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As I write this article, there are one hundred days until Christmas. That means different things to different people. For the child, it will seem like one thousand days. For the Choir Director, trying to get that Christmas Cantata ready, it will seem like ten. For the pastor it can seem like a short time, given all the activity that comes that time of the year, and it can seem like a long time for the same reason. For the lady that puts up three Christmas Trees it can seem like time is short. For the person that doesn't think, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas items should all occupy the same spot in the store at the same time, it can be a long time. Still it is one hundred days.

Some people say you can make numbers say what you want them to say. Others, say numbers never lie. Wherever you are, there are some numbers I want to share with you. As the Southern Baptist Convention counts baptisms, one indicator of the health of churches has always been the ratio of members to baptisms. In other words, how many church members are there in relationship to people baptized. So, as the size of the church goes up, so does the ratio. In a church

with under 200 members the ratio is 1 baptism to ever 17 church members. A church with a membership of 800 – 1000 has a ratio of 1 baptism to every 59 members. I can draw several conclusions from these numbers. Don't discount the small membership church. Many of our churches would fall into this category so rejoice over those that come to Christ and follow the Lord in baptism. Don't strive for or take satisfaction in being average. We don't serve a God who is average and He certainly did not send His average Son to the cross. Don't be discouraged, but don't be easily satisfied.

Remember, just as all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season doesn't affect the number of days before Christmas, neither does all the activity in a church necessarily translate to more baptisms. Where ever you are and no matter the size or activity level of the church, be above average.

Looking forward,

Chris

# Exposure

*Florence Baptist Association, October 2014*



## ***Prayer Corner:***

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

### ***Churches without Pastors:***

*Ariel  
Greenwood  
Mizpah*

### ***New Work:***

*Hispanic Ministry*

### ***CLC Program***

*Financial Support*

### ***Good News Clubs!***

*MORE volunteers for FSD 2  
and as GNC expands to Darlington School District;  
Financial Assistance*

### ***Family Promise***

*Financial Support  
Host Churches;*

### ***Partnerships***

*Akron/Canton Ohio  
New Brunswick,  
Canada*

### ***Joseph Project***

## **2014 Florence Baptist Association**

### **Annual Inspirational Meeting**

**October 12, 2014**

Immanuel Baptist Church

6:15 pm

Guest Speaker: Rev. Victor Somers

East Coast Church Planter, New Brunswick Canada

All churches are asked to move their evening services to Immanuel Road Baptist Church for this special inspirational meeting. A nursery will be provided.

Churches should elect their 2014 messengers and ask them to be present for this meeting as the Business Portion of the Annual Meeting will be held at the beginning of the service. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please call the associational office at 662-5921 or email Connie at fbaconnie@sc.rr.com

## **WMU Fall Training**

**October 20, 2014**

Ebenezer Baptist church

6:00 pm - Meal and speakers

7:00 pm - training

During the evening meal you will be given an opportunity to hear from Donna Sullivan, Joseph Project Chairman and its billboard campaign; Becka Moore will be sharing about the future of missions as it pertains to the "Phillip Initiative"; and we will also learn more about Post-traumatic stress disorder.

Training will be offered for WMU Directors, Women on Missions, Girls in Action and Mission Friends.

As a mission project we will be collecting supplies for the Pee Dee Coalition. Please bring these items to the Associational WMU Training on October 20th. For a list of items visit [www.peedeecoalition.org](http://www.peedeecoalition.org).

Please encourage your members to attend and to make supper reservations by calling Ebenezer Baptist Church at 669-1802 by October 15th.

