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What do you do when something that you once had, has been lost? What if it was very important to you and you never thought it would be lost? What if, in the grand scheme of things, you really don't think you can take any responsibility for it being lost? What if it looks like what has been lost can't be regained?

Will you be mad, and if so, with whom? Will you be angry, and if so, with whom? Will you try to "get back" what has been lost, and if so, how? Will you continue to bemoan what is lost at the expense of missing out on what has not been lost?

Now if you have stayed with me this far, you are asking, what is he talking about? I am talking about the America that folks around my age and older once knew. I think you would agree it is gone. In the community I grew up in, most people had morals that were based on the Bible. They might sin and sin openly but they knew it was wrong and still had respect for the things of God. The Church was often the center piece of the community and it often carried over into the schools. The pastors were, for the most part, respected.

Now, back to the original question: What do you do when something that you once had, has been lost? Do you fight to get it back? Who will fight with you if you are in the minority? Can you expect to rally support among those who,

maybe likeminded but, have never known America as we knew it? Would we be here if the church had really taken evangelism and discipleship seriously? If all the scriptures concerning the way things will be in the last days are considered, are we to be concerned about our nation, or the souls that make it up?

I vote! I take it seriously and approach it prayerfully, because I believe the Bible points us in that direction. However, we are as we are because of sin. The answer to the national problem is the answer to the sin problem. Jesus has to change us one soul at a time. If you persuade a voter over to your side, what have you done? It's like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. If you lead a person to faith in Christ, you have been a part of changing their eternal destiny, and in turn have made our nation a better place by one.

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
Southside*

New Work:

*Hispanic Ministry
New Covenant*

CLC Program

Financial Support

Good News Clubs!

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

Family Promise

*Financial Support
Families served*

Partnerships

*Akron/Canton Ohio
New Brunswick,
Canada*

Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 6-13, 2016

**HERE
I AM SEND
ME.**
ISAIAH 6:8

2106 Regional Financial Tax Seminary

April 7, 2016

Florence Baptist Association Office

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch and materials)

To register online visit www.scbaptist.org. For questions, contact Cheryl McCullough at 803.227.6124 or cherylmccullough@scbaptist.org.



Spring WMU Meeting

April 26, 2016

Northgate Baptist Church

6:00 pm - meal

7:00 pm - conference

**Florence School District One
Hygiene Items Needed!**

We are collecting hygiene items again for FSD1 middle and high schools. Items needed most are:

- Cough drops
- Dental Floss
- Feminine Napkins
- Bar Soap

Other items they can use, but aren't out of:

- Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Small pack of Kleenex

Bring items to the FBA Office!

**South Carolina Baptist
Disaster Relief Training
March 19, 2016**

White Oak Conference Center

This is an opportunity to get started in Disaster Relief, bring your training up to date, or continue your training. Cost is \$40 for a new volunteer and \$35 for a returning volunteer. You may register on line through www.scbaptist.org. We have feeding and shower units in the FBA, so if you are thinking about what area to train in, consider these.



**Listening Session
With**

**Dr. Gary Hollingsworth, SCBC
Executive Director-Treasurer**

March 15, 2016
10:00 am

Ebenezer Baptist Church

To register visit www.scbaptist.org

"New England in the Fall"

October 9-15, 2016

Per Person Cost:

Single - \$1739 Double - \$1289 Triple - \$1175

Deposit Requirements

\$100 per person to reserve your space by April 1, 2016

\$500 deposit per person due by June 1, 2016

Final Payment is required by August 1, 2016

Inclusions: All motor coach transportation, 6 nights' accommodations, 6 breakfasts, 6 dinners (that includes an Amish Farm House and Vermont Village Church supper), guided tour in Lancaster PA, guide tour in VT with time at attractions, hotel taxes, baggage handling, all parking, permits and tolls as well as gratuity for the guide and motor coach operator.

Please contact Harold Watson at 843.669.1802 ext 118 for more information.

March 2016

- 6-13 Week of Prayer for North America Missions
- 8 Ministers Conf.; FBA; 11:30 am
- 15 Listening Session with Dr. Gary Hollingsworth; Ebenezer; 10:00 am
- 19 Disaster Relief Training; WOCC
- 25 Good Friday; FBA Closed
- 26 Easter Sunday

April 2016

- 1 Canada Mission Trip Deposit Due
- 7 2016 Regional Financial Tax Seminary; FBA Office; 9 am - 4:00 pm
- 26 WMU Spring Mtg; Northgate; 6 pm
- 30 Family Promise of Florence presents FamilyFest 2016



GOOD FRIDAY
*FBA Office Closed
Friday, March 25*

**We Are Grateful!
January Contributions**

Church	Jan.	Budget YTD
Ariel	81.00	81.00
Bethel	.00	.00
Beulah	.00	.00
Calvary	1,853.20	1,853.20
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	200.00
Cartersville	.00	.00
College Park	443.80	443.80
Coward	50.00	50.00
Ebenezer	1,497.96	1,497.96
Elim	666.47	666.47
Evergreen	894.93	894.93
Florence 1st	186.54	186.54
Grace	904.77	904.77
Greenwood	713.27	713.27
Hebron	.00	.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	3,425.33	3,425.33
Immanuel	823.53	823.53
Kingsburg	.00	.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	3,000.00	3,000.00
Mizpah	167.99	167.99
Mt. Zion	600.00	600.00
New Covenant	30.00	30.00
New Hope	.00	00.00
Northgate	429.66	429.66
Oakdale	221.41	221.41
Pamplico 1st	2,519.59	2,519.59
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	.00	.00
Quinby	142.35	142.35
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	.00	.00
Sardis	862.50	862.50
South Florence	.00	.00
Southside	2,248.17	2,248.17
Sparrow Swamp	731.72	731.72
Timmonsville 1st	.00	.00
Union	.00	.00
Unity	.00	.00
Willow Creek	.00	.00
TOTALS	22,694.19	22,694.19

Support Associational Missions

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

March Birthdays

- 10 Rev. Howard Starks, retired
- 13 Rev. Howard Allen (P), South Florence
- 20 Rev. Shane Patrick (P), Lake City

March Anniversaries

- 20 Teresa (Children's Director) & Burl Godwin, Southside
- 21 David (P) & Connie George, Cartersville

Around the Association

Ministers Conference...The next Ministers Conference will be held on March 8th at 11:30 am at the FBA Office. Lunch will be provided for a cost of \$5 per person. Please make reservations so appropriate lunch arrangements can be made.

Oakdale....Has called Rev. Steece Hayes as bi-vocation pastor. We welcome Rev. Hayes and his wife, Julia, to our association.

Alanza ...Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Leo Carter in the birth of their son, Samuel Benjamin on February 18th.

Canton Ohio Mission Trip

July 9-16, 2016

Cost: \$300

Cost will include transportation, lodging, and meals. The bulk of the trip will be construction type work. Deadline and payment information will come at a later date. For more information contact the FBA office at 843.662.5921

Canada Mission Trip

July 23-30, 2016

Cost: \$1600 per person
(projected cost)

Deposits are due:

April 1 - \$400

May 1 - \$400

June 1 - \$400

July 1 - \$400

Call the FBA Office at 843.662.5921 for more information.