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*Florence Baptist Association, March 2017*



## ***Prayer Corner :***

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

### ***Churches without Pastors:***

*Florence First  
Northside Chapel  
Peniel  
Rehoboth  
Union*

### ***New Work:***

*Hispanic Ministry  
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  
Families served  
Vehicles for Families*

Last month I wrote about transition. Well here it is the middle of February and it feels like we have already transitioned to spring. Don't put your long sleeves away just yet. I remember snow falling in March before, and the winds of March are often colder than any other time of the year. Remember even though it might feel like April or May, it is just February or March (by the time you read this).

This leads me to some thoughts on "feels like". Feelings can often fool you. What feels right is often wrong and what feels wrong is often right. This can also lead us to be like, Paul said in Romans 7:15, "I don't understand what I do. I don't do what I want to do. Instead, I do what I hate to do". Now while feelings can certainly be the right emotions that we would have as a believer, as directed by living life in the Spirit, there are also emotions born out of the flesh. Feelings and emotions that come from a Spirit filled life, that are in accordance with the council of His word, are always right. Feelings born out of the flesh are always wrong.

So what is the cure for this problem? Romans 7:25 "I give thanks to God who saves me. He saves me through Jesus Christ our Lord". The ultimate cure is new life in Christ thru the grace He bestows upon us. What about the every day treatment of the conflicted nature of the old and the new, the flesh and the Spirit, how do we treat

the symptoms? Bible study, prayer, worship, and accountability all work to suppress that old nature that we can struggle with. If we hide God's Word in our heart and mind, it can come forth when we are tempted to be subject to our "fleshly feelings". We "have not because we ask not", ask God in prayer to give you strength and discipline to know the truth. If we ask on truth and not feelings, we make right choices. Worship keeps us tuned in and reminded of God's holiness, goodness and grace. As for being accountable, a cord of many strands is always stronger.

Just as you don't trust how the weather feels when you look at the calendar, don't trust how you may feel when you look at the Word of God. The Spirit filled life will always be lead to truth and discipline.

Remember in your prayers the 200 plus students working in the Johnsonville and Hemmingway areas during the month of March. Also remember Disaster Relief Training on March 18 at Calvary Baptist Church.

Chris

## **Clay Shoot Benefit for Good News Club**

March 11, 2017  
Black River Sporting Clays  
Kingstree, SC



There will be a **Clay Shoot Benefit for Good News Clubs on Saturday, March 11 at Black Creek Sporting Clays in Kingstree, SC.** Cost is \$100 per shooter (almost half of that goes to Black Creek Sporting Clays). You can enter as an individual or part of a 3 person team. There will be drawings for 2 Beretta A300 Camouflage 12 Gauge shotguns, as well as door prizes and a silent auction. Drawing tickets will be \$20 each and they are good for both drawings and you do not have to be present to win. You can purchase tickets from the FBA office. Registration information is available online at the FBA website - [www.florenceba.org](http://www.florenceba.org) under the events tab!

For more information contact Ron Pruitt, 843.495.3315.



## **Disaster Relief Training**

March 18, 2017  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Cost: \$50 for new volunteers  
\$35 for returning volunteers

This event provides training for those interested in meeting needs after a disaster. Classes are offered in the various ministry areas of disaster relief: Assessment of Needs, Introduction to Chaplaincy, Children's Response Teams, Communications, Feeding, Fire Response (ash-out), Chainsaw, Flood Response (mud-out), Rebuild, Shower/Laundry, and Administration. Additionally, an "Introduction to Disaster Relief" class is required of all volunteers. The day of training will include three class times, a general session, and lunch.

**BONUS:** An optional class session will be available on Friday evening (at no additional charge) for those that register for the Saturday training.

To register go to [scbaptist.org](http://scbaptist.org) and click on Calendar. Then go to March 18 and click.



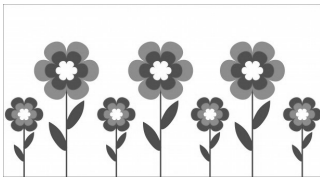
**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
North American  
Missions**

March 5-12, 2017 | Goal: \$70 Million



**WMU Spring Meeting  
“Inspire”  
April 6, 2017  
Lake City First Baptist**

6:00 pm - Meal  
7:00 pm - Conference



**NAMB Collegiate Blitz  
Johnsonville SC  
March 4-23, 2017**

Johnsonville First Baptist and Hemingway First Baptist will be hosting sites for 3 weeks of college students that will be coming in to try to finish up the disaster relief work from the 2015 flood. The students will arrive on Saturday and leave Thursday morning. There are several ways that you can be involved:

