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As we have moved into a new year, some things have not changed. We continue to see the Covid-19 cases causing problems among the churches. Some have started in person services and had to go back to online. Connie from our office had the virus as did my wife. Our daughter has now endured two, 14-day quarantines, and another shorter wait for a roommate's test results. In other words, in many ways it seems as if we are often being put on hold, changing plans, or just not doing the things we want.

As always, God has not been caught off guard in any of this. In fact, He has been at work in your life in ways to prepare you for the very events that have impacted our lives. The question is whether we have been able to recognize, trust, and even believe at times. I have often been amazed as I have looked back through the years to see how God has prepared me and our family for things that have come into our lives. He has had us moving to an area for ministry that would allow us to minister to our extended family. He has allowed us certain experiences that would prepare us for future events.

I am afraid that as we continue through the pandemic and other future events, we will be severely challenged to "do church" like we once did. In many ways, we should shun doing some of the things we did and start or continue some that we failed to do

before. More often than not, we tend to do what is most familiar and is the easiest. Remember that path doesn't line up with scripture. Narrow is the way to life not broad. We are not asked to carry a remote control, but a cross.

Proverbs 3: 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil.

8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

9 Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the first fruits of all your increase;

10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

11 My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor detest His correction;

12 For whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights. NKJV

Looking forward,

Chris

Cooperative



Florence Baptist Association, February 2021

**SCB
MAA** SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST
MINISTRY ASSISTANTS
ASSOCIATION

Making Sense of 2021 Tax Updates
February 23, 2021
10:00-11:30 AM
Guest Speaker: Gary Anderson

www.scbmaa.org

2021 Virtual Tax Conference

TOPICS:

- 1) 10 Biggest Tax and Financial Mistakes Made by Churches
- 2) 10 Tax & Finance Questions Most Frequently Asked by Churches

Guest Speaker: Gary Anderson

Director of Church Life Group @ SC Baptist Convention

COST: FREE, but registration is required for link & handouts

Children’s Ministry Day Suggestion: Since covid continues to be an issue in our area, we will not be having a joint CMD this year. Joye Anderson, FBA WMU Director, would like to suggest that during February/March your children make thank you cards for health care workers – in nursing homes, Doctor’s Cares, Urgent Cares, hospitals, doctor’s offices, covid testing sites, etc. – wherever you have a contact or a location near your church. Take the cards along with some canned drinks, snacks, goodies (all store bought) for the workers. Don’t forget the second shift workers as well. It’s been a very long and stressful year for everyone, but especially our health care workers. We realize that some children’s ministries aren’t meeting together yet, but a few are and might want to participate in this activity. You may want to make it a church wide ministry. If you participate in this, please email Louanne and let her know – FBALouanne@sc.rr.com.

Help 4 Kids had their annual food drive for Vienna Sausages January 18 – 24, 2021 but if your church didn’t get to participate and would still like to do so, it’s not too late. Donations can be dropped off at Calvary Baptist Florence or Hoffmeyer Road Baptist or you can call 843.580.4111 or email help4kidsflorence@gmail.com to make arrangements to deliver your collection to the warehouse or to arrange for a pick up.

Updated SFHS Hygiene Items – Disposable masks, Socks for men and women, deodorant – especially for women, sweat pants for men (any size), normal size boxes of Kleenex, travel size hand sanitizer, Dial Liquid soap in small bottles, Dial liquid soap refill bottles.

The JADE Bridge is a non-profit that exists to offer support and encouragement to adoptive and foster families. Jennifer Danford, the founder, is available to speak to groups about what God is doing through Jade Bridge so if you would like to invite her to come to your church you can contact her at 843.245.1686. *HYGEINE ITEMS* can be brought to the FBA at any time. Items needed: Infant toothbrush and toothpaste, baby body wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby powder, child’s toothbrush and toothpaste, comb, children’s shampoo, pocket size Kleenex tissues, children’s body wash, floss on a holder, floss in box, ponytail holders (for girls), bandaids, chapstick, deodorant (boys and girls), sanitary pads (for younger girls).

**Financial Information
Month of December 2020**

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$19,166.67
Monthly Received:	\$18,092.23
Monthly Expenses:	\$27,116.30
Year to Date Budget:	\$230,000.00
Year to Date Received:	\$220,705.77
Year to Date Expenses:	\$206,093.41

**Engaging Generation Z:
Student Ministry Training**

For Volunteers and Parents
With Dr. Tim McKnight
Anderson University

February 27, 2021
Hoffmeyer Road Baptist Church
2317 Hoffmeyer Road
Florence, SC

Two Engaging Sessions:
9:00-12:00 & 2:00-4:00

This is a free training provided by the
Florence Baptist Association
&
Hoffmeyer Road Baptist Church

Snacks, Giveaways, Training
& Discussion Included

Register @ www.hrbcflorence.com
Questions? Email Gatkins@hrbcflorence.com

The first 25 groups to register get 1 free book!

February Birthdays

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

February Anniversaries

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



Thank you....So much for all that you did to make this a special Christmas for our girls. It was definitely different for us this year not being able to have visitors on campus. Your generosity helped us to give the girls an awesome celebration! You are all a blessing to this ministry.
Love, Connie Maxwell Children’s Home
Pee Dee Campus Staff.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Rev. Wesley Mayfield and family (Elim Baptist Church) in the death of his father.

