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Busy, busy, busy, is how we often describe our lives. Personally, I seem to do better with too much to do rather than not enough. We really are never in a position of having too little to do. It is a matter of what we want to do, what we will be required to do, and what we make time for. There are multiple events coming up in the FBA and you will have an opportunity to add them to your calendar.

Some friendly advice: Trust in the Lord..... lean not on your own understanding! Listen to the voice of God that you know to be true and faithful and less to news sources and propaganda. When you focus on what and who you know, those uncertainties will consume less time and energy. Covid, Afghanistan, and all the other messes in our world have not caught God off guard. Press on!

We are moving ahead planning the events as if everything will happen as usual. While we realize Covid and perhaps even a hurricane could change plans, we press on. Please be aware of the events in

this newsletter. Please plan to attend, volunteer, join in, or whatever is appropriate.

PEOPLE ARE STILL LOST AND NEED JESUS SO WE PRESS ON!

Looking Forward,
Chris

Save the Date!

"Chosen Road" Concert

Saturday Nov. 27, 2021
7:00 pm
Union Baptist Church

Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021
6:00 pm
Calvary Baptist Church, Florence

Cooperative



Florence Baptist Association, September 2021

COMMUNITY EVENT FOR
STUDENTS (6-12 GRADE)



SEPTEMBER 19 | 5-7PM
EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

This is for all students in grades 6th - 12th in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina. This will be a night of worship, large group games, prize giveaways and a message from Clayton King.

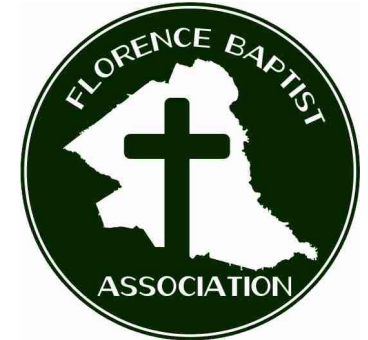
Below is a QR code you can scan to sign up. We are asking to have those attending to pre-register before the event.



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**Florence Baptist Association
Annual Meeting**

**October 17, 2021
Grace Baptist Church**

**Ministry Fair
5:30 pm**

**Business and Worship
6:00 pm**

Business Items:
Nominating Committee Report
Budget
By-law Changes

Attention: Special Event for Men Only

Come hear Dean Lisenby inspire and motivate you in your personal adventure to make a real difference for Christ.

Let's reach new heights together!



Thursday, Sept. 9th



7:00pm - 8:30pm



**Ebenezer Baptist Church
(Youth Building)**

524 S Ebenezer Road
Florence, SC

Free food and axe throwing!

*Donations are appreciated to benefit the
Tripp Lisenby Brain Cancer Research Fund.*

Join men like you from our community who will **MARCH** alongside you helping you face real life challenges. Real talk and real action to improve your walk with Christ, career, relationships, finances, future and legacy.

2021 Season of Prayer for State Missions Janie Chapman Offering

September 12-19, 2021

Transforming Lives Together
II Corinthians 3:18

Love Packages Collection

We will be collecting old SS material, Bibles (any version and in any shape) and other Christian material September 13-16, 2021. **Material will not be taken after this week until our next collection time.** Please box "like material" together and place in boxes NO BIGGER than a box that a ream of paper comes in. If you need a complete list of what can be brought for Love Packages, please contact Louanne at the FBA office.

Financial Information Month of July 2021

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| Monthly Budget Needs: | \$19,166.67 |
| Monthly Received: | \$20,576.76 |
| Monthly Expenses: | \$16,487.41 |

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| Year to Date Budget: | \$230,000.00 |
| Year to Date Received: | \$135,474.16 |
| Year to Date Expenses: | \$120,818.17 |

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.

September Birthdays

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| 8 | Rev. Eddie Stewart, (AP), Calvary |
| 14 | Rev. Steece Hayes (P), Oakdale |
| 16 | Rev. Craig Tedder (P), Coward |

September Anniversaries

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| 5 | Gerald (AP) & Pat McCants, Calvary, Lake City |
| 9 | W. L. & Vera Collins, retired |
| 11 | Julian & Betty Long, retired |
| 16 | Charles (P) & Marlene Larrimore, Unity |

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)



National Collection Week is November 15-22, 2021. It's never too early to start packing shoe boxes. If your church has never packed shoe boxes you are highly encouraged to join this ministry. If you or your church group would like to help at the collection center at Calvary, please contact Louanne.

OCC Project Leader Workshop

Saturday, September 11
4:30 – 6 pm

Calvary Baptist Church
915 Cherokee Road

Staff from the regional OCC office in Charlotte will be conducting the workshop!

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.

