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With spring right around the corner I want to share some happening with you! The first is that we have a new website up and running! We are still adding pages, but you can access some important information there. We also want you to let us know of those things going on in your congregation so we can help you get the word out! Check us out at Florenceba.org.

Dates are set for the summer mission trips. Saturday July 13 – Friday July 19 is the date for the FBA Trip to Summit Baptist Association in Akron, Ohio. Individual congregations are welcome to plan their own trips, but this will give congregations the opportunity for a small number to go along with others from other congregations. Stan Sullivan from Sparrow Swamp will be leading this trip and the cost will be approximately \$400.00. This includes transportation, meals and lodging! There is ministry for you to do there so pray about going and contact the FBA office if you have questions or want to commit to go!

The FBA New Brunswick Trip is scheduled for Saturday July 27 – Friday August 3. We anticipate the cost being around \$1,500.00. YOU WILL NEED A PASSPORT and a \$400.00 deposit will be needed by 5/1/13. We will fly from Florence, SC to Monckton, NB. J.D. Weed Pastor of Union Baptist Church will be leading this trip. We hope to have two groups; one will be in Meramichi working mostly construction, while the one in Dieppe will help with outreach, like canvassing neighborhoods and prayer-walking. As the trip gets closer we will have more specific information. Please pray and see if God is leading you to go.

Now we have looked at the opportunities for mis-

sions in other areas, let's look at our local situation. According to recent research, provided for us from the South Carolina Baptist Convention, our Florence Baptist Association has 4 of the top 100 areas of lostness in the state. Lostness: these are people who do not consider themselves born-again believers. These 4 areas range from 66% - 70% unreached. The four areas are: Florence (29501 Zip Code), Timmonsville, Lake City, and Johnsonville.

This report also shows the Pee Dee region has the best ratio of attenders to resident membership. In other words there are a greater percentage of members, attending our Baptist Congregations in the Pee Dee Region than in the rest of the state. Also the Pee Dee Region is the only region where the number of plateaued churches is still greater than the number of declining churches. A plateaued church is one that has reported between 10% increase and 10 % decrease in: Resident Membership, Worship, and Sunday School, over the last five years. A declining church has averaged a 10% decline, in the same categories, over the last five years. While these might be bright spots when compared to the rest of the state, they really just mean we are not declining as fast as the others.

Let me encourage you, to encourage others, to pray, reach out, and expect God to do great things. Break out of that plateaued or declining category, by allowing God to work in your congregation and beyond. Don't blame others, don't blame yourself, just accept responsibility to be a witness and invite others to come to Jesus.

Exposure

FLORENCE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MARCH, 2013

Prayer Corner:

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

Churches without Pastors:

Hebron
Oakdale

New Work:

Hispanic Ministry

CLC Program

Financial Support

Good News

Clubs Praise!

All elementary schools in FSD1 have been adopted for GNC

Family Promise

Financial Support
Host Churches
Day Center

New Partnerships

Akron/Canton Ohio
New Brunswick,
Canada

Vacation Bible School Clinic

Saturday, March 23, 2013

Sparrow Swamp Baptist Church

3234 South Hill Road

Timmonsville, SC

8:30 am - Registration

9:00 am - 11:00 am - Conferences

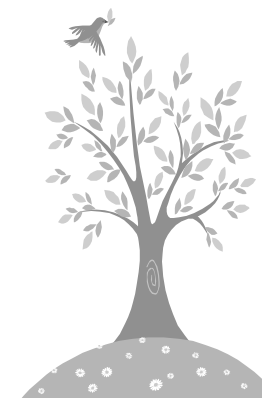


Classes will be offered for leaders in the following areas:

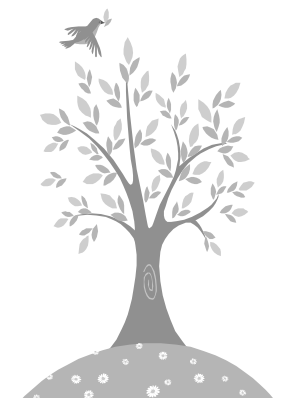
Children - Kindergarten - 4th grade Preteen (5th-6th grade)
Crafts Music Directors/Pastors Missions

For more information contact Fran Mancill Associational VBS Director at 843.617.6525 or FranMancill@hotmail.com

We will serve snacks and give away AWESOME door prizes



WMU Spring Meeting
April 29, 2012
Elim Baptist Church
6:00 - Meal
7:00 - Conference



CLC Spirit Night at Chick Fil A - the board of the Christian Learning Center would like to thank all of you that came out and supported the CLC Spirit Night at Chick Fil A on Feb. 7th. We had a great crowd to show up and we appreciate your support of this ministry.

Charles Billingsley Benefit Concert for Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) – Sunday, May 5, 2013 at Calvary Baptist Church: A love offering will be taken to help support the ministry of CEF which coordinates Good News Clubs in our elementary schools.