- Pray for safety of the students as they travel and as they work.
- Pray that the lives of the students and the residents will be impacted for the Kingdom of God.
- Runners are needed all three weeks. This will involve picking up supplies and taking them to the work sites, running errands, etc. A pickup truck is preferred. If you can help contact Chris Smith at 843.662.5921. Times needed - March 4-8; March 11-15; March 18-22

The week of March 18-22 help is needed in the kitchen to help prepare the meals. The menus are already planned and items purchased. They just need man power to prepare the meals which will be served at Johnsonville First Baptist Church. If you can help with this, please contact the FBA office 843.662.5921. Times needed:

Saturday March 18		3 pm – 8 pm
Sunday March 19	6 am – 10 am	4 pm – 8 pm
Monday March 20	6 am – 10 am	4 pm – 8 pm
Tuesday March 21	6 am – 10 am	4 pm – 8 pm
Wednesday March 22	6 am – 10 am	4 pm – 8 pm

**March 2017**

- 4 Closet Ministry; Calvary; 9:15 am
- 5-12 Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- 7 Ministers Conf.; FBA; 11:30 am
- 11 CEF Clay Shoot
- 18 Disaster Relief Training; Calvary

**April 2017**

- 6 WMU Spring Meeting; Lake City First; 6:00 meal; 7:00 pm Conference
- 14 Good Friday; FBA Closed
- 16 Easter Sunday
- 20 Executive Committee Mting FBA; 11:30 am
- 22 Family Promise FamilyFest; Calvary

**May 2017**

- 4 Christian Learning Center Banquet; 1st Presbyterian; 6:30 pm
- 14 Mother's Day
- 29 Memorial Day; FBA Closed

**Christian Sympathy** is expressed to the family of Rev. Norman (Skinner) McKee. Rev. McKee served as a Baptist Pastor for sixty years in the Florence and Darlington area.

**We Are Grateful!  
January Contributions**

Church	Jan.	Budget YTD
Ariel	41.00	41.00
Bethel	.00	.00
Beulah	.00	.00
Calvary	1,695.45	1,695.45
Calvary, Lake City	.00	.00
Cartersville	.00	.00
College Park	517.76	517.76
Coward	50.00	50.00
Ebenezer	1,106.85	1,106.85
Elim	666.47	664.47
Evergreen	542.77	542.77
Florence 1st	30.98	30.98
Grace	1,004.43	1,004.43
Greenwood	874.03	874.03
Hebron	125.00	125.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	.00	.00
Immanuel	.00	.00
Kingsburg	.00	.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	3,000.00	3,000.00
Mizpah	111.35	111.35
Mt. Zion	600.00	600.00
New Covenant	.00	.00
New Hope	.00	.00
Northgate	357.46	357.46
Northside Chapel	.00	.00
Oakdale	543.16	543.16
Pamplico 1st	2,255.75	2,255.75
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	.00	.00
Quinby	143.50	143.50
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	.00	.00
Sardis	.00	.00
South Florence	.00	.00
Southside	2,129.85	2,129.85
Sparrow Swamp	717.82	717.82
Timmonsville 1st	200.00	200.00
Union	1,209.16	1,209.16
Unity	.00	.00
Willow Creek	191.48	191.48

**TOTALS** 18,114.27 18,114.27

**Support Associational Missions**

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

**March Birthdays**

- 10 Rev. Howard Starks, retired
- 13 Rev. Howard Allen, (P), South Florence
- 20 Rev. Shane Patrick (P), Lake City First

**March Anniversaries**

- 20 Burl & Teresa (Children's Director) Godwin, Southside
- 21 David (P) Connie George, Cartersville

**Around the Association**

**Ministers Conference...**Will be held on Tuesday, March 7 at 11:30 am. Lunch will be provided for a cost of \$5 per person.

**Southside...** Has called Rev. Lucas Cunningham as pastor. We welcome Rev. Cunningham and his wife, Kim, and their three children to our association.

**Southside...**Is looking for a part time Ministry Assistant. Qualifications: good computer skills, proficient in Microsoft Word, publisher and PowerPoint and can work 25-29 hours per week. They would be responsible for the weekly and monthly newsletters, (print and email) as well as secretarial/receptionist duties. Resumes may be mailed to Southside Baptist Church at 1356 Pineland Dr., Florence, 29505 or brought by the church. They can also be emailed to Brenda Jordan, Business Administrator at [bjordan@southsidebaptist.org](mailto:bjordan@southsidebaptist.org).

**Ministry Health Kits  
Due June 30, 2017**

Health Kits are due in the associational office on Friday, June 30th. Please include the following items in a **two gallon zip lock bag**.

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| 1 toothpaste (6 oz)        | 1 washcloth  |
| 1 toothbrush               | 1 bath towel |
| 1 soap (4.5 oz. bath size) | 1 comb       |

