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Summer is gone, and it flew by. Thanks to the SBC, a couple of mission trips, and a family vacation, I spent more time away from home than at home during June and July. August was a little less intense with a couple days off enjoying some golf with the SC PGA (South Carolina Preachers Golf Association). It has been a great summer of ministry as reported by many of our churches.

I want to look to the future; our Annual Meeting will be October 9, 6:30 PM, at Pamplico First. As a matter of business, we will be able to officially vote New Covenant into the Florence Baptist Association. We will also celebrate some milestones for churches and pastors as we worship and celebrate. We will hear a report on the Rebuild South Carolina, after the historic floods of last October. Our guest this year is our new South Carolina Baptist Convention Executive Secretary Treasurer. Dr. Gary Hollingsworth. Dr. Hollingsworth began back in the spring and will be bringing the message.

While we know that some churches will not cancel their evening services, because of AWANA and other ongoing programs, we encourage you to have representatives there. While we are happy that you support us with your volunteers, time, and money, we love for you to join us as we celebrate another year of ministry together. Cooperation continues to allow us to do

what we do together and we owe you much gratitude.

If you drive by New Covenant on South Irby and notice a "for sale" sign, here is an explanation. The Christian Church, which owns the property and is, leasing it to New Covenant, wants to sell the property. New Covenant, with the help of the FBA, is looking at the value and other factors to see if it is feasible for them to purchase at this time. Please be in prayer and be alert as this might soon allow for individuals and churches to participate in the ministry through some "creative financing"!

Chris

Cooperative



Florence Baptist Association, September 2016

Prayer Corner:

Please include the following prayer needs on your prayer lists and in your prayer times.

Churches without Pastors:

Florence First 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 Oĥio New Brunswick, Canada

Mission Insite Training for Pastors Sponsored by the SCBC

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 can access this software during the training**. You can also register on line at MissionInsite.com Please call 843.662.5921 to register or email fbaconnie@sc.rr.com.



Florence Baptist Association 2016 Annual Meeting October 9, 2016

Pamplico First Baptist Church 119 North Hickory Pamplico, SC

6:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Dr. Gary Hollingsworth South Carolina Baptist Convention Executive Secretary Treasurer

Churches should elect their 2016 messengers and ask them to be present for this meeting as the Business Portion of the Annual Meeting will be held at the beginning of the service. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please call the associational office at 662-5921 or email Connie at fbaconnie@sc.rr.com

SEPTEMBER, 2016

M*A*R*C*H - Real Talk For Men Fund Raiser for Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016 7:30 - 10:00 pm BCM Building @ Francis Marion University 200 Evander Drive, Florence

Speakers:

Chris Cawthon; Cookie Cawthon; David Barnes & Paul John; Robby Ott; Chris Dew; Robbie Dockerty

Cost: \$10 (or whatever you have) Food: Beef Jerky & Boiled Peanuts

For more information contact Chris Cawthon at 843.229.3951

2016 OCC Olympics

An Operation Christmas Child Kick Off Event

Calvary Baptist Church Family Life Center

September 24, 2016

10:00 am

Anyone who loves to pack shoeboxes for OCC or anyone who would like to learn more about OCC is invited to this event. We will fellowship, share ideas, learn from others, get new ideas, and much more. For more information, call Melissa Burkett at 843.340.5601.



FREE

Aging with Joy and Grace Conference

September 24, 2016 Ebenezer Baptist Church 8:30 am - 2:00 pm (lunch is included)

Ten practical workshops will be offered during three sessions. Attendees will choose one workshop each session. Following lunch there will be a closing general session and Dr. Gary Hollingsworth, Executive Director, Treasurer of the SCBC will speak. In addition to the workshops and general session there will be health screenings and exhibitors during registration and lunch.

For more information contact Rev. Harold Watson, Senior Adult Associate at 843.669.1802 or haroldwatson@sbcsc.com.

