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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

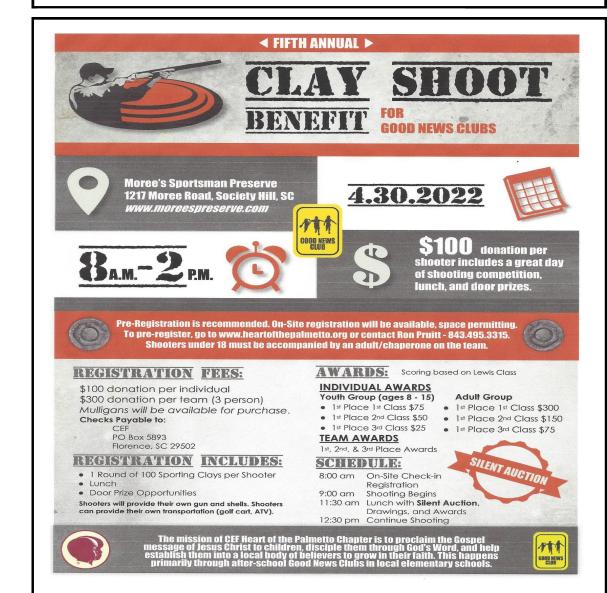
The FBA Office will be closed Monday, April 18th..



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



## **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

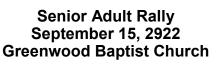
Saturday April 2, 2022 Lakeview Baptist Church: Hartsville SC 8:15 am – 4:15 pm Cost: \$35 returning volunteers; \$55 new volunteers More information: https://www.scbaptist.org/events/disasterrelieftraining/



Financial Information	
February Month of	2022

Monthly Budget Needs: Monthly Received: Monthly Expenses:

Year to Date Budget: Year to Date Received: Year to Date Expenses:



Make plans now to join us for an Associational Senior Adult Rally on Thursday September 15th Greenwood Baptist has agreed to host this event. If 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

\$19,166.67 \$14,360.06 6 9 \$16,523.91 \$230,000.00 \$40,666,54 \$33,978.26

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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 vet 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

April Birthdays

Rev. Gerald McKay, retired

Rev. Jerry Aiken, retired

Rev. Greg Batchelor, (P),

Rev. Ed Self, retired

Hoffmeyer Road

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.