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I have just returned from the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders and the Southern Baptist Convention. The SBCAL is for DOM's and gives us opportunities to learn, network, hear from institutional heads, and fellowship. J.D. Greear (SBC President), Johnny Hunt (NAMB Vice Pres. Evangelism), and several well know preachers were among them. This conference and relationships that have come through attending have proven valuable for me as I seek to serve our churches.

The SBC theme was "Gospel Above All." We were reminded through worship, themes, and discussion panels, about the importance of keeping the Gospel of Jesus Christ above everything in our lives, families and congregations. We were urged to use caution in our political conversations and social media presence, so as not to alienate ourselves from the lost. As we continue to see those with no religious affiliation and a secular world view grow, arguing the issues and being mean spirited will not draw people to the hope found in Jesus Christ. Never compromise the Word of God, but don't expect lost people to adopt the beliefs and practices of Disciples of Christ. We have enough problems with those within our congregations not being obedient disciples

without being concerned with the lost being obedient to something they don't know and/or don't believe in.

June 17 marked seven years I have served the churches of the FBA. I still have vivid memories of bringing a truck full of books and other things to the office on that Monday. I remember going around that Tuesday to LifeChanger crews working. I must say the last seven years have been some of the most rewarding years of ministry. I thank Louanne, Connie, all the pastors/staff, and the many volunteers that make all that we do together possible. There have also been challenges through floods, hurricanes, and finances. I thank each of you, and the congregations you are a part of, for your love and support for our family over these last seven years. I look forward to the years ahead as we continue to work together.

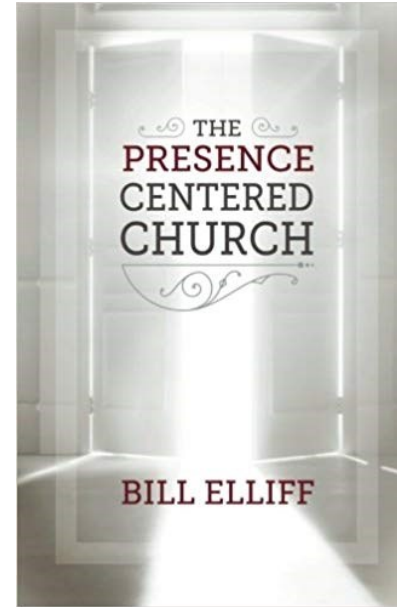
Looking forward,

Chris

Cooperative



Florence Baptist Association, July 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.

“Welcome Back Packs” for FMU:

Francis Marion Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) needs your help again this year. They want to give the “Welcome Back Packs” to new students arriving on campus in the fall 2019. This will be the 14th year they have done this and it has proven to be a wonderful way for the BCM students to reach out to other students on campus. It serves as a tool to begin a relationship with students and to invite them to their BCM activities. Don’t miss this ministry opportunity!

If you would like to provide packets please put the following items in a quart zip lock bag and bring them to the associational office by **Monday, August 5:**

- **1 Pack of crackers**
- **1 Pack of Pop tarts**
- **1 Microwave popcorn**
- **2 mechanical pencils**
- **1 Tic Tax or Breath savers**
- **2 packs of gum**



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. (Please bring to FBA office by noon on October 7.)
- ♦ **Wednesday October 9; 9:30 – 12:30**
Hair Cuts, Children’s Ministry, BP Checks, Photos, Eyeglasses, Doughnuts & Coffee
Needed – Beauticians to cut hair, Volunteer to plan children’s activities, Volunteer to take BP
- ♦ **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**
Needed – Items for the snack sacks. Contact Louanne if interested – 662-5921

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*

**Executive
Committee Mting
July 16, 2019
11:30 am**

Lunch provided for a cost of \$5 per person. Please call if you plan to attend so lunch arrangements can be made.



The FBA Office will be closed July 4-5 in observance of Fourth of July Holiday.

**Financial Information
Month of May 2019**

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$21,108.33
Monthly Received:	\$19,709.86
Monthly Expenses:	\$18,741.78

Year to Date Budget:	\$105,541.65
Year to Date Received:	\$91,603.89
Year to Date Expenses:	\$94,652.31

BLISS Ball is Saturday, October 5 at Calvary Baptist Church. The ball for children through age 15 is from 3 pm – 5 pm and the ball for 16 yr – adult is from 6 pm – 8 pm.. BLISS Ball is a prom event for children and adults with special needs. This will be our 5th year to host BLISS Ball. The theme this year is “Winter Wonderland.” The BLISS Ball planning team is very small and would love more help. We usually have plenty of help for the actual ball but the planning and preparation is done by a small group of 5-6 people. If you are interested in helping prior to the event, please contact Louanne 662-5921.

Worship Leader Round Table

Thursday, September 19, 2019
Hoffmeyer Road Baptist Church
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Cost \$10 per person
Lunch provided
Free gifts & training resources

WORSHIP LEADER ROUNDTABLE is a discussion-based networking and training event aimed at helping worship leaders of all varieties establish relationships with other worship ministry leaders, engage in conversations around topics related to best practices and worship in the local church, connect with the Worship & Music Office, and hopefully refresh a bit as we will spend time in worship & prayer together.

July Birthdays

11	Rev. Bo Treadway (P), New Hope
18	Rev. Adam Pfahlert (P), Union
25	Rev. Charles Larrimore, (P), Unity
28	Rev. Peter River (AP), Immanuel

July Anniversaries

2	Doyle & Mary Francis Jones, retired
5	James & Doris Brown, retired
11	Cleve (AP) & Vaughn Calcutt, Greenwood
14	Ed (MM) & Julie Self, Ebenezer
25	Bobby (P) & Penny Earls, Northgate
27	Burton (P) & Suzette Welsh, Sardis
30	Eddie (AP) & Louanne Stewart, Calvary
31	Shane (P) & Martha Patrick, Lake City First



Mizpah...is seeking a Youth Pastor/Youth Director. The emphasis of this ministry position is to lead our youth and youth in our community to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Resumes may be mailed to Mizpah Baptist Church, 233 N. Price Rd., Florence, SC 29506 or emailed to: mbcflorence@gmail.com.

Greenwood...is seeking a part time Worship Leader. Responsibilities include leading and rehearsing a Choir, Praise and Worship Team/ Band and enabling blended worship services. Please email resumes to gbc@gbcflorence.com.

Thank you note from SFHS: Thank you for all of the donations of ties, belts, tee shirts and hygiene items. During the year, you have shown us your love by providing when asked. “You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanks giving to God.” Thank you for all your kindness and love. It is appreciated by the South Florence Family.