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FLORENCE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY, 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*

You might notice that I most often sign my correspondence, looking forward. I suppose I am realizing this more each day because of how fast the world is changing. I would add that I believe looking forward is a wonderful thing to do. We can thank those who were forward looking and brought about the: printing press, railroad, automobiles, electric lights, and yes even the iPhone. Those that look forward often amass great wealth because they are the first to create a product or service.

Now, what is the value of looking forward in a local church? When we look forward we can get a sense of where we are going. That can be scary. If I live and Christ has not returned by August of this year, I will be 50. If Christ doesn't return and I live to the average age of males, I am in, or not far from, my last 1/3 of life. As I look forward now, I am looking at things much differently. If you look at your local body of believers on a Sunday where would you say you are going? As you look forward what would the indicators of the future tell you now?

Now I believe if you apply that forward thinking to the church, you most often get the same results. People can get excited about the results that new things will bring. New followers of Christ, those that are maturing because of the discipleship process, and hope that a local congregation will continue beyond

the years of the faithful adults, are all results of looking forward and moving forward because of what you see. To look forward and complain just helps to perpetuate misery, to look forward and do nothing is in opposition to being doers of the word, but to look forward and move with urgency is to be like Christ.

Christ knew the cross was ahead, he said, and I paraphrase, a little while longer I will be with you. He knew the time, and was intentional about sharing the good news of the kingdom. We don't know the hour when we will leave or Christ will return so our sense of urgency should be great. Remember I mentioned those that look forward often amass great wealth because of their forward thinking. The great wealth for the forward thinking church is measured in followers of Christ. The fields are white with harvest but the "forward thinking" workers are few.

Looking Forward,

Chris

**"Helping Hands"  
Children's Ministry Day**  
Saturday, February 23, 2013  
Elim Baptist Church  
11:30 am



This day will be filled with children offering "Helping Hands" as they engage in a mission project by helping the homeless. The project will be to provide a lunch meal for the House of Hope for Men and the House of Hope for Women and Children. The children are asked to collect blankets, towels, wash clothes, bleach, Pine-sol, and Lysol. Begin now to engage your children in a day of helping others and giving witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.



On February 17, 2013 the Florence Baptist Association officially entered into a three year partnership with East Coast Baptist Association and Canadian National Baptist Convention and Summitt Baptist Association and the State Convention of Baptist in Ohio. Pictured above are Bob Dockery, FBA Moderator, Chris Smith, DOM, Martin Jones, Ohio, Derrick Jones, Canada, Stan Sullivan, Chairman, Ohio Task Force, and J. D. Weed, Chairman, Canada Task Force.

**Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night for CLC** – Thursday, February 7 from 5 pm – 8 pm. Ten percent of the profits during this time will be donated to the Christian Learning Center. This is only at the Chick-Fil-A on Irby Street. CLC is hoping to expand its ministry soon plus we have a new Middle School opening in Florence in the near future. This is a simple way for you to have a part in CLC plus have a great meal!

**Family Promise Update** – Family Promise of Florence is still working hard to get this ministry started. Family Promise is a network of Christian churches ministering to children and their families who are homeless. This will be accomplished through providing temporary housing, food, emotional and spiritual support, and professional guidance to assist families to gain employment and make permanent arrangements for housing.

We must have 13 host churches before we feel we can move forward with any of the other elements that need to be in place. At the present time we have nine churches that have committed to being host churches and we have several others that are going through the process of getting to that point of commitment. We pray that by summer we will have all of our host churches committed and that funding will have a good start. A host congregation will host about 4 times a year for one week at a time. The church will provide overnight lodging,

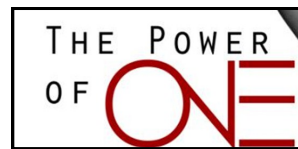
meals and hospitality. The church will host 3 to 5 families (up to 14 individuals) from 5 pm until 7 am each day. Then the guests leave the church and go to the day center.

