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Florence Baptist Association, October 2017



## 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

We are looking forward to our Annual Inspirational Meeting on Sunday, October 8, 6:00 PM at First Florence. Alex McFarland and the Life Answers Team from North Greenville University will be with us. Youth will meet in the Fellowship hall, and the adults will be in the sanctuary. Alex will be with the youth and then introduce the Life Answers Team before joining us in the sanctuary. Other than looking forward to hearing from Alex McFarland concerning our current generations, we will hear from our new Connie Maxwell Children's Home President, Dr. Danny Nicholson. He will be making a presentation to several of our churches. Please join us for a great night!

There is a slight uneasy feeling that comes to me as we near October. As you well know the flood of October 2015 and Matthew of October 2016, come to my mind. We are thankful that our area has been spared so far this year. We had a feeding team from our Hebron feeding unit; go to Houston on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Others across the state have responded also. Much of the response going forward will be the great need for mudding out homes and rebuilding. We will send out information about specific possibilities as they are given to us. Also, many times there will be some relationships

between pastors and/or churches that will give them special opportunities to minister in a specific area.

If you as an individual, or a church group, do a disaster relief trip, please let us know at the FBA office. We would love to keep a record of how we have responded. Monetary donations are always helpful and don't have to be transported. You can contribute through the SC Baptist Convention and/or your Florence Baptist Association.

Looking forward,

Chris

Disaster Relief Training  
October 13-14, 2017  
White Oak Conference Center

New Volunteers: \$50  
Returning Volunteers: \$35

For more information regarding lodging or to register please contact the SCBC.



# YOU ARE INVITED!

## The Florence Baptist Association Invites You To Attend Our Annual Inspirational Meeting

Sunday, October 8, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

Florence First Baptist  
Featuring **Alex McFarland**

As a speaker, writer and advocate for Christian apologetics, Alex McFarland has spoken in hundreds of locations throughout the US and abroad. He has preached in over 1,500 difference churches throughout North America and internationally. In a 2009 story, CNN said, "Alex McFarland is an expert on world religion and cults." Beginning in 1991, Alex pioneered apologetics conference formats designed to equip teens and adults to defend their faith.

**ALL TEENS are invited to hear the**  
Life Answers Team  
October 8 at 6 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall of Florence First  
Snacks will be served!

**ATTENTION STUDENTS!**

The Student Life Answers Team from North Greenville University will be leading a discussion just for teenagers. The Student Life Answers Team builds faith and trust in God through a deeper understanding of scripture. This will help our students gain confidence to take on "the tough questions" they are confronted with on a daily basis.

**Youth Pastors as highly encouraged to bring your youth group to this event to help start conversation on some of these tough questions!!!**

**Tidal Wave Fundraiser for Christian Learning Center** – The CLC classes will be selling Tidal Wave Car Wash tickets during the month of October. 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.

**Fair Ministry Events** – October 10-14

Tuesday, October 10; 11:30 am – 1 pm – Chicken bog lunch  
 Wednesday, October 11; 9:30 am – 12:30 pm – Hair Cuts, children’s ministry, eyeglasses, donuts and coffee, family photographs  
 Friday, October 13; 9:30 am biscuit breakfast; 10 am – 11:30 am FREE Yard sale – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (Yard Sale Items are due at the FBA by Monday, October 9 or before.)  
 Saturday, October 14 – Snack Sacks will be delivered when the fair closes about 1 am. If you would like to go and help hand out the bags, please contact Louanne for details.

**Operation Christmas Child  
 National Collection Week  
 November 13-20, 2017**



Calvary Baptist Church will serve as the Central Collection Center for this region. They are in need of volunteers to help at the collection center. They will take individuals but would really appreciate churches that will volunteer to bring a group of 8-10 people. It is really a lot of fun and all the hard work is for such a worthy cause. They will always have Calvary volunteers there, but they like to involve as many churches as possible so the message of OCC gets out in the community.

Volunteers are needed:

- Monday, November 13; 4 pm – 7 pm
- Tuesday, November 14; 4 pm – 7 pm
- Wednesday, November 15; 4 pm – 7 pm
- Thursday, November 16; 4 pm – 7 pm
- Friday, November 17; 4 pm – 7 pm
- Saturday, November 18; 11 am – 1 pm
- Sunday, November 19; 2 pm – 5 pm
- Monday, November 20; 10 am – 6 pm

Please call Louanne at 662.5921 if your church, small group, Sunday School class, etc. would like to help!