**Hygiene Items for South Florence:** A HUGE THANKS to everyone that collected the hygiene supplies for South Florence High School. When the supplies were delivered, the nurse was totally overwhelmed. She asked if it was OK to share some of the supplies with the other middle and high schools. Thanks for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

**Fair Ministry** – IT’S FAIR TIME!! Our local fair is October 14-18. The planning team has been working really hard organizing all the events. The **one event of concern** is the FREE yard sale on Friday, October 17. We have heard that some of the individuals/churches that usually collect a lot of stuff are not doing it this year. If everyone reading this would purchase 3 or 4 items from the following list, we would have plenty. Items may be brought to the FBA office October 6 or after! Needed items include: *Pop Tarts, cereal, “pop-top” foods (ravioli, Vienna sausage, etc.), shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, Tylenol, Advil, OVER THE COUNTER cold medicine, 4 or 6 pack of toilet paper OR individually wrapped rolls of TP, paper towels, Kleenex, unscented laundry detergent, blankets, Duffel bags, and NEW baseball type caps.*

**Good News Club Training** - Saturday, October 25, 2014 Mt. Zion Baptist Church; 1883 S. Pamplico Hwy. ; 8 am registration; Training 8:30 am – 12:30 pm; Cost \$15; Questions: Louanne Stewart 662-5921. This training is specifically for the Pamplico area to help start a GNC at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary School in January, but anyone is welcomed to attend.

**Operation Christmas Child**

1. There will be an **OCC Kick Off Event on Saturday, October 11 at 10 am at Calvary Baptist Church in Florence.** At the event you can pick up your OCC materials for the 2014 season, while sharing your project ideas with other leaders from the Pee Dee area. A limited number of shoe boxes will be available for pick up at the event. Hear the testimony of Irina Creek, who received an OCC shoe box gift in Russia as a child.
2. Operation Christmas Child Collection Week November 17-24, 2014 Calvary Baptist Church, Florence will serve as the collection center this year for Operation Christ mas 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. If your church would like to volunteer, please contact Eddie Stewart at 662-0419 or Louanne Stewart at 662-5921.

**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

3. **OCC Volunteer Training** - Volunteers that help at the collection center 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!

**RA Training Event**

October 14, 2014  
FBA Office - 7:00

Rev. Eddie Pettit, Associational RA Director will be leading this event which is offered for all areas of Royal Ambassadors, First-Sixth grade.

**Training will be offered in:**

- RA Chapter Meetings
- RA Advancement
- RA Mission Activities
- RA Interest Activities

Please call the FBA Office at 662-5921 or email fbaconnie@sc.rr.com to register.

**2014 Prisoner Packet List**

One **Black** non-retractable pen  
*(no wire clip and no other color pen)*  
One junior legal writing tablet  
*(no larger than 5 1/2” x 8” and no wire bound)*  
One Adult Toothbrush  
*(Individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)*  
Five First-Class **#10 Stamp Embossed** Envelopes  
*(Purchased at US Post Office)*  
Two Rolls of Candy  
*(LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers type)*  
One 4-6 oz. Bar of Soap (no travel size)  
One 5.8 oz or larger Toothpaste

Please place items in a one gallon zip lock bag and bring to FBA Office on Monday, Dec. 1st.

**Oct. 2014**

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| 12          | FBA Annual Session;<br>Immanuel;<br>6:15 pm             |
| 14          | RA Training;<br>7:00 pm; FBA Office                     |
| 14-18<br>20 | Fair Ministry<br>WMU Fall<br>Meeting; 6:00 pm; Ebenezer |

**Nov. 2014**

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| 8     | We're Here for You!                         |
| 11-12 | SCBC Annual Meeting;                        |
| 17-24 | Shoebox Collection;<br>Calvary, Florence    |
| 27-28 | Thanksgiving Holidays;<br>FBA Office Closed |

**Dec. 2014**

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| 1     | Prisoner Packets Due in FBA Office    |
| 22-26 | Christmas Holidays' FBA Office Closed |

*Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family of Rev. Burton Welsh, Sardis, in the death of his brother.*

