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I wanted to begin with a big thank you to all the churches that contributed to the Love Offering presented to me in recognition of my ten-year anniversary. It was very much appreciated and we look forward to a family vacation next spring. Also, I again want to thank John Collins, Greg Batchelor, and Michael Crawford for interpreting the theme through Ephesians 4:1-7. A big thank you to Elim for hosting us so well, Buck Ham, the musicians and choir, for leading in worship.

While the crowd was good, 85 registered and a few who didn't, the number of churches represented was under half of the number in the association. I have said many times it is great that people trust the associational staff and support the work but I would love to see much more participation in the annual meeting. That being said, if you missed it, you missed good worship, preaching, and fellowship. As Christians become more of the minority in our culture, we will need each other more than ever. It is great to be connected with other churches across state lines and even in other countries but we must not forget the opportunities for worship and serving with sister churches in our own area.

November brings a season of Thanksgiving. I must admit there doesn't seem to be much to be thankful for if you listen to the news and all that is happening in our world. Inflation has us all spending more money to buy the same stuff. My 403-B (self employed version of a 401-K) looks more like a 201-F. We can focus on what we can't do anything about or we can focus on what we can do. I am reminded of a gospel song, "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand". We need to trust God, remember that His plan will ultimately play out in His time. We need also not get confused and spend too much time trying to usher in situations that might not be in His plan.

One thing you can do is **get out and vote**. We have the opportunity to vote for local, state and federal candidates that line up closest to our Biblical World View. Those who claim Christ, as Savior and Lord of their life, have an opportunity to impact society for the better. I believe it is not just negligent but disobedient not to vote. Get out on Tuesday November the 8<sup>th</sup> and be a good citizen of the United States and vote for Kingdom of God values.

Looking forward, Chris

# Cooperative



*Florence Baptist Association, November, 2022*

**Give thanks**  
to the Lord, for  
He is good; His love  
endures forever.

*Psalms 107:1*



Ministers and Spouse Christmas Social  
December 1, 2022  
Florence First Baptist Church  
6:30 pm



**South Florence High School Ongoing Needs:**

Individual packs of Kleenex  
 Underwear, all sizes - guys and girls but especially need girls  
 Socks – guys and girls  
 Pants – new or used, guys or girls, all sized (Jeans, sweat pants, khakis)  
 T-shirts – new or used – unisex, all sizes, particularly big ones.

**OCC collection week is November 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. 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 at Calvary during these times:**

- Monday, Nov. 15 through Friday, Nov. 19:  
4 pm – 6:30 pm (*Open till 7 pm on Wed.*)
- Sat, Nov. 20; 11 am – 1 pm
- Sun, Nov. 21; 2 pm – 5 pm
- Mon, Nov. 22; 10 am – 6 pm

**We also have two other churches in the FBA serving as drop-offs for your boxes:****Evergreen Baptist Church;  
6316 Pamplico Highway Effingham**

Mon, Nov. 14: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
 Tue, Nov. 15: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
 Wed, Nov. 16: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Thu, Nov. 17: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Fri, Nov. 18: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Sat, Nov. 19: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
 Sun, Nov. 20: 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM  
 Mon, Nov. 21: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**Lake City First Baptist Church  
135 S Church Street Lake City**

Nov. 14: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 Tue, Nov. 15: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 Wed, Nov. 16: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
 Thu, Nov. 17: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 Fri, Nov. 18: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 Sat, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 Sun, Nov. 20: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
 Mon, Nov. 21: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**CEF 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Good Food for Good News  
November 9 - 10 am - 2 pm****Cost: \$8****(orders of 10 plates or more  
can be delivered)****Menu:****Grilled leg quarter of chicken,  
green beans, corn, bread, dessert**

Fund raiser will take place at the Florence Center  
back parking lot across from Rallex.

All orders should be placed online at <http://www.heartofthepalmetto.org/good-news-fest.html>

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 individually wrapped ready to serve. We didn't do that ahead of time last year and it was messy to do outside with no water.

**Financial Information  
September 2022**

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$19,166.67
Monthly Received:	\$10,345.44
Monthly Expenses:	\$20,352.50
Year to Date Received:	\$162,937.39
Year to Date Expenses:	\$152,916.07

**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.**

*November Birthdays*

1 Rev. Burton Welsh (P), Sardis

*November Anniversaries*

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

**Around the Association**

**South Florence...**Will host the Mark Trammell Quartet in concert on Nov. 20th at 10:00 am. There is no charge for admission but a Love Offering will be taken.

**For Your Information**

The FBA Office will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 23 through Friday Nov. 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

**Please Remember to vote  
Tuesday, Nov. 8th!!!!**