

THE SALTSHAKER

“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.”

Matthew 5: 13 The Message

July 2018

Meet Your Student Missionaries



I am Mary Ellen Collins & currently a sophomore at North Greenville University where I am pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education. I grew up in Florence, SC alongside my brother, Daniel who is a Senior at Leavell College – New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. My parents, Rev. John Collins, the pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Florence, and Melanie Collins, a preschool teacher at Calvary Baptist Church and an administrative assistant with the SC Baptist Disaster Relief, are the most Christ-like examples to all those around them & are a huge encouragement to me.

My joy comes from Jesus Christ and being able to share Jesus’ love with young children. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as a summer missionary with the Florence Baptist Association. I am excited to see the work the Lord has prepared to do this summer. 2 Corinthians 4:18 says, “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” As I continue my life’s journey serving as a summer missionary, 2 Corinthians 4:18 encourages me, as a follower of Christ, to keep Christ on the forefront of everything I do, because in all I do I want to be Jesus to those around me and give all the glory to Him.



My name is Hannah Chapman, and I am so excited to be working alongside the Florence Baptist Association to reach the community of Florence this Summer. I am from Darlington, South Carolina, and I graduated from The King’s Academy in 2017. I am currently a rising Sophomore at North Greenville University double majoring in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education. My dream is to one day, display Christ’s great love to my future students through loving them and teaching them to grow in the truth that they are unique, they are adored, and they are enough.

My favorite scripture is Philippians 1:6, “I am truly confident in this, that He who began a good work in you, will carry it onto completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” I treasure this scripture so deeply because it proclaims the fact that our Savior finishes what he begins, both then, in the lives of the Israelites, but also today, in each and every one of our lives, no matter the circumstance. He is a God of kindness, compassion, and omnipotence. I am so grateful for this opportunity, and I am so excited to work in the community of Florence this summer proclaiming our Precious Savior’s name.

“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 & bring them to the associational office by **Monday, August 6:**

- 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



Hygiene Items for

FSD1 Middle and High Schools

We are collecting hygiene items again for FSD1 Middle and High Schools since this is an ongoing need.

Items needed: deodorant - male and female, toothpaste, dental floss, *feminine napkins*, **BELTS** – male and female, and tee shirts.

Please bring your items to the FBA office by September 1!



Book Drive: We will be collecting NEW and GENTLY USED children’s books (3K-2nd grade) for Lake City Early Childhood Center in Florence District 3. Bible story books

welcomed. These books will be given to the children to take home. Please bring books to the FBA by Friday, August 10th by noon or to Calvary Baptist by Sunday, August 12th.

Fair Ministry SCHEDULE

August 17-25

(PLEASE note change in date)



Saturday, August 18; 11:30 am - Chicken Bog

- Needs – food items are needed, contact Louanne for details
- All churches are asked to provide individually wrapped desserts – cookies, slices of cake, etc. (Please bring to FBA office by Monday, October 10 at 5 pm)

Wednesday August 22; 9:30 – 12:30

Hair Cuts, Children’s Ministry, BP Checks, Photos, Eyeglasses, Doughnuts & Coffee

- Needed – Beauticians to cut hair
- Volunteer to plan children’s activities
- Volunteer to take BP

Friday, August 24 – FREE Yard Sale, Breakfast, Devotion 10 am

- Needed – Volunteers at 9 am to help set up and work the sale
- Yard Sale 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, blankets, twin sheets.

Saturday, August 25 – 200 Snack Sacks

- Needed – Items for the snack sacks. Contact Louanne if interested – 662-5921