



The SaltShaker

July 2013

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost its savour, Wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Matthew 5:15

Meet Our 2013 Summer Missionaries!!

My name is Rachel Brown, and I'm very excited to be working with the Florence Baptist Association this summer to serve Jesus and other people. My hometown is Danville, Virginia, and I have lived there my entire life. I just finished my first year at the College of William & Mary, where I am majoring in English and psychology. At school, I participate in InterVarsity



Christian Fellowship, through which I lead musical worship and will be leading a small group Bible study next year. I also work for the school newspaper and volunteer with Buddy Ball, an organization where college kids help disabled children play t-ball.

I was blessed to grow up in a Christian home with two strong Christian parents and a younger brother who became a follower of Jesus last year. I accepted Jesus into my heart at a young age, but my faith has grown tremendously since that time. I've been on several mission trips with my church that have helped me realize the importance of loving other people and helping those who don't have much. Those mission trips I went on as a youth inspired me to apply to be a student missionary through the North American Mission Board; I'm very thankful to have been appointed this position in Florence and am excited to see what God has in store for me and for the people I'll be serving here.

As a Christian, we have to pick up our cross daily and follow Christ. Even though I can never repay Jesus for the sacrifice He made for me, I hope that I can share the Gospel this summer by being His hands and feet. My faith journey has not been easy – I've had times that I've doubted God and His plans for me, but ultimately, I realize I would be nothing without His grace.



Hello Florence! My name is Liz Mallory, and I'm so excited to serve our Lord alongside all of you this summer. I'm from Kannapolis, NC, but recently I've been spending a good bit of time in Texas because I attended Baylor University in Waco. I'm studying to be a speech pathologist, so my career goals are to share Christ while sharing the gift of communication.

I asked Jesus to be Lord of my life when I was a very young girl. Since then, I've felt called to serve God in the capacity as a vocational missionary. I know God has big things in store for this summer, and I'm so blessed to be a part of it.

"Welcome Back Packs" for FMU:

If you would like to provide packets please put the following items in a quart zip lock bag and bring them to the associational office by **Monday, August 5:**

- Pack of crackers
- 5 stamps
- Pack of Pop tarts
- Microwave popcorn
- 2 mechanical pencils
- Tic Tacs or Breath savers
- 2 packs of gum

A letter from the Lighthouse

Dear Pastors and members:

We need your help. We have not had to ask for food donations from the faith community in more than a year, but with the addition of our First Friday Homeless Connect Event in February of 2012, the strain on our pantry has increased and our shelves are pretty bare.

This event continues to grow. This month we had **86** homeless people come to our office to take advantage of the services we make available to them. With over 25 services including the VA, Legal Services, DMV, Dept of Employment and Workforce, Vocational Rehabilitation and many others, we are helping homeless people to achieve stability. Each homeless person with a need is given food to take with them to sustain them over the weekend when the soup kitchens are closed.

With this event added to those we see for help with their basic needs, such as rent, utilities and prescription medications, who are often also in need of food, our emergency pantry is almost empty.

We are always low on **protein items, such as peanut butter, tuna, canned chicken, fruit, canned pasta in pop tops, beef stew.** Please help us to continue to offer a bag of food to those who would otherwise go hungry. Thank you for your help.

Items can be taken directly to the Lighthouse; 201 East Elm Street; 629.0830.

Use for old US Flags - "Stars for our Troops" can use your old, retired flags with **embroidered Stars** no larger than a business card. They are needed today to continue this project to send the stars to veterans and soldiers that are currently serving in the armed forces.



Flags may be mailed to:
Susan/Stars for our Troops
Gettysburg Flag Works
715 Columbia Turnpike
East Greenbush, NY 12061

For more details on this project go to:
www.starsforourtroops.org.



Fair Ministry

This will be our fifth year for ministry with the Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair. The Fair will be October 2-12, 2013 so our schedule of events will be like it was last year.

1. Chicken Bog "Set Up Day" meal – Tuesday, Oct.1 - 5:30 pm – 7 pm
NEEDED - individually wrapped desserts (Ex-slice of cake in a baggie). Bring to the FBA office by noon on Oct. 1 or take directly to the fair by 5 pm.
2. FREE "Yard Sale" – Fri., Oct. 4 at 10 am
NEEDED items – reading glasses (new or used) shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, Tylenol, Advil, **OVER THE COUNTER** cold medicine (**NOT** the kind you have to sign with the pharmacist to get), blankets, twin sheets, queen sheets, Duffel bags, NEW baseball type caps, 4 or 6 pack of toilet paper OR individually wrapped rolls of TP, paper towels, Kleenex, unscented laundry detergent, Pop Tarts, cereal, "pop-top" foods (ravioli, Vienna sausage, etc.), We will collect these items at the FBA office September 23 - Oct. 3. **DO NOT bring before Sept. 23** because of storage issues in the back room.
3. Sunday, October 6 – Worship and free breakfast
4. FREE HAIR CUTS and reading glasses Monday, October 7 and Tuesday, October 8 from 10 am – noon. We will also offer to paint fingernails and offer skin care
NEEDED – barbers and beauticians that can cut hair. New or gently used reading glasses.
5. Children's Ministry Monday, October 7 and Tuesday, October 8 from 10 am until noon.
6. Family Pictures–Tues, Oct 8th; 10 am- noon
7. "Snack Sacks" Saturday, October 12
After the fair closes at 1 am early Sunday morning, the vendors pack up and leave so there is nowhere for the workers to get a snack or something to drink. We are going to pack "snack sacks" and have cold drinks available. We will be contacting churches to help provide certain items for these snacks.
NEEDED – volunteers to meet about 9 pm at the FBA office to put the snack sacks together and pack in cars.
NEEDED – volunteers to go to the fair around 1:00 am to help deliver the snacks. Need some "night owls" for this!

If you would like to help with any of the above activities, please contact Louanne at 662-5921 or FBALouanne@sc.rr.com. The next fair meeting will be Monday, August 26th at 7 pm at the FBA office.