Cooperative

Florence Baptist Association, April, 2022

Foster – it's a word we most often hear when we think of foster children. What does the word foster actually mean? Foster: (verb) to promote the growth or development of ENCOURAGE (Merriam-Webster). We have a pretty good understanding of what this means in the context of fostering a child. It is to provide nurture that promotes growth and development.

What does the local congregation foster? What do we promote? What are we looking to grow and develop? Most of us would say attendance, buildings, and budget. We would probably go beyond that and say we want to grow and develop our children's and youth programs. The new playground or family life center will help that cause…. right? Oh, don't forget our online presence. Maybe someone will see us online and want to come worship with us in person.

Church growth is out and church health is in! Guess what? A healthy church will grow. If we work on fostering the right things, the other will take care of itself. Does this concept sound familiar? "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33. While this scripture is in the context of food, drink, and clothing being provided, don't you think God will bless and increase His kingdom if we foster the right things?

What does your congregation foster? Prayer needs to be at the top of the list. We need to stop trying things that are the results of un-prayed over opinions. If we seek God, we grow in our relationship with Him and we will hear from Him. So, we see that prayer fosters discipleship and leads us into a position of a greater concern for those who are far away from God. A church with disciples who are concerned about those who are far from God, not just their relatives, will be healthy and grow!

Looking forward,

Chris

The FBA Office will be closed Monday, April 18th..

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CLAY SHOOT

BENEFIT FOR GOOD NEWS CLUBS

Moree's Sportsman Preserve
1217 Moree Road, Society Hill, SC
www.moreespreserve.com

4.30.2022

8 A.M. - 2 P.M.

$100 donation per shooter includes a great day of shooting competition, lunch, and door prizes.

Pre-Registration is recommended. On-Site registration will be available, space permitting. To pre-register, go to www.heartofthepalmetto.org or contact Ron Pruitt - 843.495.3315. Shooters under 18 must be accompanied by an adult/chaperone on the team.

REGISTRATION FEES:
$100 donation per individual
$300 donation per team (3 person)
Mulligans will be available for purchase.
Checks Payable to:
CEF
PO Box 5893
Florence, SC 29502

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:
- 1 Round of 100 Sporting Clays per Shooter
- Lunch
- Door Prize Opportunities
Shooters will provide their own gun and shells. Shooters can provide their own transportation (golf cart, ATV).

AWARDS: Scoring based on Lewis Class

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Youth Group (ages 8 - 15)	Adult Group
• 1st Place 1st Class $75	• 1st Place 1st Class $300
• 1st Place 2nd Class $50	• 1st Place 2nd Class $150
• 1st Place 3rd Class $25	• 1st Place 3rd Class $75

TEAM AWARDS
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Awards

SILENT AUCTION

SCHEDULE:
8:00 am — On-Site Check-in Registration
9:00 am — Shooting Begins
11:30 am — Lunch with **Silent Auction**, Drawings, and Awards
12:30 pm — Continue Shooting

The mission of CEF Heart of the Palmetto Chapter is to proclaim the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to children, disciple them through God's Word, and help establish them into a local body of believers to grow in their faith. This happens primarily through after-school Good News Clubs in local elementary schools.

FBA WMU Spring Meeting
Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 pm
Calvary Baptist Church, 915 Cherokee Road
Guest Speakers Include:
Cindy Skelton, SC WMU
Peter Copeland, Missionary in Myrtle Beach

Desserts will be served prior to the meeting.
RSVP number attending to 843-662-0418

LifeChangers 2022
June 19-24

Registration forms and deposits are DUE on APRIL 13. Registration info was emailed to all of our churches and it is also available on the website – www.florenceba.org. This is for students who have COMPLETED 7th grade.
Ways you can Help:
    Provide an evening meal for the group at your church. (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday nights needed.)
    Provide lunch at the work site for a crew of no more than 15 people. Deliver 11:30 am.
    Need houses to work on. To qualify as a LifeChangers house, the person must own their home – we do not work on rental property. House must be one story and only do outside work. If you know of a family that could use some help we would like to know.
    Crew Chiefs are also needed. This is an individual age 21 up who has basic construction knowledge and relates well to young people. They are in charge of the work going on at the construction site.
If you would like to meet any of these needs, please contact Louanne 662-5921 or FBALouanne@sc.rr.com.

Disaster Relief Training
Saturday April 2, 2022
Lakeview Baptist Church; Hartsville SC
8:15 am – 4:15 pm
Cost: $35 returning volunteers; $55 new volunteers
More information:
https://www.scbaptist.org/events/disasterrelieftraining/

Financial Information
February Month of 2022

Monthly Budget Needs:	$19,166.67
Monthly Received:	$14,360.06
Monthly Expenses:	$16,523.91
Year to Date Budget:	$230,000.00
Year to Date Received:	$40,666.54
Year to Date Expenses:	$33,978.26

Senior Adult Rally
September 15, 2922
Greenwood Baptist Church

Make plans now to join us for an Associational Senior Adult Rally on Thursday September 15th. Greenwood Baptist has agreed to host this event. It will begin at 10 AM and conclude after lunch. We look forward to good times with Glen Ward a professional humorist and inspirational speaker and Bryant Simms from the South Carolina Baptist Convention. Music will be provided by the Called Quartet of Lexington, SC.

NEEDED for
High School Graduations:
White dress shirts
Neck ties
Belts

Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 14
11:30 am
FBA Office

April Birthdays

6	Rev. Gerald McKay, retired
6	Rev. Jerry Aiken, retired
9	Rev. Greg Batchelor, (P), Hoffmeyer Road
19	Rev. Ed Self, retired

WE NEED A ROOF! Thanks so much to those that have contributed to the FBA Capital Improvements Fund. Out goal is $25,000 and we have on hand $5,400. Several churches have promised funds but we have not yet received them. The roof will be the first priority and we will begin when we have received the approximately $15,000 that it will cost. So far, we have received funds from individuals, churches and a church Sunday School class. No gift is too small or large! Looking forward, Chris

Francis Marion BCM!! Ten Students will be serving as Summer Missionaries around the works this year. One student will be serving in North Africa, 2 students in New Orleans, and 7 students will be serving in Salt Lake City and Provo, Utah. Would your church consider supporting these students with a financial gift or special offering between now and May 30? The students will be raising about $8000 in total for things like airfare, housing, and food during their trips. If you would like for some of them to come to you church or Sunday school classes to share before or after their mission assignments please contact Kendal Danford, 843.319.3266.

Little Bethel Baptist Church in Mullins is in search of a part time Worship Leader. Looking for an individual who has a love for God's people and a desire for others to experience genuine worship. For more information, contact Rev. Travis Leasure at 843.697.7898.