September 2016

8	M*A*R*C*H -	
	Real Talk for Mer	
	BCM Fund Raiser	
11-18	Janie Chapman	
	State Missions	
	Offering	
13	Mission Insite	
	Training; 10:00	
	am; FBA	
22	IMPACT Culture	
	Shift; Shandon	
	Baptist Church	
24	2016 OCC	
	Olympics; Calvary	
	10:00 am	
24	Cardboard Box	
	City; South	
	Florence High	
	School	
24	Aging with Joy &	
	Grace Conf.;	
	Ebenezer;	
	8:30 am	
28	See You at the	
	Pole	

October 2016

1	Bliss Ball; Calvary	
9	FBA Annual	
	Mting; Pamplico	
	First Baptist;	
	6:30 pm;	
11-15	Fair Ministry	
11	WMU Fall Trning	
	Union; 6:00 pm	
18	Secretarial	
	Luncheon;	
	Victors	

November 2016

14-19 Operation
Christmas Child
Shoe Box
Collection

24-25 Thanksgiving Holidays; FBA Office Closed SEPTEMBER, 2016

We Are Grateful! July Contributions

Church	July	Budget YTD
Ariel	90.00	613.50
Bethel	200.00	400.00
Beulah	.00	4,400.00
Calvary	1,076.65	9,069.00
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	1,400.00
Cartersville	.00	1,404.60
College Park	1,277.00	3,138.40
Coward	50.00	350.00
Ebenezer	.00	6,908.78
Elim	666.47	4,665.29
Evergreen	491.11	2,966.27
Florence 1st	.00	1,936.84
Grace	971.33	6,004.99
Greenwood	671.52	5,027.75
Hebron	125.00	875.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,798.51	14,216.53
Immanuel	625.46	5,657.36
Kingsburg	.00	400.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	3,000.00
Mizpah	102.91	697.40
Mt. Zion	600.00	2,636.75
New Covenant	40.00	218.00
New Hope	.00	00.00
Northgate	412.32	1,693.09
Northside Chapel	.00	600.00
Oakdale	409.54	2,454.93
Pamplico 1st	2,290.05	7,305.57
Pee Dee Community	.00	400.00
Peniel	300.00	600.00
Quinby	.00	1,370.42
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	.00	4,661.19
Sardis	862.50	2,587.50
South Florence	2,000.00	3,477.00
Southside	1,614.65	13,251.35
Sparrow Swamp	643.57	4,987.55
Timmonsville 1st	200.00	600.00
Union	.00	3,082.02
Unity	.00	1,296.83
Willow Creek	.00	767.24
TOTALS	17,718.59	125,121.15

Support Associational Missions

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

September Birthdays

Rev. Eddie Stewart (AP), Calvary
Rev. Rick Shubert (P), Mizpah
Rev. Craig Tedder (P), Coward
Rev. Rex Hunter (MM) Florence First

September Anniversaries

Gerald (P) & Pat McCants, Calvary LC W. L. & Vera Collins, retired Julian & Betty Long, retired Charles (P) & Marlene Larrimore, Unity Rick (P) Maria Schubert, Mizpah

20 Rick (P) Maria Schubert, Mizpa 30 Oscar & Patty Holland, retired

Around the Association

Mt. Zion...Has called Rev. Eric Aldridge as pastor. We welcome Rev. Aldridge and his family to our association.

Ministers Conference...Due to the Rick Gage meeting on August 31 there will be no Ministers Conference during the month of September.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

A generation seeking Him Psalm 24:3-6

WMU Fall Training

Union Baptist Church October 11, 2016

6:00 pm - meal 7:00 pm - Training

More information regarding training will be mailed to each church.

WMU groups are asked to collect items for the Fair Yard Sale. Here is a list of items: shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, Tylenol, Advil, **over the counter** cold medicine, blankets, twin sheets, Duffel bags, **NEW** baseball type caps, 4 or 6 pack of toilet paper OR individually wrapped rolls of TP, paper towels, Kleenex, <u>unscented</u> laundry detergent, Pop Tarts, cereal, soup, "pop-top" foods - ravioli, Vienna sausage, etc.