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Easter means many different things to different people. For some it is like a holiday or special occasion that has some religious meaning much like Christmas. Some buy baby bunnies or hide eggs without any thought of the resurrection. Then there are often family memories that might be associated with Easter. We brought both of our girls home from the hospital on Easter. Sunrise service, breakfast at church, and new clothes are also things associated with Easter.

For a follower of Jesus, everything we believe depends on the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Scripture is very clear about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus being God's plan and essential to our faith. Now technically, we celebrate the resurrection every Lords Day as we gather for worship. Easter Sunday is the special day when it is the entirety of our focus. The cold lifeless body of Jesus was energized by the Spirit of God, at the Fathers command, and He rose victoriously! He is

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victorious over sin and death. We share in his resurrection in that we have died to sin and been raised to new life in Christ.

So get a new outfit, eat some peeps or a Cadbury egg, enjoy family, but make all that secondary to Christ. In his song, "Living Hope" Phil Wickham says: "Then came the morning that sealed the promise, your buried body began to breath. Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion, declares the grave has no claim on me." Celebrate Easter, celebrate the resurrection, and celebrate the grave having no hold on you!

Looking forward, Chris

# Cooperative



Florence Baptist Association, April 2019



#### **SPRING WMU CELEBRATION**

April 9, 2019

(please note this date is different than what was published in last months newsletter) South Florence Baptist Church

6:30 registration
Missionary Speaker: Tim Rice
State WMU Representative: Candace Capps

Our Mission Project will be collecting diapers for The Chrysalis Center, a drug and alcohol rehab center for young mothers.

Diapers - size newborn, one and two

## Clay Shoot Benefit for Good News Clubs April 6, 2019

#### **Moree's Sportsman Preserve**

1217 Moree Road (near Society Hill, SC) moreespreserve.com

#### Schedule:

8:00 am On-Site Check-in/Registration 9:00 am Shooting Begins 11:30 am Lunch with Silent Auction & Drawings 1:30 pm Shooting Continues, as needed

#### **Registration Fees:**

\$100 - Individual \$300 - Team (3 Person)
Mulligans will be available for purchase.
Checks made to CEF, PO Box 5893, Florence 29502
To register contact Ron Pruitt 843.495.3315 or Hannah Buwalda 803.300.2115

Pre-Registration is recommended. On-Site registration will be available, space permitting. Shooters under 18 must be accompanied by an adult/chaperone on the team. **Shooters will provide their own gun and shells.** Further information and registration forms are available at www.heartofthepalmetto.com.

**April 2019 April 2019** 



Ms. Pam Stallings (pictured in middle) was awarded the annual Permelia Creamer Award for distinguished service by a woman. The award was presented during the Disaster Relief Training held in Conway, SC last month. Pam serves as one of our Associational Disaster Relief Coordinators and as Unit Leader for Hebron Baptist Church.



The Crayon Initiative was founded in 2014 and is a non-profit that recycles old crayons. The or-INITIATIVE ganization's mission is to preserve the environment and to provide new crayons with one flat

side and no paper on them to hospitalized children. The crayons are easy to clean and won't roll away from the child. The Crayon Initiative has donated more than 20,000 new packs of crayons to pediatric patients in 38 hospitals in 17 different states. Last summer our association collected 436 pounds of crayons and took them to AC Moore Craft store to ship them.

We will be collecting used crayons again at the FBA. They can be broken or just pieces of crayons. Just put them in a box or zip lock bag and bring to the FBA office by June 30. They do not have to be separated by color or have the paper taken off.

### LifeChangers

June 16-21, 2019 Students completed 7th grade and up Calvary Baptist Church Cost: \$100 per person

Registration information found at florenceba.org under Ministries.

#### Prayer Concerns:

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

#### Churches without Pastors:

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New Work:

New Covenant

### CLC Program

Financial Support

#### Good News Clubs!

More volunteers: Financial Assistance Church Sponsors for new clubs

## Save the Date! **Fair Ministry**

Eastern Carolina Fair October 8-12, 2019

The FBA Office will be closed Friday, April 19th in observance of Good Friday.



#### **Financial Information Month of February 2019**

Monthly Budget Needs: \$21,108.33 Monthly Received: \$18,535.60 Monthly Expenses: \$17,487.75

\$42,216.66 Year to Date Budget: Year to Date Received: \$43,490.62



#### **Student Missionaries**

The Florence Baptist Association needs two female student missionaries for six weeks - June 10 - July 18 to teach the devotion time at the YMCA on Wednesday and Thursday. Contact Louanne Stewart at 843.662.5921 for application and more information.

## RedWolves Faith & **Family Night**

June 24, 2019 7:00 pm Tickets: \$4



## April Birthdays

- Rev. Jerry Aiken, retired
- Rev. Greg Batchelor (P), Hoffmeyer Road
- Rev. Ed Self, (MM) Ebenezer 19



Ministers Conference...The next Ministers Conference will be held on April 2nd at the FBA Office at 11:30 am. A meal will be provided for a cost of \$5 a person.

Executive Committee Meeting...Will be held on Thursday April 18th at 11:30 am. A meal will be provided for a cost of \$5 per person.

Tans Bay...provides salvation dolls for churches going on mission trips who will be working with boys and girls. These dolls can be used as a means to share the good news about Jesus. The dolls could also be used for older people in nursing homes. The dolls come with a bracelet with salvation beads along with a tag on the bracelet which explains what the different colors of the beads means as well as the Bible verse John 3:1. All dolls are handmade with love and care and are prayed over before they

leave for the mission field! Churches can contact July Turner at 843.319.7449 if interested in taking dolls on a planned mission trip.

