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Florence Baptist Association, December 2015 & January 2016



I just wanted to take a moment and update you on what your Association has done in the way of Disaster Relief. We received and distributed 132 flood buckets, some of which went to Mullins for the flood after the flood. I also went to Sumter to get some buckets to take to Mullins. We had over 150 large boxes of new clothes that we were able to distribute to flood victims in the lower end of the county and through the schools. In addition we distributed to several agencies in counties that were in need of clothing. The shower units are now back at their respective churches.

First Church Lake City has done exceptionally well in response to the flood. They were able to provide volunteers at the FEMA site to take applications for assistance through Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. They have also responded in the lower part of Florence County, by making available a very large sum of money to help meet those needs. There are a few special people throughout the FBA, that I would like to thank that have responded in some way.

The next phase of recovery will be a rebuild effort. SC Baptists are committed to rebuild 1000 homes that were damaged by the flood. Priority will be given to the elderly and low income as decisions are made. There are three dates set for Baptist Collegiate Ministry teams, of which two are in December and one in January.

Our FMU BCM will be working during the January dates. Churches can partner with home owners. Please check out www.rebuildsc.org for more information. Individuals and churches are welcome to send contributions for materials to the FBA.

Now, on to Christmas! I pray you will remember the many SBC Missionaries that will be home this Christmas while wishing they were still in the field. Please give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering so this never happens again. We may not be able to straighten out the past, but we can look to the future and help make it bright for those missionaries representing Christ and Southern Baptists all around the world.

Connie, Louanne and I just want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. We thank each of you for your contributions of money, time, and other goods that allow us to do what we do. It is for the Kingdom of God that we cooperate and work together. We are better together and can do more together than we can separately. God Bless you all!

Looking forward,

Chris!

Prayer Corner:

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

Churches without Pastors:

Florence First
Hoffmeyer Road
Mt. Zion
Northside Chapel
Oakdale

New Work:

Hispanic Ministry
New Covenant

CLC Program

Financial Support

Good News Clubs!

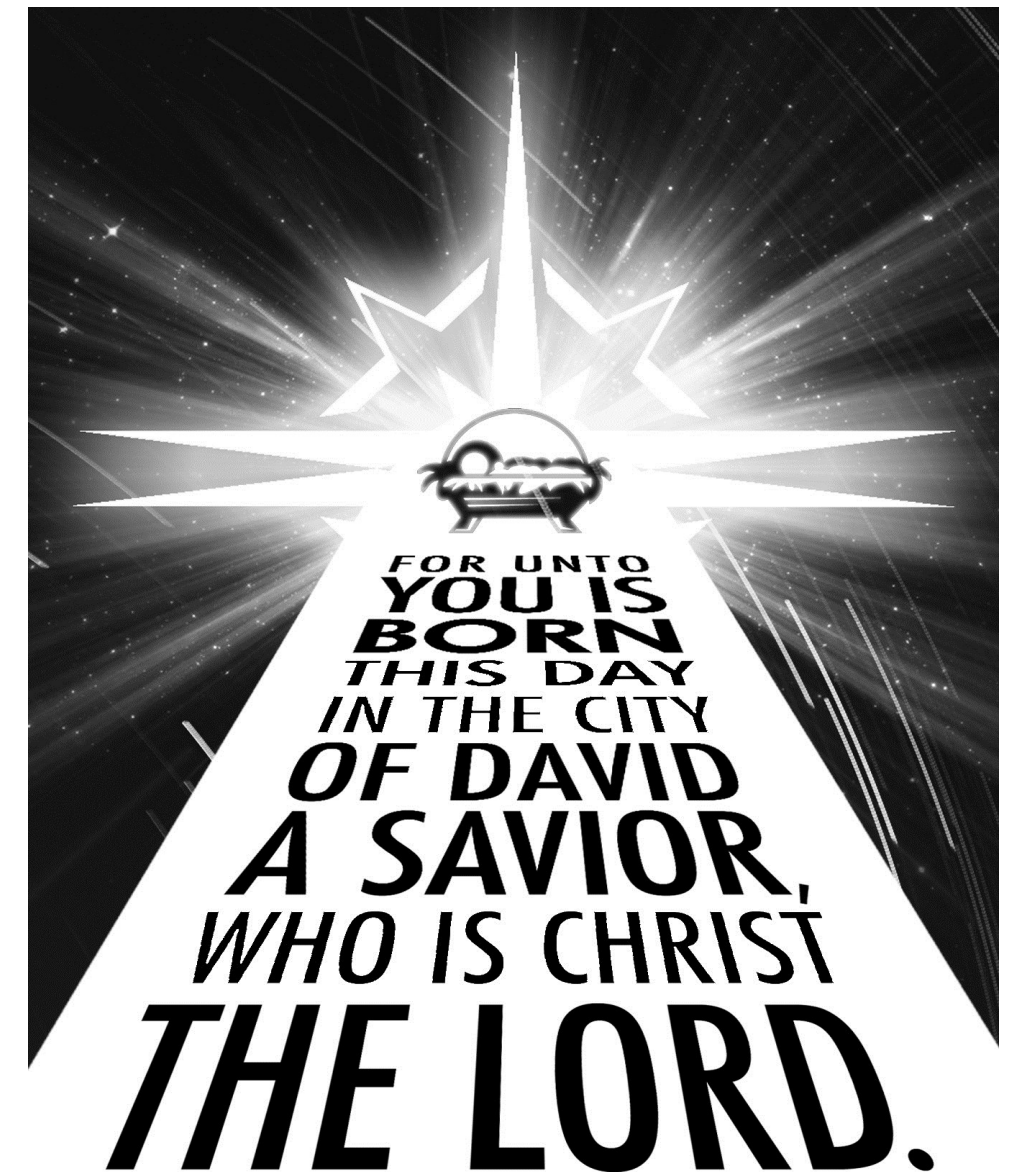
MORE volunteers
as GNC expands
to Darlington
School District;
Financial
Assistance;
Director Search

Family Promise

Financial Support
Families served

Partnerships

Akron/Canton Ohio
New Brunswick,
Canada



LUKE 2:11, ESV

Merry Christmas from the Florence Baptist Associational Staff!

