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It has been my pleasure to serve the churches of the Florence Baptist Association for another year. Every new year comes with great opportunity and challenges! Do you hate those good news/bad news scenarios? I'm sorry but I have one for you. First the good news: income from the churches was up last year. Churches gave more, including 21 of the 38 giving churches giving more than the previous year. Over \$52,000.00 was spent on ministry not including staff compensation or any office expense.

Now the bad news: after several years of expenses being more than we have taken in, we have had to make budget cuts. At the last Executive Board meeting a budget of \$230,000.00 was passed. This represents a cut of almost 10%. The staff compensation was cut 10% and we

are no longer opening the office on Friday (this is in line with the State Convention and most other associations). The staff compensation cuts were initiated by the staff and a result of not wanting to cut ministry spending. We will continue to provide our best for you as we navigate the same challenging times as some of our churches.

The Reset Team has met twice as we are looking at a Mission Statement that can be embraced by all the churches. We hope to have such a statement that will allow us to align all we do in ministry and the structure of the of the FBA around that mission. We wish to be proactive in an ever-changing world and an example for our churches

Looking forward, Chris

Cooperative



Florence Baptist Association, February 2020

“Timeless Truths” Youth Worker Training

With

**Bill Cox,
Concoxiions Ministries**

Friday, February 7, 2020
6:00-9:00 pm

or

Saturday, February 8, 2020
9:30 am-12:30 pm

Ebenezer Baptist Church Youth House
524 Ebenezer Road
Florence, SC 29505

Bill Cox of Concoxiions Ministries will be with us for two training opportunities. Bill will present the same material at two different times. Friday, February 7, 2020 6:00-9:00 pm or Saturday, February 8, 2020 9:30 am-12:30 pm. This is a regional event, we welcome all volunteer and staff Youth Workers to come and benefit from this opportunity. Please register by calling 843.662.5921 or by email at fbaconnie@sc.rr.com.

Bill Cox believes it's important to be aware of the latest trends in student ministry. But that's not what his leadership training for those involved in ministering to teenagers is all about. Bill has a strong conviction that timeless truths top temporary trends. He will be focusing on basic, unchanging foundations for building and sustaining student ministry no matter who you are, where you are, or when you are. This time of encouragement, challenge, and instruction will have imperative teaching for anyone who cares about students from rookie volunteer leaders to veteran full time staff.

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)

Reach Out – GO FOR IT!
Children’s MISSION Day
Saturday, February 8
South Florence Baptist Church
2720 S. Irby Street 10 am

We are working with the Senior Citizens Association through Meals on Wheels to prepare bags of supplies that their participants might need. They deliver 200+ meals throughout Florence County Monday through Friday. We are not going to be able to deliver the bags as publicized earlier. The Meals on Wheels delivery people will deliver them for us. We will make cards to go with the bags at CMD. Items requested for the bags: toothpaste, toothbrushes, small mouthwash, socks, gloves, paper towels, toilet paper, and snacks. Please bring these items with you when you come to CMD!!

Senior Citizens Association: In meeting with the SCA representatives we discovered many ways to volunteer to help minister to senior adults. If you are 55 years or older you are eligible to be a RSVP (Retired and Senior volunteer Program) volunteer. This program will match your skills and experience to the needs of seniors in the community. It could be delivering meals or participating in their “Telephone Reassurance” program, etc. There are also opportunities for children to help pack the Meals on Wheels lunches or visit a Nutrition site which is a group dining opportunity for seniors to have social interaction. This might be a great outreach for the summer months when school is out. For more information call Brittany Mclain at 843.669.6761 ext. 226.

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

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Rev. Glenn Carter, Interim Pastor, Beulah Baptist, in the death of his mother; Ann Floyd, Ministry Assistant, Elim Baptist, in the death of her mother.

Financial Information
Month of December 2019

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$21,108.33
Monthly Received:	\$22,537.50
Monthly Expenses:	\$22,268.12
Year to Date Budget:	\$253,300.00
Year to Date Received:	\$214,923.43
Year to Date Expenses:	\$228,203.18

211 Resource: Florence County 211 is now active. This is a social service number that people can call if they need help with housing, paying power bills, etc. We used to have this resource some years ago but funding gave out and we lost it. It has now been reactivated. 211 has a listing of all the available resources to residents, so if you have a call from a family needing help refer them to 211.

Masterpeace Art Ministries: We are all works of art by God. For some of us, it is hard to see that. It takes God to turn you upside down to reveal His masterpiece that He is making. Matt Hagan is from Fayetteville, NC and is a Christian Speedpainter. He paints during worship music and is available to lead in a worship service, conference, concert, student events, conventions, senior adult groups, etc. You can reach Matt at 910.494.6698 or email him at masterpeaceart@gmail.com.

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
March 1-8, 2020



February Birthdays

12	Rev. Harry Adkins (MM), Florence 1st
14	Rev. Bobby Earls (P), Northgate
17	Rev. Dwight Elijah (P), New Covenant

February Anniversaries

6	Johnny (P) & Anita McDaniel, Greenwood
25	Steece (P) & Julie Hayes, Oakdale

Ministers Conference
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
11:30 am - FBA Office

Tuesday February 11th at 11:30 am we will have our Ministers Conference including guests from our neighboring associations. Our speakers will be an IMB Missionary Couple serving in East Asia. Please call the FBA office at 662.5921 or email Connie at fbaconnie@sc.rr.com to let us know you will attend.

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.

D-Now Weekend...Is planned for March 27-28. Please contact Brad White at brad@gbcflorence.com for more information.

Disaster Relief Training will be held March 14th at Summerville Baptist Church. For more information visit www.scbaptist.org.