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The school bells are ringing, football is starting, and September marks the beginning of the new church year. Here at the FBA office things have been very different with the fair now in August. We thank those that have volunteered so faithfully to do ministry even though it has changed all of our schedules. It seems like, at this point in history, we are changing and adapting more than any other time. If you don't change, adapt, and stay informed, you will not be relevant. Sears, Kmart, and other retailers are fading fast! eBay is old news now with so many online opportunities.

How about the church? How about the local association of churches? Some are adapting, some are, by default, making the choice to die. Everyone seems to have an idea and yet it also seems, at times, like no one has a clue. May I suggest that God knows. He knows what each individual congregation, local association, and denomination needs to do. The instructions are found in His word and the motivation is found in His Spirit. Cooperation is found in His Spirit working in and through us for the Kingdom of God and not our thoughts of our own survival as a congregation or association.

I must admit that as a local association of churches we have fared well when compared to some other associations. God has blessed us as we have continued to minister together. However, we cannot make comparisons with others a mark of success or failure. We need to have vision! Vision needs to come from God's word and Spirit. Our congregations need to be healthy, some need revitalization, and we all must be faithful to the Great Commission.

Plan to join together on Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM, at Ebenezer Baptist Church for the Annual Meeting of the Florence Baptist Association. We will have little business, great worship, and I will be bringing a presentation on the future of the FBA. Also remember our plans to provide churches and groups of churches the opportunity to participate in the January Bible Study, Revelation 1-3, The Letters To The Churches.

Looking forward,

Chris

# Cooperative



*Florence Baptist Association, September 2018*

## FALL WMU TRAINING

September 18, 2018

Sardis Baptist Church  
3129 Sardis Highway, Timmonsville, SC

Dessert - 6:15 pm  
Speaker - 6:40 pm  
Training - 7:00 pm



There will be a guest speaker from the Graham Community Shelter. Please help collect the following items for the shelter. Flip Flops, Towels, Single Sheets, Pillow Cases, Laundry Detergent. Classes will be offered for leaders of Women on Mission, Acteens, GA's, RA's & Mission Friends



**The Florence Baptist Association  
Inspirational Meeting  
Sunday, October 14, 2018  
Ebenezer Baptist Church  
6:00 pm**

**Theme: "Is There Still Hope?"**

## 2018 Christmas Prisoner Packets

### Approved Packing List from SC Department of Corrections

- ONE black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color pen)
- ONE writing tablet no larger than 5" x 8" (no wire bound or composition books)
- ONE adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)
- ONE 4 oz to 6 oz toothpaste (no travel size)
- ONE 3.2 oz to 6 oz bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped/unboxed bars)
- TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (NO Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)
- FIVE first-class #10 Stamp-Embossed Envelopes (from US Post Office-NO regular stamps)
- ONE gallon size zipper bag (no other size bags accepted)
- ALL ITEMS MUST FIT IN THE ZIPPER BAG WITH ZIPPER CLOSED SECURELY



### January Bible Study 2019

The January Bible Study for 2019 will be on Revelation Chapters 1-3. Your pastor/church should have gotten a letting in early June concerning an opportunity for each church or group of churches. Chris Smith and several of our local pastors will be available to teach this material in a variety of settings and or schedules. Please consider contacting us to schedule a study, three sessions, and/or consider partnering with neighboring churches to participate. This will be geared toward church revitalization but would be beneficial for any of our congregations.

### Annual Church Profile - Due Online by Sept. 27

All the statistical information (baptisms, membership, receipts, mission offerings) along with all the leadership (YES I SAID LEADERSHIP) will be entered online. You can print your church a copy to use as a worksheet and once entered online print a copy for your records. A hard copy of the ACP will not be mailed unless requested. Contact Connie for more information.

### Prayer Concerns:

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

### Churches without

#### Pastors:

Elim  
Florence First

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 on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.



### We are Grateful! July Contributions

Church	July	Budget YTD
Ariel	78.00	656.50
Bethel	.00	200.00
Beulah	.00	1,080.00
Calvary	1,062.35	8,758.17
Calvary, Lake City	.00	1,200.00
Cartersville	650.00	1,650.00
College Park	769.00	4,200.43
Coward	100.00	550.00
Ebenezer	855.09	7,160.26
Elim	666.47	4,665.29
Evergreen	997.75	3,538.54
Florence 1st	.00	1,749.70
Grace	1,215.40	11,155.63
Greenwood	663.28	5,614.71
Hebron	200.00	1,400.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,327.13	9,289.91
Immanuel	89.25	2,100.05
Kingsburg	.00	600.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City 1st	.00	3,000.00
Mizpah	115.35	896.11
Mt. Zion	600.00	1,800.00
New Covenant	35.00	335.00
New Hope	.00	45.00
Northgate	349.90	2,240.54
Northside Chapel	.00	.00
Oakdale	.00	1,217.00
Pamplico 1st	.00	2,083.00
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	300.00	600.00
Quinby	.00	1,201.72
Rehoboth	.00	500.00
Ridgecrest	.00	4,629.65
Sardis	1,725.00	2,587.50
South Florence	.00	449.58
Southside	1,245.19	10,463.34
Sparrow Swamp	695.15	4,892.25
Tans Bay	100.00	400.00
Timmons ville 1st	.00	400.00
Union	2,865.06	4,335.64
Unity	.00	883.32
Willow Creek	87.32	807.20
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16,791.69</b>	<b>109,336.04</b>

### Sept. Birthdays

- 8 Rev. Eddie Stewart (AP), Calvary
- 13 Rev. Rick Schubert (P) Mizpah
- 14 Rev. Steece Hayes (P), Oakdale
- 16 Rev. Craig Tedder (P), Coward

### Sept. Anniversaries

- 5 Gerald & Pat McCants, retired
- 9 W. L. & Vera Collins, retired
- 11 Julian & Betty Long, retired
- 16 Charles (P) & Marlene Larrimore, Unity
- 20 Rick (P) & Maria Schubert, Mizpah
- 30 Oscar & Batt Holland, retired

### Around the Association

**Ministers Conference...**Will be held on Sept. 11th at 11:30 am at the FBA Office. Lunch will be provided for a cost of \$5 per person. The **October Ministers Conference** will be held on Oct 9th at 11:30 am at the FBA Office. David Weiss from Southern Church Mutual will be guest speaker. Southern Church Mutual will also be providing lunch.

### Season of Prayer for State Missions Janie Chapman Offering September 9-16, 2018

The season of prayer for State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering is very important to our local Florence Baptist Association. About half of Louanne's support comes through this offering as well as several thousand dollars' worth of grants to make other events possible Past grants have been used for the Bliss Ball, a block party, and this year's Men's Conference. Please pray and give as much of this will come back to us.

