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November is the month in which we find the day of Thanksgiving. For the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, every day is a day of thanksgiving. We have much to give thanks for, beginning with our Salvation. We can continue as we think of our position in Christ. We are no longer separated from God and have been made free in Christ.

We were able to celebrate this past Sunday Night at the annual meeting of the Florence Baptist Association. Sardis Baptist Church did a fine job hosting as did their choir and musicians. We certainly thank them for their part in the great night as well as Karen Creel for leading worship. The night featured stories. We heard from people that had been changed because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While they were changed at different times, and ways, but are experiencing a transformation that is lifelong.

It may be time to reevaluate our Sunday Night Annual Meeting. I know that a few

churches have nothing on Sunday Night and some have programs like AWANA and small groups that make it hard to ask the congregation to take off that Sunday Evening. This is something that the RESET TEAM will be looking at. This team will begin to meet this month examining what and how we do things. We want the churches to work together and to have great participation. We had a little less than half of our churches with someone in attendance.

I am thankful for the opportunity to work with the churches of the Florence Baptist Association. It has been a blessing for over 7 years now. I'm thankful that we can still cooperate and realize the importance of it. I pray that you, your extended family, and your church family enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving.

Looking forward,

Chris

# Cooperative



*Florence Baptist Association, November 2019*

## Inside Out Leadership Forum

First Baptist Church, Florence

November 5, 2019 - 11:30 am

Guest Speaker: Wayne Bray

Lead Pastor, First Baptist Simpsonville

Inside Out is a missional wake up call for all Christians in America. The only hope for a world turned upside down is a church turned inside out.

Every pastor/leader who attends will receive \$75 worth of resources absolutely free. This will include one copy of the book "Inside Out" by Wayne Bray; Six session Small Group Study (videos & discussion guides); & Inside Out Sermon Series (six outlines & power point slides).

Event will begin with lunch by Holt Bros. BBQ at 11:30 am followed by a 60 minute presentation from Dr. Wayne Bray. There will also be time for questions & discussion with the entire forum concluding between 1:30 and 2:00 pm.

There is no cost for the forum; however, it would be helpful if you reserve a spot by calling First Baptist Church of Florence at 843.662.9451

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## Minister's and Spouse Christmas Social

December 5, 2019 - 6:30 pm

Calvary Baptist Church

915 Cherokee Road, Florence, SC

Guest Speaker: Lawrence Chewning

\$20 per couple

Mr. Chewning is the author of the song, "The Anchor Holds". He has been a pastor, served in other ministries and has an encouraging word and song for ministers.



**Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week is November 18-25, 2019.** Calvary Baptist Church in Florence will be serving as the Central Collection Center again this year. They are in need of volunteers from other churches to come and serve one of the days. If your church would like to volunteer to help, please contact Louanne Stewart 662.5921 or [FBALouanne@sc.rr.com](mailto:FBALouanne@sc.rr.com) and let her know.

Help is needed:  
Thursday, Nov. 21; 4-7 pm  
Friday, Nov. 22; 4-7 pm  
Monday Nov. 25; 10 am – 7 pm

**Needs for SFHS Health Room:** We are continuing to collect items for South Florence High School as requested by their nurse. If you would like to share any of these items, please bring to the FBA office.

- New or gently used elastic waistband sweatpants - nylon or other - for males and females.
- New underwear, all adult sizes, for females.
- Gently used T-shirts
- Belts – guys and girls
- Hard, individually wrapped peppermints (Nurse can no longer give out cough drops.)
- Mini ginger ale cans (for health room)

**Connie Maxwell Children’s Home, Pee Dee Campus:** The FBA asks volunteers to provide gifts for the 7 young ladies at the Pee Dee Campus of CMCH. We have done this the past few years and it is such a blessing. They are working on the Wish Lists now and as soon as we receive them, an email will be sent out. Gifts will need to be bought and returned to the FBA by December 12. Gifts should not be wrapped. If you or your SS class would like to sponsor one of the young ladies, please let Louanne know ([FBALouanne@sc.rr.com](mailto:FBALouanne@sc.rr.com) or 843.662.5921).

*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*

The FBA Office will be closed Wed. Nov. 27 - Friday, Nov. 29 in observance of Thanksgiving.



**Financial Information**  
**Month of September 2019**

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$21,108.33
Monthly Received:	\$16,258.92
Monthly Expenses:	\$23,334.26
Year to Date Budget:	\$189,974.97
Year to Date Received:	\$158,511.01
Year to Date Expenses:	\$173,594.25

**2019 Christmas Prisoner Packets**

- One **Black** non-retractable pen (no wire clip and no other color pen)
- One junior legal writing tablet (no larger than 5" x 8" and **no wire bound**)
- One Adult Toothbrush (Individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)
- Five First-Class **#10 Stamp Embossed** Envelopes (Purchased at USPO)
- Two Rolls of Candy (LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers type)
- One 3.2-6 oz. Bar of Soap (no travel size)
- One 4-6 oz. Toothpaste

Please place items in a one gallon zip lock bag and bring to FBA Office on Dec. 2, 2019

South Carolina Baptist Convention  
November 11-12, 2019  
Church at The Mill



*November Birthdays*

- 1 Rev. Burton Welsh (P, Sardis
- 10 Rev. Cleve Calcutt (AP), Greenwood

*November Anniversaries*

- 19 Dwight (P) & Bernadette Elijah New Covenant
- 19 Jim (P) & Jennifer Grigg, South Florence
- 22 Bo (P) & Dee Treadway, New Hope
- 22 Eddie (P) & BJ Pettit, Evergreen



**Bill Cox of Concoctions Ministries** will be with us on Friday, February 7, 2020, 6:00 - 9:00 pm and Saturday, February 8, 2020, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm for training of Youth Workers. This training will be for Paid and Volunteer Workers. More details will be shared at a later time.

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Toy Ride**  
**Benefitting**  
**McLeod Children’s Hospital**  
**Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

The FBA will be collecting toys for this benefit again this year. This is a great project for children’s groups like GA’s and RA’s, CIA’s. Items needed for Pediatric ICU - stuffed animals, board games, dolls, cars, Barbie’s, books. For NICU – board books, preemie onesies, baby blankets. All items should be unwrapped and brought to the FBA by Friday, December 13 by noon.