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One of the many things that I am enjoying about being a Director of Missions is the fellowship with the Pastors and Staff of the Florence Baptist Association Churches. This takes many forms as I visit and assist the churches and the different events that happen through the ministry that we all do together.

One such opportunity has led me to reflect on our relationships and how God wants to use them.

We have a study group of Minsters/Staff that have been meeting weekly through the Truth Project and now continues as a study group every other week. We have grown to appreciate our differences, learn from each other, and sharpen each other. Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another, Proverbs 27:17. Within our discussion we were talking about relationship evangelism and the importance of it in today's culture. While we are not willing to dismiss other forms of evangelism, we realize building intentional relationships for the purpose of sharing the Gospel is of great importance.

I certainly believe that each person in this group benefits from the time we spend together. I think at times we would love to be able to meet more often and spend more time together when we do. Our purpose however is to sharpen each other for the work that we have to do. Is this not the purpose of many of our church activities? Have we at times lost our focus because we love to spend time with our

Sunday School Class, Small Group, Men's Ministry, Ladies Bible Study, or any other church group? Most of our meeting is to help us grow spiritually. As we grow spiritually we need to grow in our concern about those that are lost also being inspired to reach them!

It can be easy to get caught up in the joy of fellowship that we forget the important task that brings us together. As much as we love the fellowship of believers, we need to intentionally cultivate relationships to give us opportunities to share the gospel. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Invite others into one of your groups in a nonthreatening environment. Don't do everything "at church".

2. Look close to home. Neighbors should give you easy points of contact unless all your neighbors are believers. (If they are you might need to move.)

3. Continue to work with and through those you love and fellowship with to draw people to Christ. It is not as hard as you think!

Enjoy and be inspired by all the great things we do within the ministries of the church, but remember the ultimate purpose for our meetings, studies, and fellowship, should be to build up the church to carry out the "GREAT COMMISSION" Keep going!

Looking Forward, Chris

# Exposure

FLORENCE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MAY, 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!

*Pray as we seek to expand to Darlington School District*

## Family Promise

Financial Support  
Host Churches  
Day Center

## New Partnerships

Akron/Canton Ohio  
New Brunswick,  
Canada

## Charles Billingsley Benefit Concert for Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) Sunday, May 5, 2013 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. Sponsors need to commit by April 25th.



## Mother's Day Offering for Martha Franks and Bethea Retirement Center

May 12, 2013

Please give to the Mother's Day Offering. Your contribution will provide housing and care in our retirement communities for those who have faithfully served our Lord.



## National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 2, 2013

Investing in Hope....Transforming our  
nation through prayer

Ministers/Staff Golf Outing

Monday, May 13, 2013  
Crossings Golf Club  
Tee Time: 8:30 am  
Cost: \$22

Please call the associational office at 662-5921 if you plan to golf.

Ohio Mission Trip  
Interest Meeting

May 8, 2013  
7 pm - FBA Office

The Associational Ohio Mission trip is scheduled for July 13-19. The cost of this trip is \$400 - Volunteer Applications are due in the FBA Office no later than June 15th. Applications are available on our new website [www.florenceba.org](http://www.florenceba.org).

An Evening with  
Robin Mark

Calvary Baptist Church  
Friday, August 30, 2013

Northern Ireland's premier singer, songwriter, and worship leader  
Author of "Days of Elijah," "Revival," and "All for Jesus"



Sponsored by Calvary and Sparrow Swamp Baptist Churches in association with the Christian Learning Centers



Twelve churches and 150 people participated in the "Helping Hands" Children's Ministry Day held on February 23rd. Children prepared sandwiches, homemade soup and dessert for the House of Hope for Men and House of Hope for Women and Children. They also collected blankets, towels and cleaning supplies for the facilities.



