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Change, a simple little word but a very complicated process. Some have said the only place in the church that likes change is the nursery. We don't have any churches in the FBA that show growth that have not also shown success in change. I believe the FBA should lead the way in transition and change. Remember VBS Clinics? Now we have churches using multiple curriculums which make the former FBA VBS Clinic, using Lifeway Curriculum obsolete. We need a reset.

What is a reset? Sometimes you just hit the button on a device and it goes back to the way it started. This is not the kind of reset that we need. What we do need is a reset like in retail. In my limited experience in retail, and talking to several people that currently work in retail, it draws attention to the product. Imagine the chip area in a grocery store. You have many different kinds of chips that are all the same brand. You have the plain, ruffles, barbeque, and so on. Then there is the introduction of baked. Now what do you do with the new product, baked chips? You don't just put them on the bottom shelf somewhere, but you need to put them at eye-level at the least, and at best you put them on the end of an aisle next to the checkout with some large

promotional materials. In some ways, a reset in retail is like a rearranging with specific purposes in mind.

The Florence Baptist Association exist to assist churches to continue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel doesn't change but the way we present it does. Some of the methods are not as successful anymore because people, that we are trying to reach, have changed. Not to mention our congregations are increasingly less alike than we have ever been. We desire to be effective in assisting the local church in making disciples. With this in mind we will begin to look at all we do and what we may need to change, add and yes even delete. It may help some of you to think of this as long-range planning. At the speed of which things are changing in our world, long range planning might be considered just 2-3 years. We hope to get input from many sources to help with this process of change.

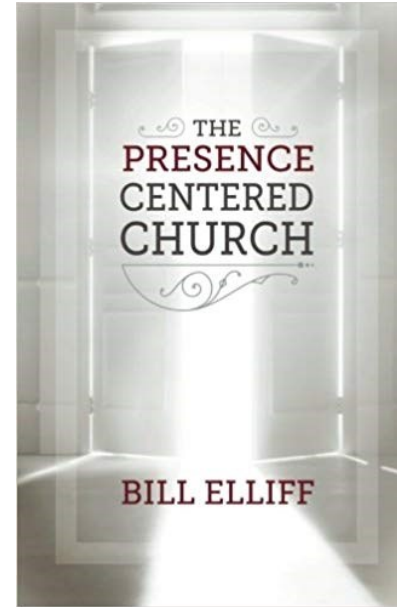
Looking forward,

Chris

Cooperative



Florence Baptist Association, August 2019



Regional Prayer Time with Bill Elliff

**Hosted by:
Florence Baptist Association**

September 25, 2019
Grace Baptist Church
2400 West Third Loop Road
Florence, SC
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Cost: \$10
(includes lunch and the book
"The Presence Centered Church")

Bill Elliff is Pastor of the Summit Church in Arkansas, has pastored for over 45 years and been in many experiences where God has made Himself wonderfully known.

This event is open to all Pastors, Staff, and key Prayer Warrior in your congregation. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch and the book, "The Presence Centered Church".

Please register by calling the FBA at 843.662.5921 or email fbaconnie@sc.rr.com. You may pay at event after registering.

The Eastern Carolina Fair will be held October 8-12. We will be doing our fair ministry events again this year.

- ♦ **Monday, October 7; 5:30 pm - Chicken Bog**
Needs – food items are needed, contact Louanne for details
All churches are asked to provide individually wrapped desserts – cookies, slices of cake, etc.
- ♦ **Wednesday October 9; 9:30 – 12:30**
Hair Cuts, Children's Ministry, BP Checks, Photos, Eyeglasses, Doughnuts & Coffee
- ♦ **Friday, October 11 – FREE Yard Sale, Breakfast, Devotion 10 am**
Needed – Volunteers at 9 am to help set up and work the sale
Yard Sale Items Needed – shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream Tylenol, Advil, over the counter cold medicine, 4 pack toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, unscented laundry detergent, Pop Tarts, cereal, "pop top" foods, blankets, twin sheets.
- ♦ **Saturday, October 12 – 200 Snack Sacks**

The **BLISS Ball** presents "Winter Wonderland" on October 5 at Calvary Baptist Church. The BLISS Ball is a prom event for children and adults with special needs. Children up to age 15 may come from 3 pm – 5 pm and teens 16 years old through adults may attend from 6 pm – 8 pm. Guests are asked to register so we will know how to plan. Registration forms are available on our website – www.florenceba.org under "Events." It takes a lot of work to decorate. We ALWAYS have plenty of volunteers for the event itself but are always lacking when it comes to preparations. If you would like to be involved in planning and preparing, please contact Louanne 843.662.5921.



