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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
Vehicles for
Families*

Partnerships

*Canton Ohio
New Brunswick,
Canada*

We are in the midst of a very busy June and July: SBC, LifeChangers, family vacation (whew), mission trips to Ohio and Canada. Tracy was able to travel with me this year to the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leadership and the Southern Baptist Convention and other related meetings. We thought we might escape the Florence heat and it turned out to be hotter there than home. It was 99 with humidity one day and not much better the other days.

Usually several small news stories will air on TV, or come out in print. The focus was on a renewed sense of prayer and racial reconciliation. There were resolutions that were debated, including one for support of Israel and one urging Southern Baptist not to fly the Confederate Battle Flag. There was also some concern about Russell Moore, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, defending the religious rights of Americans to build a mosque.

This year the sense of cooperation and unity continued to prevail even when we don't all agree. This was most evident in the election of President of the SBC. J.D. Greear and Steve Gaines were forced into a second runoff after issues with some 108 improperly marked ballots. These ballots, having to be counted in the total ballots cast, kept either from having a majority. During the night both prayed and were willing to give up the right to the runoff and defer to the

other candidate. J.D. Greear, having just a few less ballots than Gaines, graciously stood before the convention and withdrew as a candidate, thus electing Steve Gaines as president. There was a lengthy standing ovation to follow!

The situation I described above was a great example of humility and servanthood. The media most often describes us as haters and intolerant, to my knowledge, there were no secular media outlets talking about the examples of these two men. It was a welcome change to the years of 30 – 40 Thousand people crowding into an arena to cast a ballot when we were experiencing heated debate. I have missed a few conventions in the last 29 years, but I have attended most. In the last few years we seem to be going in the right direction at a swifter pace! We need to be about kingdom business given the increasing number of lost people around us.

Looking forward,

Chris

A Prayer For Our Nation!
Gracious and loving God, we come to you
in humble prayer for the United States of America.
Bless our President.
Give him wisdom and strength
to serve the American people
and lead our country in ways that are
pleasing to you.
Bless our Congress.
Instill in them knowledge and understanding
to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life -
from the unborn to the elderly;
and promote the good of all people.
Bless the people of the United States.
Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens
to uphold the principles of life, liberty
justice, and equality.
Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country.
Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty.
Make us people of compassion
with those who are less fortunate.
Make us people of peace in our homes,
our communities, our country, and our world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Our Lord and Savior.
Amen.

By Lorene Hamley Duquin@ Sunday Visitor, Inc.

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We are pleased to announce that for the month of July, we have partnered with Orange Leaf to benefit Family Promise of Florence. Please visit their store at 2511 Cashua Drive, Florence and mention you are there to benefit Family Promise and bring your friends.



Mission Insite Training for Pastors
South Carolina Baptist Convention
September 13 - 10:00 am -12:00 pm
Florence Baptist Association Office

Mission Insite can be used by churches seeking to visualize and cultivate their current and prospective members. Mission Insite uses software to gather insightful and helpful information about the communities that surround our churches such as racial/ethnic trends, age trends, school aged children trends, marital status trends, etc. **Pastors are asked to bring their laptops so they access this software during the training.** Please call 843.662.5921 to register or email fbaconnie@sc.rr.com.

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 fbalouanne@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:**

- 1 individual pack of crackers

1 individual bag of microwave popcorn

1 Tic Tacs or Breath savers
- 1 individual pack of Pop tarts

2 mechanical pencils

2 packs of gum

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
- 25-27

Free Adult Dental
Care; Florence
Civic Center
- 27

Good New Club
Trng; 8:30 am -
12:30 pm; Place
TBA

September 2016

- 6

Ministers Conf.;
FBA; 11:30 am
- 11-18

Janie Chapman
State Missions
Offering
- 13

Mission Insite
Training; 10:00
am; FBA
- 22

IMPACT Culture
Shift; Shandon
Baptist Church
- 24

Cardboard Box
City; South
Florence High
School



The FBA Office will be closed Monday, July 4, for the July 4th Holiday

We Are Grateful!
May Contributions

Church	May	Budget YTD
Ariel	72.00	405.50
Bethel	.00	200.00
Beulah	.00	4,400.00
Calvary	1,219.16	6,617.29
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	1,000.00
Cartersville	.00	668.00
College Park	.00	1,084.40
Coward	50.00	250.00
Ebenezer	995.57	5,352.81
Elim	666.47	3,332.35
Evergreen	381.90	2,083.33
Florence 1st	.00	1,936.84
Grace	1,024.44	5,033.66
Greenwood	821.98	3,578.94
Hebron	125.00	625.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,835.46	10,233.67
Immanuel	.00	3,538.04
Kingsburg	.00	400.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	3,000.00
Mizpah	.00	476.30
Mt. Zion	101.94	2,036.75
New Covenant	.00	138.00
New Hope	.00	00.00
Northgate	374.31	931.51
Oakdale	369.87	1,665.28
Pamplico 1st	.00	5,015.52
Pee Dee Community	100.00	400.00
Peniel	.00	300.00
Quinby	.00	997.56
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	.00	2,993.88
Sardis	862.50	1,725.00
South Florence	.00	1,477.00
Southside	2,093.05	9,508.69
Sparrow Swamp	637.96	3,588.01
Timmons ville 1st	.00	400.00
Union	.00	1,345.17
Unity	.00	920.28
Willow Creek	.00	570.57
TOTALS	11,931.61	88,229.35

Support Associational Missions

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

July Birthdays

- 11

Rev. Bo Treadway (P), New Hope
- 25

Rev. Charles Larrimore (P), Unity
- 28

Rev. Peter Rivera (AP), Immanuel

July Anniversaries

- 2

Doyle & Mary Francis Jones, retired
- 5

James (P) & Doris Brown, Rise & live
- 11

Cleve & Vaughn Calcutt, Greenwood
- 14

Ed (MM) & Julie Self, Ebenezer
- 27

Burton (P) & Suzette Welsh, Sardis
- 27

Rev (MM) & Becky Hunter, Florence First
- 30

Eddie & Louanne Stewart, Calvary/FBA
- 31

Shane (P) & Martha Patrick, Lake City First
- 31

Bobby (P) & Penny Earls, Northgate

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.

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



- Cartersville

July 10-14
- College Park

July 24-27
- Elim

July 17- 21
- Northgate

July 10-14
- Mizpah

July 10-14
- Sardis

July 17-21
- South Florence

July 24-29

Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family of Rev. Bill Hancock. Rev. Hancock served the churches our associational faithfully through the years. He served through the Disaster Relief Ministry of the SBC for many years traveling to many disasters. He also served as the FBA Disaster Relief Coordinator.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family of Rev. Horace Jackson. Rev. Jackson retired in 2005 and continued on after his retirement with 31 interims in NC and SC.