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As I write this article, on June 18th, I am reflecting on the 1 year anniversary of my coming to Florence as your Director of Missions. The time seems to have flown by. As they say, time flies when you're having fun. Our family has become active now in church, school, and community activities. We again want to say thanks to all the good people who have helped us through this transition.

It is both fun and rewarding, working with the churches of the FBA. I enjoy working with the pastors, staff members and laypeople. I also enjoy the connection with South Carolina Baptist that I missed so much during the time we were in North Carolina. One theme that continues to come up, in all the relationships I have with Pastors/Staff and leaders in the congregations, is change. It continues to come at us and faster than it ever has before. I believe that one of the roles I have as a Director of Missions is to help congregations deal with our ever changing world.

Some have said, as much as things change they stay the same. I would say that as our congregations and denomination goes through change, the cooperative factor needs to be reemphasized. As some congregations scramble to make ends meet, in this recent economy, it is easy to have a "hunker down" mentality. This often leads to a suspicion and/or objection to working with other congregations because we might lose a member and/or tither. Sometimes we

might have objections over theological or worship style issues even within the confines of our own denomination. While we have always been a denomination of autonomous and diverse congregations, we are even more so now. I don't see this trend reversing, so, as we become more diverse we need to remember our roots are in cooperation in ministry.

This week Lifechangers is going on. People, different ages, from congregations inside and outside of the FBA and even our denomination, have come together to minister in the name of Jesus. Any one group can do great things. I am convinced that when we come together, we can do even more.

Galatians 6:9 says: "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Looking forward,

Chris

Exposure

Florence Baptist Association, July 2013



Prayer Corner:

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

Churches without Pastors:

Hebron
Ridgecrest
Evergreen
Peniel

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

Human Trafficking Task Force

An Evening with Robin Mark

Friday, August 30, 2013

7:00 pm

Calvary Baptist Church

**General Admission Tickets:
\$15.00**

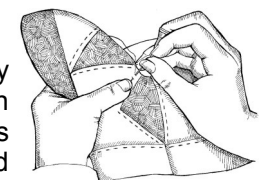


Northern Ireland's premier singer, songwriter, and worship leader. Author of "Days of Elijah," "Revival," and "All for Jesus"

Tickets are available at the Florence Baptist Associational Office or Rev. Stan Sullivan (stansullivan52@gmail.com). This concert is sponsored by Calvary and Sparrow Swamp Baptist Churches in association with the Christian Learning Center. All proceeds will go towards the Christian Learning Centers of Florence.

Associational WMU Quilt

Our national WMU is celebrating their 125th anniversary in 2014. In celebration of the event, each association has been asked to make a quilt representing the WMU's of the churches in their association. Each WMU is asked to complete a 10 x 10 muslin square for our associations quilt and bring it back to the fall associational WMU meeting. The FBA office has the 10 x 10 muslin squares available along with the instructions. Please make arrangements to come by the FBA office to pick up your WMU's muslin square. Call the FBA office at 662.5921 for more information. The following churches have received their muslin square.



South Florence
Pamplico First
Unity
Elim
Immanuel
Calvary, Lake City

Mt. Zion
College Park
Hebron
Ariel
Mizpah
Grace

Cartersville
Calvary, Florence
Lake City First
Sardis
Greenwood
Evergreen

The completed square needs to be brought to the Fall WMU Training which is tentatively scheduled for August 22nd at Mizpah Baptist Church.

“Chosen” – A New Resource on Sex Trafficking: A new 22 minute DVD, “Chosen,” was just released on May 1. It is a great resource for anyone working with youth and for any adult interested in knowing the signs of sex trafficking. The FBA has 2 copies and we will be glad to lend them out to groups to watch the DVD. It also has another CD that provides other resources that can be used to educate people on this issue of sex trafficking. Copies are only \$49 so if you want to purchase your own or if you want to watch a trailer, go to www.sharedhope.org.

Traffickers can be anyone and they know how to manipulate their victims. Seek help if a young person is involved with someone that exhibits any of the following characteristics:

- ◆ Gets jealous easily, seems controlling or exhibits violence
- ◆ Is significantly older than the young person
- ◆ Promises things that seem too good to be true
- ◆ Encourages them to engage in illegal activities to achieve their goals and dreams

- ◆ Suggests that they know how to help them make a lot of money
- ◆ Buys expensive gifts or likes to flash their money
- ◆ Is vague about his/her profession and they can't prove what they really do
- ◆ Gets pushy or demanding about sex wants to take suggestive photos encourages them to model or dance for money
- ◆ Makes them feel responsible for his/her financial stability. Very open about their financial matters.

**First Responders Appreciation Day
Thursday, July 18
11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Bethea Baptist Retirement Community
157 Home Avenue
Darlington, SC

First responders from local churches are invited to participate in a Day of Thanks to the first Responders in our Community. For more information contact Doug Simmons at 393.2867, ext 211 or dsimmons@scbma.com

Girls in Action 100th Birthday Party!

