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I'm tired as I know you are. I'm tired of not shaking hands even though I still do sometimes. I'm tired of wearing a mask and looking for the X on the floor. I'm tired of someone taking my temperature with the assumption I would not know I had a fever and/or would be so irresponsible to go somewhere other than a healthcare facility with a fever. I'm tired of politics. Even though I am firmly inline with the lesser of two evils, in my humble opinion, I know we are polarized. I'm tired of not being able to believe the news. If they don't play college football..... well let's not even go there!

What have I learned, through my almost 57 years about being tired? You, more often than not, have to keep going even though you are tired. You get up with children when they are babies and almost live in some level of physical, mental, and emotional exhaustion. You may have to care for elderly parents and/or have a special needs child. Wow, what if you are a first responder, teacher, healthcare worker, or pastor? Many are tired of being lonely.

We all have different circumstances and are all fortunate to live in the United States of America.

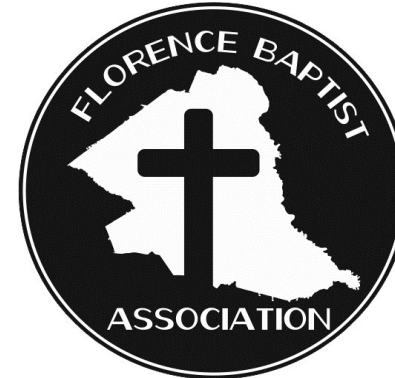
Join me in continuing even though you are tired. Go the extra mile when dealing with people in the public. Be kind to one another in your home, church, school, and in public places. Don't get "spiritually tired". "Don't grow weary of doing good..." "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another..." Ask yourself, when made angry by someone, is this person a believer? Is this person having much of the same issues as I, yet without the hope of the gospel? Also, can you be an encourager for a struggling believer? Press on, God will give you strength.

Looking forward, Chris

Cooperative



Florence Baptist Association, September 2020



Florence Baptist Association Annual Inspirational Meeting

October 11, 2020

6:00 pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Florence
915 Cherokee Road
Florence, SC 29501

Guest Speaker: Jon Jamison,
SCBC Serve Team Leader

We encourage you to wear a mask until seated with those with whom you arrived or are comfortable being near.

During the Business Session we will hear from the Reset Team and take action, via vote, on several items concerning it.

Just to begin to get this item before you, the proposed Mission Statement for the Florence Baptist Association:

A network of churches cooperating to make disciples and advance the gospel for the glory of God.

Hygiene Bags: The Jade Bridge offers hope, encouragement and support to adoptive and foster families. They have been asked to help provide some much-needed hygiene bags for a local Foster Care office. These bags will be given to children who have to be removed from their homes and placed with foster families. Some Friends of The Jade Bridge in North Carolina are going to be sewing the bags but we could use some help purchasing hygiene items to include in them. This will be an ongoing project since this is a constant need. Items may be brought to the FBA Office. Monetary donations are accepted as well – cash or checks made out to The Jade Bridge.

Needed Items:

- ◆ Fluoride-Free Training Toothpaste
 - ◆ 4.6 oz. Kid's Toothpaste
 - ◆ 6.0 oz. Toothpaste
 - ◆ Infant Combs
 - ◆ Wide-tooth Combs
 - ◆ Travel Tissue Packs
- ◆ 16.9 oz Baby Wash and Shampoo
 - ◆ 6 oz. Baby Lotion
- ◆ Band-Aids (assorted sizes)
 - ◆ Infant Toothbrushes
- ◆ Child/Youth Toothbrushes
 - ◆ 3 oz. Shampoo
 - ◆ 3 oz. Body Wash
 - ◆ 1.5 oz Baby Powder
- ◆ 0.5 oz Deodorant (for boys and girls)
- ◆ Dental flossers and floss (in dispenser)
- ◆ Elastic Hair Ties (assorted sizes and colors)
 - ◆ Chapstick
- ◆ Size 2 Feminine Pads

Fair Ministry – At the publishing of this newsletter, the Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair has been cancelled according to the fair director. She said unless things greatly improve there will be no fair.

BLISS Ball 2020 has been cancelled because of COVID 19.

**Financial Information
Month of July 2020**

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$19,166.67
Monthly Received:	\$17,257.24
Monthly Expenses:	\$16,908.87

Year to Date Budget:	\$134,166.67
Year to Date Received:	\$121,849.04
Year to Date Expenses:	\$115,809.38

Love Packages Literature Collection

Will be Monday through Thursday, September 28-October 1 from 9 am – 4 pm at the FBA Office. We will collect old Sunday School literature, Bibles, etc. If you need the complete list of what Love Packages will take, please call the FBA office and we will email it to you. The church in Shelby that we take this material to has been shut down because of COVID, but they are beginning to receive boxes again.

**Operation Christmas Child
National Collection Week
November 16-23, 2020.**

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 and let her know.



September Birthdays

8	Rev. Eddie Stewart (AP), Calvary
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 & Betty Long, retired
16	Charles (P) & Marlene Larrimore, Unity
30	Oscar & Patty Holland, retired



College Park Baptist is looking for a Worship Leader. The primary role of the Worship Leader is to lead our congregation in an engaging worship experience that magnifies Jesus Christ on Sunday Mornings at 11:00 am. The Worship Leader will also be responsible for the computer presentation via Pro Presenter and a Mac Computer. This is a Part Time Paid Position. Please contact Rev. Mack Marsh at 843.601.4327 for details.

Christian Sympathy...is expressed to Rev. Charles Larrimore, Unity Baptist Church, in the death of his mother; to Rev. Dwight Elijah, New Covenant, in the death of his mother-in-law; and to Rev. Craig Tedder, Coward Baptist, in the death of his brother.



The FBA Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 7th in observance of Labor Day.