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Seems like a long time since I wrote a newsletter article. Since we do a combined newsletter December/January, it has. I trust that you have made a successful transition into 2016. We had a busier than normal last quarter of the year, mostly due to the flood. We thank each of our churches for coming through with flood buckets, other needs, and offerings. Lake City First is to be commended on their response to alleviate the suffering, by service and a large amount of money being spent to meet those needs.

We have been partnering with our neighboring Williamsburg Association as we have helped try to meet the needs of our Florence County residents. First Church Hemmingway provided housing for our Collegiate Ministries Rebuild team during the first week of January. I hope you might have seen a great news segment on WPDE concerning this event. First Church Johnsonville is housing the NC Baptist Rebuild team that is coordinating and supervising the rebuild crews coming in. Pray that volunteers are able to continue to help people down in the "Neck", as getting through the Governmental "Red Tape" proves challenging.

I would like to thank our contributing churches that have allowed us to realize an almost \$12,000 increase over last year. We continue to be well under our budget in receipts and expenses, but we, as many

of our churches, learn to adapt. This will be the last year that we receive any North American Mission Board support toward insurance for Louanne. We have been anticipating this and have made provision for her continued coverage. I only mention this that you might realize that things are changing all around us as we fund ministry through the Florence Baptist Association.

This is our 4th year of partnership with New Brunswick Canada and the Summit Association in Akron Ohio. These were extended by a year after our original 3 year commitment. We have some requests from Ohio and I hope to publicize an Associational Trip date soon. Prayerfully consider being a part of a mission trip with your congregation or the Association. A February newsletter article would not be complete without saying something about love. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. " John 15:13 ESV

Looking forward,

Chris!

Prayer Corner:

Please include the following prayer needs on your prayer lists and in your prayer times.

Churches without Pastors:

*Florence First
Hoffmeyer Road
Mt. Zion
Northside Chapel
Oakdale*

New Work:

*Hispanic Ministry
New Covenant*

CLC Program

Financial Support

Good News Clubs!

*MORE volunteers
as GNC expands
to Darlington
School District;
Financial
Assistance;*

Family Promise

*Financial Support
Families served*

Partnerships

*Akron/Canton Ohio
New Brunswick,
Canada*

Super Bowl Sunday Offering For Joseph Project Sunday, February 7



The Joseph Project task force on Human Trafficking is enlisting churches to take up a "loose change" offering on Super Bowl Sunday. The funds that are collected will be used to fund signs with the Polaris Hot Line number in the truck stops in SC. They chose this date because the Super Bowl is the single largest human trafficking incident in the USA. The influx of fans fosters the optimal breeding ground for pimps looking to boost their profits. Experts say that the sheer number of men looking to pay for sex substantially increases demand and the massive crowds allow for pimps and victims to essentially go unnoticed. It's not so much that you become a victim at the Super Bowl, but that many victims are brought in to be used for all the men at the Super Bowl. A woman might service 25-50 men in ONE DAY!!! It is a lucrative business for the trafficker!!

Children's Ministry Day February 27th - 10:00 am Place to be determined!

The emphasis of CMD will be on respecting and appreciating Law Enforcement Officers. The children will assemble care bags for the LEOs. Each church that participates is asked to bring at least 15-25 (or more if you choose) of each of these items – mini hand sanitizer, Granola bar or protein bar, notepad, black pen, pack of crackers, sunflower seeds, chap stick, small Kleenex. The items will be placed in a quart size zip lock bags so be sure the items you buy will fit in that size zip lock. The bags will be assembled as part of the activity for the day!

LifeChangers 2016 – June 19-24 will be our 14th year of LifeChangers! This is for students that have completed the 7th grade on up and costs \$100 per person. Registration information has been emailed to churches. If you did not receive it and need it, please call the FBA office. Registration info will be available on our website soon.

This year we have several churches outside of our association that want to participate in LifeChangers. Therefore in order to secure your youth a place, registrations for FBA churches will be due on April 8 which is a week prior to non-FBA churches due dates. PLEASE help with this. We want LifeChangers to be open to community churches but at the same time we don't want one of our FBA churches to be left out if they want to participate. Registration is limited to 150 spots.

Summer Missionaries NEEDED! The FBA is looking for two local college age or older females who would be willing to work on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am – 2 pm with the children at the YMCA doing their devotion time. They would also be needed to help with LifeChangers June 19-26. A stipend of \$100 per week plus mileage will be paid. Start date will be the week of June and end date is July 22th – so 7 weeks. If you are interested in applying or need further information, please contact Louanne at FBALouanne@sc.rr.com to request an application. Deadline for applications is March 15th

NEW CEF Local Coordinator! The Heart of the Palmetto Chapter of CEF is excited to welcome Mr. Ron Pruitt as our new local coordinator! Ron comes to us from a ministry and business background. His most recent ministry position was Minister to Students at Greenwood Baptist Church. His business position has been with LogiSource as a Regional Account Manager. Ron's natural gifts and talents blend together to meet the growing needs of our CEF Chapter. Ron is an avid runner and enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his family. Ron is married to Donna and they have two grown children, Jessica and Kelsey and one granddaughter, Avery.



