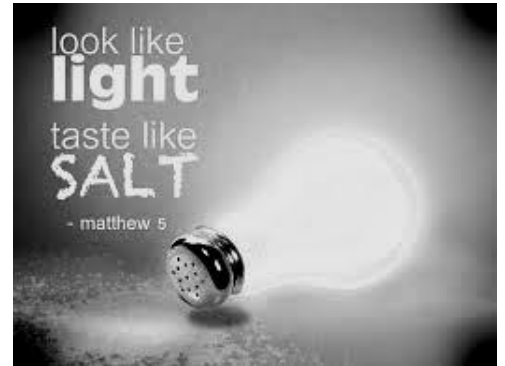




“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Matthew 5:13-14

May 2015



Operation Christmas Child Celebrates 2014 Totals

- Calvary Collection Center – 23,962 boxes
- Sumter Collection Center – 8,960 boxes
- Pee Dee Area total – 32,922 boxes
- Nationwide total – 7,991,643 boxes
- Worldwide total – 10.4 million



It's time to start shopping for you shoeboxes for 2015 if you haven't already started. National Collection Week is November 16-23, 2015. If you are on Pinterest, there are a lot of OCC Boards you can follow to get ideas on what to pack in your shoeboxes.

There will be **OCC Project Leader Workshop** on **May 30 at 10 am** at Calvary Baptist Church. This will be a time for project leaders of OCC in local churches to come and share some of their best ideas while also being equipped on ways to grow and support OCC in their church. If you or your church have never done OCC this will be a great workshop for you to attend. **LOTS OF GREAT IDEAS!!!**

LifeChangers - June 21-26, 2015

LifeChangers is just around the corner. Registrations are in and preparations are being made for the week. **YOU** can help in several ways.

1. **Pray** - Please begin to pray now for the students and leaders that will participate in LifeChangers. Pray for the residents of the homes that will be worked on. Pray for safety on the work site. Pray for the planning process before LC begins. Pray for the selection of homes as we work with the City of Florence.
2. **Evening meals** are needed for the entire group.
3. **Lunches** are taken to the work site Monday – Friday at 11:30. Groups or churches can adopt a crew for the whole week (which is preferred) or for a few days – whatever works for your group!

If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please call Louanne at 662.5921.

Joseph Project Proposal

The FBA Joseph Project Task Force on human trafficking is working with "Lighthouse for Life," a safe house in Columbia, for girls age 12 – 17 years old that have been victims of sex trafficking. Their biggest need is to furnish the bedrooms with twin beds, bedside tables, and chest of drawers. The safe house can house six girls and it is the only safe house in SC! For more info – www.lighthouseforlife.org.

We need YOUR help in raising the funds for the furniture. The Joseph Project team is sponsoring a **Spaghetti Supper** to help raise money for the furniture. It is **Thursday, May 28, 2015** from 5–7 pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 915 Cherokee Rd. Tickets are \$7 (eat in or take out) and are available at Calvary or Florence Baptist Association. If you cannot attend the spaghetti supper but would like to contribute to the fund for the furniture, make your check payable to the Florence Baptist Association and mail to 2208 Pamplico Hwy. Florence 29505 and mark it for "furniture." We hope to have the funds to purchase the furniture by June 1st since the safe house hopes to open by the end of the summer.



BCM Spirit Night at Chick Fil A

Irby Street Location

Thursday, May 14

5 - 8 pm

10% of profits will benefit BCM

Summer Missions

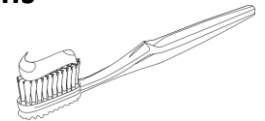
Since FMU classes will be over by this time, BCM summer missionaries really need the support of our churches!

Hygiene Items for FSD1 Middle and High Schools

Last year we collected hygiene items for the health room at SF High School and in that process learned that this is a need in all of the middle and high schools. SF shared the items collected with other schools and will do the same this year.

Items needed include: deodorant - male and female, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, and *feminine napkins*.

**Please bring your items
to the FBA office by
September 1!**



"Welcome Back Packs" for FMU:

Francis Marion Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) needs your help again this year. They want to give the "Welcome Back Packs" to new students arriving on campus in the fall 2015. This will be the tenth year they have done this and it has proven to be a wonderful way for the BCM students to reach out to other students on campus. It serves as a tool to begin a relationship with students and to invite them to their BCM activities. Don't miss this ministry opportunity!

If you would like to provide packets please put the following items in a quart zip lock bag and bring them to the associational office by **Monday, August 3:**

- Pack of crackers
- Pack of Pop tarts
- Microwave popcorn
- 2 mechanical pencils
- Tic Tacs or Breath savers
- 2 packs of gum



SAVE THE DATE!

FAIR MINISTRY

October 13-17, 2015

We will be doing the Free Yard Sale on Friday, Oct. 16 so start collecting shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, Tylenol, Advil, 4 toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, unscented laundry detergent, Pop Tarts, cereal, "pop-top" foods.