with your children. RSVP to Marcia Watkins at Ebenezer 843.669.1802 by January 31, 2018.

We will be packing bags to take to the Veterans Center in Florence so please bring items for either of the following:

Snack Bags

Fruit Cups
Nutri Grain Bars
Nabs
Peanut Butter Snack Cups

Health Kits

Shampoo
Soap & Washcloths
Deodorant
Toothpaste & Toothbrush



Hebron Baptist Church Disaster Relief Cooking Unit

This past year the Hebron Cooking Units has been busy and blessed

Our year started out with hurricane Matthew. We responded to Hoffmeyer Road Baptist Church and set up our cooking unit. We worked hand in hand with the Red Cross and cooked for 10 days. Cooking for as many as 5000 people per meal. After we closed up at Hoffmeyer Road we went to Johnsonville and cooked for volunteers cleaning up after the SC flood. We had the honor of cooking for the college students that helped during their spring break on Rebuild SC. We cooked for three weeks feeding 560 students a total of 872 working hours.

On March 18 we cooked for the disaster relief training class at Calvary Baptist Church. We feed 212 people who took the training classes. We finished in June with the re-build SC volunteers.

On September 20th our team was called to Houston, Texas to cook for Hurricane Harvey efforts. We had a total of 5 from our Hebron team respond and 15 from other parts of SC. We cooked for 3 days totaling 17,884 meals.

There are so many ways you can live out your faith. Christ calls us to do so much more then to be content with attending church a couple times a week. He calls us to get to know Him better, but also to tell others about Him. Disaster Relief work gives us the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ. We as a team have received so many blessing this year. Continue to remember us in your prayers as we respond to where we are needed.

If you are interested in training for any Disaster Relief team the next training will be March 17 in Walterboro and April 21 in Easley, SC.



On Saturday, November 11th, Sparrow Swamp Baptist Church, in partnership with On Mission with Our Lord Ministry, located in Knoxville, TN, packed 10,000 meals to feed the children in Nicaragua. This was the third year of the partnership. The meals consisted of proteins, vitamins, chicken veggies, and rice. Each pack will serve six children. While on a recent trip to Nicaragua, Pastor Stan Sullivan and several others were able to see how the meals were prepared and used. For more information on how you can be involved, contact Rev. Stan Sullivan.

Dec. 2017

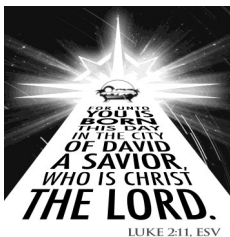
- 3-10 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions
7 Minister's and Spouse Christmas Social; FBA; 6:30 pm
22-29 Christmas Holidays; FBA Closed

Jan. 2018

- 1 New Year's Holiday; FBA Office Closed
9 Ministers Conf; FBA; 11:30 am
18 Executive Committee Mtg; FBA; 11:30 am

Feb. 2018

- 1 Human Trafficking Awareness Event
10 Children's Ministry Day



Merry Christmas from the Florence Baptist Association Staff!
Chris, Louanne & Connie

We Are Grateful! October Contributions

Church	Oct.	Budget YTD
Ariel	.00	749.30
Bethel	.00	400.00
Beulah	.00	.00
Calvary	1,058.74	13,019.70
Calvary, Lake City	.00	1,800.00
Cartersville	.00	2,051.55
College Park	305.95	3,848.25
Coward	50.00	500.00
Ebenezer	2,176.40	11,389.74
Elim	666.47	6,664.70
Evergreen	961.61	4,442.11
Florence 1st	500.00	4,338.95
Grace	917.80	9,809.49
Greenwood	659.22	7,758.45
Hebron	200.00	1,325.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,264.98	15,538.21
Immanuel	973.08	7,219.38
Kingsburg	.00	500.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	6,000.00
Mizpah	101.89	1,189.10
Mt. Zion	600.00	2,400.00
New Covenant	75.00	525.00
New Hope	.00	75.00
Northgate	296.08	3,172.97
Northside Chapel	.00	1,200.00
Oakdale	261.20	3,284.21
Pamplico 1st	.00	4,650.35
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	.00	900.00
Quinby	141.90	1,726.56
Rehoboth	.00	250.00
Ridgecrest	555.00	6,248.82
Sardis	862.50	3,450.00
South Florence	.00	1,974.65
Southside	1,586.91	18,415.40
Sparrow Swamp	870.96	7,228.01
Timmonsville 1st	.00	600.00
Union	1,244.55	5,518.71
Unity	.00	1,440.04
Willow Creek	107.13	1,251.97

TOTALS 16,437.37 162,855.62

Support Associational Missions

Think - -
3% Basic
4% Glory
5% Hallelujah

December Birthdays

- 2 Rev. Brian Lynn (MY) Calvary
4 Rev. Stan Sullivan (P), Sparrow Swamp
12 Rev. Bill Green (P), Hebron
26 Rev. Jay Perez (AP), Southside
27 Rev. Landon Reynolds (MM), Calvary

December Anniversaries

- 5 David (P) & Diana Wike, Ebenezer
29 Henry & Genelle, retired FBA

Around the Association

Beulah....Has called Rev. David Scammel as pastor. We welcome Rev. Scammel and his family to our association.

Ministers Conference...The next Minister's Conference will be held on Tuesday, January 9th at 11:30 am. Cost of meal will be \$5. Chris Smith will be sharing resources on Conflict Management.

Annual Session Celebration Mission

Offering was sent to the Fanning Springs Community Church who received damage during Hurricane Irma. Below is a thank you letter we received from the church.

Dear Florence Baptist Association Churches:

We have been overwhelmed and are overjoyed at the GENEROUS and sacrificial gift you have blessed our church with. It is with very humble hearts that we received this awesome act of kindness. We are so thankful that our Lord would lay this need upon our brothers and sisters over 400 miles away. What a powerful witness to the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus has displayed through the people of faith (SC Baptists) in the greater Florence area! Our congregation has been refreshed by the outpouring of your unselfish generosity. What makes this even more incredible is that this gift flows out of believers who have also experienced suffering from storm damage in your area. We pray that the Lord will continue to pour out His rich blessings upon the churches and ministries in the Florence, SC area. David Jones in behalf of FSCC