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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
Expansion to Lake
City*

Good News Clubs!

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

Family Promise

*Financial Support
Families served*

Partnerships

*Canton Ohio
New Brunswick,
Canada*

I went in a women's bathroom and I didn't like it. Sure enough, some years ago while on vacation with my in-laws, I ACCIDENTALLY went into a women's restroom at a rest area. We had been eating a picnic lunch, and as we were about to start loading back into the car, I went to the restroom. For some reason while cutting up with my Mother-in-law, I did not pay any attention to the sign and I walked right into what I thought was the Men's room. I walked right on down to the end and thought; now this is strange they usually have the urinals in the front of the men's room. After walking all the way to the end of the restroom, it hit me. I was in the wrong one. I ran out and my Mother-in-law was laughing at my mistake.

Who would have ever thought, that we would be having: Bills in State Houses, boycotts, Presidential decrees, signs in our local schools, and so many other strange things, concerning what bathroom or locker room to use. Let me just say that it is only a symptom of a much larger problem, an agenda of our ever increasing secularized and humanist culture. If you are attempting to discount, contradict, or deny God, why would you not start at the beginning or the heart of the matter? This is another step toward a Gender Neutral society. Rather than celebrate how God has created us, we are encouraged to explore, question, or deny our creation and identify

through our feelings. Feelings can't override anatomy or chromosomes. Genesis 1:27 "in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them".

Given the fact that followers of Christ have the Bible, the very Word of God, to give us direction, order, and to allow us to interpret what is right and wrong, it doesn't have the same meaning for a majority of our society. Many who identify as Christians don't even use the Bible when it comes to matters of faith and practice. Many of those that have identified with Biblical morality, have died off and we have generations that have come up through public education and have been saturated with media. Even current children's shows make fun of Christians and Biblical morality.

So what is a true follower of Christ to do? Follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit and act in a way that gives evidence of the fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; again such things there is no law."

Looking forward,

Chris

SERVEFLO

June 12-26, 2016

ServeFlo is a two week period of service to our community. Churches and individuals are encouraged to get involved in a service project. Multiple projects will be going on Saturday, June 18th throughout the community. Projects will be located at Dewey Carter Elementary, Greenwood Elementary, Timrod Elementary and possibly Wilson High School. There will also be groups working in the parks and with the city gardens. Churches or groups are encouraged to do something in their own community during the June 12-26 time span. Signs are available for churches that are participating. The goal is for the community to see the body of Christ working together to make our town a better place to live.

For more information visit www.helpingflorencefourish.org.

LifeChangers

June 19-June 24, 2016

Lunches are still needed!

Summer Mission Activities

Our summer missionaries, Betty Suggs and Amanda Stevenson, will be working at the YMCA on Wednesday and Thursdays beginning June 15th. Please be in prayer for them as they work with the children 5K through 5th grade

Canton Ohio Mission Trip

July 9-July 16, 2016

Canada Mission Trip

July 23-July 30, 2016

If interested in either of these mission trips, please call the FBA Office.
Applications are available on line at www.florenceba.org.

Please pray for the
Vacation Bible School's listed below.

Calvary, Florence	June 26-30	Quinby	June 13-17
Cartersville	July 10-14	Ridgecrest	June 12-16
College Park	July 24-27	Sardis	July 17-21
Ebenezer	June 12-1	South Florence	July 24-28
Elim	July 17- 21	Southside	June 13-17
Evergreen	June 26-30	Sparrow Swamp	June 12-16
Florence First	June 13-16	Union	June 6-9
Grace	June 12-16	Willow Creek	June 5-9
Greenwood	June 13-17		
Hoffmeyer Road	June 13-16		
Immanuel	June 12-16		
Mizpah	July 10-14		
Northgate	July 20-14		
Oakdale	June 12-17		



RedWolves Baseball Faith & Family Night

Monday, July 25th - 7 pm
Francis Marion Sparrow Stadium
Group Tickets - \$4 each

The pastor of the church that sells the most tickets will throw out the first pitch and receive a hat!

Group ticket orders must be placed by Thursday, July 7 by calling Louanne Stewart at 843.662.5921 or emailing her at fbaloanne@sc.rr.com. Bring two cans of food to the game for Harvest Hope Food Bank and receive a free ticket for another game.



