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Florence Baptist Association, October, 2015



In the 1960's Bob Dylan wrote these words in his song, "The Times they are A-Changin'":

Come gather 'round people wherever
you roam
And admit that the waters around you
have grown
And accept it that soon you'll be
drenched to the bone
If your time to you is worth savin'
Then you better start swimmin' or
you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changin'

While it was a different time when it was written, it continues to ring true. Do you ever feel like the world around you is a flood of that which is so unfamiliar and you can't keep your head above the water? Do our churches feel like they have to do such great performances to attract the world?

While we can't stick our head in the sand concerning our culture, we can't allow culture to take us away from the mission of the church. We are to GO, not ya'll come, making disciples. We baptize as people,

which we have gone to, have repented and professed Christ as Savior and Lord. We continue to teach them observe all that he has commanded, which is God's Word.

Many of God's people have remained faithful while in bondage, in exile, under foreign rule, in jail, and many other less than favorable circumstances. While it is hard to look at the "good ole days" and not feel bad about today, remember whose day it is. "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. God is unchanging, as is the Good News. Regardless of how the culture seems, what we hate, and how we might miss the past, our mission has not changed. Go, make disciples, baptize, and teach.

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
Northside Chapel
Oakdale*

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
Opening Nov. 1st*

Partnerships

*Akron/Canton Ohio
New Brunswick,
Canada*

2015 Florence Baptist Association Annual Inspirational Meeting and Missions Fair October 11, 2015

Evergreen Baptist Church

5:00 - 6:15 pm - Missions Fair

Vendors from a variety of ministries will have displays. There will be a scavenger hunt for the children to visit each display and get an answer to the questions. Upon completion of the scavenger hunt they will receive a prize. GA's, RA's, and AWANA children are encouraged to attend.

6:30 pm - Inspirational Meeting

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Paulin Ngweth
Church Planter, Dieppe, New Brunswick Canada**

Bless our House!

Sunday, October 18, 2015

2:00-4:00 pm

**Ceremony at 2:00 pm
Tours & Reception following**



Grand Opening of our Day Center

Monday, October 19, 2015 at 4 p.m.

Tours and reception following

1022 West Darlington St. Florence, SC 29501

**RSVP by October 9th to 662-5921 or
familypromiseofflorence@gmail.com**

Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week is November 16-23, 2015.

Calvary Baptist Church, Florence will serve as the collection center again this year for Operation Christmas Child. Calvary has requested other churches to help in the collection by signing up for a day and providing volunteers from their church to help at the collection center. This is a great project for youth groups. If your church would like to volunteer please contact Eddie Stewart at 843.662.0419 or Louanne Stewart at 843.662.5921.

Collection Days and hours are:

Monday, November 16: 4 pm - 7 pm
Tuesday, November 17: 4 pm - 7 pm
Wednesday, November 18: 4 pm - 7 pm
Thursday, November 18: 4 pm - 7 pm
Friday, November 20: 4 pm - 7 pm
Saturday, November 21: 11 am - 1 pm
Sunday, November 22: 2 pm - 5 pm
Monday, November 23: 11 am - 7 pm



OCC Volunteer Training: Volunteers that help at the collection center will be asked to attend a brief training on Sunday, November 15 at 3 pm at Calvary Baptist Church in the chapel. You can fill out your volunteer form at that time and the logistics of the collection time will be explained. If you helped last year, it is not necessary for you to attend but we are asking new volunteers to please come. Thanks so much for your help!

2015 Prisoner Packet List

- One **Black** non-retractable pen
(no wire clip and no other color pen)
- One junior legal writing tablet
(no larger than 5 1/2" x 8" and **no wire bound**)
- One Adult Toothbrush
(**Individually factory-sealed**, no multi-packs)
- Five First-Class **#10 Stamp Embossed** Envelopes
(Purchased at US Post Office)
- Two Rolls of Candy
(LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers type)
- One 4-6 oz. Bar of Soap (no travel size)
- One 5.8 oz or larger Toothpaste

Please place items in a one gallon zip lock bag and bring to FBA Office on Monday, November 30th.



Faith and Family Night
FMU Basketball Game

November 20 at 7 pm
Tickets are \$5

If we sell 50 as a GROUP we will get the group rate of \$3 per ticket. There will be a food drive for Harvest Hope Food Bank so if you bring 2 cans of food you will receive a ticket to a future event. More information will be coming as it is available.

