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This article will focus on two events, one that has been and one that will be. Again, I want to thank each one that made the Senior Adult Rally a success. Thanks to Greenwood Baptist for doing such a fine job hosting us with help from a few folks from other churches. We had a few people say that they didn't know anything about it. It was in the newsletter for months, announced to your pastors, emailed to your pastors and in most cases text to your pastors. If you are reading this, chances are you heard about it. Communication remains a difficult matter for getting word out to our churches. If the pastor or key person within the congregation doesn't promote the event, often it could go undetected by some that might greatly benefit from it.

The second event is upcoming. On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM at Elim Baptist Church, we will have our annual inspirational meeting. This year's theme is: "Walking Unified in a Divided Culture" Ephesians 4: 1-7. Remember the business portion of this meeting will be brief with votes to approve the budget and new leadership team members. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come. If your congregation has an active program on Sunday even-

ing, please see if several people could join us to represent you. Elim's choir will be singing and we will have a theme interpretation provided by three local pastors. Make plans to join us!

Looking forward, Chris

### **Capital Fund Improvement Campaign**

We are getting closer to the goal of \$25,000.00 for our Capital improvements. We did not receive any additional funds since the last newsletter. Unfortunately, we will have to replace one of the three, 22-year-old, HVAC units immediately. We have received \$21,907.13. After the \$12,265.00 that was spent on the roof, we have a current balance of \$9,642.13. After replacing one of the units at an estimated cost of \$7,000, we will only have around \$2,600 for other needs. We look forward to receiving the little over \$3,000.00 that would put us over the goal. Thanks again to those churches, Sunday school classes, men's ministries, and individuals that have given. If your church is not able to contribute that is ok. If you are able, we encourage you to contribute to this fund. Remember the FBA is no more and no less than the 40 churches that cooperate together.

# *Cooperative*



*Florence Baptist Association, October, 2022*

## **Florence Baptist Association ANNUAL INSPIRATIONAL MEETING**

**October 16, 2022**

**Elim Baptist Church  
6:00 pm**

### **THEME: "Walking Unified in a Divided Culture"**

Make plans now to join us for our Annual Inspirational Meeting on Sunday, October 16th.

The theme interpretation will be provided by three local pastors. Elim's choir will also be presenting a message in song.

The business portion will be brief with votes to approve the budget and new leadership team members.

*Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come.*

### *Ephesians 4:1-7*

*"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit-just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call- one Lord, one faith,, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. "*

**Fair Ministry** – The Fair will be in Florence October 27 – November 5.

Fair Ministry Schedule will include:

- Wednesday, October 26; 5:30 pm - Chicken Bog meal. *All churches are asked to provide individually wrapped desserts – cookies, slices of cake, etc.*
- Wednesday November 2; 9:30 – 12:30  
Hair Cuts, Children's Ministry, BP Checks, Photos, Eyeglasses, Doughnuts
- Friday, November 4 – Breakfast, Devotion and FREE Yard Sale  
**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 October 3 or after.
- Saturday, November 5 – 200 Snack Sacks  
If you would like to provide an item for the Snack Sacks, please contact Louanne.

#### Child Evangelism Fall Fundraisers:

- **Good News Fest Concert**  
Saturday, October 15 at 6 pm  
Greenwood Baptist Church; 2401 Claussen Road 29501  
Several groups will be singing for this evening of worship. Free admission. A love offering will be taken for the Ministry of CEF who do Good News Clubs
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Good Food for Good News Wednesday, November 9 10 am – 2 pm**  
Florence Center back parking lot across from Rallex  
Plates \$8 (Orders of 10 plates or more can be delivered)  
Menu- BBQ chicken, green beans, slaw, bread, dessert  
All orders should be placed online – <http://www.heartofthepalmetto.org/good-news-fest.htm>  
**NEEDED** – We need volunteers to help with the desserts for Good Food for Good News. If you would be willing to donate a cake, please let Louanne know at 843-245-5379 or [FBALouanne@sc.rr.com](mailto:FBALouanne@sc.rr.com). Cakes should be sliced and put in zip lock bags ready to serve. We didn't do that last year and it was hard to do outside.

**OCC collection week is Nov. 14-21, 2022.** 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 you or your church would like to volunteer to help please contact Louanne Stewart 662.5921 or [FBALouanne@sc.rr.com](mailto:FBALouanne@sc.rr.com) and let her know.

#### Help is needed during these times:

- Monday, Nov. 14 through Friday, Nov. 18: 4 pm – 6:30 pm (*Open till 7 pm on Wed.*)
- Sat, Nov. 19; 11 am – 1 pm
- Sun, Nov. 20; 2 pm – 5 pm
- Mon, Nov. 21; 10 am – 6 pm

#### Financial Information August 2022

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$19,166.67
Monthly Received:	\$20,247.15
Monthly Expenses:	\$15,047.29
Year to Date Received:	\$152,591.95
Year to Date Expenses:	\$132,563.57

#### Prisoner Packets: **NEW THIS YEAR**

#### **NO SLIDER SEAL ZIP LOCK BAGS – MUST BE THE GRIPPER BAGS**

•ONE black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color ink)

•ONE writing tablet no larger than 5 1/2" x 8" (no wire bound books, composition books, or post-it notes)

•ONE adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)

•ONE 4 oz to 6 oz toothpaste (no travel size)

•ONE 3.2 oz to 6 oz bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped or unboxed bars)

•TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (NO Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)

•THREE first-class #10 Stamp Embossed Envelopes (from US Post Office, NO regular stamps, no other size envelope)

•ONE gallon size zipper bag with the gripper seal (no other size bags accepted, **NO SLIDER SEAL BAGS ACCEPTED**)

ALL ITEMS MUST FIT IN THE ZIPPER BAG WITH ZIPPER CLOSED SECURELY

**Packets are due at the FBA Office on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> by 5 pm. Please help us with this.**

#### October Birthdays

7	Rev. Jim Grigg (P), South Florence
11	Rev. Charles Pittman (P), Immanuel
18	Rev. Leo Carter, Alliance
10	Dr. Michael Crawford (P), Florence First

#### October Anniversaries

2	Brian (YM) & Lisa Lynn, Calvary
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#### Distinguished Bruins

is a mentor/leadership organization for males 10th through 12th grade that is just beginning at South Florence. They meet bi-weekly to discuss issues that affect young people such as peer pressure, gang violence, developing life skills and soft skills, resume writing and job interview skills. They are also active in community service at SFHS and the community. They want to have a uniformed look for the young men of Distinguished Bruins, so **they need white button up shirts (long sleeve or short sleeve), khakis pants, and blue ties (any shade).** They will wear them for meetings as well as programs that are hosted on campus.

#### Connie Maxwell Pee Dee Campus:

We will be helping make Christmas special for our young ladies at the Pee Dee Campus of CMCH. If you or your SS class would like to adopt one of the young ladies and purchase the items on their wish list, please contact Louanne.