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Do you ever find yourself in an unusual situation? A couple of weeks ago my wife passed a \$20 bill, that turned out to be counterfeit. After some investigation we figured out where it came from and I was given the task of trying to recoup the money. I call that an unusual situation, but it had a happy ending as I learned about how counterfeit money is made these days and got a gift card for the lost \$20.

Then there is an unusual situation that I live with each day. That is being 55 years old with a 13-year-old. Even though it is not the norm, it is not as unusual as I would think. In fact, I ministered in an area where there was a high teen pregnancy rate which meant there were 50-year-old Great Grand Mothers. Not the norm, but not so unusual for that area. So, what does all this have to do with the church?

Many churches think the things they do are normal, just like families often do. Then, you find out that another church does things very differently from yours. What is "normal" for

a family or a church is not always what is intended or best for that family or church. We should ask: What is Biblical and what is God's Will? God's Will is always in agreement with His Word and His Word often leads us to His Will. I believe it was Blackaby that spoke of "un prayed over opinions." The last thing we need in our churches, many of which are declining, is another un prayed over opinion.

Let's start thinking in terms of what is biblical and in line with God's Will rather than normal practice. Normal may not really be normal, but Biblical is ALWAYS Biblical! Being in the center of God's will is always best for us as individuals and congregations. The promises of God's Word and the following of His Will always bring blessings that are eternal. Are your practices in the home and the church biblical or the result of "un prayed over opinions"?

Looking forward, Chris

Cooperative

Florence Baptist Association, March 2019



2019 SC WMU Missions Encounter Annual Meeting Ebenezer Baptist Church March 29-30, 2019

Schedule:
Friday: 9:30 am - 5:45 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

The purpose of our WMU Annual Meeting is to bring together the members of South Carolina WMU to participate in missions experiences that will inform them about missions; make them aware of Southern Baptist and South Carolina Baptist missions programs, emphases, and goals; strengthen fellowship; and provide for the future by conducting business of South Carolina WMU in order that WMU members will be challenged to commit themselves to the overarching missions education responsibility of WMU.

More information regarding Hotels, Friday Lunch, Missions Projects Information is available at www.scwmu.org/missionsencounter. Registration card to print, fill out and bring with you to the meeting is also available at this site.



Disaster Relief Training March 16, 2019 North Conway Baptist Church

Conference Fees:
Returning Volunteers \$35
New Volunteers \$50

Conference fees include registration fee, training materials, and lunch. For new volunteers, also includes, hat, lanyard, bade, t-shirt and background check. Contact Sue Harmon at sueharmon@scbaptist.org for more information .

Florence Baptist Association Student Ministries
PRESENT

**BREAKTHROUGH
B NOW 2019**

MARCH 29 - MARCH 31
HOSTED AT HOFFMEYER ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

COST: \$40 PER STUDENT
THIS IS FOR 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

SPEAKER: DAVID SONS
WORSHIP: JUSTIN PUTNAM

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS SUNDAY, MARCH 17.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
BRIAN LYNN AT BLYNN@CALVARYCARES.COM
OR
BRAD WHITE AT BRAD@GBCFLORENCE.COM

Clay Shoot Benefit for Good News Club
April 6, 2019
\$100 per Shooter
includes a great day of shooting competition,
lunch and door prizes

To register contact Ron Pruitt 843.495.3315 or Hannah Buwalda 803.300.2115.



SPRING WMU CELEBRATION
April 8, 2019
South Florence Baptist Church
6:15 registration

Prayer Concerns:

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

Churches without

Pastors:

Elim

New Work:

New Covenant

CLC Program

Financial Support

Good News Clubs!

More volunteers ;

Financial Assistance

Church Sponsors for new clubs

**Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering**

March 3-10, 2019



Financial Information Month of January 2019

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$21,108.33
Monthly Received:	\$24,955.02
Monthly Expenses:	\$18,068.73

Year to Date Budget:	\$21,108.33
Year to Date Received:	\$24,955.02

Collection for Love Packages

We will collect old Sunday School materials, Bibles, books at the Florence Baptist Association Monday-Thursday, March 25-28. Please pack in small boxes that close. Please do not use boxes bigger than a box of a ream of paper.

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.

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. Registration deadline April 15, 2019.

RedWolves Faith & Family Night

June 24, 2019

7:00 pm

Tickets: \$4



March Birthdays

10	Rev. Howard Starks, retired
20	Rev. Shane Patrick (P), Lake City First

March Anniversaries

21	David (P) & Connie George, Cartersville
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Greenwood.... Congratulations to Cleve (Associate Pastor) and Vaughn Calcutt in the birth of their son, Lincoln Stone.

Ridgecrest... Will host a Youth Revival on March 16th from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Guest Speaker will be Mack Crump. Please call the church at 843-669-6151 for more information.

Sexual Misconduct Summit

March 12, 2019 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lexington Baptist Church

Registration Cost: \$20

Topics Include:

- Understanding the Risk
- Implementing Preventative Measures
- Preparing for and Responding to an allegation
- Creating registered sexual offender policies
- Searching criminal records effectively
- Applying changes in the law

Visit scbaptist.org to register.