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Please know that you are loved and appreciated by your FBA Staff. We enjoy working with all the churches and ministries that God allows us to partner with. We wish you the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year. Please let me tell you that I am in no way making fun of the very real situation of Covid-19. I am aware of the many lives impacted because of it. That being said, please receive my little re-write of a classic Christmas song as what it is: a light hearted, making the best of a bad situation, attempt at humor!

Have yourself a Covid little Christmas  
Let your mask be tight

Next year all our troubles may be out of sight

Have yourself a Covid little Christmas  
Let social distancing be in place

Next year we may shrink our personal space

Soon again as in olden days  
Happy golden days of yore  
Faithfull friends who are dear to us  
may be near to us  
Once more

Somedays soon we all will be together  
If the government will allow  
Until then we'll have tomorrows through somehow

So have yourself a Covid little Christmas,  
now

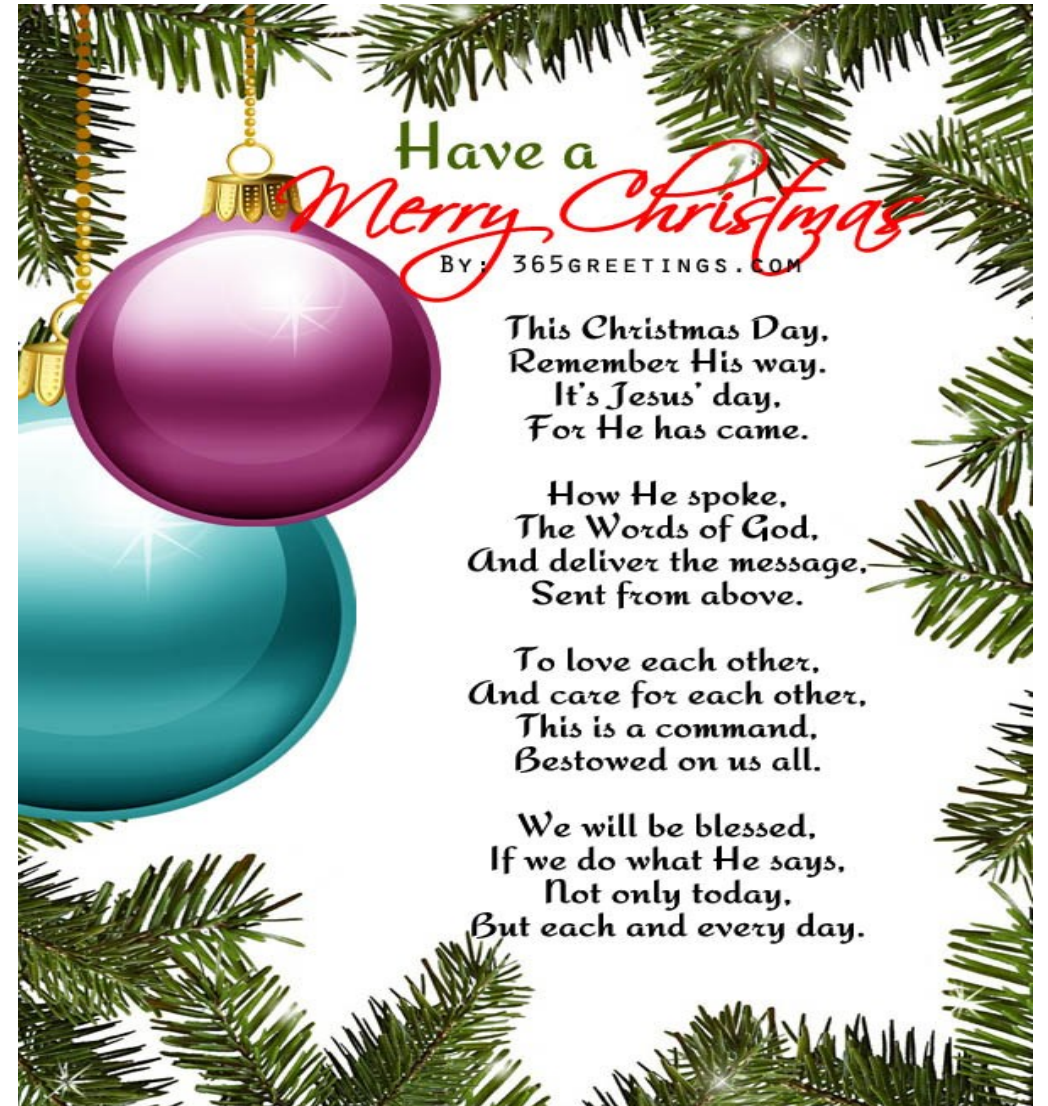
Looking forward,

Chris

# Cooperative



*Florence Baptist Association, December, 2020 - January 2021*



**Help 4 Kids Florence** is the ministry that sends a bag of food home on the weekend with children whose families are food insecure. They have Christmas cards for sale. You donate \$10 per card and the card says inside that a donation to Help 4 Kids was made in the receivers' honor. If you are interested in cards or having a display in your church to sell them, contact Debbie at [watsonfl6@aol.com](mailto:watsonfl6@aol.com).

Help 4 Kids will be having their annual food drive for Vienna Sausages January 18 – 24, 2021. They provide about 2,200 bags of food each weekend in ALL of the Florence County School Districts so they need 4,400 cans of Vienna Sausages. You can call 843.580.4111 or email [help4kidsflorence@gmail.com](mailto: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, as well as provide opportunities for these folks to come together as a community. This will be an ongoing partnership for the FBA. The Jade Bridge was birthed in the heart of Jennifer Danford from the experience she and Kendal had in adopting their daughter. Jennifer 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*** we will be collecting for the Jade Bridge 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).

