

Exposure

Florence Baptist Association

January 2007

Prayer

Corner:

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

Churches without Pastors:

Ariel
Unity
Kingsburg
Immanuel
Florence First

Hispanic
Ministries

Rise and Live
Pee Dee
Community
Fellowship

CLC Program
Volunteers
Financial
Needs

CEF - Good News
Clubs

Grief Recovery
Program

Romania Trip
March 14-28,
2007

The Greater Pee Dee Community Prayer Breakfast

Friday, March 30, 2007
Florence Civic Center
7:00 - 8:15 am

Featured Speaker: Dr. Tony Evans
Senior Pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship
in Dallas Texas and President of The Urban Alternative

Sponsored by the Florence Family YMCA
Along with Pee Dee Area Businesses and Churches

For more information call 665.1234 or visit www.florenceymca.org.

EPIC Conference Equipping People in Church Leadership Conference

February 10, 2007
Calvary Baptist Church
Cost:

\$15 for online registration
\$20 at the door for Southern Baptists
\$25 at the door for non-Southern Baptists

Registration: 7:30 am
Seminars 8:00 am

The purpose of the EPIC Conference is to equip church leaders, staff, and laity to serve God in the areas of their giftedness and passion through the local congregation. Online registration will begin January 1, 2007. To register online or to view the list of seminars offered visit www.scbaptist.org/epic. You may also call 1.800.723.7242 ext. 4000. A detailed brochure will be mailed in the near future.

Romania Mission Trip March 14-28, 2007

Plans are well underway for the Preaching/Evangelism trip to Romania. Participants will be involved in evangelistic services, training of church members, and visitation in homes. Those who have gone have seen God at work and have returned with changed lives. Both ministers and laymen are asked to go and be a part of our partnership effort. An information meeting will be held at the association office January 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Cost of the trip will be \$2400. Call 662.5921 for more information.

Hispanic Ministry Update

By: Marcus Elizondo

November was full of activities for us. Our church focused on making Thanksgiving Day a time of ministering to our communities. We met at first Baptist church in Hemingway. We had a worship service and after that a dinner and fellowship. The Lord blessed us with visitors and plenty of food for all. We were able to build bridges with the Hispanic community through this event, and we are planning on doing the same for Christmas Day.

The Hispanic Seminary Extension will have its last class on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Our third year of classes will begin on Jan. 13, 2007. Please pray for our new students for our next semester and also for places where they may serve.

The ordination for our two young Hispanic pastors has been moved to January 20, 2007. The mother church where Brother Jose Luis is pastoring wanted to be present but could not come in December. The same day we are going to give certificates to the students who finished this semester.

We are getting ready for our Christmas dinner. We are making plans of inviting our Hispanic community and to serve them during this precious time in Christ's name.

Our Hispanic Fellowship, which is made up of eight Hispanic churches, has made plans for 2007: **Sunday School** will be our emphasis for our meeting in Febru-

ary. In our May meeting we will be promoting **Church Growth**. For August's meeting we are going to be teaching **Evangelism** and in the last meeting, November, our emphasis will be on **Stewardship**.

Join us in praying before our God for the following prayer requests:

- That the Hispanic Ministries may continue reaching and equipping people for Christ.
- To find the architect who will help us with the building program.
- That God will touch the hearts of Christians who will help us with the building.
- That God may provide the financial resources needed.

I am available for speaking at your church or group. You may contact me at 843.250.1575 or you may email me at myrelizondo@hotmail.com



Please pray for this Catholic family as the Hispanic Church ministers to them weekly.

Salt & Light Men's Ministries Conference "Continuing the Quest for Authentic Manhood"

January 20, 2007
7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Lexington Baptist Church
Cost: \$25

(registrations before Jan. 5th will include lunch)

For more information, call 1.800.723.7242, ext 5300 or you may register online at www.scbaptist.org/registration.

"You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world..." Matthew 5:13a-14a

Women's Lifestyle Evangelism Conference

Thursday, January 25, 2007
Taylors First Baptist Church

Friday, January 26, 2007
Myrtle Beach Community Center

Saturday, January 27, 2007
Columbia First Baptist

Registration/Meal \$20
Registration Only \$15

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."
Matthew 5:6*

Jan. 2007

- 1 New Year's Holiday; Assn. Office Closed
- 2 Assn. Council Mtg; FBA Office; 8:00 am
- 3 Ministers Conf.; Ryans 11:30 am
- 11 Executive Committee Mtg; FBA; 7:00 pm
- 12-14 Shepherding the Staff
- 18 Grief Recovery Seminar; FBA; 6-9 pm
- 20 Salt & Light Men's Ministries Conf.; Lexington Baptist
- 25-27 Women's Lifestyle Evangelism Conference

Feb. 2007

- 6 Ministers Conference Ryans 11:30 am
- 8 Grief Recovery; 6:00 pm; FBA Office
- 10 Epic Conf.; Calvary
- 15 Grief Recovery; 6:00 pm FBA Office
- 22 Grief Recovery; 6:00 pm FBA Office