The **Jade Bridge** is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, based here in Florence, SC but reaching out as far as the Lord takes it. They offer support to adoptive and foster families through family events, parent events, trainings and more. The founder and director of the organization, Jennifer Danford, is available to speak at your church, special church events, or church group. She is passionate about offering support for families who have said "yes" to the call to adoption and/or foster care, as well as helping churches see how they can be a part of carrying out the command in James 1:27. If you would like to schedule Jennifer to speak, you can reach her at (843)-245-1686 or at thejadebridge@gmail.com. In the meantime, be sure to see what they have been up to by visiting their website at www.thejadebridge.wordpress.com and their Facebook page, The Jade Bridge.

Prayer Concerns:

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

*New Work;
New Covenant*

*CLC Program
Financial Support*

*Good News Clubs!
More volunteers;
Financial Assistance
Church Sponsors for new clubs*



WMU Fall Training
Sept. 9, 2019
Sparrow Swamp Baptist
6:30 pm - Dessert
7:00 pm - Training

Classes for all ages

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Rev. Keith Hinson, Pastor, Quinby Baptist Church, and his family in the death of his father.

**Financial Information
Month of June 2019**

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$21,108.33
Monthly Received:	\$21,371.23
Monthly Expenses:	\$21,151.72
Year to Date Budget:	\$126,649.98
Year to Date Received:	\$106,127.04
Year to Date Expenses:	\$115,803.43

Love Packages Collection: We will be collecting old SS material, Bibles (any version and in any shape) and other Christian material again the week of September 16-19 (Monday – Thursday). Please box "like material" together and place in boxes NO BIGGER than a box that a ream of paper comes in. Bigger boxes are really hard to lift and the sorters struggle if the boxes are too big. If you need a complete list of what can be brought for Love Packages, please contact Louanne at the FBA office.

**2019 SC Baptist Ministry
Assistants Association
Fall Workshop**
September 12, 2019
SC Baptist Convention Building
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Topic: Three Critical Issues of Church Finances

Cost: (includes lunch)

Current SCBMAA members \$10
Non-SCBMAA members \$20

Make check payable to SCBMAA.
Mail to: Pam Cashatt, SCBC, 190 Stoneridge Drive,
Columbia, SC 29210
Registration information is available online at
www.scbmaa.org.

August Birthdays

2	Rev. Oscar Holland, retired
3	Rev. Henry Simmons, retired
7	Rev. Eddie Pettit, (P), Evergreen
14	Mrs. Connie George (Min. Assist. FBA)
15	Rev. Bryan Chapman (P), P. D. Com
19	Dr. David Wike, (P), Ebenezer
21	Rev. Barry Moon (P), Pamplico First
23	Rev. Julian Long, retired
24	Rev. David George, (P) Cartersville
24	Rev. Chris Smith (DOM), FBA
24	Rev. Justin Simmons, (WL), Hoffmeyer Road

August Anniversaries

1	Billy (MY) & Cynthia Leach, Grace
4	Leo (P) & Irma Carter, Alianzo
19	Wesley (P) & Dena Mayfield, Elim
31	Craig (P) & Beverly Tedder, Coward

Tourniquets for Law Enforcement: The anniversary of the October 3rd shooting is about 2 months away. Many people have been wanting a tangible way to show law enforcement officers that they are appreciated and are not forgotten as they continue to grieve the loss of their fellow officers. Toni Brandt, a police officers' wife has come up with a practical idea of collecting tourniquets because they are not "standard equipment" for officers so if they have one, they personally purchase them . Tourniquets can be bought directly from North American Rescue <https://www.narescue.com/combat-application-tourniquet-c-a-...> (This link is posted on the FBA Facebook page for your convenience.) Total cost will be \$37.32 (Cost \$29.99, tax \$1.80, Shipping \$5.53)
Have your tourniquet shipped to: Campbell Accounting Solutions, 1623 Second Loop Rd., Florence, SC 29505.
BULK ORDER: If you do not want to purchase online, you can send \$28 to the FBA and we will do a bulk order and get them a little cheaper. Make check payable to FBA and mail to 2208 Pamplico Hwy. 29505. **Deadline extended to August 30th.**