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"All you need is love, love, Love is all you need" Do you remember that line from the Beatles song? February is a month that love is featured, in the form of Valentine's Day. It follows the growing commercialization of Christmas, Halloween, and other opportunities, by capitalizing on making people feel like they have to do certain things. I believe I recently saw Valentine's Day cards for your pet, (don't quote me on that one). Maybe, it was a heart shaped chew toy. Sorry for sounding so cynical.

Love is indeed one of the greatest needs of our society, but as with most things, it is misunderstood. More often than not teens are taught, through the media, that lust is love. Television shows like, "The Bachelor", and others like it, make out like we are all to live this fairy tale life, after having made our "Love Connection". The biggest problem with fantasy is; it's not reality!

Who holds the key to love? It would be our Creator. How is that love demonstrated? It is demonstrated through God becoming flesh and dwelling among us. Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us". It is demonstrated by Christ loving us enough to bare our sin and take the punishment we deserved. John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends". 1 John 3:23 "And this is His commandment: that we

should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

Here is your February challenge. Ask yourself, when people see me do they see love? Do people see the love of Jesus? When a person comes to worship with your congregation, do they see love? Do you welcome them, as Jesus did, even with their sin? How about a little "Love Check-Up"? A quick review of 1 Corinthians 13 will remind us of what love is, and is not. "Love suffers long and is kind; rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity.

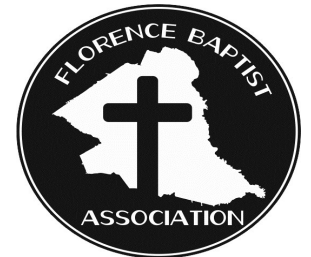
May your Valentine Cards include scripture. May your candy be given with the love that is the sweetest. May your roses remind you of the rose of Sharon! May your soul mate be none other than JESUS!

Looking forward,

Chris

# Exposure

Florence Baptist Association, February, 2014



## Prayer Corner:

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

### Churches without Pastors:

Ariel  
Greenwood  
Hebron  
Ridgecrest

### New Work:

Hispanic Ministry

### CLC Program

Financial Support

### Good News Clubs!

Pray as it expands to FSD 2 & 4 and to Darlington School District; Financial Assistance

### Family Promise

Financial Support Host Churches; Day Center

### Partnerships

Akron/Canton Ohio New Brunswick, Canada

Human Trafficking Task Force

## 2014 Regional Tax Seminar

Feb. 12, 2014

9 am - 3 pm

South Carolina Baptist Convention

Cost: \$25

(includes lunch and materials)

Seminar Leader: Dr. Keith Hamilton

This seminar is for Ministers, Church Treasurers, Financial Secretaries Budget and Personnel Committee members and other church leaders. Topics covered will be dealing with Church Tax Issues and dealing with Ministerial Tax Issues. To register online visit [www.scbaptist.org/retirement](http://www.scbaptist.org/retirement). For more information call 1.803.227.6171.

## GenerationREACH

The Children's Ministry Day 2014 theme is "GenerationReach." This is for ALL children in grades one through six; not just for RAs and GAs. Participating will give children an opportunity to lend a hand to people of all generations in their church, neighborhood, and community. Boys and girls from thousands of churches across North America will collectively minister and witness in their communities as they positively impact the lives of others.

Our children will participate in a special project for the residents of the Baptist Bethea Home. We will meet at the Bethea Home Dining Hall area at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 1, 2014. Our children will distribute "Goody Bags," blankets, and cookies to the residents at this time. The Bethea population includes 70 Independent living, 12 assisted living, and 77 infirmary residents.

Please choose one or both of the following for your children to make:

### Create "Goody Bags" containing

Tissue	Hershey candy bar
Mints	Small bottle of fragrance-free lotion

Bags could be white or brown paper lunch bags. These could be decorated by your children. Please prepare some "sugar-free" bags. Make No Sew Fleece lap blankets - 36" x 54" is a good size. Google "No sew fleece lap blanket" for instructions.

