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I am writing this article during a little break from Disaster Relief. By the time you get this, the rivers will have begun to recede and teams of volunteers will be at work helping people get some order back to their lives. Having again seen natural disaster in ways we have not seen it before, we want to help. There will be plenty of opportunity. Giving monetary gifts to South Carolina Baptist Disaster Relief and/or the Florence Baptist Association will be helpful. Gift cards from Walmart, Target, and grocery stores will help families. We can make sure they get to the counties where they are most needed at the time.

Our neighboring Associations: Chesterfield, Pee Dee (Marlboro and Dillon counties), Marion, Welch Neck (mostly Darlington County), Waccamaw (Horry County), have all been impacted greatly and we are acting as a hub. We are receiving supplies and equipment and providing support in the recovery efforts. Several of our churches are housing teams, coming

from other states, as they stage before going into North Carolina. Also, Hoffmeyer Road is again being used by our Hebron Feeding Unit and a unit from Spartanburg. Thanks for responding as you have to request for volunteers as we have been working from Florence to help the Pee Dee.

Would you consider coming to the Annual Celebration on Sunday October 14 at 6:00 PM? Ebenezer will host the meeting as we worship and consider the future of our churches and association. Inspirational, eye opening, challenging, and encouraging would be used to describe our theme: "Is There Still Hope?"

Looking forward,

Chris

# Cooperative

*Florence Baptist Association, October 2018*



## The Florence Baptist Association Inspirational Celebration

Sunday, October 14, 2018  
Ebenezer Baptist Church  
6:00 pm

*Theme: "Is There Still Hope?"*

**Scripture: Lamentations 3:21-24**

"This I recall to my mind,

***Therefore I have hope.***

*Through* the Lord's mercies we are not consumed,

Because His compassions fail not

*They are new every morning;*

Great *is* Your Faithfulness.

The Lord is my portion, says my soul,

***Therefore I hope in Him!***

**The Chrysalis Center**, located on Cashua Drive is a treatment center for women with children who struggle with addiction. Right now eight of their clients are pregnant so we are going to do a diaper and wipe drive for them. Bring to the FBA Office by October 15. **Items needed:**

- ♦ **Baby wipes - any kind**
- ♦ **Diapers - Size newborn, 1 and 2**



**Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Information**

There will be a **25<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATION for OCC** on Thursday, October 18; 6:30 – 8 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. This will be the Kick Off for OCC season where materials will be available and ideas will be shared. Great for project leaders and anyone else interested in learning more about OCC.

**National OCC Collection week is November 12-19, 2018.** Calvary is serving as the Central Collection Center again this year and they are in need of church groups (8-10 people) to serve. Please call Louanne at 662.5921 if your church, small group, Sunday School class, etc. would like to help during any of these times!

- Monday – Friday, November 12-16; 4 pm – 7 pm
- Saturday, November 16; 11 am – 1 pm
- Sunday, November 17; 2 pm – 5 pm
- Monday, November 28; 10 am – 6 pm

**2018 Christmas Prisoner Packets**

- 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)

**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*



Tentative date for the rescheduled **WMU Fall Meeting** is Tuesday, October 23. More information will be available soon.

**We are Grateful!  
Aug. Contributions**

Church	Aug.	Budget YTD
Ariel	94.00	750.50
Bethel	.00	200.00
Beulah	2,520.00	3,600.00
Calvary	1,453.86	10,212.03
Calvary, Lake City	425.00	1,625.00
Cartersville	.00	1,650.00
College Park	389.15	4,589.58
Coward	100.00	650.00
Ebenezer	1,362.29	8,522.55
Elim	666.47	5,331.76
Evergreen	442.44	3,980.98
Florence 1st	3,869.07	5,618.77
Grace	1,292.68	12,448.31
Greenwood	1,028.55	6,643.26
Hebron	200.00	1,600.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,327.13	10,617.04
Immanuel	742.03	2,842.08
Kingsburg	500.00	1,100.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City 1st	3,000.00	6,000.00
Mizpah	133.89	1,030.00
Mt. Zion	.00	1,800.00
New Covenant	63.00	398.00
New Hope	.00	45.00
Northgate	347.78	2,588.32
Northside Chapel	.00	.00
Oakdale	484.00	1,701.00
Pamplico 1st	2,112.07	4,195.07
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	.00	600.00
Quinby	215.43	1,417.15
Rehoboth	50.00	550.00
Ridgecrest	761.64	5,391.29
Sardis	.00	2,587.50
South Florence	.00	449.58
Southside	1,223.37	11,686.71
Sparrow Swamp	794.09	5,686.34
Tans Bay	100.00	500.00
Timmons ville 1st	.00	400.00
Union	.00	4,335.64
Unity	.00	883.32
Willow Creek	275.31	1,082.51
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25,973.25</b>	<b>135,309.29</b>

**Oct. Birthdays**

- 7 Rev. Jim Grigg (P), South Florence
- 11 Rev. Charles Pittman (P), Immanuel
- 18 Rev. Leo Carter (P), Alianzo
- 19 Rev. W. L. Collins, retired

**Oct. Anniversaries**

- 2 Bryan & Lisa Lynn, Calvary
- 13 Jerry & Arlene Aiken, retired
- 29 George (P) & Deborah Koon, Calvary, LC

**Around the Association**

**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.

**Timmons ville First...**Is seeking a worship leader. Responsibilities will include: leading worship on Sunday mornings; select and prepare songs for Sunday morning worship; select seasonal songs—such as Christmas, Easter, etc.; occasional special events such as fellowship nights, etc. There is compensation for time and responsibilities in this position. Please contact Rev. Bill Barnette for more information. 803.582.8531 or barnette5@hotmail.com.

**Elim...**Celebrated a special occasion on August 26th, the 50th anniversary of organist, Joanne Long. Boy was she surprised!!! Tributes, memories, songs and gifts were shared during the morning worship service, followed by a meal in her honor in the Moore Family Life Center.

**January Bible Study 2019...**will be on Revelation Chapters 1-3. Chris Smith & several of our local pastors will be available to teach this material in a variety of settings and or schedules. This is geared toward church revitalization but would be beneficial for any of our congregations.