Oct. 2015

- 3 Bliss Ball;
Calvary
- 11 FBA Annual
Inspirational
Meeting and
Missions Fair;
Evergreen
- 13 Ministers Conf;
11:30 am; FBA
- 13-17 Fair Ministry

Nov. 2015

- 7 We're Here For
You!
- 10-11 SC Baptist
Convention
- 16-23 Operation
Christmas Child
Collection Week
- 25-27 Thanksgiving
Holidays; FBA
Closed
- 29-6 Week of Prayer
for International
Missions
- 30 Prisoner Packets
due in FBA Office

Dec. 2015

- 29-6 Week of Prayer
for International
Missions
- 3 Ministers and
Wives Christmas
Social

Ministers & Wives
Christmas Social
December 3, 2015

All pastors and staff and their spouses are invited. More information regarding place, time, and cost will be available next month.

We Are Grateful!
August Contributions

Church	Aug.	Budget YTD
Ariel	.00	479.00
Bethel	.00	400.00
Beulah	.00	.00
Calvary	1,295.48	11,239.24
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	1,600.00
Cartersville	.00	1,311.53
College Park	300.60	3,817.51
Coward	50.00	350.00
Ebenezer	.00	8,925.23
Elim	666.47	5,331.76
Evergreen	879.69	2,895.11
Florence 1st	2,153.57	2,389.49
Grace	903.60	7,754.46
Greenwood	600.25	5,826.41
Hebron	125.00	1,000.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,686.20	11,929.15
Immanuel	350.84	2,141.29
Kingsburg	.00	400.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	2,600.00
Mizpah	101.56	747.61
Mt. Zion	.00	1,800.00
New Covenant	25.00	50.00
New Hope	.00	00.00
Northgate	455.42	3,073.61
Oakdale	.00	2,609.74
Pamplico 1st	.00	6,821.72
Pee Dee Community	.00	800.00
Peniel	.00	600.00
Quinby	177.37	1,164.12
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	.00	4,241.80
Sardis	.00	2,587.50
South Florence	.00	4,349.94
Southside	1,519.49	14,853.47
Sparrow Swamp	683.40	5,282.50
Timmons ville 1st	.00	600.00
Union	.00	4,464.48
Unity	.00	1,065.75
Willow Creek	111.74	750.12
TOTALS	12,285.68	126,252.54

Support Associational Missions

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

October Birthdays

- 11 Rev. Charles Pittman (P), Immanuel
- 18 Rev. Leo Carter (P), Allianza
- 19 Rev. W. L. Collins, retired
- 31 Rev. Ken Moore (P), Elim

October Anniversaries

- 2 Brian (YM) & Lisa Lynn, Calvary
- 13 Jerry & Arlene Aiken, retired

Around the Association

Hoffmeyer Road... Congratulations to Jeremy (MY) and Brittany Jackson in the birth of their daughter Piper Grace born on August 22nd. Piper weighed 7 lbs and 7 oz.

Willow Creek...Will celebrate its 200th Anniversary on October 11, 2015. God has allowed Willow Creek to serve in many ways in their community by its members over these 200 years and it has never had its' door closed and Mothered two churches. A History Marker will be dedicated during the celebration service. The marker will include a brief history of the church.

Greenwood..."The Called Quartet" will be in concert on Sunday, October 25 at 6 pm.

Calvary, Florence...Presents "A Night for Men to Worship Together" featuring Dr. Voddie Baucham on October 27th at 7 pm. Tickets \$10. For tickets or information call 843.662.0418 or visit www.calvarycares.com

New Covenant...Will present "Saturday Night Lights-Take Back the Night" on October 31st. Doors open at 6:30 pm-show starts at 7 pm. This is a family event for everyone - games, food, prizes and fun. New Covenant is our associational African American new church plant.

Ministers Conference....The next Ministers Conference will be held on October 13th at 11:30 am at the FBA Office. Due to the SC Baptist Convention there will be no November Ministers Conference.

Calvary, Florence...Is seeking a Ministry Assistant. Applicants should possess the following skills and experience: General secretarial skills and experience; use of computer including, but not limited to, a working knowledge of Microsoft office; the ability to learn other computer programs (knowledge of graphics helpful); knowledge of all office equipment; ability to adapt to and serve in a church setting. This is a salaried position with benefits and a 36 hour scheduled work week. Send resume, with three references to Personnel Committee Chairman, Calvary Baptist Church, 915 Cherokee Road, Florence, SC 29501 or via email to mmills@calvarycares.com.