**We Are Grateful!  
Aug. Contributions**

Church	Aug.	Budget YTD
Ariel	68.10	583.10
Bethel	.00	400.00
Beulah	.00	1,700.00
Calvary	2,904.54	10,280.06
Calvary, Lake City	100.00	800.00
Cartersville	.00	1,329.50
College Park	469.60	4,068.11
Coward	50.00	400.00
Ebenezer	888.66	6,691.23
Elim	666.47	5,331.96
Evergreen	815.74	2,935.18
Florence 1st	1,160.52	2,405.71
Grace	462.39	4,395.71
Greenwood	578.38	5,503.66
Hebron	.00	700.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	2,298.00	9,009.00
Immanuel	240.06	1,889.64
Kingsburg	.00	800.00
Korean	.00	350.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	3,900.00
Mizpah	74.44	781.05
Mt. Zion	.00	1,800.00
New Hope	.00	00.00
Northgate	353.74	2,631.63
Oakdale	312.39	2,389.67
Pamplico 1st	.00	4,985.57
Pee Dee Community	500.00	600.00
Peniel	.00	600.00
Quinby	.00	1,294.79
Rehoboth	.00	275.00
Ridgecrest	.00	3,617.57
Sardis	.00	2,587.50
South Florence	1,640.61	3,664.43
Southside	1,816.67	15,863.68
Sparrow Swamp	530.00	5,146.49
Tans Bay	.00	.00
Timmonsville 1st	.00	375.00
Union	1,495.65	4,366.59
Unity	.00	1,692.07
Willow Creek	85.14	1,753.41

<b>TOTALS</b>	17,511.10	117,897.31
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**Support Associational Missions**

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

*Happy Birthday*

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| 11 | Rev. Charlie Pittman (P), Immanuel |
| 18 | Rev. Leo Carter, Alianzo           |
| 19 | Rev. W. L. Collins, retired        |
| 31 | Rev. Ken Moore (P), Elim           |

*Happy Anniversary*

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| 2  | Brian (YM) & Lisa Lynn, Calvary |
| 13 | Jerry & Arlene Aiken, retired   |

**Around the Association**

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**Southside...**Congratulations to Jay and Caroline Perez in the birth of their daughter, Florence Abigail, born August 28th .

**Elim...**Celebrated the 25th anniversary of Rev. Ken Moore as Pastor on Sept. 21, 2014. The activities began at 10:30 am followed by a covered dish meal in the Moore Family Life Center. Former members, family members of the Moore's, Rev. Chris Smith, FBA DOM, and Civil War Re-actor friends of Rev. Moore were on hand for the celebration. Several meaningful gifts were presented to Pastor Moore.

**Helping Hands-Friends, Family, and Face of Adoption and Foster Care;** Friday, Oct. 10; 6-9:30 pm; Faith Chapel of Florence, 3609 Hoffmeyer Road, Florence. Ever thought of adopting but felt stumped by the unknowns? Considered foster care but just weren't sure what that might look like? Come for a night of answered questions and real life stories from ordinary people from the Florence area, whose lives are being forever changed by adoption. Leave with resource materials, contacts of local folks and endless opportunities. Dessert will be provided. **\*\*Due to subject nature, adults-only encouraged.** No child-care provided. Questions-contact Jennifer or Kendal Danford –665.1958.

**Northgate...**is currently seeking two ministry/staff positions. 1. Church pianist which is a part-time, paid position. 2. Student Intern to work with our Student Ministries. This position will also receive financial support. Both opportunities will provided valuable ministry experience while helping our church grow and reach others. If interested, or to learn more, contact Pastor Bobby Earls at 205.514.9964 or 843.662.0732. You may also email Pastor Earls at bobbyearls@att.net.

**Greenwood...**is seeking to hire a keyboardist who can play both traditional hymns and contemporary praise music. Please contact Kathy Henderson, Worship Leader, at 678.9989.

**Calvary, Florence...**Solid oak children's chairs, new ones cost over \$100 each—selling for \$12 each. Buy in quantity for better price! May see at Calvary Baptist Florence. Call or email Sharon at 843.667.1798 or sking@calvarycares.com.

