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May's newsletter article brought about a few comments and one request to reprint in a church newsletter. The long and the short of it was using an illustration of pay phones having become irrelevant in our lives. Don't let the church go the way of the pay phone.

Recently there have been several denominational leaders that have resigned, retired, or have been pressured to do so. The coming Southern Baptist Convention is shaping up to be one with much controversy; much of which is often caused by well meaning but misinformed people. While we are a large and successful conservative denomination, we have gathered more headlines for disunity, dysfunction, and now it seems to be prevalent again.

Here is what we need to do on a local level. Pray for people and institutions.

Leadership changes take place and people are involved; husbands, wives, children, employees, and friends. Just as we often clash and have "battles" in local churches, they happen at all levels of life. Politics, in a denomination, institution, or church, make for difficult times. Do things have to be kept quiet sometimes? Yes, while we can't sweep sin under the rug, we don't always broadcast it either. While we may or may not agree with certain decisions, elections, and appointments, be reminded that God is sovereign. Let's make sure we are following Jesus. He never fails!

Looking forward,

Chris

Cooperative

Florence Baptist Association, June 2018



WinShape Camp Florence BEST WEEK EVER

June 18-22, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

8 am – 5 pm (M-Th)

8 am – noon on Friday

It ends on Friday with a Family Fun Day with lunch provided by Chick-fil-A

WinShape is a CHRISTIAN day camp, founded by Truett Cathy of Chick-fil-A, for students who have completed 1st – 9th grade. This is a great alternative for child care for a week for working parents or an awesome opportunity for grandparents to offer their grandchildren. Helping Florence Flourish is sponsoring this camp and it is for the entire community. First Presbyterian is just the site where it will be held. Cost is \$214/child. Families with multiple campers receive a 10% discount for every child after the first, plus scholarships are available.

The planning team is offering free scholarships to some of the children from the East Florence Mission and the Boys and Girls Clubs. If you, your group or business would like to help sponsor a child for camp, please email Louanne at FBALouanne@sc.rr.com. For more information and to see all 16 activity choices offered at the camp go to www.winshapecamps.org. Don't let your child miss out on this time of spiritual development.

Fair Ministry

There will be a planning meeting for the fair ministry on Tuesday, June 5 at 7 pm at the FBA office. This is earlier than normal but the dates for the Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair have changed from their usual October week to August 17-25. This change was made because the Florence Center had a spring fair and is planning a fall fair in September. Realizing that this is the beginning of school and no one is thinking about the fair in August, we need a planning meeting NOW to see who will be available to help and to see what ministries we can offer to the fair workers. We realize that the weather will be extremely hot for a lot of our volunteers so our ministries need to be reevaluated.

We know we are going to be doing a free yard sale so please start collecting the items needed: shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, Tylenol, Advil, over the counter cold medicine, 4 pack toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, unscented laundry detergent, pop tarts, cereal, "pop top" foods, twin sheets.

Ministry Health Kits Due June 29, 2018

Ministry Health Kits are due in the associational office on Friday, June 29th. Please include the following items in a **two gallon zip lock bag**. These will be used with the fair ministry, for the homeless, and other needs.

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| 1 toothpaste (6 oz) | 1 washcloth |
| 1 toothbrush | 1 bath towel |
| 1 soap (4.5 oz bath size) | 1 comb |

"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 2018. This will be the 13th 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 6:**

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| 1 Pack of crackers | 1 Pack of Pop tarts |
| 1 Microwave popcorn | 2 mechanical pencils |
| 1 Tic Tac or Breath savers | 2 packs of gum |

Prayer Concerns:

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

Churches without Pastors:

Elim

Florence First

Northside Chapel

New Work:

New Covenant

CLC Program

Financial Support

Good News Clubs!

More volunteers ;

Financial Assistance

Church Sponsors for new clubs



The FBA Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day!

We are Grateful! April Contributions

Church	April	Budget YTD
Ariel	84.00	385.00
Bethel	.00	200.00
Beulah	.00	1,080.00
Calvary	1,192.48	5,097.50
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	800.00
Cartersville	.00	1,000.00
College Park	345.55	2,924.43
Coward	100.00	250.00
Ebenezer	.00	2,127.96
Elim	666.47	2,665.88
Evergreen	438.44	1,672.20
Florence 1st	.00	120.58
Grace	2,189.29	7,365.60
Greenwood	750.18	3,191.79
Hebron	200.00	800.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,327.13	5,308.52
Immanuel	.00	.00
Kingsburg	.00	600.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City 1st	.00	3,000.00
Mizpah	142.46	531.70
Mt. Zion	.00	600.00
New Covenant	50.00	275.00
New Hope	.00	45.00
Northgate	207.18	1,190.14
Northside Chapel	.00	.00
Oakdale	.00	763.90
Pamplico 1st	2,083.00	2,083.00
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	.00	300.00
Quinby	192.20	705.29
Rehoboth	.00	500.00
Ridgecrest	663.36	2,523.34
Sardis	.00	862.50
South Florence	.00	449.58
Southside	1,599.43	6,440.77
Sparrow Swamp	665.44	2,726.25
Tans Bay	100.00	100.00
Timmons ville 1st	.00	200.00
Union	.00	1,470.58
Unity	.00	.00
Willow Creek	.00	442.43
TOTALS	13,196.61	60,798.84

June Birthdays

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

June Anniversaries

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| 4 | Jerry & Sherry Davis, retired |
| 6 | Dave (P) & Jo Ann Bult, Kingsburg |
| 10 | Howard & Nell Starks, retired |
| 10 | David (P) & Flor Scammell, Buelah |
| 14 | Landon (MM) & Leah Reynolds, Calvary |
| 16 | Charles (P) & Marsha Pittman, Immanuel |
| 19 | Nathan (MY) & Ashley Neighbors, Ebenezer |
| 29 | Kendal (BCM) & Jennifer Danford |

Around the Association

Ministers Conference...Due to the Southern Baptist Convention in Texas, there will be no June Ministers Conference.

Union...Has called Rev. Adam Pfahlert as pastor. We welcome Rev. Pfahlert and his wife, Mary, to our association.



Red Wolves Faith & Family Night

**Monday - July 16th
7:00 p.m.**

**Tickets - \$4
Orders due to FBA by July 2nd**