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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

An old Kentucky pastor once wrote a book. In it, he made this statement, "a woman ought to obey her husband because, a woman ought to obey her husband". This statement is simply dependent on the same statement, to validate the previous statement. Sounds like double talk to me.

A few months ago, I made this statement: the reason churches aren't doing anything, is because, churches aren't doing anything. Now, before you put me in the same category as the old Kentucky pastor, here is what I meant by the statement. The reason churches aren't growing spiritually and numerically, is because they are not doing anything to facilitate that growth. Why we ask? It is a number of things that work their way down to two basic categories. Churches don't know how, or churches know how and don't.

Many factors play into the ignorance and or apathy. We need to look more and more away from the church as an organization and more as an organism. The church is living and breathing because it is the people and not the buildings. We need to turn our attention to lost people and less toward the churched and organizational structure. We need to spend much time and effort in knowing our community. This is far more than a demographic study; it means getting out and knowing who is in the community that the church should be reaching.

One thing we often talk about, but seldom

understand is Millennials. This is the generation born from 1980 – 2000, the current 17 – 37 year olds. I can tell you this from my own experience, this age group would much rather be hands on involved with missions and ministry than to serve on a committee to talk and plan. Those of us that talk, plan, and execute a plan, have a hard time skipping the talk and plan part. This is often done much less informally among Millennials. So, what do we do? We make adjustments. Why? There are more of them than us. Yes, but that is not sufficient reason. We make adjustments because the need of reaching the lost is far more important than our comfort.

Alex McFarland, an expert on culture and religion, and the Life Answer's Team from North Greenville University will be with us at the Florence Baptist Association's Annual Meeting on Sunday night, October 8th. The meeting will be hosted by First Baptist Church Florence. Make plans to attend!

Looking Forward,

Chris

Florence Baptist Association 128th Annual Inspirational Meeting

with
Rev. Alex McFarland

Sunday, October 8, 2017
6:00 pm
Florence First Baptist

Alex McFarland is a speaker, writer and advocate for Christian apologetics. He serves as director of the Center for Christian Worldview and Apologetics at North Greenville University. He has spoken in hundreds of locations throughout North America and internationally and has preached in more than 1,300 churches. Alex has been featured at some of the nation's biggest Christian events and conferences. Alex is the author of several books, including the best selling "10 Most Common Objections to Christianity."

In addition to being a national author and speaker, Alex is also part of these great nation wide ministries. The Southeast's most popular apologetics conference Truth for a New Generation, national speaking tour The Stand Strong Tour and Viral Truth, a nationally syndicated television and radio show on apologetics and evangelism.

Alex has been to several of our Florence Baptist Association Churches and we would love for others to benefit from his expertise on "Religion and Culture." We will share more details in the days leading up to the event.



Alex McFarland
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Children's Ministry Conference

Saturday, August 19, 2017
 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
 Church at Sandhurst
 Cost \$25 Registration Deadline: August 12
 To register go to – www.heartofthepalmetto.org

New and Gently Used Book Drive

The FBA is collecting NEW and GENTLY USED children's books (3K-2nd grade) for Lake City Early Childhood Center in Florence District 3. Most of the children in this school do not have any books in their homes, so we are going to try to help them change this by contributing to a "Recycled Book Table" for their Open House in August. Each child will be able to pick out a book to take home with them. Christian books are welcomed since the children will be picking out what they want to take home. Bring books to the FBA by Friday, August 11th by noon or to Calvary Baptist by Sunday, August 13th.

One of the teachers at the school said, "This past school year, I was amazed at how excited students were to receive an old torn up book. Several times when I would ask them to read at home, their response would be – 'I want to, but I don't have any books at home.' This broke my heart." SO – look around your house and see if you have any books that these children might take home with them.

School Supplies for Pee Dee Girls Home

New Covenant Baptist Church is sponsoring a school supply drive for the Pee Dee Campus of Connie Maxwell (Pee Dee Girls Home). If you would like to contribute to this please bring any of the following items to the FBA by August 10th.

3 ring binders, computer paper, pens, mechanical pencils, flash drives, highlighters, college ruled paper, dividers. Other items needed - toilet paper, paper towels, liquid laundry detergent, dishwasher liquid. Please bring items to the FBA office by August 10th.

