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Prayer Corner :

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

Churches without Pastors:

Beulah
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

Well a thank you and an apology are in order. I would like to thank you all for coming out to the annual session last month. We obviously had the largest number in attendance of the six since I have been here. Thanks to the youth leaders for bringing your youth out and this is where the apology comes in. I certainly apologize for promising and under delivering. When the NGU Life Answers Team bus broke down, when and where it did, there was no way to get them here. It was very unfortunate but the kids seemed to really enjoy hearing from Alex McFarland, the snacks and "hanging out" in the gym. We had over 120 youth and adults leaders.

We had a great time of worship at First Baptist Florence and I also thank them for being a gracious host. What a joy to have over 300 in the same building during the annual session. As always Landon Reynolds did a great job of leading our worship. We had an extra treat hearing from Dr. Danny Nicholson, from Connie Maxwell Children's home. Also congratulations to Calvary, First Lake City, and Union for receiving awards for giving to Connie Maxwell. Alex McFarland was used of God to call us to prayer and revival!

While I have been enjoying being with

First Florence for this brief time as their "Interim," it has kept me from being in the churches as I usually would. I thank you for allowing this to happen as an Association seeking to care for each other. Some of our churches are struggling to reach people in our current culture. While methods change, love, service, and concern for the lost, will always reap an ultimate harvest for the Kingdom of God. Please be encouraging to each other and sister churches as we seek a new zeal for being and expanding the Kingdom of God.

I hope and pray each of you and your congregations have a wonderful season of Thanksgiving. "Give thanks unto the Lord for _____". We can fill the blank with many things we are thankful for. Share it with others as a way to start a gospel conversation!

Looking forward,

Chris

Save the Dates

Human Trafficking Community Awareness Event

Thursday, February 1, 2018

6:30 pm

Calvary Baptist Church

For 5th grade through adults

Childcare by reservation for children up through 4th grade
For teens, adults, healthcare workers, law enforcement, etc.

More details soon! Pass the word.

Children's Ministry Day

Saturday, February 10, 2018

9:30 am

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Pancake Breakfast will be served!

This is for ALL children – GA's, RA's, CIA's, Awana members – ALL Children. The theme will be "Go Serve" and there will be an emphasis on respecting the flag and patriotism. More details are being confirmed.

We really want to emphasize that this is for ALL children – boys and girls first – sixth grade. PLEASE put this on your calendar and SAVE THE DATE!

Ministers and Spouse Christmas Social

December 7, 2017

FBA Office

6:30 pm Cost: \$20

Guest Speaker: Pastor Diomededs Sanitlez

Diomededs Sanitlez, Nicaraguan pastor, will be our guest speaker for the Ministers and Spouse Christmas Social. Diomededs, living in extreme poverty, became the pastor of a small congregation. He had a great vision for reaching Nicaragua with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but no resources. Hurricane Mitch devastated Central American and especially the sleepy little town of Somotillo.

Back in the United States, Southern Baptist are gearing up for Disaster Relief efforts. A church in Bowe Maryland connected to the area, and as they say, "the rest is history". Since then, the Opportunity Mountain Mission has been driven and funded by God, through the work of Pastor Diomededs, Steven and Silvia Weatherby and a host of volunteers from Maryland, South Carolina, and beyond. The results: over 35 churches even reaching into Honduras, a radio station reaching Central American, a medical clinic, a pastor's school, a farm to reach and improve living conditions and much more.

Come join us for an evening of good food, fellowship, and hear our guest share from his heart.

**Tidal Wave Fundraiser
for Christian Learning Center**



The CLC classes and board members will be selling Tidal Wave Car Wash tickets. Tickets are available at the FBA Office for \$10. The ticket is good for the \$20 car wash and they are good for a year. These tickets make great stocking stuffers and great teacher gifts! Start your Christmas Shopping early and help CLC at the same time. For more information call 843.662.5921.

