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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
South Florence
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

Summer has gone! By the time you read this the eclipse will be gone, and most if not all of August. From August 6 – 12 a small team from the FBA went to Nicaragua. We were able to get a grasp of the Opportunity Mountain Mission. It consists of: a radio station, medical clinic, farm, training for and a network of Pastors. There are two mission houses, two missionaries that make sure teams are transported, housed, fed, and kept busy. All of this from one man seeking God and being faithful to carry out the vision he was given.

While there we were able to train pastors, preach in their churches, and work with children with special needs and their parents. Thanks to Tom Brown, interim pastor of Union. He has been involved in this ministry for 15 years and led our trip. We will be praying about future opportunities for missions with this ministry. It is a relatively easy and inexpensive international mission trip with many different opportunities for ministry.

Our annual meeting is quickly approaching. Please mark October 8th on your calendars for the FBA annual meeting. We ask if you typically have Sunday night service cancel that night and join us as we worship and hear from Alex McFarland concerning the church reaching the younger genera-

tions. He will be accompanied by a group of students from North Greenville University who will share with us. I encourage all adults and youth to come and join us for this special opportunity!

Looking Forward,

Chris

Florence Baptist Association 128th Annual Inspirational Meeting

with
Rev. Alex McFarland

Sunday, October 8, 2017

6:00 pm

Florence First Baptist

We are honored to have with us 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 different churches through out North America and internationally, and has been featured at conferences such as The Billy Graham School of Evangelism, Focus On The Family's Big Dig, Josh McDowell's True Foundations events, California's Spirit West Coast, and many more.

In a 2009 story, CNN said, "Alex McFarland is an expert on world religions and cults." Beginning in 1991, Alex pioneered apologetics conference formats designed to equip teens and adults to defend their faith. Attendees of all ages began to attend Alex's "Truth For A New Generation" events. Eagerly learning from scholars such as Josh McDowell, Ravi Zacharias, Lee Strobel, Chuck Colson, and others.

Also, we will be having a Student Life Answers Team from North Greenville University, co-led by Drs. Tony Beam and Alex McFarland. LAT builds faith and trust in God through a deeper understanding of scripture and an exploration of past and present Christian thinkers. As students gain confidence to take on "the tough questions", they are presented with opportunities to speak to a wide variety of audiences, sharing the good news and in some instances, going unscripted for a "live" Q & A.



Alex McFarland

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M*A*R*C*H - Real Talk For Men

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017
6:30 - 8:45 pm
BCM Building @ Francis Marion University
200 Evander Drive, Florence

Speakers:

Michael Hiltibidal; Ed Behling
Eddy Dowling; Jimbo Hawkins

Cost: \$10 (or whatever you have)
Food: Hawaiian Rolls & BBQ

For more information contact
Chris Cawthon at 843.229.3951

Proceeds go to Tenacious Grace

**Bring-A-Kid
Race Day!**

September 2, 2017
Darlington Race Track
\$20

Event Schedule:
Rally at 11:00 am
Race at 3:30 pm

For more information, or to
order tickets call Vicki Gilbert
at 843.395.8857.

**Family Night Out
Outdoor Family Concert**

Sardis Baptist Church Activity Center
September 16, 2017 - 6:00 - 8:30 pm
\$10 - 13 and over 12 and under - free

*Daniel Daughtry
The Rivertown Boys
One Focus*

**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 US Post Office)

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 November 27, 2017..

Sept. 2017

- 2 Bring-A-Kid Race Day; Darlington Raceway
- 4 **Labor Day; FBA Office Closed**
- 7 **M*A*R*C*H** 6:30 pm; BCM Building
- 12 **Minister's Conf.;** FBA; 11:30 am
- 16 **Family Night Out** Concert; Sardis; 6:00 pm
- 17 **WorldCrafts** Party; Calvary; 3:30-4:30 pm
- 19 **WMU Fall** Training; Florence 1st; 6:30 pm
- 21 **CEF Presents An** Evening of Praise
- 30 **Cardboard Box** City

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
- 23-24 **Thanksgiving** Holidays; **FBA Closed**
- 27 **Prisoner Bags** due in FBA Office

**We Are Grateful!
July Contributions**

Church	July	Budget YTD
Ariel	81.00	563.00
Bethel	200.00	400.00
Beulah	.00	.00
Calvary	1,204.88	9,472.46
Calvary, Lake City	400.00	1,400.00
Cartersville	.00	1,390.15
College Park	484.75	3,068.95
Coward	50.00	350.00
Ebenezer	1,752.01	8,046.23
Elim	666.47	4,665.29
Evergreen	917.94	3,023.71
Florence 1st	3,057.97	3,338.95
Grace	923.61	6,802.99
Greenwood	846.52	5,564.27
Hebron	125.00	875.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,392.91	11,072.66
Immanuel	564.92	4,704.59
Kingsburg	.00	500.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	3,000.00
Mizpah	111.64	827.53
Mt. Zion	600.00	1,800.00
New Covenant	70.00	390.00
New Hope	.00	75.00
Northgate	282.42	2,227.66
Northside Chapel	.00	1,200.00
Oakdale	987.30	2,475.96
Pamplico 1st	.00	4,650.35
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	.00	600.00
Quinby	169.38	1,288.96
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	.00	4,189.62
Sardis	862.50	2,587.50
South Florence	.00	1,474.65
Southside	1,657.82	12,849.36
Sparrow Swamp	541.97	4,932.26
Timmonsville 1st	200.00	600.00
Union	3,065.00	4,274.16
Unity	.00	960.48
Willow Creek	113.47	1,018.74
TOTALS	21,329.48	116,660.48

Support Associational Missions

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

September Birthdays

- 8 Rev. Eddie Stewart (AP), Calvary
- 13 Rev. Rick Schubert (P), Mizpah
- 14 Rev. Steece Hayes (P), Oakdale
- 16 Rev. Craig Tedder (P), Coward

September Anniversaries

- 5 Gerald & Pat McCants, retired
- 9 W. L. & Vera Collins, retired
- 11 Julian & Betty Long, retired
- 16 Charles (P) & Marlene Larrimore, Unity
- 20 Rick (P) & Maria Schubert, Mizpah
- 30 Oscar & Patty Holland, retired

Around the Association

Ministers Conference...Will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12th at 11:30 am at the FBA Office. Lunch will be provided for a cost of \$5 per person. Please let the FBA office know if you plan to attend so appropriate lunch arrangements can be made.

WMU Fall Training
September 19, 2017
Florence First Baptist
6:30 pm

Desserts and beverages will be served at 6:30 pm prior to the training at 7 pm. Training will be available for all areas.

Please bring items for the Fair Yard Sale! See list in Saltshaker!!



**Season of Prayer for
State Missions
Janie Chapman Offering**

Continue steadfastly in prayer...that God may open to us a door for the word.