Prayer Walks

This is a great time of year to contact a school close to you and ask if you do a prayerwalk through their buildings or on the grounds. If you host a Good News Club at an elementary school, that is a natural contact. If you need prayer prompts, please let Louanne know.

Bring-A-Kid Race Day!

Sept. 2, 2017
 Darlington Race Track
 \$20

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

August 2017

- 7 "Welcome Back Packs" for FMU due in FBA Office.
- 10 School Supplies for Pee Dee Girls Home due in FBA Office
- 11 Book Drive Books due at the FBA
- 19 Children's Ministry Conference; Church at Sandhurst

Sept. 2017

- 2 Bring-A-Kid Race Day; Darlington Raceway
- 4 Labor Day; FBA Office Closed
- 19 WMU Fall Training; Florence 1st; 6:30 pm
- 30 Cardboard Box City

Oct. 2017

- 7 Bliss Ball
- 8 FBA Annual Celebration; Florence First; 6:30 pm
- 10-14 Fair Ministry

Nov. 2017

- 13-20 OCC Shoe Box Collection Dates; Calvary
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holidays; FBA Closed

 Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of Rev. Robby Ott.

**We Are Grateful!
 June Contributions**

Church	June	Budget YTD
Ariel	84.00	482.00
Bethel	.00	200.00
Beulah	.00	.00
Calvary	1,495.95	8,267.58
Calvary, Lake City	.00	1,000.00
Cartersville	667.65	1,390.15
College Park	350.58	2,584.20
Coward	50.00	300.00
Ebenezer	826.49	6,294.22
Elim	666.47	3,998.82
Evergreen	357.55	2,105.77
Florence 1st	250.00	280.98
Grace	950.64	5,879.38
Greenwood	646.17	4,717.75
Hebron	125.00	750.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,492.09	9,679.75
Immanuel	511.73	4,139.67
Kingsburg	.00	500.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	3,000.00
Mizpah	105.27	715.89
Mt. Zion	.00	1,200.00
New Covenant	.00	320.00
New Hope	.00	75.00
Northgate	226.62	1,945.24
Northside Chapel	.00	1,200.00
Oakdale	.00	1,488.66
Pamplico 1st	.00	4,650.35
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	300.00	600.00
Quinby	129.95	1,119.58
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	1,151.47	4,189.62
Sardis	.00	1,725.00
South Florence	.00	1,474.65
Southside	1,625.57	11,191.54
Sparrow Swamp	696.40	4,390.29
Timmonsville 1st	.00	400.00
Union	.00	1,209.16
Unity	.00	960.48
Willow Creek	227.27	905.27
TOTALS	12,936.87	95,331.00

Support Associational Missions

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

August Birthdays

- 2 Rev. Oscar Holland, retired
- 3 Rev. Henry Simmons, retired
- 7 Rev. Eddie Pettit (P), Evergreen
- 14 Mrs. Connie George (Min. Assist) FBA
- 15 Rev. Bryan Chapman (P), Pee Dee Community
- 19 Rev. David Wike (P), Ebenezer
- 21 Rev. Barry Moon (P), Pamplico First
- 23 Rev. Julian Long, retired
- 24 Rev. David George (P), Cartersville
- 24 Rev. Chris Smith (DOM), FBA
- 25 Rev. Jerry Davis, retired

August Anniversaries

- 1 Jay (ME) & Caroline Perez, Southside
- 1 Billy (MY) & Cynthia Leach, Grace
- 4 Leo (P) & Irma Carter, Alianzo
- 24 Howard & Nancy Allen, retired
- 27 Leroy & Beverly Welch, retired
- 31 Craig (P) & Beverly Tedder, Coward

Around the Association

Greenwood...Will present the "Hope Haitian Choir" on August 17 at 7 pm. This choir is the face of Hope Haitian Ministries, whose mission is to speak hope to American through faith testimonies of a group of 15 children who love to sing and dance!

Mizpah...Will host a FREE Ladies Morning Out on Saturday, August 12 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Special Guest Speaker will be Kathy Griffin with "Just for Women Ministries". Breakfast will be served at 9:00 am. Please RSVP by Monday, August 7th by calling 843.662.6940.

Attention Ministry Assistants and Church Clerks...2017 Annual Church Profiles will be at the FBA Office soon. More information will be available in a few weeks.

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.