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Florence Baptist Association, June, 2015



It is almost June, and I am still wondering where April went. So June means High School graduations, Vacation Bible Schools, vacations for some. Mission trips, summer camps and other events can come during June also. My favorite day of the year, next to January 2 which is for a completely different set of reasons, is June 21<sup>st</sup>. At times it might fall on the 20<sup>th</sup> or the 22<sup>nd</sup>, but most often summer officially begins on this day. It is also the longest day of the year; well they are all 24 hours, so let's say it has the most hours of daylight. Since I love the outdoors and all the warm weather activities, I have always been fond of warm weather and a long day of sunshine.

I still remember my Dads headlights shining behind me as I was riding my bike home from playing with friends. I had stayed out past dusk and was now riding down the dark country road. It was easier for me, during the light, to see my way home. I did not have to deal with the consequences when I got home in the light. Getting home in the light caused less concern on the part of my parents. All things considered, I was better off in the light than in the dark. Aren't we all? "You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night, nor of darkness" 1st Thessalonians 5:5.

Do you know people going through life that are in the dark? They are not "walking in the

light as He is in the light". Have you ever heard someone praying and describe the church as a lighthouse? A lighthouse warns of danger and gives direction. A lighthouse shows the same light to a small boat that it does to a cruise liner. The light is seen by the first class passenger and the first mate.

Sometimes those of us that are living in the light forget what it is like to be in the dark. Our world and those in it seem to be more in need of the lighthouse than ever. People are lost and in danger. Lives become shipwrecked all around us. Is it possible that the light of the lighthouse has grown dim? Can it be that many in the church would rather shine the light of judgment than the light of rescue? Remember some of the old hymns: "Throw Out the Lifeline" and "Rescue the Perishing". "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Enjoy the extra light of summer, and use it to bring glory to God!

Looking forward,

Chris!

## Prayer Corner:

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

### Churches without Pastors:

College Park,  
 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 Director Search

### Family Promise

Financial Support Director Search

### Partnerships

Akron/Canton Ohio  
 New Brunswick,  
 Canada

### Joseph Project

Furniture funding

## Please Pray for these Upcoming events!

### LifeChangers

June 21-June 26, 2015

Summer Mission Activities  
 At YMCA

Akron/Canton Ohio Mission Trip  
 July 11-July 18, 2015

New Brunswick, Canada Mission Trip  
 July 25-August 1, 2015

If interested in either of these mission trips, please call the FBA Office.  
 Applications are available on line at [www.florenceba.org](http://www.florenceba.org)

## Please pray for the Vacation Bible School's listed below.

Calvary, Florence	June 28-2	Mizpah	June 21-25
Cartersville	June 21-25	Mt. Zion	June 22-25
Ebenezer	June 14-18	Northgate	July 12-16
Elim	June 28- 2	Oakdale	June 22-25
Evergreen	July 21-25	Pamplico First	July 19-23
Florence First	June 15-17	Peniel	July 14-17
Grace	June 14-18	Ridgecrest	June 28-2
Greenwood	June 15-19	Sardis	July 12-16
Hebron	June 19-20	Southside	June 15-19
Hoffmeyer Road	June 8-11	South Florence	Aug. 9-14
Immanuel	July 12-16	Sparrow Swamp	June 14-18
Kingsburg	June 8-12	Union	June 8-12
Lake City First	June 8-12	Unity	June 8-12
		Willow Creek	June 7-11

LOCAL DIRECTOR NEEDED  
FOR  
CEF HEART OF THE PALMETTO CHAPTER

The Heart of the Palmetto Chapter (Florence, Darlington, Chesterfield, Marlboro & Dillon counties) of Child Evangelism Fellowship is seeking an individual with a call from God to ministry, a passion for children, an ability to develop healthy relationships, a desire to provide leadership to a growing ministry. The Local Director's leadership will provide focus on building the ministry in fulfilling the CEF mission to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the local church for Christian living. In addition, the Local Director has responsibilities through ministry supervision, leadership development and administrative duties to execute and accomplish the plans and objectives of the local committee and the CEF state board. Applicants need a personal testimony of a relationship with Jesus and a local church while also finding support from his/her family. Furthermore, applicants need to be self-motivated with good written, verbal, public speaking, and leadership skills. The local coordinator is expected, during the first year of employment, to complete the Children's Ministries Institute® preparing him/her to evangelize and disciple children in dynamic outreach ministries, equipping him/her to teach others and helping him/her build leadership skills. Training is held at the CEF International Headquarters in Warrenton, Missouri. For more information about the Heart of the Palmetto Chapter of CEF please visit [www.heartofthepalmetto.org](http://www.heartofthepalmetto.org). Resumes will be accepted through June 30, 2015. Please submit resumes to the Local Director Search, CEF Heart of the Palmetto, P.O. Box 5893, Florence, SC 29502.

