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# Cooperative

*Florence Baptist Association, February 2015*



Cooperative, what comes to mind when you hear that word? Well the Cooperative Program is the one that comes first to my mind but let's save that for a little later. I am part of an Electrical Cooperative. They were able to bring electricity to rural areas, and currently do it less expensively than other providers. It works because people work together, cooperate. There was a vision, a goal, and people came together to accomplish it.

Our culture has changed drastically in my 51 years because of cooperation. You can't put a man on the moon and win wars without it. Look at the other things that have been accomplished: marriage and sexuality are viewed much differently now because of small groups, comparatively, that worked together and pushed for their desires. Animal rights groups and environmentalists have caused great punishment to fall upon one that destroys an eagle's nest and a teenage girl can kill a baby, with the help of the government, without her parents being involved or even notified! I understand these things being inconsistent with God's Word.

Our denomination became the largest Protestant Denomination partly because of the Cooperative program. Cooperation is all dependent on the vision and goals set before the people. Generationally, the Baby Boomers thought mostly like the generation before them. We had shared values and general thought processes up until those born around the mid-sixties! Think of the turmoil of those times. Some of you lived through it and some have only heard historical accounts, some of which may not be historically accurate! Since that time our generations have

been influenced by the changes in our culture and have continued to show shifting values based on the previous shifts. These shifting thought processes and value shifts have made it more difficult, but not impossible, for our denomination to continue doing things as we did before. Let me say, I make no judgments here about what is right and wrong, as all generations have both, just stating what I believe has happened.

So what now? This seems to be the question we constantly ask about the congregations, associations, and conventions that we are a part of. How do we cooperate? Here are a few topics I will cover over the months ahead:

Allow Pastors to lead - Pastors you lead  
Have Godly men and women in leadership  
Keep the vision emphasized, "Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained"  
Prov. 28:19

Oh yes, since it is February, with Valentine's Day coming up, God is love! Chris

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As you notice a few changes in the newsletter, let me make this disclaimer. We typically mail out over 800 newsletters. In the electronic world we live in, less & less is delivered in print. We hope to continue this tread by cutting back on the number of newsletter we mail and increasing the number we email. If you are getting this in print and would be willing to have it emailed to you, please call the office and let us know so that we might change you from the mailing list to the email list.

## *Prayer Corner:*

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

### *Churches without Pastors:*

*Hoffmeyer Road  
Quinby*

### *New Work:*

*Hispanic Ministry*

### *CLC Program*

*Financial Support*

### *Good News Clubs!*

*MORE volunteers as GNC expands to Darlington School District; Financial Assistance*

### *Family Promise*

*Financial Support*

### *Partnerships*

*Akron/Canton Ohio  
New Brunswick, Canada*

### *Joseph Project*

## **Children's Ministry Day**

**Saturday, February 7, 2015**

**10:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Betha Baptist Retirement Center  
Fellowship Hall at Dining Room  
157 Home Ave., Darlington, SC**

All girls and boys grades one through six are invited to participate in the exciting Children's Ministry Day activity at Betha Baptist Retirement Center. Floor plan maps for the Betha Halls will be available before the event.

### **Each group is encouraged to bring:**

1. Fleece/polar fleece lap blanket. They may be homemade tie blankets or all ready made blankets. The blanket can be used by all residents of Betha.
2. Prepare small gift bags with small Kleenex tissue, fragrance-free lotion, chocolate candy bar, mints, toothbrush, and toothpaste. If you can, please do a few "sugar-free" bags for diabetics.
3. One dozen cookies and one dozen brownies. The cookie/brownie table will be available for your homemade goodies for the residents. (If your group would rather bring paper plates/napkins, please contact Fontaine Knox. That way residents can take the goodies to lunch and/or to their room)

**Program:** Participants are asked to sing "Jesus Loves Me". Lake City First Baptist Girls' Ensemble will also sing a few songs.

**ANY GROUP** that would like to sing or do any other kind of activity—skit, interpretive movement, etc. - is encouraged to do so. You may have a student that would like to play a piano piece. Please let Fontaine Knox know.

**Assisted Living:** Need volunteers to read Bible stories or other church materials to the residents. (If your group would like to do this, let Fontaine Knox know.)

**The Infirmary** will be closed to visitors for health reasons.

If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Knox at 843.374.3796 or 843.373.0123.

Mark your Calendar!!

Spirit Nights at Chick Fil A on Irby Street; 5 pm – 8 pm

10% of the profits will benefit the organization  
February 5 – Christian Learning Center  
March 26 – Child Evangelism Fellowship  
that sponsors Good News Clubs in our elementary schools

Good News Club Training

Saturday, February 7, 2015  
8 am registration;  
Training 8:30 pm – 12:00 pm  
Cornerstone Baptist Church  
2930 Master’s Way, Darlington 29532  
Cost \$15 pre-register or \$20 at door

Pancake Supper Fundraiser

For Good News Clubs  
Palmetto St. Church of God - 3132 W. Palmetto St.  
Thursday, March 5, 2015  
5—8 pm  
Eat in or take out  
Menu: Pancakes and Sausage  
Cost: \$7.00 (tickets available @ FBA)  
Catered by Junebugs Care

LifeChangers June 21-26, 2015

Calvary Baptist Church  
Cost - \$100 per person  
Open to youth that have completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older

  
**WMU Spring Meeting  
Church Ministry Fair**  
March 30, 2015  
Evergreen Baptist Church  
6:00 - Meal  
7:00 - Ministry Fair

Our WMU Spring Meeting will consist of a Church Ministry Fair. Each church is asked to have a table displaying the ministries in which their church is involved. The purpose of the Ministry Fair is to share ideas on how to reach others for Jesus.

