



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: Poyner Adult Education Center
Cost includes lunch and Resource Bible
Attendee: \$69-advance \$79-door

Attendee (no Bible): \$45-advance \$55-door
APPROVED GNC worker: \$25-advance & 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. You may register by calling Grace Baptist Church at 661.5122. Please mark your calendars NOW for this training. It is beneficial to Sunday School teachers, missions 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.

Update on "Welcome Back Packs" for Francis Marion Students: Our association collected 331 packets this year. The BCM would like to thank you for your help again this year in reaching out to the new students on campus.

Childhood Ministry Training for Teamkid and Bible Drill Leaders Saturday, September 27, 2008

10 am – 2 pm

(9:30 am check-in)

White Oak Conference Center

Registration Fee: \$5.00 per person

Please register by calling

1-800-723-7242 Ext. 4100 or go to

www.scbaptist.org – at the bottom of the page under Church Vitalization

Click on Childhood Ministry and go to Events on that page.

Luke 19:10 Ministries is located in Greenville SC and their focus is to collect used Bibles, SS material, VBS materials and other Christian supplies that are shipped to third world countries.

We have had some interest among our churches to collect things, but so far no one has volunteered to take a load to Greenville so please make this a matter of prayer.

Periodically I receive emails from them telling of needs that they have. At the present time they are collecting school supplies to be sent to orphans in Nigeria. They are collecting notebook paper, pencils, ballpoint pens, notebook binders, rulers, pencil sharpeners, compasses, protractors and solar powered calculators.

Another email I received requested cassette tape duplicating equipment, extra cassette tapes, boxes, and labels. Many churches have switched over to CD recording and duplication so they have these supplies just sitting around their church. All the duplicating material that is received will be sent to Rev. Evbota Godstime in Benin City, Nigeria. In Nigeria the tapes of evangelistic and Bible study material will be duplicated and distributed free to people who need the Gospel. They need thousands more cassette tapes, boxes, labels, etc. and more duplicators. They also need some ordinary cassette tape recorders to give to the individual villages so the tapes can be played. (Look in your closets at home – you probably have one that you THOUGHT you might need one day! Ha! Ha!)

If ANYONE is interested in taking a load of supplies to Luke 19:10 Ministries in Greenville, PLEASE get in touch with Louanne ASAP. I know that we could get a load of materials to go – we just need the volunteers to take them. Please pray about this ministry opportunity.

**Associational Missions Fair
Sunday, October 5th at Northgate Baptist
4:30 pm**

Our first associational missions fair will be held on Sunday, October 5th. There will be booths with information on the ministries that the FBA is involved in. If your church has a missions partnership or some kind of ministry that you would like to highlight by having a display, please let Louanne or Connie know ASAP so space can be reserved for you! This fair is for the whole family. There will be games for the children so plan now to be a part of our Missions Fair!

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is a program where agencies can partner with the IRS to assist America's taxpayers in understanding and meeting their tax responsibilities. The City of Florence and the United Way in Florence are partnering with the IRS to help provide free tax preparation assistance to low-to-moderate income

earners. The idea is to help educate and communicate to the client the information about tax credits. Most of the lower income people cannot afford to have their taxes done by a professional CPA so they do them themselves and miss out on tax credits that they should have.

Volunteers are needed to help at several of the VITA sites that are being established in the Florence area. The sites will receive the free software, "Tax Wise" which is very user friendly. Volunteers will receive training from an IRS representative in how to use the software in completing simple tax returns. The training will be four classes each lasting 2-3 hours. As a VITA volunteer YOU PICK your hours and what days you want to work. No one tells you when you have to work – it works around your schedule.

The Boys and Girls Club of the Pee Dee is going to be a potential VITA site. They are willing to use their facility but they need help securing volunteers. If you have some spare time and like working with numbers, this may be a ministry opportunity for you. If you are interested, please contact Louanne at 662-5921 for more information about the training.

Adopt a School – Florence School District One is encouraging churches to "adopt-a-school" in their community and focus on meeting the needs in that school. Call and make an appointment with the principal to discuss ways that your church can be involved with the school. Some ideas might include collecting school supplies for students that can't afford them. (Supplies are cheap right now.) School supply lists can be obtained from the school. Consider providing the teachers snacks for the teacher's lounge. Ask permission to "prayer walk" around the campus or inside the building when classes are in session. The "sky is the limit" when it comes to making a difference in the school atmosphere. If you "adopt a school" please let Louanne know.

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