All groups are requested to bring homemade cookies to share with the Residents. Please let Fontaine Knox know how many bags or blankets you will bring by JANUARY 31, 2014. You may reach her by calling 843.374.3796 or via email at [fontaineeknox@hotmail.com](mailto:fontaineeknox@hotmail.com).

**Items Needed:** The SC WMU meeting is being held in our region this year at Calvary Baptist Church in Florence. On Friday, March 21 they will be participating in mission action projects and mission support projects. One of the mission support projects that is being done is care kits for Whosoever Community Church. The WMU ladies are being asked to bring items for these bags, but communicating this is sometimes hard. We are asking our churches to donate some of the items to help with this project. Item should be brought to the FBA, 2208 Pamplico Hwy., by Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Items needed are:

- Used (NO NEW – they get stolen) book bags, duffle bags, totes, reusable shopping bags
- Bars of soap (no liquid)
- Thin wash cloths
- Thin towels
- Travel size shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Razors
- Travel size shaving cream
- Men’s regular size deodorant
- White socks for men
- Pop Tarts, granola bars, breakfast bars
- Crackers-Peanut butter (no sweet crackers)
- Pop Top Foods

**Christian Learning Center:** CLC continues to do well. This year we are offering 4 classes for Southside and Sneed students and three classes for Williams and Hannah Pamplico students bringing us up to 14 classes that meet every day. God is blessing through your gifts and support. Our goal is to expand to the Lake City, District Four area as funding is available.

- **Spirit Night at Chick Fil A for CLC** – February 6, 2014 from 5 pm – 8 pm
- **CLC Banquet** – Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 at First Presbyterian Church. Tables that seat 8 are available for \$200. To request a table sponsor form email Louanne at FBALouanne@sc.rr.com or call 662-5921

**Human Trafficking:** 30 million human beings are slaves throughout the world through labor trafficking or sex trafficking. These numbers continue to rise every single year. You are encouraged to educate yourself in these matters. We have several movies that are available to borrow for you to show in your church. We also have some books on the subject. There are MULTIPLE websites that you can investigate. If you have Facebook you can go to an organizations FB page and like it and their updates will show up in your newsfeed.

Here are some sites that you may want to check out:

- [www.thea21campaign.org](http://www.thea21campaign.org)
- [www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org)
- [www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org)
- [www.sharedhope.org](http://www.sharedhope.org)
- [www.notforsalecampaign.org](http://www.notforsalecampaign.org)
- [www.tinyhandsinternational.org](http://www.tinyhandsinternational.org)
- [www.exoduscry.com](http://www.exoduscry.com)
- [www.stopthetraffic.org](http://www.stopthetraffic.org)

FBA 2014 Mission Trips Dates

- Canada Mission Trip**  
July 26-Aug 2, 2014  
Cost: \$1600 (in 3 payments of \$400)  
The first payment is due Feb. 28th
- Akron/Canton Ohio Mission Trip**  
July 12-19, 2014  
Cost: \$400 - estimate
- Please call the FBA Office at 662.5921 if you are interested in either of these mission opportunities. Applications are available on line at [www.fbassociation.org](http://www.fbassociation.org).

Feb. 2014

- 4 Ministers Conf.  
11:30 am; FBA Office
- 6 Spirit Night for  
CLC at Chick-Fil  
-A on Irby  
Street
- 12 Regional Tax  
Seminar; SCBC;  
9 am

March 2014

- 1 Children's  
Ministry Day;  
Bethea Home
- 2-9 Week of Prayer  
for NAMB
- 4 Ministers Conf;  
11:30 am; FBA  
Office
- 15 Closet Ministry  
Calvary
- 15-16 Kid's Worship  
Weekend;  
Ebenezer
- 21-22 SC State WMU  
Annual Meeting;  
Calvary

**Christian Sympathy** is expressed to Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Thomas, Peniel, in the death of his son-in law, Mike Tolson.