2017 Christmas Prisoner Packets

One **Black** non-retractable pen
(no wire clip and no other color pen)

One junior legal writing tablet
(no larger than 5" x 8" and **no wire bound**)

One Adult Toothbrush
(Individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)

Five First-Class #10 Stamp
Embossed Envelopes (Purchased at USPO)

Two Rolls of Candy
(LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers type)

One 3.2-6 oz. Bar of Soap (no travel size)

One 4-6 oz. Toothpaste

Please place items in a one gallon zip lock bag and bring to FBA Office on Nov. 27, 2017.

Nov. 2017

- 6 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 7-8 SC Baptist Annual Meeting; Shandon Baptist Church
- 13-20 OCC Shoe Box Collection Dates; Calvary
- 22-24 **Thanksgiving Holidays; FBA Closed**
- 27 Prisoner Bags due in FBA Office

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

The FBA Office will be closed November 22-24, 2017 for Thanksgiving Holiday.



**We Are Grateful!
September Contributions**

Church	Sept.	Budget YTD
Ariel	74.00	749.30
Bethel	.00	400.00
Beulah	.00	.00
Calvary	1,207.01	11,960.96
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	1,800.00
Cartersville	661.40	2,051.55
College Park	473.35	3,542.30
Coward	50.00	450.00
Ebenezer	1,167.11	9,213.34
Elim	666.47	5,998.23
Evergreen	.00	3,480.50
Florence 1st	.00	3,838.95
Grace	967.35	8,891.69
Greenwood	654.93	7,099.23
Hebron	125.00	1,125.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,438.07	14,273.23
Immanuel	816.95	6,246.30
Kingsburg	.00	500.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	6,000.00
Mizpah	108.29	1,087.21
Mt. Zion	.00	1,800.00
New Covenant	60.00	450.00
New Hope	.00	75.00
Northgate	290.50	2,876.89
Northside Chapel	.00	1,200.00
Oakdale	547.05	3,023.01
Pamplico 1st	.00	4,650.35
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	300.00	900.00
Quinby	.00	1,584.66
Rehoboth	250.00	250.00
Ridgecrest	.00	5,693.82
Sardis	.00	2,587.50
South Florence	500.00	1,974.65
Southside	1,734.22	16,828.49
Sparrow Swamp	707.86	6,357.05
Timmonsville 1st	.00	600.00
Union	.00	4,274.16
Unity	.00	1,440.04
Willow Creek	.00	1,144.84
TOTALS	12,749.56	146,418.25

Support Associational Missions

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

November Birthdays

- 1 Rev. Burton Welsh (P), Sardis
- 10 Rev. Cleve Calcutt (AP), Greenwood
- 16 Mrs. Teresa Godwin (C Dir), Southside

November Anniversaries

- 19 Dwight (P) & Bernadette Elijah, New Covenant
- 19 Jim (P) & Jennifer Grigg, South Florence
- 22 Bo (P) & Dee Treadway, New Hope
- 22 Eddie (P) & BJ Pettit, Evergreen

Around the Association

Ministers Conference...Due to the South Carolina Baptist Annual Conference, a November Ministers Conf. will not be held. Please make plans to attend our Ministers and Spouse Christmas Social on Thursday, December 7th.

Ebenezer...The Ball Brothers will be in concert on Sunday, November 5th. FREE ADMISSION. Love Offering will be received to go toward their building fund. Call 843.669.1802 for more information.

Grace...Recognizing the hand of God in the planning and construction as well as having been graciously prospered by God to finish the work within His providence without incurring indebtedness. Grace Baptist Church dedicated their Community Life Center to the glory of God on Sunday, October 15, 2017.

South Florence...Has called Rev. Jim Grigg as pastor. We welcome Rev. Grigg, his wife Jennifer, and their family to our association.

**Baptist Women's
World Day of Prayer
Nov. 6, 2017**

"When We Arise Communities are TRANSFORMED" Romans 12:2

Several churches will be open on Nov. 6th for those who wish to pray for our nation.

Sparrow Swamp 8 am - 6 pm
Florence First 11 am - 2 pm