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May has been a whirlwind for our family. Maggie Graduated from Anderson University on the first weekend in May. Mother's Day was the next weekend followed by our 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Lillie will graduate from West Florence on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Fun times and memorable occasions but none the less stressful and exhausting. In the midst of all that, I have enjoyed preaching each Sunday and wrapping up my time with Elim.

We are a busy people. It doesn't seem to matter how old you are or what life stage you are in, we seem to have more to do than we ever have. I find myself drinking too much coffee, taking on too many responsibilities, and often not taking needed time away and/or for myself. It helps when you enjoy your work, which I do, but it still gives little rest for the weary soul. Physical exhaustion can cause mental exhaustion and visa versa.

In the Old Testament we understand from creation on there was a plan for rest. Six days shall you labor.... you remember that. The Sabbath was created for man, and the animals got rest, even the dirt got a rest every seven

years. I'm not trying to get legalistic about what activities you do on Sunday, I am just trying to remind you of the importance of rest. I look forward to my Sunday afternoon nap.

A well-rested body mind, and soul is more responsive to God, others and even self. Take time to practice solitude, quiet and rest. If you do, you will be more responsive to God, his will and others.

Looking forward,

Chris

# Cooperative



*Florence Baptist Association, June, 2023*

*Congratulations to Connie George  
On her retirement after 29 years  
of serving as the  
Ministry Assistant for the  
Florence Baptist Association*



*A Drop-in will be held on  
Sunday, July 16  
3 pm - 4:30 pm  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Collins Family Life Center  
915 Cherokee Road  
Florence, SC*

**Welcome Back Packs** - Francis Marion Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) needs your help. They will be giving the “Welcome Back Packs” to new students arriving on campus in the fall 2023. This will be the 18<sup>th</sup> year of this outreach and it has proven to be a wonderful way for the BCM students to reach out to other students on campus. It serves as a tool to begin a relationship with students and to invite them to their BCM activities. Don’t miss this ministry opportunity! If you would like to provide packets please put the following items in a **quart zip lock bag** & bring them to the associational office by **Monday, August 7, 2023:**

- 1 Pack of crackers
- 1 Pack of Pop tarts
- 2 mechanical pencils
- 1 Tic Tac or Breath savers
- 2 packs of gum



**Pray for VBS:** Pray for the children in our community to find JESUS!!!

- May 31-June 2: Beulah
- June 2-4: Mizpah
- June 4-7: Sparrow Swamp; Mt. Zion and Pamplico First (joint VBS at Pamplico FBC)
- June 4-8: Hoffmeyer Road
- June 11-14: Evergreen
- June 12-16: Florence First and Lake City First
- June 19-22: Ebenezer
- June 25-28: South Florence
- June 25-29: Elim, Grace and Greenwood
- June 26-28: Kingsburg
- July 9-13: Calvary, Florence
- July 12-15: Alianza
- July 16-19: Johnsonville
- July 17-20: Hebron

**Financial Information  
April 2023**

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$19,775.00
Monthly Received:	\$22,999.42
Monthly Expenses:	\$15,522.09
Year to Date Received:	\$75,813.64
Year to Date Expenses:	\$70,642.06



**Greenwood Elementary APT** is striving to purchase all the school supplies for their students for next year. They are asking churches and businesses in our community to help them.

- Items needed:
- 20 lb 8x11.5 copy paper
  - Kleenex
  - Clorox wipes
  - Paper towels
  - Baby wipes
  - Gallon and Quart ziplock bags
  - Monetary donations (checks made to Greenwood APT).

If you would like to donate any of the above, please bring to the FBA office by Thursday, July 20.

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**Christian Sympathy** is expressed to Rev. Shane Patrick (Pastor, Lake City First Baptist) and his family, in the death of his mother.

*June Birthdays*

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| 20 | Rev. Gerald McCants, Calvary LC |
| 24 | Rev. Doyle Jones, retired       |
| 30 | Rev. John Collins, (P), Grace   |

*June Anniversaries*

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| 6  | Dave (P) & Jo Ann Bult, Kingsburg        |
| 7  | Harry (MM) & Rita Adkins, Florence First |
| 14 | Landon (MM) & Leah Reynolds, Calvary     |
| 16 | Charles (P) & Marsha Pittman, Immanuel   |
| 19 | Adam (P) & Mary Pfahlert, Union          |
| 20 | Nathan (MY) & Ashley Neighbors, Ebenezer |
| 29 | Kendal (BCM) & Jennifer Danford          |



**Save the Dates:**

- Senior Adult Rally - Sept. 12th, Calvary Baptist Church
- BLISS Ball - Theme: “Under the Big Top” (Prom for children and adults with special needs) Saturday, October 14
- Fair Ministry Oct. 26-Nov. 5