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As I am writing this, it is the Wednesday before Easter. For many years I was able to stand in front of a congregation to bring a message on the resurrection of Christ and what it means to us. For seven of those, I was able to preach at the Community Sunrise Service as well as at the church I was pastoring. We realize that for the Christian, Holy Week, is the most important celebration of the church. Without the resurrection everything else is meaningless. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, never to experience death again, we may have assurance of salvation thru Him. Did you know that Tracy and I brought both of our girls home from the hospital on Easter Sunday? It was another special memory for us.

Remember as Peter and John went to the tomb, to check out the story of the women, they had many questions. After seeing the empty tomb, and the condition of the grave clothes, they had many more. These questions did not begin to be answered until Jesus appeared. The meaningful questions in our life are only answered in the context of Jesus being in our life as Lord and Savior. The struggle doesn't come in allowing Jesus to save us, it comes in yielding our life to Him as Lord.

Remember when Jesus was there, Peter was rebuked for not accepting Jesus plan that He would die. Peter denied that he knew Jesus just

a short time after that meaningful last supper. Even after seeing the resurrected Jesus, Peter went back to fishing and took others with him. So what made the difference? What caused the different Peter we see in the book of Acts. The Holy Spirit came upon the believers and the power that is His. Here is the key to Jesus being Lord and Savior, His Spirit dwelling within us and the power that comes because of His indwelling Spirit.

Allowing someone else to "Lord over us" meets resistance because of our independent nature and our bent toward sin. God's Spirit allows us to be in tune with His desire for our life. Jesus was broken, dead and buried only to be raised to new life. If we experience new life in Christ, it calls for brokenness and death to self that we might be raised to new life. If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

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
Mt. Zion
Northside Chapel
Southside

New Work:

Hispanic Ministry
New Covenant

CLC Program

Financial Support

Good News Clubs!

MORE volunteers
as GNC expands
to other School
Districts; Financial
Assistance;

Family Promise

Financial Support
Families served

Partnerships

Akron/Canton Ohio
New Brunswick,
Canada

Spring WMU Meeting

April 26, 2016
Northgate Baptist Church
6:00 pm - meal
7:00 pm - conference



Children's Ministry Day

Saturday May 7th at 10 am
Calvary Baptist Church
in Collins Family Life Center
915 Cherokee Road in Florence

The emphasis of Children's Ministry Day will be on respecting and appreciating Law Enforcement Officers. We will have a speaker as well as activities. The children will assemble care bags for Law Enforcement Officers.

Each church that participates is asked to bring at least 15-25 (or more if you choose) of each of these items:

Mini hand sanitizer
Granola bar or protein bar
Notepad
Black pen
Pack of crackers
Sunflower seeds
Chap stick
Small Kleenex

The items will be placed in a quart size zip lock bags so be sure the items you buy will fit in that size zip lock. The bags will be assembled as part of the activity for the day! They will be given to Law Enforcement Officers as a thank you for keeping our community safe.

**2106 Regional
Financial Tax Seminar**

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 via email at
cherylmccullough@scbaptist.org.



**Ministers and Staff
Golf Outing**

April 12, 2016
Palms at Oakdale
9:00 am
Cost: \$21.00

Will play a captains choice format and
all levels of golfers are welcome.
There will be prizes for the winning
team, closest to the pins, and long
drive. Please call the associational
office if you plan to attend.

Executive Committee Meeting

April 21, 2016
FBA Office
11:30 am

Lunch will be provided. Please
make reservations so appropriate
lunch arrangements can be made.
Call 843.662.5921 or email
fbaconnie@sc.rr.com

**Ministry Health Kits
Due June 30, 2016**

Health Kits are due in the FBA office
on Thursday, June 30th. Please
include the following items in a two
gallon zip lock bag.

1 toothpaste (6 oz)	1 Comb
1 washcloth	1 Soap(4.5 oz)
1 toothbrush	1 bath towel

**Peniel Baptist Church
Tractor Show**

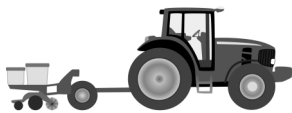
Saturday, April 23, 2016
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

FREE!