2013 SBC Annual Meeting  
June 11-12, 2013  
George R. Brown Convention Center  
1001 Avenida de las Americas  
Houston, TX 77010



May 2013

- 2 National Day Of Prayer
- 5 Charles Billingsley Concert; Calvary
- 8 Ohio Mission Trip Interest Mtg; 7 pm
- 13 Ministers/Staff Golf Outing
- 21 Nefarious - Merchant of Souls; FBA; 11:30 am
- 27 Memorial Day; FBA Closed

June 2013

- 11-12 Southern Baptist Convention
- 16-21 LifeChangers

July 2013

- 4 July 4th; FBA Closed
- 11 Executive Committee Mtg; 7 pm FBA Office
- 13-19 Associational Ohio Mission Trip



FBA Office  
Closed  
Monday  
May 27, 2013

We Are Grateful!  
March Contributions

Church	March	Budget YTD
Ariel	46.00	160.50
Bethel	200.00	200.00
Beulah	100.00	200.00
Calvary	1,144.96	4,793.92
Calvary, Lake City	100.00	300.00
Cartersville	.00	.00
College Park	405.27	1,146.22
Coward	50.00	150.00
Ebenezer	1,797.91	4,087.58
Elim	.00	1,333.34
Evergreen	.00	371.87
Florence 1st	.00	4,600.00
Grace	474.06	4,044.64
Greenwood	629.53	2,192.38
Hebron	100.00	300.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	808.00	2,557.00
Immanuel	264.93	582.18
Kingsburg	.00	.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	1,300.00	1,300.00
Mizpah	450.23	1,629.59
Mt. Zion	.00	600.00
New Hope	.00	.00
Northgate	369.83	1,112.15
Oakdale	173.05	869.90
Pamplico 1st	.00	.00
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	.00	.00
Quinby	204.82	397.59
Rehoboth	.00	275.00
Ridgecrest	.00	1,933.68
Sardis	.00	862.50
South Florence	.00	.00
Southside	1,766.07	6,362.42
Sparrow Swamp	635.38	1,969.50
Tans Bay	.00	.00
Timmonsville 1st	.00	.00
Union	.00	1,481.78
Unity	.00	471.12
Willow Creek	.00	137.76
TOTALS	11,020.04	46,422.42

Support Associational Missions

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

Happy Birthday

- 1 Mrs. Louanne Stewart, FBA
- 1 Rev. James Brown , (P) Rise & Live
- 9 Rev Randy Shell, SMI
- 11 Rev. Kendal Danford, BCM
- 11 Rev. Dave Bolt, (P), Kingsburg

Happy Anniversary

- 11 Bryan (P) & Kim Chapman, PD Comm
- 14 John (P) & Melanie Collins, Grace
- 21 Chris (DOM) & Tracy Smith, FBA
- 24 Quinn (P) & Melissa Hooks, Evergreen
- 29 Lanier (P) & Connie Singleton, Hoffmeyer Road

Around the Association

**Ministers Conference....**Please note that the Ministers and Staff Golf Outing will take place of May's Ministers Conference. Also, due to the Southern Baptist Convention their will not be a June Ministers Conference.

**Unity...**Congratulations to Ben and Brittany Rhodes in the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann born on March 29th.

**Union...**Will host a Prayerwalking Training on May 7th from 6-8 pm. Jim & Doris Keller, former NAMB missionaries, will be the guest speakers.

**Associational Bible Drills...**Congratulations to Arizona Doyle, Julian Inabinet, and Raelyn Ott who have advanced to the State Bible Drills. State Bible Drills will be held on April 27th at Florence First Baptist Church.

**Greenwood...**Is in need of two Sunday morning nursery workers from 9:15 am - 12:15 am. \$50 per Sunday. Please call 669-1321 for more information.

**South Florence...**Ministry Assistant position available. Hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm with one hour for lunch. Knowledge of ACS Programs required. Please call 250-8186 for more information.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Rev. Bill Barnette, pastor, Timmonsville First Baptist and his family in the death of his sister.

27-31    Associational    Canada  
Mission Trip