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Return Service Requested

I am praying that spring has sprung! I really don't think it is just because I am a year older, but we just have had a rough winter. Winter is my least favorite season of the year. Most people don't like the cold and dreary days. If we had no dreary days, would we really appreciate the bright ones? This has been a dreary week and been made even worse with the loss of a close family friend. She was a bright day, and put an end to many a dreary day for people. Those are the kind of people we all need.

Spring means the celebration of the Resurrection. Easter, in our part of the world, comes in the spring. Talk about putting an end to a dreary day. Talk about putting an end to a dreary life.

Romans 6:4 ".... just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life".

Ephesians 2:6 ".....and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places...."

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Colossians 3:1 "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

If you are having a dreary day, think on the Resurrection! If you are in a winter season of life, think on the Resurrection! Think on how and what you have been raised from, and who you have been raised with. Even though we need to reflect on the Resurrection often, have a special celebration on Easter Sunday. HE IS RISEN!

Looking forward,

Chris

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Florence Baptist Association, April, 2014

### Prayer Corner:

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

### Churches without Pastors:

Ariel Greenwood 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

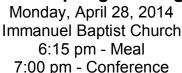
Financial Support Host Churches; Day Center

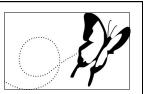
#### **Partnerships**

Akron/Canton Ohio New Brunswick, Canada

Human Trafficking Task Force

### **WMU Spring Meeting**





The Mission Support Project will be to support the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault. Together we can and will make a difference in the lives of victims and their families. Items to bring to the Spring Meeting

New underwear for women and children Socks, hosiery

Hand/body lotion Deodorant Pain Relievers

**Band Aids** Cough & Cold Medicine **Antibiotic Ointment** 

Hair brushes, combs

Disposable Diapers

Shampoo, Conditioner & ethnic hair care products

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### **Associational Missions Emphasis Week** May 4-10, 2014



"...send out laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:38

Prayer guides & offering envelopes will be available upon request .

APRIL, 2014

#### LifeChangers 2014 Reminder!!

LifeChangers registration forms and deposits are due in the FBA Office by 5 pm on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, contact Louanne at 662-5921.

**Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault** is sponsoring "Walk the Walk" on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Florence County Courthouse, 180 N. Irby Street at 9 am. *April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month.* The purpose of the walk is to bring attention to these two issues.

Pee Dee Coalition is also in need of consumable items for their two shelters. If you would like to collect any of these items, bring them to the FBA office and we will deliver them for you.

<u>Household items:</u> paper towels, toilet tissue, napkins, trash bags, Kleenex, small paper plates or bowls, cups.

<u>Cleaning:</u> laundry detergent (unscented), bleach, pine sol, Lysol spray, all purpose cleaner, air freshener, glass cleaner, bathroom cleaner

<u>Food & snacks:</u> tea, coffee, creamer, sugar, sweetener; canned fruits, vegetables & meats; Spaghetti sauce, dessert mixes, mac & cheese, pasta, fruit juices, baby food, powdered formula, canned sodas, small bottles of water, hot instant cereals, small packs of snacks like chips, cookies, crackers, raisins, pretzels.

Gift Cards: Walmart, Sam's, grocery stores to buy fresh meat and vegetables.

Christian Learning Center Banquet – The CLC Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 6:30 at First Presbyterian Church on Cherokee Road. Tables that seat 8 are available for \$200. If you or your church or Sunday School class or group are interested in purchasing a table, please email Louanne at <a href="FBALouanne@sc.rr.com">FBALouanne@sc.rr.com</a> or call 662-5921 for a registration form. Registrations are needed by April 15 so food preparations can be made.

This year our keynote speaker will be Tony Lonsford, principal at Sneed Middle School. You will also hear testimonies from a CLC teacher, CLC parent, and CLC student. Also, some of our CLC students will be at the banquet to help serve. CLC added 3 additional classes in FSD1 this year so financial support is really needed to continue these classes. Please consider sponsoring a table and inviting guests that do not know about CLC!