In order for the concert to be a major benefit, CEF is asking churches, businesses, and individuals to help sponsor the concert. Sponsors will be listed in the program and their logos and names will scroll on the screen before the concert begins. All sponsors will be able to meet Charles prior to the concert. There will also be a choir that will sing along with Charles. Sponsors and their members (if it is a church) will be invited to sing in this choir. Contributions can be mailed to CEF, PO Box 5893, Florence 29502. There is a sponsor sheet that can be emailed to you. Email FBALouanne@sc.rr.com to request the sheet.

Health Kits 2013

Health Kits are due in the associational office on Monday, April 15th. Please include the following items in a **two gallon zip lock bag**.

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



Christian Learning Center Banquet

Thursday, April 25, 2013
6:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church

The Christian Learning Center is having their annual fundraising banquet on Thursday, May 25th at First Presbyterian Church. They are in need of churches, business, and individuals to sponsor a table for \$200. Each table sponsor is asked to invite up to 8 people to sit at their table. This is a great evening of good food, fellowship, and information about the Christian Learning Center. If you would like to sponsor a table call Louanne @ 662.5921.



Disaster Relief Training

March 1-2, 2013
White Oak Conference Center
Register at www.scbc.org

Contact Gwen Eargle at 803.765.0035, etc. 5400 for more information

March 2013

- 1-2 Disaster Relief Trng; WOCC
- 3-10 Week of Prayer for North American Ministers Conference; 11:30 am; FBA Office
- 23 VBS Training Sparrow Swamp
- 29 Good Friday; FBA Closed
- 31 Easter

April 2013

- 9 Assn. Council; 9:00 am
- 9 Ministers Conference; 11:30 am; FBA Office
- 11 Executive Committee Mtg; 7 pm FBA Office
- 12-14 Discipleship Now Weekend
- 15 Migrant Kits due in FBA Office



**We Are Grateful!
Jan. Contributions**

Church	Jan.	Budget YTD
Ariel	64.50	64.50
Bethel	0.00	.00
Beulah	100.00	100.00
Calvary	2,568.49	2,568.49
Calvary, Lake City	100.00	100.00
Cartersville	.00	.00
College Park	384.88	384.88
Coward	50.00	50.00
Ebenezer	2,289.67	2,289.67
Elim	.00	.00
Evergreen	157.22	157.22
Florence 1st	4,600.00	4,600.00
Grace	3,132.87	3,132.87
Greenwood	1,016.29	1,016.29
Hebron	100.00	100.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	705.00	705.00
Immanuel	317.25	317.25
Kingsburg	.00	.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	.00
Mizpah	775.68	775.68
Mt. Zion	600.00	600.00
New Hope	.00	.00
Northgate	388.20	388.20
Oakdale	489.60	489.60
Pamplico 1st	.00	.00
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	.00	.00
Quinby	.00	.00
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	1,269.00	1,269.00
Sardis	862.50	862.50
South Florence	.00	.00
Southside	2,972.66	2,972.66
Sparrow Swamp	703.70	703.70
Tans Bay	.00	.00
Timmons ville 1st	.00	.00
Union	1,481.78	1,481.78
Unity	273.10	273.10
Willow Creek	137.76	137.76
TOTALS	25,540.15	25,540.15

Support Associational Missions

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

Happy Birthday

- 5 Rev. Dennis Sartain (P), Mizpah
- 13 Rev. Howard Allen (P), South Florence
- 20 Rev. Shane Patrick (P), Lake City First

Happy Anniversary

- 20 Burl & Teresa (Children's Director), Southside
- 21 David (P) & Connie George, Cartersville
- 22 Gerald & Francis McKay, retired

Around the Association

Ministers Conference...The next Ministers Conference will be held on Tuesday, March 5 at 11:30 am at the FBA Office. Guest Speaker will be David Weiss, a marketing agent for Southern Mutual Church Insurance Company. He will be presenting important information on risk management for churches. His overview of the risks will include issues involving church security, and child/youth protection. Southern Mutual Church Insurance will be providing a **FREE MEAL** for this conference. Reservations are still required so appropriate lunch arrangements can be made.

College Park...Will host a "Dementia Dialogue" 5 week workshop starting Tuesday, March 5th. Each session will meet from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm. The workshop is a 5 part learning experience designed to educate individuals who care for persons who exhibit signs and symptoms associated with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementias. There is no charge for the workshop. For more information please call 843.669.2148.

New Hope...Will host a Community Wide Sunrise Service at Brooks and McCall Park at 7 am on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

Disciple Now (D Now) is a weekend retreat for students. This year it is being hosted at Southside Baptist Church April 12-14. Cost is \$35 per student which includes a t-shirt, study guide and four meals. Each church is responsible for locating host homes for their students, having small group leaders for the home and providing transportation to and from all events. Chris Wells, Chaplin of the BassMasters, will be the speaker for the weekend. Besides times of worship, students will also spend time working on a mission project on Saturday morning and enjoy a scavenger hunt around town Saturday afternoon. For more information contact Brad White at Southside, 260-4618.