“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:**

- 1 individual *pack of crackers*
- 1 individual *pack of Pop tarts*
- 1 individual *bag of microwave popcorn*
- 2 mechanical *pencils*
- 1 *Tic Tacs or Breath savers*
- 2 packs of *gum*

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](mailto:fbaconnie@sc.rr.com) by Wednesday July 22nd.

June 2015

- 16-17 Southern Baptist  
Convention;  
Columbus, Ohio
- 21-26 LifeChangers

July 2015

- 6 July 4th Holiday  
FBA Closed
- 11-18 Ohio Mission Trip
- 21 Red Wolves Game
- 23 Executive  
Committee  
Meeting;  
12:00 pm; FBA  
Office;
- 25-1 Canada Mission  
Trip

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
- 17 Churches  
Protecting  
Children;  
10:30 am; FBA



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

We Are Grateful!  
April Contributions

Church	April	Budget YTD
Ariel	92.00	312.00
Bethel	200.00	200.00
Beulah	.00	.00
Calvary	1,726.50	6,075.39
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	800.00
Cartersville	675.05	675.05
College Park	447.40	2,019.51
Coward	50.00	200.00
Ebenezer	.00	4,682.83
Elim	666.47	2,665.88
Evergreen	.00	959.54
Florence 1st	.00	235.92
Grace	1,236.95	3,810.65
Greenwood	766.17	2,787.82
Hebron	125.00	500.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	3,381.00	6,640.00
Immanuel	254.65	751.55
Kingsburg	.00	400.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	.00
Mizpah	129.43	408.48
Mt. Zion	600.00	1,200.00
New Hope	.00	00.00
Northgate	679.76	1,334.97
Oakdale	415.39	1,413.04
Pamplico 1st	2,798.97	4,350.72
Pee Dee Community	.00	800.00
Peniel	300.00	300.00
Quinby	166.80	441.87
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	1,356.05	2,651.64
Sardis	862.50	1,725.00
South Florence	.00	2,282.16
Southside	2,158.88	7,918.08
Sparrow Swamp	838.28	2,736.19
Tans Bay	.00	.00
Timmons ville 1st	200.00	400.00
Union	1,557.27	2,986.44
Unity	230.00	537.66
Willow Creek	.00	290.76
TOTALS	22,114.52	65,493.15

Support Associational Missions

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

June Birthdays

- 20 Rev. Gerald McCants, (P) Calvary, LC
- 24 Rev. Doyle Jones, retired
- 30 Rev. John Collins, (P), Grace

June Anniversaries

- 4 Jerry & Sherry Davis, retired
- 6 Dave (P) & Jo Ann Bult, Kingsburg
- 10 Bill & Nan Hancock, retired
- 10 Howard & Nel Starks, retired
- 12 Robby (MY) & April Ott, Florence First
- 14 Landon (MM) & Leah Reynolds, Calvary
- 16 Charles (P) & Marsha Pittman,  
Immanuel
- 18 J. D. (P) & Brandi Weed, Union
- 19 Nathan (MY) & Ashley Neighbors,  
Ebenezer
- 28 Ray & Joyce Rogers, retired
- 29 Kendal (BCM) & Jennifer Danford

Around the Association

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**Ministers Conference....**Please note that the due to the Southern Baptist Convention their will not be a June Ministers Conference. The next Ministers Conference will be in September.

**Southside...**Ivan Parker will be in concert at Southside Baptist Church on Saturday evening June 20th at 6:30 pm. Doors will open at 5 pm. Tickets are on sale for \$10 each and can be purchased at Life-way, Southside Baptist or by calling Jim or Shelly Coker at 665.9897 or Joe Poston at 665.5787.

**Sardis...**A Groundbreaking Ceremony for their new Activity Center was held on May 17th.

**Bethea Baptist Retirement Community...**Opened their new Aquatic Center with a dedication service in the Sidney Sutton Chapel on May 1st. Built with funds raised by residents, staff, and friends of Bethea, this year-round, state of the art indoor pool & spa will be the first retirement community Aquatic Center in the Pee Dee area!

**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.

**Christian Sympathy** is expressed to the family of Mrs. Margaret D. Tate. Mrs. Tate was the widow of James H. Tate, former Director of Missions for the Florence Baptist Association. Mrs. Tate also served as Associational Ministry Assistant.