We Are Grateful!  
December Contributions

Church	Dec.	Budget YTD
Ariel	60.00	735.50
Bethel	.00	400.00
Beulah	.00	400.00
Calvary	1,281.04	16,522.37
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	1,200.00
Cartersville	573.00	2,656.00
College Park	601.25	5,300.76
Coward	50.00	600.00
Ebenezer	2,785.38	13,449.77
Elim	666.67	8,000.04
Evergreen	133.46	1,913.85
Florence 1st	1,000.02	8,600.00
Grace	540.89	9,175.01
Greenwood	582.86	7,907.86
Hebron	200.00	1,200.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	5,999.00	19,583.00
Immanuel	.00	2,548.14
Kingsburg	200.00	600.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	3,900.00
Mizpah	246.17	4,208.35
Mt. Zion	.00	2,400.00
New Hope	.00	75.00
Northgate	377.88	4,205.34
Oakdale	289.65	3,151.39
Pamplico 1st	.00	4,913.23
Pee Dee Community	720.00	720.00
Peniel	300.00	1,200.00
Quinby	404.79	2,296.52
Rehoboth	.00	550.00
Ridgecrest	1,212.71	8,460.53
Sardis	.00	3,449.50
South Florence	1,655.24	5,193.73
Southside	1,744.10	17,500.23
Sparrow Swamp	639.89	7,702.18
Tans Bay	.00	.00
Timmonsville 1st	.00	500.00
Union	.00	4,545.65
Unity	166.70	2,477.50
Willow Creek	.00	137.76
TOTALS	8,150.51	178,379.21

**Support Associational Missions**  
*Think - -  
3% Basic  
4% Glory  
5% Hallelujah*

*Happy Birthday*

- 14 Rev. Bobby Earls (P), Northgate
- 26 Rev. Bill Hancock (P), Quinby

*Happy Anniservary*

- 3 Jim (P) & Nancy Crooks, Southside

**Around the Association**

**Ministers Conference...**Will be held Tuesday, February 4th at 11:30 am at the FBA Office. Again lunch will be provided by the FBA staff and will consist of soup and sandwiches.

**Calvary...**Has called Rev. Brian Lynn as Associate Pastor/Students. We welcome Brian. his wife Lisa and daughter, Madison to our association.

**Evergreen...**Has called Rev. Eddie Pettit as pastor. We welcome Rev. Pettit and his wife BJ to our association. Rev. Pettit previously served as Director of Camp McCall.

**Greenwood....**Congratulations to Cleve and Vaughn Calcutt, in the birth of their daughter, Elise Faith on December 30th. Cleve serves as Small Group Pastor at Greenwood Baptist Church.

**Ebenezer...**Presents the “Veritas” in concert on March 9th at 10:30 am in the Family Life Center.

**Southside...** Is looking for a Weekday Director for their weekday childcare ministry which includes care for children 6 weeks through 6th grade along with 3K and 4K preschool. Previous experience as a childcare director in a similar setting required. Interested individuals can email their resume to TGodwin@southsidebaptist.org.

**KIDS’S WORSHIP WEEKEND!**

March 15 & 16, 2014  
Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Led by: **Jeff Slaughter**

Ebenezer Baptist Church Children's Ministry will host a KID'S WORSHIP WEEKEND on March 15 & 16, 2014. **Jeff Slaughter** will be the worship leader during that weekend! Jeff composed many of LifeWay's VBS songs.

The schedule is Saturday Night Worship 6:00-8:00 pm with a dessert social. Sunday Kids Worship at 8:30-9:45 am. Both services will be held in the Family Life Center. As a mission project to help their Honduras team provide shoes for boys and girls in Honduras this summer, they are asking each child to bring a pair of new crocs in your size to the worship time on Saturday evening. There will be a special time to bless the shoes and those that will receive them during that service. Please call at 669-1802 to register.

