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I hope you remember last month's article; it was about change. I explained the idea of a reset and wishing to start that process in the FBA. When I brought this idea to the Executive Committee in the July meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and voted through, that I be allowed to form a Reset Team. This team will be made up of some present committee members and at large members with thought of age, church size, and associational involvement. We hope to be active this fall.

Let me also give a quick thank you for the VBS offerings. I know every church doesn't have VBS and some already have an emphasis for the offering. We wanted to give another chance to give to your local ministries without having to take another week of emphasis added to the busy church calendar. We will be glad to help any congregation, emphasis the ministries of our FBA, in a way that best suits your needs.

In his book "Scrappy Church," Thom

Rainer gives some organizational thought to how a church can come back from decline. It is called the Turnaround Cycle and involves three major shifts: Outward Deluge, Welcome Readiness, and Backdoor Closure. Many of us can't think about restructuring our activity and budget to reflect a deluge of service to the community. We have grown accustomed to structure and budgeting that is for the people that are part of the church rather than those that are not yet part of the church. It is also hard to think of a great effort of time and perhaps sum of money with no assurance of a good return. As Dr. Phil says: "how's that working for you?" If present reality has continued to produce decline, and comeback churches have invested in the community, it seems to be a good use of time and resources. What is your congregation doing in the community surrounding the church?

Looking forward,

Chris

# Cooperative



*Florence Baptist Association, September 2019*

## Regional Prayer Time with Bill Elliff

Hosted by:  
**Florence Baptist Association**

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

*(please note change of date)*

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")

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.

## WMU Fall Training

September 9, 2019

Sparrow Swamp Baptist

3233 South Hill Road, Timmonsville, SC

6:30 pm - Dessert 7:00 pm - Training

Classes for:

Mission Friends

GA's and RA's

Women on Missions

WMU Directors

We will collect the following items for Florence School District #1: Feminine napkins, deodorant, cough drops, chap stick, socks, NEW underwear-men's and ladies, tee shirts, and jeans.

**The Eastern Carolina Fair will be held October 8-12.**

- ◆ **Monday, October 7; 5:30 pm - Chicken Bog**  
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**  
Items 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. Items may be brought to the FBA beginning September 2th or after.
- ◆ **Saturday, October 12 – 200 Snack Sacks**

**Volunteers** are welcomed to come out to the fair and help with any of the activities. If you are interested in helping distribute the Snack Sacks late Saturday night, October 12, please ask Louanne for details.

**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](http://www.florenceba.org) under “Events.” We really need to get this publicized in our churches. **If you know an individual with special needs PLEASE share this information with them and help us get the word out.**

**Mark Your Calendars!!!  
Operation Christmas Child  
National Collection Week  
November 18-25, 2019**



Get those shoeboxes packed. If you are a new church just beginning this ministry or restarting the ministry, contact Louanne for some free shoeboxes!

*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*



The FBA Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day.

**Financial Information  
Month of July 2019**

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$21,108.33
Monthly Received:	\$21,669.68
Monthly Expenses:	\$17,794.25
 Year to Date Budget:	 \$147,758.31
Year to Date Received:	\$127,796.42
Year to Date Expenses:	\$133,597.68

**Love Packages Collection:** We will be collecting old SS material and Bibles at the FBA Office the week of **September 16-19 (Monday – Thursday)**. Please box “like material” together and place in boxes NO BIGGER than a box of a ream of paper. Larger boxes are too heavy for the sorters. No materials will be accepted after this date because of storage issues.

**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](http://www.scbmaa.org).

*September Birthdays*

- 8 Rev. Eddie Stewart (AP), Calvary
- 13 Rev. Rick Shubert (P), Mizpah
- 14 Rev. Steece Hayes, (P), Oakdale
- 16 Rev. Craig Tedder (P), Coward

*September Anniversaries*

- 5 Gerald & Pat McCants, retired
- 9 W. L. & Vera Collins, retired
- 11 Julian & Berry Long, retired
- 16 Charles (P) & Marlene Larrimore, Unity
- 20 Rick (P) & Maria Schubert, Mizpah
- 30 Oscar & Patty Holland, retired

**Florence Baptist Association**



**Hosted by:  
Evergreen Baptist**

October 8, 2019  
6:30 pm  
Guest Speaker:  
Chris Wells

Great food, fellowship and door prizes.

**FBA Annual  
Inspirational Celebration**

Sunday, October 20, 2019  
6:00 pm  
Sardis Baptist Church