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VBS, camps, mission trips and many other summer activities are in full swing in many of our churches. Either they have happened, are just about to happen, or will soon happen. It takes many volunteers and much sacrifice and cooperation for these things to happen. I am sure that many of you that have been in a Baptist Church for many years realize how these activities have changed through the years.

I would like you to think about mission trips. These are the scenarios I see in our churches:

1. Some have their own partnership and are deeply involved and thoroughly committed.
2. Some look for needs and try to match up to those needs and respond. Some are ongoing and some are short term.
3. Some are not quite sure about how to identify an opportunity and may have a very limited number that would go.
4. Some there is not much willingness to go to meet the needs of others.

Of these 4 generalizations, the Florence Baptist Association is willing and able to help you with 2-4. We have tried to meet these needs through partnerships in Ohio and Canada. These partnerships are set to expire in January unless we make a decision to extend them. Here are a few facts: Canada We have had only 4 of our churches represented in our work in Canada. 70% of our volunteers have come from one church. Ohio: 5 churches have taken trips and roughly 25% of our churches have had people to go on one of the trips the FBA has taken.

We would love to have your thoughts on how we might better assist you to do missions through your church and/or come alongside others from FBA churches to do it together. Please pray and we welcome your comments as we seek God's will concerning the present and future partnerships. Help us know how to help you!

Looking forward,
Chris!

Cooperative

Florence Baptist Association, July, 2015



Prayer Corner:

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

Churches without Pastors:

*College Park,
Hoffmeyer Road
Northside Chapel*

New Work:

Hispanic Ministry

CLC Program

Financial Support

Good News Clubs!

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

Director Search

Family Promise

*Financial Support
Director Search*

Partnerships

*Akron/Canton Ohio
New Brunswick,
Canada*

Joseph Project
Furniture funding

A Prayer For Our Nation!

Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.

Bless our President.

Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you.

Bless our Congress.

Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life - from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.

Bless the people of the United States.

Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty justice, and equality.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country.

Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty.

Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate.

Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country, and our world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

By Lorene Hamley Duquin
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Please pray for the
Vacation Bible School's listed below.

Immanuel	July 12-16	Peniel	July 14-17
Northgate	July 12-16	Sardis	July 12-16
Oakdale	July 26-29	South Florence	Aug. 9-14
Pamplico First	July 19-23		

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 23, 2015

FBA Office

12:00 pm - lunch

Cost: \$5

12:30 pm - Meeting begins

Please note change of time. RSVP for lunch by calling 662.5921 or via email at fbaconnie@sc.rr.com by Wednesday July 22nd.

cardboard box city

Would you give up your bed for one
night....
if

it would CHANGE A LIFE?



Join us on **Saturday, September 26** at West Florence High School for Family Promise's Cardboard Box City 2015—a one night event to raise money and awareness for Family Promise of Florence - a community wide program that supports homeless families on their journey to a stable future. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of the problem of homelessness in Florence.

Who: Adults and youth who want to make an impact for the homeless in our community. Students must be supervised by an adult (1 adult for every 5 students)

What: Sleep overnight in a cardboard box to raise money and awareness of homeless families. There will be entertainment, dinner, contests, breakfast and more.

When: Saturday, September 26 at 4:30 to Sunday, Sept. 27 at 7:00 am

Cost: \$25 per person; \$30 per person after September 18

This is a fundraiser for Family Promise of Florence. Family Promise hopes to open its doors in the early fall to help children and their families that are homeless.

For more info on Cardboard Box City and for registration forms:
www.familypromiseofflorence.com

July 2015

- 6 July 4th Holiday
FBA Closed
21 Red Wolves Game
23 Executive
Committee
Meeting;
12:00 pm; FBA
Office;
25-1 Canada Mission
Trip
26 Connie Maxwell
Children's Home
Prayer Network
Training; 4 pm;
LCFB.

August 2015

- 3 FMU Welcome
Back Packs Due in
FBA Office

Sept. 2015

- 1 Hygiene Items
for FSD1 Middle
& High School due
in FBA Office
7 Labor Day; FBA
Office Closed
15 WMU Fall Mtg;
Pamplico First
17 Churches
Protecting
Children;
10:30 am; FBA
26 Card Board Box
City

FBA
Office
will be
closed
July 6
for the
July 4th
Holiday

We Are Grateful!
May Contributions

Church	May	Budget YTD
Ariel	69.00	381.00
Bethel	.00	200.00
Beulah	.00	.00
Calvary	1,183.13	7,258.52
Calvary, Lake City	.00	800.00
Cartersville	.00	675.05
College Park	474.95	2,494.46
Coward	50.00	250.00
Ebenezer	1,335.89	6,018.72
Elim	666.47	3,332.35
Evergreen	391.76	1,351.30
Florence 1st	.00	235.92
Grace	921.10	4,731.75
Greenwood	823.25	3,611.07
Hebron	.00	500.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	.00	6,640.00
Immanuel	373.97	1,125.52
Kingsburg	.00	400.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	.00
Mizpah	110.68	519.16
Mt. Zion	.00	1,200.00
New Hope	.00	00.00
Northgate	333.14	1,668.11
Oakdale	385.75	1,798.79
Pamplico 1st	.00	4,350.72
Pee Dee Community	.00	800.00
Peniel	.00	300.00
Quinby	125.95	567.82
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	.00	2,651.64
Sardis	.00	1,725.00
South Florence	1,487.28	3,769.44
Southside	1,813.47	9,731.55
Sparrow Swamp	550.80	3,286.99
Tans Bay	.00	.00
Timmons ville 1st	.00	400.00
Union	.00	2,986.44
Unity	169.31	706.97
Willow Creek	92.94	383.70
TOTALS	11,358.84	76,851.99

Support Associational Missions

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

July Birthdays

- 11 Rev. Bo Treadway, (P) New Hope
25 Rev. Charles Larrimore (P), Unity
28 Rev. Peter Rivera, (P), Immanuel

July Anniversaries

- 2 Doyle & Mary Francis Jones, retired
5 James (P) & Doris Brown, Rise & Live
7 Daniel (P) & Fonda Inabinet, Florence
First
11 Cleve (AP) & Vaughn Calcutt,
Greenwood
14 Ed (MM) & Julie Self, Ebenezer
27 Rex (MM) & Becky Hunter, Florence
First
27 Burton (P) & Suzette Welsh, Sardis
30 Eddie (AP) & Louanne Stewart, Calvary,
FBA
31 Bob (P) & Debbie Dockery, Mt. Zion
31 Shane (P) & Martha Patrick, Lake City
First
31 Bobby (P) & Penny Earls, Northgate

Around the Association

College Park...Is seeking a part-time Ministry Assistant for 20 hours a week. Knowledge of Automated Church Systems (ACS) and Quick Book Programs is desired but not required. Send resumes to College Park Baptist Church, 1501 Third Loop Road, Florence, SC 29505.

Unity....Congratulations to Charles (Pastor) and Marlene Larrimore who are now the proud adoptive parents of Ryan Jamison Larrimore. A dedication service was held on June 14th.

Greenwood...Congratulations to Cleve (AP) and Vaughn Calcutt in the birth of their son, Judson James born June 15, 2015. Judson weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs and 21 inches long.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Rev. and Mrs. Shane Patrick, pastor, Lake City First Baptist Church in the death of his brother.

Connie Maxwell Children's Home
Prayer Network Training

Sunday, July 26 at 4 pm
Lake City First Baptist
Fellowship Hall

If you would like to be a prayer partner for the children of Connie Maxwell, please call LCFB Church at 843.374.8808 to register.