Please encourage your WMU members to attend. Make supper reservations by calling Evergreen Baptist Church at 662.1020 by March 27.

Questions call Joy Anderson, FBA WMU Director, at 687.9769

**South Carolina Baptist  
Disaster Relief Training**  
March 7, 2015  
Hoffmeyer Road Baptist Church  
2317 Hoffmeyer Road  
Florence, SC

For more information or to register  
online visit [www.scbc.org/dr](http://www.scbc.org/dr)



Feb. 2015

- 5 Pee Dee Vipers Christian Fellowship Night
- 5 CLC Spirit Night; Chick-Fil -A; 5-8 pm
- 7 Children's Day; Bethea Home; 10 am
- 10 Ministers Conf.; 11:30 am; FBA
- 18-19 Evangelism Conference

March 2015

- 1-8 Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- 5 Pancake Supper for Good News Club; Palmetto St. Church of God; 5-8 pm
- 7 Disaster Relief Regional Training Hoffmeyer Road
- 30 WMU Spring Meeting; Evergreen

*Christian Sympathy is expressed to Dr. and Mrs. David Wike and family in the death of his mother.*

*Christian Sympathy is also expressed to Rev. and Mrs. Bryan Chapman and family in the death of his father.*

We Are Grateful!  
Dec. Contributions

Church	Dec.	Budget YTD
Ariel	106.00	932.10
Bethel	.00	400.00
Beulah	.00	1,700.00
Calvary	1,563.64	18,920.58
Calvary, Lake City	125.00	1,275.00
Cartersville	623.66	2,650.86
College Park	354.90	5,879.50
Coward	50.00	550.00
Ebenezer	.00	8,069.22
Elim	666.47	7,997.84
Evergreen	336.06	4,477.15
Florence 1st	1,935.85	5,283.28
Grace	635.23	6,814.69
Greenwood	712.66	8,135.59
Hebron	125.00	1,275.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	8,298.00	19,563.00
Immanuel	.00	2,191.62
Kingsburg	.00	1,100.00
Korean	100.00	600.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	3,900.00
Mizpah	851.04	1,848.91
Mt. Zion	.00	2,400.00
New Hope	.00	00.00
Northgate	436.79	4,047.37
Oakdale	371.54	3,932.69
Pamplico 1st	.00	6,569.06
Pee Dee Community	.00	600.00
Peniel	300.00	1,200.00
Quinby	363.85	2,184.06
Rehoboth	.00	550.00
Ridgecrest	1,466.00	6,962.13
Sardis	.00	3,450.00
South Florence	.00	3,664.43
Southside	2,187.80	23,546.67
Sparrow Swamp	826.06	8,160.81
Tans Bay	.00	.00
Timmons ville 1st	.00	500.00
Union	.00	5,710.04
Unity	385.21	2,599.24
Willow Creek	192.96	2,174.10
TOTALS	23,013.72	181,814.94

Support Associational Missions

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

Feb. Birthdays

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

Feb. Anniversaries

- 3 Jim (P) & Nancy Crooks, Southside

Around the Association

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**Greenwood...**Has called Rev. Johnny McDaniel as pastor. We welcome Rev. McDaniel and his wife, Anita to our association. He and Anita have three children, Chloe, Grace and Ella.

**Mizpah...**Has called Rev. Richard Schubert as pastor. We welcome Rev. Schubert and his wife Maria to our association. He and Maria have three children, Sarah Cathryn, Stephen and Emma.

**Hoffmeyer Road...**On January 18th, Hoffmeyer Road honored Rev. and Mrs. Laneir Singleton as he retired. There were a good number of family and special friends that joined them on this special day. A special video presentation celebrated some "Laneirisms" and gave a look back through the years of his ministry. The Elders of Hoffmeyer presented Lanier with a guided fishing trip, for four people, on Lake Murray. Beck Bogan, Connie and Laneir's daughter gave a humorous yet inspiring tribute to her parents. Cory, their son, and his family sang and Cory spoke concerning leaving a legacy. The beautiful service was followed by a fellowship meal, which of course, included chicken. We appreciate the faithful years of service with Hoffmeyer Road and the work and support given through the Florence Baptist Association.

**Ministers Conference....**Dr. Tommy Kelly, our newly elected SCBC President, has expressed how the Pee Dee and Low Country are so poorly represented in our convention. He will here at our February Ministers Conference on Feb. 10th at 11:30 am. Cost of meal is \$5 per person. Please call or email the FBA if you plan to attend.

**Executive Committee Meeting Information...**This motion was approved by the Executive Committee in the January 15th meeting.

*"The Florence Baptist Association will only accept funds and or good for approved and promoted ministries and projects. We reserve the right to allow funds that have been designated, for a ministry that no longer needs funding and/or becomes inactive, to be transferred to the general budget. This determination will be made by the Stewardship Committee annually during budget preparation."*