**South Carolina Baptist
Disaster Relief Training**
March 19, 2016

White Oak Conference Center

This is an opportunity to get started in Disaster Relief, bring your training up to date, or continue your training. Cost is \$40 for a new volunteer and \$35 for a returning volunteer. You may register on line through www.scbaptist.org. We have feeding and shower units in the FBA, so if you are thinking about what area to train in, consider these.



**Florence School District One
Hygiene Items Needed!**

We are collecting hygiene items again for FSD1 middle and high schools. Items needed most are:

- Cough drops
- Dental Floss
- Feminine Napkins
- Bar Soap

Other items they can use, but aren't out of:

- Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Small pack of Kleenex

Bring items to the FBA Office ASAP!

Feb. 2016

- 7 Super Bowl
Sunday Offering
for Joseph
Project
- 9 Decision America
with Franklin
Graham; Columbia
State House;
12 pm
- 11 Every Believer A
Witness;
Hoffmeyer Road
- 16 Ministers Conf.;
FBA; 11:30 am
- 27 Workers in the
Harvest Conf.
- 27 Children's
Ministry Day

March 2016

- 6-13 Week of Prayer
for North
America Missions
- 8 Ministers Conf.;
FBA; 11:30 am
- 15 Listening Session
with Dr. Gary
Hollingsworth;
Ebenezer;
10:00 am
- 19 Disaster Relief
Training; WOCC
- 25 Good Friday; FBA
Closed
- 26 Easter Sunday

For God so loVed the world
thAt He gave His
onLy
begottEn
SoN,
thaT whoever
belIeves
iN Him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.
(John 3:16, NKJV)

**We Are Grateful!
December Contributions**

Church	Dec.	Budget YTD
Ariel	94.00	833.00
Bethel	.00	400.00
Beulah	.00	.00
Calvary	1,580.88	14,766.98
Calvary, Lake City	200.00	2,400.00
Cartersville	500.00	2,455.66
College Park	494.00	4,723.35
Coward	50.00	500.00
Ebenezer	1,977.60	13,670.29
Elim	668.83	7,333.53
Evergreen	372.40	4,082.09
Florence 1st	690.20	4,271.95
Grace	1,061.46	10,721.87
Greenwood	805.77	7,992.40
Hebron	125.00	1,375.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	2,085.32	19,423.37
Immanuel	.00	3,927.51
Kingsburg	.00	600.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City First Baptist	.00	5,200.00
Mizpah	693.57	1,681.17
Mt. Zion	.00	2,400.00
New Covenant	.00	125.00
New Hope	.00	00.00
Northgate	1,387.54	5,594.53
Oakdale	316.12	4,106.78
Pamplico 1st	.00	7,805.41
Pee Dee Community	800.00	1,600.00
Peniel	300.00	1,200.00
Quinby	194.45	1,876.04
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	1,023.44	6,816.69
Sardis	.00	3,450.00
South Florence	999.14	5,711.59
Southside	2,043.49	19,772.80
Sparrow Swamp	737.21	7,220.97
Timmons ville 1st	.00	800.00
Union	.00	6,136.94
Unity	318.50	1,888.19
Willow Creek	.00	985.64
TOTALS	19,518.92	183,848.75

Support Associational Missions
Think - -
3% Basic
4% Glory
5% Hallelujah

February Birthdays

- 14 Rev. Bobby Earls (P), Northgate
17 Rev. Dwight Elijah (P), New Covenant
26 Rev. Bill Hancock, Retired

February Anniversaries

- 3 Jim (P) & Nancy Crooks, Southside
6 Johnny (P) & Anita McDaniel,
Greenwood

Around the Association

Ministers Conference...The next Ministers Conference will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 16th at 11:30 am at the FBA Office.

Sardis....Is accepting applications for a part-time Director of Youth Ministry. Seeking an individual who will be committed to the growth and discipleship of the middle and high school age youth. Interested applicants may email resume to Director of Youth Ministry Search Committee at sardis.bap.church@gmail.com or mail to Sardis Baptist Church, 3129 Sardis Hwy., Timmons ville, SC 29161, Attention: Anne Carraway.

Canada Mission Trip
July 23-30, 2016

Cost: \$1600 per person
(projected cost)

Deposits are due:
April 1 - \$400
May 1 - \$400
June 1 - \$400
July 1 - \$400

Call the FBA Office at 843.662.5921 for more information.

**Every Believer a Witness
Pastor Training Clinic**

February 11, 2016
Cost: \$25

10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Hoffmeyer Road Baptist Church

This one day seminar will help you shift your members to live on mission. For more information contact the Evangelism Group at the SCBC. Register online at www.scengage.org.