If your church does NOT pack shoe boxes, you are highly encouraged to start packing some this year. It’s not too late. This is such a simple way to teach children how to give to those that are less fortunate than they are. It’s a great FAMILY MISSION PROJECT. If you need more information about specifics you can go to [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).

**Oct. 2017**

- 7 Bliss Ball
- 8 FBA Annual Celebration; Florence First; 6:30 pm
- 9 Stefano's for CEF
- 10-14 Fair Ministry
- 21 Aging with Joy & Grace Conf. ; Ebenezer; 8:30 am

**Nov. 2017**

- 13-20 OCC Shoe Box Collection Dates; Calvary
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Holidays; FBA Closed
- 27 Prisoner Bags due in FBA Office

**Dec. 2017**

- 7 Minister's and Spouse Christmas Social; FBA; 6:30 pm
- 22-29 Christmas Holidays; FBA Closed

**Ministers and Spouse Christmas Social**

December 7, 2017  
 FBA Office  
 6:30 pm  
 Cost: \$20

Guest Speaker:  
 Diomededs Sanitlez  
 Nicaraguan Pastor

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**Christian Sympathy** is expressed to Rev. Nathan Neighbors and his family in the death of his Mother.

**We Are Grateful!  
 August Contributions**

Church	August	Budget YTD
Ariel	112.30	675.30
Bethel	.00	400.00
Beulah	.00	.00
Calvary	1,281.49	10,753.95
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	1,600.00
Cartersville	.00	1,390.15
College Park	.00	3,068.95
Coward	50.00	400.00
Ebenezer	.00	8,046.23
Elim	666.47	5,331.76
Evergreen	456.79	3,480.50
Florence 1st	500.00	3,838.95
Grace	1,121.35	7,924.34
Greenwood	880.03	6,444.30
Hebron	125.00	1,000.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,762.50	12,835.16
Immanuel	724.76	5,429.35
Kingsburg	.00	500.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	3,000.00	6,000.00
Mizpah	151.39	978.92
Mt. Zion	.00	1,800.00
New Covenant	.00	390.00
New Hope	.00	75.00
Northgate	358.73	2,586.39
Northside Chapel	.00	1,200.00
Oakdale	.00	2,475.96
Pamplico 1st	.00	4,650.35
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	.00	600.00
Quinby	295.70	1,584.66
Rehoboth	250.00	250.00
Ridgecrest	1,504.20	5,693.82
Sardis	.00	2,587.50
South Florence	.00	1,474.65
Southside	2,244.91	15,094.27
Sparrow Swamp	716.93	5,649.19
Timmons ville 1st	.00	600.00
Union	.00	4,274.16
Unity	479.56	1,440.04
Willow Creek	126.10	1,144.84
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17,008.21</b>	<b>133,668.69</b>

**Support Associational Missions**

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

**October Birthdays**

- 11 Rev. Charles Pittman (P), Immanuel
- 18 Rev. Leo Carter, Alianzo
- 19 Rev. W. L. Collins, retired

**October Anniversaries**

- 2 Bryan (YM) & Lisa Lynn, Calvary
- 13 Jerry & Arlene Aiken, retired

**Around the Association**

**Ministers Conference...**Due to the FBA Annual Inspirational Meeting, an October Ministers Conf. will not be held. Please make plans to attend our Ministers and Spouse Christmas Social on Thursday, December 7th.

**Peniel...**Eighth Annual Tractor Show; Saturday, Oct. 28th, 9 am - 3 pm. Fun for the entire family. Tractors, Classic Cars, Children's Activities, Live Music, Bake Sale, Food and Drinks. Fall Festival to follow at 5 pm.

**THE JADE BRIDGE...**will host a Pancake Fund Raiser at Fatz Restaurant on Saturday, October 21st from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Adult Tickets - \$10; Child Tickets - \$6. Tickets are available at the FBA Office. The Jade Bridge helps adoptive families, single parent homes and special needs families walk through the challenges of life together.

**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.