#### **Health Kits 2014**

Health Kits are due in the associational office on May 1st or later. Please include the following items in a **two gallon zip lock bag.** 

1 toothpaste (6 oz) 1 washcloth 1 1 toothbrush 1 bath towel 1 soap (4.5 oz bath size) 1 comb

### **FBA 2014 Mission Trips Dates**

Canada Mission Trip July 26-Aug 2, 2014

July 26-Aug 2, 2014 Cost: \$1600 (in 3 payments of \$400) The first payment is due March 28th **Akron/Canton Ohio Mission Trip** 

July 12-19, 2014 Cost: \$400 - estimate

Please call the FBA Office at 662.5921if you are interested in either of these mission opportunities. Applications are available on line at www.fbassociation.org.

### April 2014

Regional Tax Seminary; WOCC Ministers Conf.: 11:30 am; FBA 8 Associational Council Mtg; 9 am; FBA 10 Executive Committee Mtg; 7 pm; FBA 15 LifeChangers Registration Due Good Friday FBA Closed 20 Easter Sunday 24 CLC Banquet; 6:30 pm First Presbyterian WMU Spring

### May 2014

Mtg; Immanuel;

Migrant Kits
due in FBA
Office
 4-10 Associational
Missions Week
 Mother's Day
 Memorial Day;
FBA Office
Closed



# We Are Grateful! February Contributions

Church

Feb.

**APRIL. 2014** 

**Budget** 

	100.	YTD
Ariel	50.00	115.00
Bethel	200.00	200.00
Beulah	.00	.00
Calvary	1,064.78	3,599.38
Calvary, Lake City	100.00	200.00
Cartersville	.00	.00
College Park	382.75	1,298.50
Coward	50.00	100.00
Ebenezer	985.27	985.27
Elim	1,333.14	1,333.14
Evergreen	477.30	621.78
Florence 1st	.00	252.59
Grace	.00	670.26
Greenwood	569.14	1,604.26
Hebron	100.00	200.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,201.00	1,201.00
Immanuel	.00	.00
Kingsburg	.00	200.00
Korean	50.00	100.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	1,300.00
Mizpah	65.98	392.58
Mt. Zion	.00	600.00
New Hope	.00	00.00
Northgate	385.35	742.92
Oakdale	277.35	751.65
Pamplico 1st	.00	1,738.58
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	.00	.00
Quinby	181.12	181.12
Rehoboth	275.00	275.00
Ridgecrest	567.35	567.35
Sardis	.00	862.50
South Florence	.00	133.12
Southside	1,577.28	3,898.55
Sparrow Swamp	535.37	1,389.85
Tans Bay	.00	.00
Timmonsville 1st	.00	125.00
Union	.00	1,462.35
Unity	141.44	535.36
Willow Creek	1,186.39	1,186.39
TOTALS	11,756.01	28,823.50

### Support Associational Missions

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

## Kappy Birthday

- Rev. Robby Ott, (MY) Florence First
- Rev. Gerald McKay, retired
- Rev. Gerald Aiken, retired
- 19 Rev. Ed Self, (MM), Ebenezer

# Kappy Anniversary

Randy (P) & Tammy Oswalt, College Park

#### **Around the Association**

**Ministers Conference...**Will be held Tuesday, April 1st at 11:30 am at the FBA Office. We will be discussing future events as well as reorganization of the Ministers Conference. Please plan to attend and have some input. Lunch will be provided by the FBA staff.

Health Classes Offered by Leatherman Center: 1. Better Choices, Better Health (6 week class for people with ongoing health conditions); 2. Take Control with Exercise (for people with Arthritis, Fibromyalgia & Lupus); 3. Walk with Ease (for people with Arthritis). For more information call Fannie Kennedy at 669.6761.

### Prayerwalk for South Florence High School Sunday, April 27 2 pm - 6 pm

SFHS administration has requested a prayer-walk for South Florence. A four hour period of time has been set aside so you can come at your convenience. You will receive a map and a prayer list with specific prayer needs for students, staff, and administration.

#### **Hygiene Items for SFHS**

Another ministry opportunity is to collect some hygiene items for the health room at SFHS. Items needed include deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, and feminine napkins. A lot of times the staff ends up buying these products to minister to the students. Items are going to be collected at the FBA office through the summer so we will have a good collection for the new school year.