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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

# Cooperative



Florence Baptist Association, July 2016

## 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!

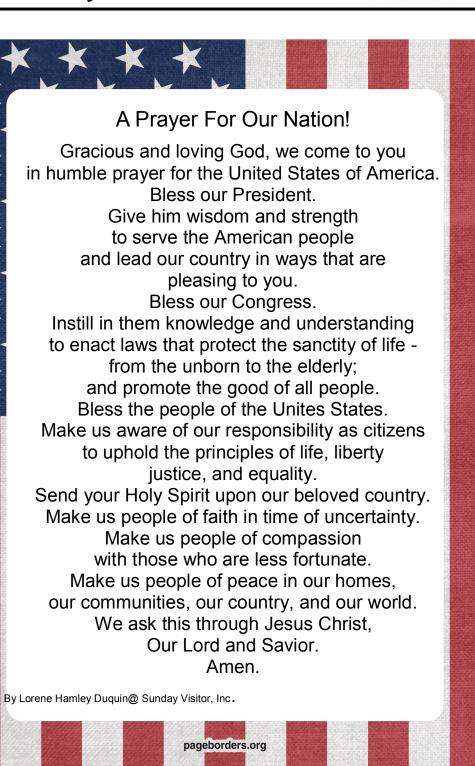
MORE volunteers as GNC expands to other School Districts; Financial Assistance;

#### Family Promise

Financial Support Families served Vehicles for Families

#### **Partnerships**

Canton Ohio New Brunswick, Canada



JULY, 2016



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

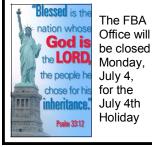
July 4th Holiday; FBA closed Ohio Mission Trip 9-16 23-30 Canada Mission 25 RedWolves Baseball Faith & Family Night

## August 2016

Welcome Back Packs due in FBA Office Closet Ministry; Calvary, Florence Free Adult Dental Care; Florence Civic Center 27 Good New Club Trng; 8:30 am -12:30 pm; Place TBA

# September 2016

Ministers Conf.; FBA; 11:30 am Janie Chapman 11-18 State Missions Offering 13 Mission Insite Training; 10:00 am; FBA 22 IMPACT Culture Shift: Shandon Baptist Church Cardboard Box City; South Florence High School



**JULY. 2016** 

May

**Budget** 

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YTD

### We Are Grateful! May Contributions

Church

		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
Timmonsville 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

Rev. Bo Treadway (P), New Hope 25 Rev. Charles Larrimore (P). Unity 28 Rev. Peter Rivera (AP), Immanuel

# July Anniversaries

Doyle & Mary Francis Jones, retired James (P) & Doris Brown, Rise & live Cleve & Vaughn Calcutt, Greenwood Ed (MM) & Julie Self, Ebenezer 27 Burton (P) & Suzette Welsh, Sardis 27 Rev (MM) & Becky Hunter, Florence

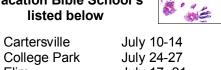
30 Eddie & Louanne Stewart, Calvary/FBA 31 Shane (P) & Martha Patrick, Lake City

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 Conven-

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



July 17- 21 Elim July 10-14 Northgate July 10-14 Mizpah 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.