Fun for the Entire Family!

Tractor Display
Classic Cars
Children's Activities
Live Music
Concessions

Peniel Baptist Church is located at
4186 Twin Church Road, Timmons-
ville. Rain Date is May 9, 2016.



**Embrace the Nations!
How to help your church
accomplish the Great Commission**

**May 13-14, 2016
Mt. Pleasant, SC**

Training for missions leaders who want to
help their church mobilize people to make
disciples among the unreached.

Topics include: Cross Cultural Evange-
lism; Preparing Mission Volunteers; dis-
covering Unreached Peoples and Places;
working with Missionaries and National
Leaders; Reproducing Models that Avoid
Dependency.

Registration \$25 per person or \$15 before
April 15th. You can register online
www.sendsc.org/Events.

**Pray Engage Multiply
Go make disciples of all Nations
LiveActs 1:8**

April 2016

- 1 Canada Mission
Trip Deposit Due
7 2016 Regional
Financial Tax
Seminary; FBA
Office; 9 am -
4:00 pm
12 Ministers and
Staff Golf
Outing; Palms at
Oakdale; 9 am
16 "All Things OCC"
Calvary; 10 am
21 Executive
Committee
Meeting; FBA
Office; 11:30 am.
23 Peniel Baptist
Church Tractor
Show
26 WMU Spring Mtg;
Northgate; 6 pm
30 Family Promise of
Florence presents
FamilyFest 2016

May 2016

- 1 Canada Mission
Trip Deposit Due
7 Children's
Ministry Day;
Calvary
8 Mother's Day
13-14 Embrace The
Nations; First
Baptist Church;
Mt. Pleasant

Tidal Wave coupons
are available at the
FBA Office. They
are \$10 for the \$20
car wash. All pro-
ceeds help the
Christian Learning
Center. They will be
sold during April.

**We Are Grateful!
February Contributions**

Church	Feb.	Budget YTD
Ariel	106.00	187.00
Bethel	200.00	200.00
Beulah	2,200.00	2,200.00
Calvary	1,208.32	3,061.52
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	400.00
Cartersville	.00	.00
College Park	338.60	782.40
Coward	50.00	100.00
Ebenezer	.00	1,497.96
Elim	666.47	1,332.94
Evergreen	.00	894.93
Florence 1st	.00	186.54
Grace	.00	904.77
Greenwood	719.98	1,433.25
Hebron	250.00	250.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,260.24	4,685.57
Immanuel	1,348.17	2,171.70
Kingsburg	.00	.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	3,000.00
Mizpah	115.45	283.44
Mt. Zion	734.81	1,334.81
New Covenant	.00	30.00
New Hope	.00	00.00
Northgate	127.54	557.20
Oakdale	.00	221.41
Pamplico 1st	.00	2,519.59
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	.00	.00
Quinby	264.18	406.53
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	790.74	790.74
Sardis	.00	862.50
South Florence	.00	.00
Southside	1,853.51	4,101.68
Sparrow Swamp	844.65	1,576.37
Timmons ville 1st	.00	.00
Union	1,345.17	1,345.17
Unity	198.30	198.30
Willow Creek	265.85	265.85
TOTALS	15,087.98	37,782.17

Support Associational Missions

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

April Birthdays

- 3 Rev. Robbie Ott, (AP) Florence First
6 Rev. Gerald McKay, retired
6 Rev. Jerry Aiken, retired
19 Rev. Ed Self, (MM) Ebenezer

Around the Association

Ministers Conference...The next Ministers
Conference will be held on May 10th at 11:30
am at the FBA Office. Lunch will be provided for
a cost of \$5 per person. Please make reserva-
tions so appropriate lunch arrangements can be
made.

Calvary...Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs.
Landon Reynolds in the birth of their daughter
Finley Anderson Reynolds born February 2,
2016.

Calvary ...Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs.
Brian Lynn in the birth of their daughter
Reegan Audrey Lynn born February 26, 2016.

**Canton Ohio Mission Trip
July 9-16, 2016
Cost: \$300**

Cost will include transportation, lodging,
and meals. The bulk of the trip will be con-
struction 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.