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"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice...." There is always cause to rejoice but the last few days have been filled with opportunities. BCM out at Francis Marion continues to see young adults come to faith in Christ. Middle school students, 5 last week, are coming to faith in Christ through the ministry of the Christian Learning Center. Sunday night September 19, we hosted Pee Dee One Night at Ebenezer. This was made possible through Cooperative Program money, from the North American Mission Board, via the SC Baptist Convention. 59 young people said yes to Jesus that night and another 17 acknowledged a call to Christian ministry.

I want to thank Brad White (Greenwood) for taking the initiative to plan the event. Thanks to Nathan Neighbors for his work as Youth Pastor of the host church and Kendal Danford for mobilizing BCM leaders to help and serve as councilors. We are an example, to our state convention, of churches, associations, and other partners doing kingdom work! Thanks to all the

youth pastors, lay leaders for the part you played in helping get the word out and the students there. Attendance was near 500 and over 22 churches were represented. Several neighboring associations had churches represented as well as several churches from outside our SBC. Please join our annual meeting on Sunday October 17th, 5:30 PM, at Grace Baptist Church. We will have a ministry fair followed by a brief business session, worship and hear from several local ministries

Looking Forward,
Chris

Cooperative



Florence Baptist Association, October 2021



Florence Baptist Association Annual Meeting

**October 17, 2021
Grace Baptist Church**

**Ministry Fair
5:30 pm**

Several ministries in Florence will have tables with resources for you to learn more about what they do. House of Hope, Jade Bridge, Southeastern Medical International, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Bethea Retirement Home, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Christian Learning Center, Disaster Relief, Connie Maxwell Children's Home, and FBA Ministries (Life Changers, Fair Ministry, BLISS Ball) will all have displays with information available. Come join us!

**Business and Worship
6:00 pm**

Business Items:

Nominating Committee Report
Budget
By-law Changes

Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair October 12-16, 2021! Fair Ministry Schedule:

Monday, October 11; 5:30 pm - Chicken Bog meal

All churches are asked to provide individually wrapped desserts – cookies, slices of cake, etc.

Wednesday October 13; 10:00 – 12:00 Hair Cuts, Children's Ministry, BP Checks, Photos, Eyeglasses, Doughnuts & Coffee

Friday, October 15 – FREE Yard Sale, Devotion & Breakfast 9:30 am; Sale - 10:00 am

Needed – Volunteers at 9 am to help set up and work the sale Yard Sale

Items Needed – shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, Tylenol, Advil, over the counter cold medicine, 4 pack toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, feminine hygiene items, UNSCENTED laundry detergent, Pop Tarts, cereal, "pop top" foods, blankets, twin sheets. Please start collecting these items now so we will have a good collection. Items may be brought to the FBA beginning September 27th or after.

Saturday, October 16 – 200 Snack Sacks

Volunteers are welcomed to come to the fair and help with any of the activities.

BLISS Ball will be October 9, 2021 at Calvary Baptist Church, Florence; 3-5 pm (Children up to 15 yr. old); 6–8 pm (16 yr. – adult). The BLISS Ball is an unique evening designed specifically for children and adults with special needs. There will be different activities planned for the evening including photo booth, prom pictures, refreshments and lots of dancing! Guests are required to register. Go to www.florenceba.org/events/blissball for registration forms. Each guest will be required to bring a chaperone that will stay with them the entire time.

Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week is November 15-22, 2021. 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. Volunteers should be 13 years old and up. If children younger than 13 want to help, they should be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Masks are optional. If you have health concerns related to covid, please do not volunteer. If you or your church would like to volunteer to help please contact Louanne Stewart 662.5921 or FBALouanne@sc.rr.com and let her know.

Help is needed during these times:

- Monday, Nov. 15 – Friday, Nov. 19: 4 pm – 7 pm
- Sat, Nov. 20; 11 am – 1 pm
- Sun, Nov. 21; 2 pm – 5 pm
- Mon, Nov. 22; 10 am – 6 pm

Financial Information Month of August 2021

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$19,166.67
Monthly Received:	\$18,503.51
Monthly Expenses:	\$15,298.87
Year to Date Budget:	\$230,000.00
Year to Date Received:	\$156,133.67
Year to Date Expenses:	\$136,117.04

"Chosen Road" Concert

Saturday Nov. 27, 2021
7:00 pm

Union Baptist Church

Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021
6:00 pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Florence



2021 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)

**Three 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 note the change in number of First Class stamp embossed envelopes.

Please be sure toothpaste is in its own box and not a multipack and that toothbrush is ONE single toothbrush sealed in box.

*Please place items in a one gallon zip lock bag and bring to FBA Office **on Nov. 29, 2021.***

October Birthdays

7	Rev. Jim Grigg, (P), South Florence
11	Rev. Charles Pittman (P), Immanuel
18	Rev. Leo Carter (P), Alianzo
19	Rev. W. L. Collins, retired
19	Rev. Michael Crawford (P)

October Anniversaries

2	Brian (YM) & Lisa Lynn, Calvary
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**Judgement House
Hoffmeyer Road Baptist
Church**

**October 24, 29 and 30
6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Judgement House is an eight scene walk through drama, which effectively presents the gospel through a relevant and gripping story. To make a reservation, call 843.669.3051.

**Evangelism
Encouragement Conference**
November 1-2, 2021
First Baptist Church Sumter

For more information regarding program schedule and speakers visit www.followmecrusade.org.



**Ministers & Spouse
Christmas Social**
December 7, 2021

6:30 pm
Place still to be determined

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Rev. Jim Grigg and family in the death of his father.