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"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Our family had the opportunity to vacation at the beach a couple of weeks ago. I must admit I am not a beach person, but we had a very nice vacation in spite of that. During that time I believe, after my nearly 52 years, I actually was able to unwind and let go of some stress. I have always been a rather task oriented person. For me, it is about the destination and not so much the journey. When you add our world of constant contact, with cell phone, email, and internet as close as your phone, it can be hard to: "Be still and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10.

So here I am working with pastors and staff trying to help them and always looking to provide something that might enhance their ministry and maybe free up a little time for other pursuits, only to find myself wound up like a Chihuahua in a room full of bouncy balls. How could I find relief, from all the stress that was had built up, while I really was not even aware that it was so heavy? The first step was exercise. I hit the road walking. I have always enjoyed the outdoors, sports, and physical activity. When you are concerned about, and serve others, you often feel bad about taking time for yourself. Get over it and realize a healthy self is a better servant, to God, fami-

ly, and others. Twenty – thirty minutes a day might just save a few visits to the doctor. Short of time spent with the Lord, it is your best investment.

The second thing was allowing my mind to unwind. I took several books with me and I thought I would read them while I was away. I got over it! I don't read for pleasure, I read with purpose, as in no fiction with the exception of short internet articles that pose as news and turn out to be fiction. As it turned out, those books came back with the pages undisturbed and the only thing read besides God's Word was a restaurant menu or signs at the water park. No need pretending to enjoy something that I actually needed a break from.

Being that task oriented person, even a relationship with God can become more about getting to a destination rather than enjoying the journey with the Lord. Rather than trying to get to some point, reach a goal, or having a plan, I just said "Lord, here I am". I didn't know how or exactly why, but I was weary and burdened and just like Jesus said, I FOUND REST! I pray you find rest too!

Looking forward,

Chris!

# Cooperative

*Florence Baptist Association, August, 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*

## **Fall WMU Training**

September 15, 2015  
Pamplico First Baptist Church  
6:00 pm - meal  
7:00 - training

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

Eddie Pettit, Associational RA Director, will be offering a class in RA Training. Mr. Tim Rice from the South Carolina Baptist Convention will be leading a Multi-Cultural Class.

As a mission project we will be collecting supplies for Fair Ministry FREE Yard Sale in October. Please start collecting these items: shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, Tylenol, Advil, **over the counter** cold medicine, blankets, twin sheets, Duffel bags, **NEW** baseball type caps, 4 or 6 pack of toilet paper OR individually wrapped rolls of TP, paper towels, Kleenex, unscented laundry detergent, Pop Tarts, cereal, soup, "pop-top" foods - ravioli, Vienna sausage, etc.

Please encourage your members to attend and to make supper reservations by calling Pamplico First Baptist Church at 843.493.5522

## **Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions September 13-20, 2015**



**LifeChangers Report** – We had a great week during LifeChangers June 21-26. We had 97 teens and adults making up six crews that completed work on seven homes – one roof job and six paint jobs. Rev. John Collins was our camp pastor for our worship services on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Rev. Landon Reynolds and Calvary’s praise band lead us in worship. Our theme for the week was “Guarded” our theme verse was Proverbs 4:23 - “Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.” Thanks to all of the churches that provided the evening meals and our lunches at the work sites each day. Thanks to all of the crew chiefs and chaperons that invested their time in the lives of the students during the week.

**Good News Club Training:** Saturday, August 29, 2015; Lake City First Baptist Church; 135 South Church Street, Lake City; 8 am registration; Training 8:30 pm – 12:00 pm. Cost - \$15 per person by August 21; \$20 at the door. This training is for anyone that wants to help in a Good News Club. God is blessing the Good News Clubs in our area. We now have 21 clubs in Florence and Hartsville but we have a long way to go. Won’t you join the fight for the souls of our precious children??

**Family Promise** continues to move forward through God’s blessings. A director has been hired and will begin work in August. The target date for opening is September. If your church has committed to being a host church, now is the time to get your Family Promise team for your church together.

**Cardboard Box City (CBC)** is a fundraiser for Family Promise. The third annual CBC is planned for Saturday, September 26 at West Florence High School beginning at 4:30 pm and ending at 7 am on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Cost per “renter” is \$25 until September 18 and \$30 after the deadline. This is a great event for youth groups to help them experience what homelessness feels like. Families with children are welcome. All of the registration information is on the website – [www.familypromiseofflorence.com](http://www.familypromiseofflorence.com).

**BLISS Ball:** October 3, 2015 at Calvary Baptist Church, 2-4 pm (Children up to 15 yr. old), 6 –8 pm (16 yr – adult). The BLISS Ball will be a unique evening designed specifically for children and adults with special needs. Guests will be given the “royal treatment” including a red carpet entrance. There will be different activities planned for the evening including food, photo booth, prom pictures and lots of dancing!

