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Thanks to those of you that attended our annual session/inspirational meeting and Ministry Fair. Louanne did a great job coordinating the Ministry Fair. As for business, we were able to complete the transition to a Leadership Team. We passed a budget that shifted some money away from administrative line items to ministry line items. We also made the time line of becoming a member church a little shorter. We appreciate that you gave us an hour and a half of your time.

Time is a very valuable commodity. Ask anyone whose "love language" is quality time and they will tell you the importance of time. Millennials, (those born between 1980 – 2000), were polled and asked: if given the choice of a 10% raise in salary or an extra week of vacation, which would you choose? An overwhelming majority would rather have the extra week of vacation. Time, time off, time to do what you enjoy, is more meaningful than the extra money to them.

I have been watching some of the Major League Baseball playoffs this week. The games are even longer than usual. Even with rules that have been put into place to make the games shorter, Game 3 between the Braves and the

Dodgers lasted 4 hours and 14 minutes. I left home, went to a cheer competition, came home and finished watching. In the NBA a game last about 2 hours and has a 24 second shot clock. You have to make something happen in that amount of time or you lose your opportunity and the other team gets the ball. Guess which professional sport is the favorite among Millennials? Yes, the NBA is the most popular, even more than the NFL.

Every moment that passes is one moment closer to our personal end of life or the return of Christ. We need a sense of urgency. This must be a personal urgency that translates to a congregational urgency. Transfer growth is declining as the number of people who are faithful church members declines. Evangelism and discipleship are the key to sustained church growth. We need more than just evangelistic pastors. We need praying, evangelistic, followers of Christ who are intentional with a sense of urgency.

Looking Forward,
Chris

Cooperative



Florence Baptist Association, November 2021

"Chosen Road" Concert

Saturday Nov. 27, 2021
7:00 pm

Union Baptist Church

Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021
6:00 pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Florence



The Florence Baptist Association is sponsoring these concerts and all churches are encouraged to attend one of these host sites. Come join us in this corporate time of worship.



Ministers & Spouse Christmas Social

December 7, 2021
6:30 pm

South Florence Baptist Church
2720 S. Irby Street, Florence

\$30 per couple

Operation Christmas Child

Have you packed your shoeboxes??? It's that time of year. How many shoeboxes did you pack in 2020? Will you pack MORE in 2021? **FACT from OCC: There were 38,740 churches worldwide that had participated in OCC in 2019 that DID NOT pack any boxes in 2020. This represented a LOSS of almost 1.5 million in 2020. That translates to 1.5 million CHILDREN that did not hear about the love of Jesus!!** Stop and let that sink in for a minute! The world has changed so much in the last 2 years that these children need Jesus more than ever to survive. PLEASE pack as many shoeboxes as you can.

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 day. 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; 4 pm – 7 pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 16; 4-7 pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 17; 4-7 pm
- Friday, Nov. 19; 4-7 pm
- Mon, Nov. 22; 10 am – 6 pm



Evergreen Baptist and Lake City Baptist are both serving as drop off sites so you can take your filled shoeboxes there during these hours:

Evergreen's Hours:

Mon, Nov. 15: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
 Tue, Nov. 16: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
 Wed, Nov. 17: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 Thu, Nov. 18: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 Fri, Nov. 19: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 Sat, Nov. 20: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 Sun, Nov. 21: 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
 Mon, Nov. 22: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Lake City's Hours:

Mon, Nov. 15: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Tue, Nov. 16: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Wed, Nov. 17: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
 Thu, Nov. 18: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Fri, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Sat, Nov. 20: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Sun, Nov. 21: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 Mon, Nov. 22: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Financial Information Month of September 2021

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$19,166.67
Monthly Received:	\$15,668.82
Monthly Expenses:	\$18,781.23
Year to Date Budget:	\$230,000.00
Year to Date Received:	\$171,802.49
Year to Date Expenses:	\$154,898.27

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.



Thanksgiving Holidays

The FBA Office will be closed Wednesday, November 24 - Friday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving Holidays. FBA Office will reopen on Monday, November 29th.

November Birthdays

1 Rev. Burton Welsh, (P), Sardis

November Anniversaries

19 Dwight (P) & Bernadette Elijah, New Covenant
 20 Jim (P) & Jennifer Grigg, South Florence
 22 Bo (P) & Dee Treadway, New Hope
 22 Eddie (P) & BJ Pettit, Evergreen

Jade Bridge is a ministry that helps foster and adoptive families. Many times, children are placed with relatives. This kinship placement with a family member or family friend comes with no financial assistance given to the family to help provide care for an additional household member(s). This Christmas season, you can help Jade Bridge provide gifts for these children who are in a kinship care placements. Simply "host" a Kinship Tree in your church or business and serve as a drop-off point for the purchased unwrapped gifts. The trees will be up, with ornaments available from November 28-December 12. All unwrapped gifts should be returned by December 12. The Jade Bridge Team will package and deliver all gifts to the appropriate agency in time for Christmas. To host a tree or sponsor children, email Lisa Douglas at thejadebridge@gmail.com with kinship Christmas in the Subject line.