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Here we are in another November dealing with the aftermath of disasters. Our area was barely impacted but our neighbors to the north and east had serious impact. We serve as the hub for Disaster Relief in the Pee Dee. In disaster situations needs have to be met quickly and they change rapidly. The first set of needs are often the most basic as in Michael and the Florida coast. Food, water, and shelter were very important. In our counties with floods, getting the wet contents and building materials out is most important for recovery.

Many of you ask, what can I do? Well because of the quickly changing needs, it is hard to have a drive to receive certain items that are needed immediately. Bottled water is sitting around in many sites. It can be used, but if we had started collecting water after the first 48 hours we would have been too late. Immediate food needs are often handled by the Red Cross and our Disaster Relief Feeding Teams. What are the next set of needs? Mud out, this is hard work to remove all the contents and building materials down to the framing. It's dirty work but it is not complicated. You can volunteer for a day or a week, trained or not.

We have encouraged gift cards. Grocery

stores, Walmart, Lowes and Home Depot are all helpful. The churches in the area are giving them out to families that they are ministering to as they recover from the storm. For a Disaster team/church member to be able to give a family a gift card, so they can buy much needed supplies, is a real encouragement. If you want to give we suggest gift cards. If you send them to us we get them to the Waccamaw Association to use through the work sites at North Conway Baptist and Living Waters Baptist in Longs.

I would like to thank those of you that attended our Annual Meeting at Ebenezer. After such a great meeting last year, I was a little disappointed with our attendance. We had less than half of our churches represented. I guess that's the difference in Alex McFarland and yours truly doing the preaching. We might have outlived Sunday night being our best option for the meeting. We will discuss the possibility of having it on another night, or adjusting things to encourage more involvement.

Looking forward,

Chris

Cooperative

Florence Baptist Association, November 2018



Minister's and Spouse Christmas Social

December 4, 2018

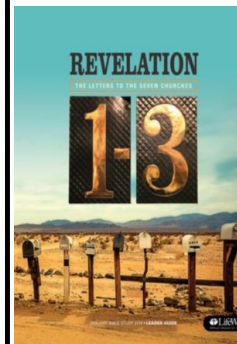
6:30 pm

College Park Baptist Church

1501 Third Loop Road, Florence, SC



January Bible Study 2019



The 2019 January Bible Study is on Revelation 1-3 "The Letters to the Seven Churches." Chris has taken the initiative to try to make this an easy process for every church that would like to participate. We have five pastors and Chris that will work through the material together and will be prepared to teach. While each pastor could certainly teach this, December is a busy month and it would give your pastor a break. Please contact us to schedule a date during January to have the four sessions. Some of our smaller churches have partnered together and we would be happy to help in that process. This study is geared toward church revitalization and would be beneficial to any of the FBA churches. Let Chris know how he can help.

Operation Christmas Child
(OCC) Information

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 clip and no other color pen)
- One junior legal writing tablet
(no larger than 5" x 8" and **no wire bound**)
- One Adult Toothbrush
(**Individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs**)
- Five First-Class **#10 Stamp Embossed** Envelopes (Purchased at USPO)
- Two Rolls of Candy
(LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers type)
- One 3.2-6 oz. Bar of Soap (no travel size)
- One 4-6 oz. Toothpaste

Please place items in a one gallon zip lock bag and bring to FBA Office on Nov. 26, 2018

South Carolina Baptist Convention
November 12-14, 2018



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 Wednesday Nov. 21 - Friday, Nov. 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

We are Grateful!
Sept. Contributions

Church	Sept.	Budget YTD
Ariel	86.00	836.50
Bethel	.00	200.00
Beulah	.00	3,600.00
Calvary	1,133.03	11,345.06
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	1,825.00
Cartersville	.00	1,650.00
College Park	4748.80	5,064.38
Coward	100.00	750.00
Ebenezer	736.31	9,258.86
Elim	666.47	5,998.23
Evergreen	473.68	4,454.66
Florence 1st	.00	5,618.77
Grace	991.68	13,439.99
Greenwood	714.14	7,357.40
Hebron	200.00	1,800.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	1,327.13	11,944.17
Immanuel	532.01	3,374.09
Kingsburg	.00	1,100.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City 1st	.00	6,000.00
Mizpah	117.63	1,147.63
Mt. Zion	.00	1,800.00
New Covenant	50.00	448.00
New Hope	.00	45.00
Northgate	.00	2,588.32
Northside Chapel	.00	.00
Oakdale	.00	1,701.00
Pamplico 1st	.00	4,195.07
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	.00	600.00
Quinby	.00	1,417.15
Rehoboth	.00	550.00
Ridgecrest	.00	5,391.29
Sardis	.00	2,587.50
South Florence	2,000.00	2,449.58
Southside	1,062.87	12,749.58
Sparrow Swamp	655.58	6,341.92
Tans Bay	100.00	600.00
Timmons ville 1st	.00	400.00
Union	.00	4,335.64
Unity	469.06	1,352.38
Willow Creek	94.23	1,176.74
TOTALS	12,184.62	147,493.91

Nov. Birthdays

- 1 Rev. Burton Welsh (P), Sardis
- 10 Rev. Cleve Calcutt (AP) Greenwood

Nov. Anniversaries

- 19 Dwight (P) & Bernadette Elijah, New Covenant
- 19 Jim (P) & Jennifer Grigg, South Florence
- 22 Bo (P) & Dee Treadway, New Hope
- 22 Eddie (P) & BJ Pettit, Evergreen



Ministers Conference...Due to the South Carolina Baptist Convention there will not be a November Ministers Conference. The Minister's and Spouse Christmas Social will be held on Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30 pm - College Park Baptist Church, 1501 Third Loop Road, Florence.

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.

Coward...Will celebrate Homecoming on November 11th at 10:30 am.