Each guest will be required to bring a chaperone that will stay with them the entire time of the ball. There is a need for a LOT of volunteers on the day of the event, but there is also a lot to do before the event – making corsages, putting treat bags together, providing food, helping with decorations. If this is something you feel God leading you to help with, please contact Louanne 662.5921.

**Fair:** The fair will be here in Florence October 13-17. We will be doing the FREE yard sale Friday, October 16. Please start collecting these items: shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, Tylenol, Advil, **over the counter** cold medicine, blankets, twin sheets, Duffel bags, **NEW** baseball type caps, 4 or 6 pack of toilet paper OR individually wrapped rolls of TP, paper towels, Kleenex, unscented laundry detergent, Pop Tarts, cereal, soup, “pop-top” foods - ravioli, Vienna sausage, etc. We will collect these items at the FBA office beginning on October 1st.

August 2015

3 FMU Welcome  
Back Packs Due in  
FBA Office  
29 Good News Club  
Trning; Lake city  
First Baptist

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  
Churches  
17 Protecting  
Children;  
20 Robin Mark  
Concert; Calvary;  
6 pm  
10:30 am; FBA  
23 See You at the  
Pole  
26 Card Board Box  
City

Oct. 2015

3 Bliss Ball; Calvary  
11 FBA Annual  
Session;  
Evergreen Baptist  
13-17 Fair Ministry

**Christian Sympathy** is expressed to Rev. and Mrs. Bill Greene, pastor, Hebron Baptist Church in the death of his father.

We Are Grateful!  
June Contributions

Church	June	Budget YTD
Ariel	98.00	479.00
Bethel	.00	200.00
Beulah	.00	.00
Calvary	1,474.88	8,733.40
Calvary, Lake City	400.00	1,200.00
Cartersville	.00	675.05
College Park	.00	2,494.46
Coward	50.00	300.00
Ebenezer	967.25	6,985.97
Elim	666.47	3,998.82
Evergreen	311.36	1,662.66
Florence 1st	.00	235.92
Grace	1,080.04	5,811.79
Greenwood	875.66	4,486.73
Hebron	250.00	750.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,977.51	8,617.51
Immanuel	327.88	1,453.40
Kingsburg	.00	400.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	2,600.00	2,600.00
Mizpah	126.89	646.05
Mt. Zion	.00	1,200.00
New Hope	.00	00.00
Northgate	412.98	2,081.09
Oakdale	523.15	2,321.94
Pamplico 1st	.00	4,350.72
Pee Dee Community	.00	800.00
Peniel	.00	300.00
Quinby	182.30	750.12
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	636.44	3,288.08
Sardis	.00	1,725.00
South Florence	.00	3,769.44
Southside	1,933.91	11,665.46
Sparrow Swamp	722.38	4,009.37
Tans Bay	.00	.00
Timmons ville 1st	.00	400.00
Union	.00	2,986.44
Unity	157.49	864.46
Willow Creek	97.10	480.80
TOTALS	15,871.69	92,723.68

**Support Associational Missions**  
Think - -  
3% Basic  
4% Glory  
5% Hallelujah

August Birthdays

2 Mrs. Pam Gaddy (Ed), Ebenezer  
2 Rev. Oscar Holland, retired  
3 Rev. Henry Simmons, retired  
7 Rev. Eddie Pettit (P), Evergreen  
14 Rev. Bob Dockery (P), Mt. Zion  
14 Mrs. Connie George (Min. Assist. FBA)  
15 Rev. Bryan Chapman (P), Pee Dee Comm  
19 Dr. David Wike (P), Ebenezer  
21 Rev. Barry Moon (P), Pamplico First  
23 Rev. Julian Long, retired  
24 Rev. David George (P), Cartersville  
24 Rev. Chris Smith (DOM), FBA  
25 Rev. Jerry David, retired

August Anniversaries

1 Jay (ME) & Carolina Perez, Southside  
1 Billy (MY) & Cynthia Leach, Grace  
4 Leo (P) & Irma Carter, Alliance  
24 Howard (P) & Nancy Allen, South  
Florence  
27 Leroy (P) & Beverly Welch, Beulah  
31 Craig (P) & Beverly Tedder, Coward

Churches Protecting Children

Thursday, September 17, 2015  
10:00 am - 12:00 am  
Florence Association Office

Topics will include:

- ♦ Abuse prevention
- ♦ Basics for security
- ♦ Developing policies to reduce the risk of abuse
- ♦ A suggested process if a convicted sex offender wants to attend your church

No cost to attend, but you are ask to register to attend by calling Sue Harmon at 1.803.227.6149 or via email at [sueharmon@scbaptist.org](mailto:sueharmon@scbaptist.org).

This is a great way to learn how to provide a secure environment where children are protected from any-one who may mean them harm.

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Robin Mark Concert

Sunday, September 20, 2015  
Calvary Baptist Church  
6:00 pm  
Free Admission  
Love offering for CLC