Funding is a major issue right now. Grants are very helpful with startup costs if anyone has expertise in that area and would like to offer that to Family Promise at no charge. Also donations may be made by sending checks to Family Promise of Florence, PO Box 13021, Florence 29504.

**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](mailto:FBALouanne@sc.rr.com) to request the sheet.

**South Carolina Baptist Convention Evangelism Convention**  
February 19-21, 2013  
Rock Springs Baptist Church  
Easley, SC

This is a free conference to energize and encourage SC Baptists to reach the lost. For more information on featured speakers visit [www.scbaptist.org/evangelism](http://www.scbaptist.org/evangelism).



**Regional Tax Seminar**  
Lexington Baptist Association  
255 Two Notch Road  
Lexington, SC  
Feb. 27, 2013  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Cost: \$5

Who Should Attend: Ministers, Church Treasurers, Financial Secretaries, Budget and Personnel Committee members and other church leaders. For more information or to register visit [www.scbaptist.org/retirement](http://www.scbaptist.org/retirement).



**Disaster Relief Training**  
March 1-2, 2013  
White Oak Conference Center  
Register at [www.scbc.org](http://www.scbc.org)

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

**Feb. 2013**

- 5 Ministers Conf; 11:30 am; FBA Office
- 7 CLC Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night; 5-8 pm
- 19-21 SCBC Evangelism Conference Easley, SC
- 23 Children's Ministry Day;
- 27 Regional Tax Seminar; Lexington Baptist Association

**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
- 29 Good Friday; FBA Closed
- 31 Easter



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
March 29th  
FBA Office Closed

**We Are Grateful!  
Dec. Contributions**

Church	Dec.	Budget YTD
Ariel	48.50	601.50
Bethel	200.00	400.00
Beulah	.00	600.00
Calvary	1,136.82	16,535.06
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	2,300.00
Cartersville	670.00	2,722.50
College Park	430.85	6,105.15
Coward	50.00	600.00
Ebenezer	.00	9,654.70
Elim	1,333.34	8,000.04
Evergreen	158.69	5,385.39
Florence 1st	.00	1,127.26
Grace	1,500.00	4,456.56
Greenwood	597.08	7,789.69
Hebron	200.00	1,300.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	604.00	16,044.00
Immanuel	259.65	3,065.65
Kingsburg	.00	.00
Korean	.00	400.00
Lake City First Baptist	1,300.00	5,200.00
Mizpah	489.85	5,798.00
Mt. Zion	.00	2,400.00
New Hope	.00	50.00
Northgate	205.90	3,094.21
Oakdale	244.00	2,974.99
Pamplico 1st	1,097.69	4,965.69
Pee Dee Community	.00	280.00
Peniel	300.00	1,200.00
Quinby	180.47	2,407.06
Rehoboth	.00	550.00
Ridgecrest	457.96	7,154.37
Sardis	.00	3,450.00
South Florence	.00	4,114.23
Southside	1,811.74	24,713.50
Sparrow Swamp	689.93	7,899.79
Tans Bay	.00	.00
Timmonsville 1st	.00	300.00
Union	.00	3,778.15
Unity	191.38	2,587.89
Willow Creek	.00	996.30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14,357.85</b>	<b>171,001.68</b>

**Support Associational Missions**

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

*Happy Birthday*

- 14 Rev. Bobby Earls (P), Northgate
- 21 Rev. Ben Maynard (P), Ridgecrest
- 26 Rev. Bill Hancock, retired

*Happy Anniversary*

- 3 Jim (P) & Nancy Crooks, Southside

**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.

**Calvary, Lake City...**Licensed Scott Strickland to the Gospel ministry on December 23, 2012.

**College Park...**Will host a "Dementia Dialog" Workshop starting Tuesday, March 5th. The workshop will meet once a week for five weeks. There is no charge for the workshop. For more information please call 843.669.2148.

**Calvary, Lake City...**Has called Rev. Gerald McCants as pastor.



**Vacation Bible School Training**

March 23, 2013  
8:30 am - 11:00 am  
Sparrow Swamp Baptist Church