**We Are Grateful!
Nov. Contributions**

Church	November	Budget YTD
Ariel	103.00	949.00
Beulah	150.00	750.00
Calvary	1,690.36	17,909.74
Cartersville	1,008.15	2,777.68
College Park	.00	4,815.96
Coward	342.95	3,684.35
Ebenezer	.00	7,970.04
Elim	.00	6,000.00
Evergreen	541.85	4,760.02
Florence 1st	.00	10,950.03
Grace	508.79	5,271.78
Greenwood	365.92	3,642.87
Hebron	100.00	2,045.48
Hoffmeyer Rd	.00	4,753.00
Immanuel	.00	2,455.26
Kingsburg	150.00	450.00
Korean	80.00	880.00
LifeSpring	.00	.00
Mizpah	670.84	5,958.26
Mt. Zion	.00	2,400.00
New Hope	.00	.00
Northgate	620.84	5,960.81
Oakdale	589.69	3,185.49
Pamplico 1st	637.13	2,600.20
Pee Dee Community	100.00	650.00
Peniel	.00	600.00
Quinby	193.27	1,923.10
Rehoboth	.00	.00
Ridgecrest	674.00	5,766.00
Rise & Live	.00	50.00
Sardis	.00	4,312.50
South Florence	1,326.96	11,855.58
Southside	2,726.91	26,362.61
Sparrow Swamp	413.27	4,489.98
Tans Bay	74.07	472.85
Timmonsville 1st	.00	2,500.00
Union	.00	2,291.63
Unity	339.16	1,721.21
Willow Creek	.00	1,347.92
TOTALS	13,407.16	164,513.35

Support Associational Missions

*Think - -
3% Basic
4% Glory
5% Hallelujah*

Happy Birthday

- 6 Rev. Lanier Singletary (P),
Hoffmeyer Road
8 Dr. Keith Harrill (Med), Calvary

Happy Anniversary

- 6 Stan (P) & Donna Sullivan,
Sparrow Swamp
11 Peter (AP) & Carey Rivera,
Immanuel
14 Charles (P) & Betty Jeffcoat,
Beulah
24 David (P) & Nancy Cromer,
Willow Creek

Around the Association

Evergreen...Will host their 2nd Annual Youth Rally on Friday, Feb. 23rd from 6:00 -10:00 pm and Saturday, Feb. 24th beginning at 10:00 am. Students from Charleston Southern University will be leading this event. There will be music, games, Bible sessions and food. All youth are invited to this FREE event. You can register your youth by calling at 662-1020 or by e-mail at TinainSC@aol.com.

Calvary...A Celebration/Recognition Service for W. L. & Vera Collins was held on Sunday, Dec. 3rd. Rev. Collins has retired after serving as their pastor for twenty years.

Calvary...Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Danny Meetze in the birth of their daughter. Kylee Danielle was born November 15th; she weighed 8 lbs 1 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Immanuel...Has called Rev. Peter Rivera as Associate Pastor/Education. We welcome Peter, his wife Carey and their three boys back to our association.

Hebron..."Giving From The Heart, Jesus!, The Greatest Gift," won the trophy for best Overall Float at the Pamplico Christmas Parade. Also, the HBC Disaster Relief Unit participated in the parade with children throwing candy.

Southside...Church staff along with church members volunteered at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Charlotte, NC.

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Perspectives by Henry Simmons

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend a Leadership Conference designed for Directors of Missions. These speakers have been leading with excellence for a number of years. As I listened to what they had to say, a common thread began to emerge. They echoed what Peter Drucker, a visionary business consultant, had said years ago. Drucker said that every 50 or so years there is a monumental change that affects every level of society and everything that we do. The industrial revolution is an example. We are living in the midst of the information revolution and the postmodern revolution. Without going into detail, we must understand that almost everything around us is changing at an exponential rate. These changes affect everything, everyone, and the fabric of society itself.

What we must ask is, "In this present hinging moment in history, how is it affecting our churches and how shall we respond?" Actually, I don't like the word respond. Respond indicates we are being reactive rather

than proactive. May I share some observations.

Reaction to change in churches is seen in the following ways. One reaction is to change in society is to fight to keep everything the way it is. We want some stability in life. The more things change; the more we want to keep some things the same. Unfortunately, if we choose to do that, we choose to cut ourselves off from those around us that our Lord has called us to reach. We find ourselves answering questions nobody is asking. If we fail to understand those to whom we minister, we will fail to connect and meet their needs.

Another reaction is to put our heads in the sand like the proverbial ostrich and say that it isn't happening. Like the former group we continue to do things the same way with declining results. According to Lee Iacocca, Chrysler Motors faced its changing market a number of years ago by improving production. That led to parking lots full of cars that nobody was buying. If we just try harder to do

what we are doing, we just get more of the same results.

A third reaction is embrace change. That means we will have to take a deep breath, get really uncomfortable, and try to understand what is going on around us. Effective ministry in times of change requires wise leadership, innovative leadership, constant evaluation and re-evaluation, lots of prayer, and strong determination. The focus must be on following Christ and reaching people. Leadership development for pastors and lay persons is a must.

Much of the turmoil in churches has come as a result of our changing times. We have people pulling in two different directions, those who want to stay the same and those who realize that some things must change. Wisdom is knowing what to change, how to change, and when to change. Some things like doctrine must always remain. Methods have to be continually evaluated.