**Heart4Schools** is a network of churches serving students and teachers in SC and is an initiative of the SC Baptist Convention. Many of our churches already have partnerships with a local school either through Good News Clubs, CLC, Prayerwalks, teacher support, etc. If there is EVER a time that schools need the support and prayers of churches it is now in this crazy COVID time. Heart4Schools encourage support in three areas: (1) Reading Buddies where you commit to read with a child for 30 minutes a week, (2) teacher support such as notes of encouragement, meals, gift cards, etc., and (3) Backpack Buddies - all of Florence County is already covered through Help Kids ministry of food for the weekend that is distributed to almost 2,000 children. If you want more ideas on how to adopt a school, please call Louanne.

**Financial Information  
Month of October 2020**

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$19,166.67
Monthly Received:	\$18,706.32
Monthly Expenses:	\$15,911.95
Year to Date Budget:	\$191,666.70
Year to Date Received:	\$183,254.11
Year to Date Expenses:	\$165,673.11



The FBA Office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020 - January 1, 2021 for Christmas Holidays. FBA Office will reopen on Wed. Jan. 4, 2021.

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**Executive Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, January 21, 2021  
11:30 am  
Lunch will be provided

Meeting will begin with lunch. Please let the FBA Office know if you plan to attend so appropriate lunch arrangements can be made.

*December Birthdays*

2	Rev. Brian Lynn (MY), Calvary
4	Rev. Stan Sullivan (P), Sparrow Swamp
12	Rev. Bill Greene (P), Hebron
19	Rev. Wesley Mayfield (P), Elim
21	Rev. Jim Crooks (P), Tans Bay
26	Rev. Landon Reynolds (MM), Calvary

*December Anniversaries*

5	David (P) & Diana Wike, Ebenezer
19	Michael (P) & Deborah Crawford, Florence First
29	Henry & Genelle Simmons, Retired

*January Birthdays*

7	Rev. Mike Mills (P), Calvary
17	Rev. Brad White (MY), Greenwood

*January Anniversaries*

6	Stan (P) & Donna Sullivan, Sparrow Swamp
11	Peter (AP) & Carey Rivera, Immanuel
14	Mike (P) & Caroline Mills, Calvary
24	David (P) & Nancy Cromer, Willow Creek

**Newsletter Disclaimer....**Due to rising cost of print, postage, and labels, beginning February of 2021, we will not continue to mail every newsletter. **We ask that if you want the newsletter mailed to you, that you let us know by calling the office or emailing Connie at [fbacannie@sc.rr.com](mailto:fbacannie@sc.rr.com). We will be glad to continue to mail newsletters but our list is such that we have many bad addresses and/or people who have no desire to receive it.**  
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