



The SaltShaker

September 2014

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

**Prayer Vigil for
Pastor Saeed Abedini
And the Persecuted Church
Friday, September 26, 2014
12 pm – 1 pm**

**Florence County Detention Center
6719 Friendfield Rd. Effingham SC**

September 26 marks two years since Pastor Saeed Abedini, an Iranian born American citizen from Idaho, has been imprisoned in the notorious Evin and Rajaei Shahr prison inside of Iran because of his Christian Faith. He was working with orphans in Iran when he was unjustly arrested. Saeed's wife is pleading for Christians to organize vigils throughout the country to pray for him and the persecuted church.

As violence against Christians is on the rise world-wide, the importance of Christians petitioning God for His protection is even more important. Saeed's life has been threatened by ISIS inmates. For updates on Pastor Saeed go to the Facebook page – "Pray for Pastor Saeed Abedini."

Gather with us as we join together across the world to pray for the persecuted church and the release of Pastor Saeed, as well as spiritual awakening and revival in our communities. Please invite and encourage others to participate.

**Hygiene Items for
South Florence High School
Due in FBA Office by September 1**

We are collecting these hygiene items for the health room at South Florence.

Items needed include:

- Deodorant- male and female
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Dental floss
- Feminine napkins.

Cardboard Box City

Saturday, September 27, 2014

4 pm at West Florence High School

\$20 per "renter" (person) till September 22nd

\$25 after deadline

This event is designed for young people and families to help raise awareness about the increasing problem of homelessness in our community and to help raise funds for Family Promise to open its doors in Florence County real soon. God has provided Family Promise with a Day Center and twelve of the needed thirteen host congregations. For registration information for Cardboard Box City 2014, please go to www.familypromiseofflorence.com; click on 'Events' and you will find all the information you need to register a youth group, club, family, etc.

Silver Ring Thing

Sunday, September 28, 2014

6 pm – 8:30 pm

South Florence High School

\$6 per person; \$5 (groups of 25)

\$8 at door

Silver Ring Thing is a ministry that reaches teens with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and inspires them to live a pure life. The 2-hour stage performance incorporates high energy music, videos, skits, special effects, and comedy delivered in a concert-style approach with which teenagers can respond and relate. The program also proclaims the grace-filled message of the Gospel, going way beyond a call to abstinence to full life in Jesus Christ! To register – silverringthing.com.

NEEDED for Silver Ring Thing – Host homes for Saturday night, Sept. 27 and Sunday night, Sept. 28th for the 13 SRT staff. Hosts will be responsible for providing transportation to and from South Florence both days. Hosts will also be responsible for providing breakfast both mornings. Call 662-5921 if you can help!

Fair Ministry October 14 – 18, 2014

It's time to start planning for the fair! The fair will only be here for five days instead of its usual ten days, so we are going to have to adjust our fair ministry to fit their time schedule.

Here is the tentative schedule:

- Monday, October 13, 5:30 pm - Set up chicken bog meal. Individually wrapped homemade desserts needed from all churches.
- Wednesday, October 15; 9:30 – 12:30 pm – Free Hair Cuts, BP checks, Free donuts & coffee, Eyeglasses, Photos taken, and Children's ministry. This will be the **ONLY** day for this so we will need several beauticians. Please call 662.5921 if you would like to volunteer.
- Friday, October 17, 10 am – Continental breakfast, devotion time, **FREE** Yard Sale. **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 beginning on October 6th.
- Sunday, October 19 at 1 am – Snack Sack give away. Churches will be contacted to help provide certain items for these snacks.

Save the Dates!!

LifeChangers 2015

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"Welcome Back Packs" Update

Thanks so much for your response to the Welcome Back packs for FMU. We collected about 484 packs and they were given out on Monday, August 18 as part of "Welcome Week." A HUGE thank you from BCM!!



Operation Christmas Child Collection Week November 17-24, 2014

Calvary Baptist Church, Florence will serve as the collection center this year for Operation Christmas Child. Calvary has requested other churches to help in the collection by signing up for a day and by providing volunteers from their church to help at the collection center. This is a great project for youth groups.

Collection Days and hours are:

- Monday, November 17: 4 pm – 7 pm
- Tuesday, November 18: 4 pm – 7 pm
- Wednesday, November 19: 4 pm – 7 pm
- Thursday, November 20: 4 pm – 7 pm
- Friday, November 21: 4 pm – 7 pm
- Saturday, November 22: 11 am -1 pm
- Sunday, November 23: 2 pm – 5 pm
- Monday, November 24: 11 am – 7 pm

If your church would like to volunteer, please contact Eddie Stewart at 662-0419 or Louanne Stewart at 662-5921.

OCC Volunteer Training - Volunteers will be asked to attend a brief training on Sunday, November 9 at 3 pm at Calvary Baptist Church in the chapel. The logistics of the collection time will be explained so things will go smoothly when you come to volunteer. Thanks so much for your help!