



The SaltShaker

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Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost its savour, Wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Matthew 5:13

Children's Ministry Conference Saturday, September 6

8 am – 5 pm

Place: TBA

Cost includes lunch and Resource Bible

Attendee: \$69 in advance \$79 at door

Attendee (no Bible): \$45 in advance \$55 at door

APPROVED GNC worker: \$25 in advance & at door

(Approved GNC worker is one that has completed all of the paperwork/background check.)

This conference is for ANYONE who works with children. Training is available for our local church workers in effective methods of evangelism, discipleship, and outreach to unreached children in our area. Possible areas of teaching that will be offered include:

- God's Word Teaches Child Evangelism
- The Message of Salvation in "Childrenese"
- Life Changing Bible Lessons
- Preparing and Presenting a Christian Growth Lesson
- Practical Use of the Wordless Book/Counseling
- Scripture Memory
- Demo of Good News Club
- Portrait of a Child

Other break-out sessions will also be offered. Registration forms and other information will be mailed to area churches. Please mark your calendars NOW for this training. It is beneficial to Sunday School teachers, mission teachers – ANYONE who works with children. ALL Good News Club teachers need to be at this training if they have not attended a previous GNC training. The KEY is to get all the paperwork done for GNC workers so their cost will be minimal for the training.

"Welcome Back Packs" for Francis Marion

Students: Francis Marion Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) needs your help. They want to give out the "Welcome Back Packs" to new students arriving on campus in the fall 2008. This will be the fourth year they have done this 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 zip lock bag and bring them to the associational office by Monday, August 4:

- Pack of crackers
- 5 stamps
- 4 quarters (laundry)
- Pack of Pop tarts
- Microwave popcorn
- 2 mechanical pencils
- Tic Tacs or Breath savers
- 2 packs of gum

Harvest Hope Food Bank is sponsoring an "Extra Mile Campaign" to help raise money to help hungry people in Florence. Summer is one of the most difficult times and traditionally the funds and food are at an all time low. School is out for the summer, therefore, families who depend on free and reduced breakfast and lunch for their children have triple the burden during the summer months to provide food. Because of the economic downturn, the past four months, they have experienced a 32-39% INCREASE in demand for food compared to last year this time.

Ways the community can help with this campaign

- \$500 Sprinter Sponsors – for a mobile food pantry.
- Individual Skip-A-Lunch Sponsors – individuals are asked to help in this effort by making a commitment to skip a lunch

for up to 17 weeks giving what they would spend on lunch to Harvest Hope to help get food to hungry people.

- Church Involvement could include: food drops, mobile food pantry sites, hunger offerings, food drives, VBS – “Cool Can Sam” appearances

For further details on any of the above information, please call Patsy Sawyer - 661-0826.

ADOPT-A-STREET: The City of Florence Needs Your Help! *Keep Florence Beautiful* and the City of Florence have teamed up to form the Adopt-A-Street campaign and they need your help! Individuals, businesses, street clubs or organizations are encouraged to adopt their street and help keep Florence beautiful!

If your group volunteers to become an Adopt-A-Street volunteer, they agree to:

- Adopt-A-Street for a minimum of 2 years.
- Pick up litter on a regular basis (at least 3 times a year) along the boulevard (all 4 sides), and the ally (if applicable).
- Participate in the annual Great American Clean-up.
- Remove overgrown weeds from sidewalks, boulevard and curbs.
- Bag litter and weeds in bags that will be provided by *Keep Florence Beautiful*.
- Place filled bags and other collected litter on site for pick up by City of Florence personnel.

Think your group is UP to the CHALLENGE? If so, contact *Keep Florence Beautiful* 665-3113 for more information on how to become a part of the program and information vital to you group's success! After your first successful cleanup, Adopt-A-Street group recognition signs will be placed along the adopted street(s) by the City of Florence.

Quinby Baptist Church News: What do lime green hair-dos, hot dogs, and ballet dancers have in common? Well, if you were at Quinby Baptist Church on May 17 for the 2nd annual Family Fun Day, you would know for sure. Those were just a few of the sights to be seen that day. The goal of Family Fun Day is to be a community event that is Christ-centered, fun, and entertaining for the whole family. This year we certainly lived up to our goal! We were blessed with a beautiful day,

plenty of sunshine, tons of fun, and over 250 guests in attendance.

The activities of Family Fun Day included arts and crafts, games, a neon-colored hairspray and tattoo booth, and inflatables. The children enjoyed ministry messages from the churches' deacons, Keith Hinson, Donnie Turbeville Jr. and Jay Beck. We were also blessed by a message from our guest speaker, Jimmy Lee, pastor of Elim Bible Church, and his wife Suzanne. Worship music was lead by guests Meredith Edwards, and Kristy Sylvester. Dancers from Kelley's Fine Arts Dance Company performed solo ballet and jazz dances to contemporary Christian music. The Macedonia Holiness Church praise team, lead by Mrs. Pheobe Dixon, blessed us with praise dance. We also enjoyed a skit by Quinby's children in action girls group, "R.O.T.T.E.N. G.I.R.L.S."

We were also visited by some canine guests, Copper, a bloodhound, handled by Deputy Bellamy; and Hank, a German shepherd, handled by Deputy Beane, both from the Florence County Sheriff's Department's P.A.C.E team. The dogs gave very exciting demonstrations, which were definite crowd pleasers. A fire truck was also provided by the Windy Hill Volunteer Fire Department, for the children to see, and especially to hear the siren. The church provided a hot dog lunch and sno-cones throughout the day. Door prizes were given out to both children and adults at intervals during the day. Some of the prizes were provided by Lifeway Christian Store in Florence.

We are very thankful, first to God for making the Family Fun Day a success, and next to all of our guest speakers and performers for joining us in ministering to the community. We would especially like to thank Lionel Brown, of Florence School District 1, for allowing us to distribute flyers to five different Elementary Schools in the Florence area. We would like to thank the members of Quinby Baptist Church who prayed for, donated to, and staffed our Family Fun Day. We had two families come forward and accept Christ into their lives that day. That makes it all worth more than words can say!

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