WORKERS IN THE HARVEST CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 27, 2016
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Tabernacle Baptist Church
915 S. Pinckney Street, Union, SC
864-427-9847
Cost: \$10

Register online: scbaptist.org or
Call Leisa Butler at 803-765-0030 x 4800
Email - leisabutler@scbaptist.org

This Biblical based training, led by Mark Snowden of the Missouri Baptist Association, will equip and help develop church members to live out their call and gifting in missions. Training will prepare them to work in harvest fields in their own community and to make disciples in unreached places and among unreached peoples.



Ministers and Spouse
Christmas Fellowship

Sparrow Swamp Baptist Church
December 3, 2015
6:30 pm
Cost: \$15 per couple

All pastors and staff and their spouses are invited.
PLEASE RSVP by November 22, 2015



Living Nativity

See Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Christ. Sights and sounds of the first Christmas will be demonstrated with actors, angels, shepherds, and villagers. Join Herod's Court, the Wise Men, Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child in the true meaning of Christmas. All who attend will be able to walk or drive through the Town of Bethlehem.

Come to Bethlehem
Betha Retirement Community
December 4th and 5th
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
FREE!

Dec. 2015

- 29-6 Week of Prayer
for International
Missions
3 Ministers and
Wives Christmas
Social; Sparrow
Swamp; 6:30 pm
4-5 Come to
Bethlehem;
Betha
Retirement
Community;
6:30 pm
21-28 FBA Closed for
Christmas
Holidays
31 FBA Office
Closed

Jan. 2016

- 1 New Year's
Holiday; FBA
Closed
12 Ministers Conf.
FBA; 11:30 am
19 FBA Associational
Council; FBA
9:00 am
21 Executive
Committee Mtg;
FBA Office;
11:30 am

Merry
Christmas

The FBA Office will be
closed Dec. 21st-28th
in observance of the
Christmas Holidays.

Happy
New Year!

The FBA Office will
also be closed Dec.
31st and Jan. 1st in
observance of the New
Year.

We Are Grateful!
October Contributions

Church	Oct.	Budget YTD
Ariel	69.00	731.00
Bethel	.00	400.00
Beulah	.00	.00
Calvary	1,111.36	13,779.79
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	2,000.00
Cartersville	.00	1,955.66
College Park	434.25	4,577.26
Coward	50.00	450.00
Ebenezer	.00	11,631.04
Elim	666.47	6,664.70
Evergreen	421.07	3,709.69
Florence 1st	.00	2,443.99
Grace	858.76	9,651.48
Greenwood	521.99	7,200.85
Hebron	125.00	1,250.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,701.23	15,746.51
Immanuel	513.14	3,260.54
Kingsburg	.00	900.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	2,600.00	5,200.00
Mizpah	91.83	968.34
Mt. Zion	600.00	2,400.00
New Covenant	25.00	100.00
New Hope	.00	00.00
Northgate	281.02	3,797.13
Oakdale	988.30	3,941.04
Pamplico 1st	2,535.44	9,357.16
Pee Dee Community	.00	800.00
Peniel	.00	900.00
Quinby	.00	1,517.94
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	484.32	5,793.25
Sardis	.00	2,587.50
South Florence	.00	5,292.67
Southside	1,653.50	18,585.61
Sparrow Swamp	612.35	6,681.37
Timmonsville 1st	200.00	800.00
Union	1,672.46	6,136.94
Unity	376.67	1,569.69
Willow Creek	72.14	927.65
TOTALS	18,865.30	163,708.80

Support Associational Missions

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

December Birthdays

- 2 Rev. Brian Lynn (MY), Calvary
4 Rev. Stan Sullivan (P), Sparrow Swamp
12 Rev. Bill Greene (P), Hebron
21 Rev. Jim Crooks (P), Southside
24 Rev. Ray Rogers, retired
26 Rev. Jay Perez, (AP) Southside
26 Rev. Landon Reynolds (MM) Calvary

January Birthdays

- 7 Rev. Mike Mills (P), Calvary
7 Rev. J. D. Weed (P), Union
17 Mr. Brad White (MY), Southside

December Anniversaries

- 5 David (P) & Diana Wike, Ebenezer
12 Pam (Ed) & Tom Gaddy, Ebenezer
29 Henry & Genelle Simmons, retired FBA
31 Ken (P) & Anita Moore, Elim

January Anniversaries

- 6 Stan (P) & Donna Sullivan,
Sparrow Swamp
11 Peter (AP) & Carey River, Immanuel
14 Mike (P) & Caroline Mills, Calvary
24 David (P) & Nancy Cromer,
Willow Creek

Around the Association

Ministers Conference...The next Ministers Conference will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 12th at 11:30 am at the FBA Office.

Northside Chapel...Northside Baptist Chapel celebrated the deed to their land transferred from First Lake City on November 22. Rev. Shane Patrick made the presentation to Richard Cook, Deacon Chairman, during a special service. There was some history recounted and a message from the Director of Missions. This was followed by a wonderful meal. Congratulation to the two congregations in the success God has blessed them with through the years.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Rev. and Mrs. Bo Treadway, New Hope, and his family, in the death of his brother-in-law.