October 12, 2013

9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Oceanview Baptist Church
7300 N. Kings Highway
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572



In 2013 Girls in Action will turn 100 years old. GA Leaders please save this date! Come celebrate this 100th Birthday with a missionary, crafts, music, games and more! New GA shirts will be sold for \$5. Contact Suzanne Hogan @ 1.843.685.2896 for more information.

“Render the Hearts” Youth Concert

Calvary Baptist Lake City
August 24, 2013
6:30 pm - pre-show
7:00 - concert

All youth are invited to this concert. The band name comes from Isaiah 6:10 “Render the hearts of this people” The band desires people to see their love for Christ through their music and how they live. The concert is **FREE** but a love offering will be received.

July 2013

- 4 July 4th; FBA Closed
- 9 Ministers Conference; FBA Office 11:30 am
- 11 Executive Committee Mtg; 7 pm FBA Office
- 15-19 Louanne Vacation
- 15-19 Chris Vacation
- 18 First Responders Appreciation Day; Bethea Home
- 27- Aug 2 Associational Canada Mission Trip

Aug. 2013

- 6 Ministers Conference FBA Office 11:30 am
- 12-16 Connie Vacation
- 24 “Render the Hearts” Youth Concert; Calvary, Lake City
- 30 Robin Mark Concert; Calvary; 7 pm

**We Are Grateful!
May Contributions**

Church	May	Budget YTD
Ariel	41.00	272.50
Bethel	.00	200.00
Beulah	.00	200.00
Calvary	1,196.08	7,555.84
Calvary, Lake City	100.00	500.00
Cartersville	.00	825.00
College Park	798.12	2,324.49
Coward	50.00	250.00
Ebenezer	807.24	6,041.22
Elim	.00	2,666.68
Evergreen	379.60	917.84
Florence 1st	1,000.00	5,600.00
Grace	557.20	5,292.68
Greenwood	574.79	3,439.20
Hebron	200.00	500.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	2,534.00	7,348.00
Immanuel	262.43	1,182.84
Kingsburg	100.00	100.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	1,300.00
Mizpah	226.14	2,478.76
Mt. Zion	.00	1,200.00
New Hope	.00	.00
Northgate	332.96	1,883.61
Oakdale	184.55	1,160.75
Pamplico 1st	.00	1,742.73
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	.00	300.00
Quinby	181.37	786.86
Rehoboth	.00	275.00
Ridgecrest	1,265.96	3,879.70
Sardis	.00	1,725.00
South Florence	441.28	1,755.72
Southside	1,699.78	10,473.75
Sparrow Swamp	561.55	3,212.29
Tans Bay	.00	.00
Timmons ville 1st	.00	250.00
Union	.00	1,481.78
Unity	84.88	1,463.76
Willow Creek	.00	137.76
TOTALS	13,578.93	80,723.73

Support Associational Missions

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

Happy Birthday

- 11 Rev. Bo Treadway, (P) New Hope
- 25 Rev. Charles Larrimore (P), Unity
- 28 Rev. Peter Rivera, (AP) Immanuel

Happy Anniversary

- 2 Doyle & Mary Frances Jones, retired
- 5 James (P) & Doris Brown, Rise & Live
- 7 Daniel (P) & Fonda Inabinet, Florence First
- 14 Ed (MM) & Julie Self, Ebenezer
- 22 Darryl (P) & Beth Davids, Quinby
- 27 Burton (P) & Suzette Welsh, Sardis
- 30 Eddie (AP) & Louanne Stewart, Calvary
- 31 Bob (P) & Debbie Dockery, Mt. Zion
- 31 Shane (P) & Martha Patrick, Lake City
- 31 Bobby (P) & Penny Earls, Northgate

Around the Association

Ministers Conference....The next Ministers Conference will be Tuesday, July 9th at 11:30 am. The movie “Chosen” will be shown. This is a new 22 minute documentary that is geared SPECIFICALLY for youth and it is awesome. Lunch will be provided for a cost of \$5. Please call the FBA office at 662.5921 or email Connie at fbaconnie@sc.rr.com if you plan to attend.

Sardis...Has called Harry Wallace as Children and Youth Minister.

South Florence...Has called Stephanie Stokes as full time Ministry Assistant.

Congratulations...On June 18th Rev. Chris Smith celebrated his first year as Director of Missions for the Florence Baptist Association.

Vacation Bible Schools - 2013

July 7-11 Grace
July 14-19 Elim
July 14-18 Sardis

VBS directors don't forget to send in your 2013 VBS Reports to the South Carolina Baptist Convention; Lifeway; and to the FBA Office.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Rev. and Mrs. Eddie (Louanne) Stewart in the death of her mother.

