



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

Chronological Bible Storying training will be offered at Grace Baptist Church on Monday, March 5 from 6 pm – 9 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Laurie Register from the SC Baptist Convention will be teaching the class. This is great training for anyone working with children or anyone going on an international mission trip. There is a story cloth that is used as a visual to tell the stories.

Chronological Bible Storying (CBS) is a method of orally communicating portions of the Bible by telling its stories aloud to listeners in chronological order. CBS presents the Bible as oral literature in a narrative format that is easy to understand and remember. Presenting the stories in chronological order allows the listener to understand the Bible as a whole instead of just a series of seemingly unconnected stories.

CBS seeks to present the Bible story as closely as it is in scripture with minimal explanation. CBS presents a comprehensive overview of the Bible that provides the necessary background people with no previous exposure to the Christianity need to intelligently understand Jesus Christ and the gospel. For this reason CBS is often used for evangelization, discipleship, and church planting.

A CEF Good News Club will begin at Del Mae Elementary School on Thursday, March 1 at 2:30 pm. This will be the first Good News Club in our area so it is being used for workers to get experience and then start other clubs in other schools in the fall 2007 school year. If you are interested in learning more about how a Good News Club works, you're invited to come and observe a club to see if this is something that you would enjoy. More training for Good News Club workers will be held in late August or early September. This training is EXCELLENT and would be beneficial to all children's Sunday School workers. All Good News Club workers must be trained and must have a background check. If you would like more information please contact Louanne at 662.5921 or LGS5155@aol.com

LifeChangers 2007: Our ministry week of LifeChangers is scheduled for June 24-29, 2007.

Calvary Baptist Church is hosting this event again for us this year. Cost is \$75 per person, including chaperones. Students must have completed the 7th grade in order to participate. Registration materials were mailed in January so each church should have received a letter with instructions and a registration form. Registration forms are due in the FBA office by April 16th. We REALLY NEED them as soon as possible so we will know how many houses we will be able to work on.

Experienced Crew Chiefs are needed. We have met with the community director for the City of Florence and have been given 7 possible houses to work on. The homes are in real need of work therefore some of the jobs are going to require experienced crew chiefs. God has given us this opportunity to make a difference in our community so I'm praying that volunteers will come forward to help in this area. If you are interested in being a crew chief please contact our office 662.5921.

Other Needs for LifeChangers: We need churches that will be willing to feed a crew of 12-15 people lunch each day Monday – Friday. We also need host churches for the evening meal on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE let me know if you would like to help in any of these areas. God has brought us SO MANY opportunities for the summer that I really want to get as much of the LifeChangers logistics taken care of by the end of April.

This is such an exciting time just seeing what God is up to and how He is working in so many different areas. Don't get left out and miss out on the blessings of being involved in God's work.

A Ministry Opportunity with Florence School District 1 Summer School

When school concludes in May, over 15,000 students just from Florence District One are released into our community. Most of these students have nothing to do so many of them get in trouble. It's a known fact that gangs use the summer months to recruit new members.

We can make a difference in the lives of some of these students. The faith community here in Florence has been invited to make a difference for Jesus in the lives of some of our summer school students this summer. WOW – what an opportunity.

Rev. Jim Crooks, Southside Baptist, and Rev. John Collins, Grace Baptist, have been meeting consistently over the last year with Mr. Larry Jackson, Superintendent of FSD1 to look at how the faith community can make an impact on our students. They have brought in pastors, community leaders, retired teachers, principals, etc. to discuss the opportunity. This is what has come out of those meetings.

Two summer school programs are going to be targeted this coming summer – North Vista Elementary and Williams Middle School. We have discussed with the principals about the unmet needs at both of the schools and the following needs have surfaced:

North Vista Elementary:

The students that attend are there to help improve their PACT scores and most of them walk to school. There is a need for mentors/tutors to work with students to help them improve their PACT scores and to build a trust relationship with them. All volunteers must have a background check and must go through mentor training. This would only involve giving ONE HOUR a week to help a child – of course if you can help longer that is fine too.

Williams Middle School

These students are there because they need to pass the class they are taking to go to the next grade. The faith community has been asked to provide character training on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 am – 10 am for 8 weeks beginning June 5th – July 26th. Hopefully, our summer missionaries will be able to provide the consistent leadership in being there each day. The class will be limited to 25 students and they will have permission from their parents to attend the class. **We need volunteers that would be willing to teach the classes for one week – that's 1 Tuesday morning 8 – 10 am and 1 Thursday morning 8-10 am.** We have the material that you can use – it is Group's Faith 4 Life series on subjects like "Succeeding in School", "Fighting Temptation," "Handling Conflict," "Getting Along with Others," etc. God has been faithful and has brought us this opportunity to work with our public school district. NOW it is OUR RESPONSIBILITY to be faithful and use our talents and gifts to help these "at risk students." In doing so, we're helping our own community! PLEASE don't sit back and think, "That's a great idea, but I'm sure SOMEONE ELSE will do it." You may be

the SOMEONE ELSE that God needs to accomplish this particular task. PLEASE PRAY about your part. Call the office to sign up for the time you would like to help.

The House of Hope of the Pee Dee, formerly known as New Life Rescue Ministries, has three components: The House of Hope for Men, The House of Hope for Women and Children, and The House of Hope Mission Mart. It is only with God's leading and the support from individuals, corporations, churches and organizations such as the Florence Baptist Association, that the House of Hope of the Pee Dee is able to provide the necessary helping-hand to so many in need. And, more importantly, God's Word is shared and Jesus Christ is made known.

Each spring, the residents at the House of Hope for Men plant a garden, providing fresh produce to all residents throughout the warm months and providing freshly frozen produce throughout the winter months.

You can help the residents help themselves by donating the following items:

- Vegetable seeds
- Tomato plants
- Hoses
- Fertilizer
- Tiller
- Other gardening supplies

The House of Hope for Women and Children is also in need of a few items:

- Laundry detergent
- Trash bags (33 & 55 gallon)
- Cleaning supplies
- Paper products (toilet tissue, facial tissue, paper towels, napkins, etc.)

All donations may be brought to The House of Hope for Women and Children at 1020 West Darlington St., Florence 29501. If you have questions or need items to be picked up, please contact Kelli Gerwig at 667-9000.

The Invitation CD – Lifeway has a great CD called *The Invitation* that can be used as an evangelistic tool. It is narrated by Rick Warren and has songs by Casting Crowns and other artists. Rick presents the plan of salvation in a very open way. Cost of the CD is only \$1. They also have a Bible that is only \$1. Because of the popularity of *The Invitation* they sell fast. If they are out of stock they can be ordered.

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