“Welcome Back Packs” for FMU

Francis Marion Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) needs your help again this year. They want to give the “Welcome Back Packs” to new students arriving on campus in the fall 2016. This will be the 11th year they have done this and it has proven to be a wonderful way for the BCM students to reach out to other students on campus. It serves as a tool to begin a relationship with students and to invite them to their BCM activities. Don’t miss this ministry opportunity! If you would like to provide packets please put the following items in a quart zip lock bag and bring them to the associational office by **Monday, August 1:**

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| 1 individual pack of crackers | 1 individual pack of Pop tarts |
| 1 individual bag of microwave popcorn | 2 mechanical pencils |
| 1 Tic Tacs or Breath savers | 2 packs of gum |

June 2016

1	Canada Mission
	Trip Deposit Due
6	Ohio Mission Trip
	Payment Due
12-26	SERVEFLO
14-15	2016 SBC
	Convention;
	St. Louis, MO
19	Father's Day
19-24	LifeChangers
30	Ministry Health
	Kits Due

July 2016

4	July 4th Holiday;
	FBA closed
9-16	Ohio Mission Trip
23-30	Canada Mission
	Trip
25	RedWolves
	Baseball Faith &
	Family Night

August 2016

1	Welcome Back
	Packs due in FBA
	Office
6	Closet Ministry;
	Calvary, Florence

September 2016

6	Ministers Conf.;
	FBA; 11:30 am
11-18	Janie Chapman
	State Missions
	Offering
22	IMPACT Culture
	Shift; Shandon
	Baptist Church
24	Cardboard Box
	City; South
	Florence High
	School

We Are Grateful!
April Contributions

Church	April	Budget YTD
Ariel	68.50	333.50
Bethel	.00	200.00
Beulah	2,200.00	4,400.00
Calvary	1,180.33	5,398.13
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	800.00
Cartersville	.00	668.00
College Park	302.00	1,084.40
Coward	50.00	200.00
Ebenezer	935.13	4,357.24
Elim	666.47	2,665.88
Evergreen	465.25	1,701.43
Florence 1st	1,750.30	1,936.84
Grace	1,009.77	4,009.22
Greenwood	664.69	2,756.96
Hebron	250.00	500.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,893.47	8,398.21
Immanuel	710.73	3,538.04
Kingsburg	400.00	400.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	3,000.00
Mizpah	94.90	476.30
Mt. Zion	600.00	1,934.81
New Covenant	40.00	138.00
New Hope	.00	00.00
Northgate	.00	557.20
Oakdale	773.10	1,295.41
Pamplico 1st	2,495.93	5,015.52
Pee Dee Community	.00	300.00
Peniel	.00	300.00
Quinby	362.68	997.56
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	817.02	2,993.88
Sardis	.00	862.50
South Florence	1,477.00	1,477.00
Southside	1,576.83	7,415.64
Sparrow Swamp	716.88	2,950.05
Timmons ville 1st	400.00	400.00
Union	.00	1,345.17
Unity	113.02	920.28
Willow Creek	90.64	570.57
TOTALS	22,304.64	76,297.74

Support Associational Missions

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

June Birthdays

20	Rev. Gerald McCants, (P) Calvary LC
24	Rev. Doyle Jones, retired
30	Rev. John Collins, (P) Grace

June Anniversaries

4	Jerry & Sherry Davis, retired
6	Dave (P) & Jo Ann Bult, Kingsburg
10	Bill & Nan Hancock, retired
10	Howard & Nel Starks, retired
12	Robby (AP) & April Ott, Florence First
14	Landon (MM) & Leach Reynolds, Calvary
16	Charles (P) & Marsha Pittman, Immanuel
18	J. D. (P) & Brandi Weed, Union
19	Nathan (MY) & Ashley Neighbors, Ebenezer
20	Ray & Joyce Rogers, retired
29	Kendal (BCM) & Jennifer Danford

Around the Association

Ministers Conference...The next Ministers Conference will be held on September 6th at 11:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Mark Hendrick from the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Lake City First....On Wednesday, May 4th, the Mission Friends, the GA's, and the RA's at Lake City First Baptist Church honored the Lake City Police Department for their service and dedication to our community. Wednesday night supper was served and 26 gift bags were presented to the Officers as a thank you for keeping our community safe.

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.

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

These will be used for the Fair Ministry.