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“Cooperating Together for Kingdom Impact”



A Word from Our Lead *Missional* Strategist

Dear Friends,

I have to be honest. I am still on a high from this past month. The Ripkens shared with us, at the same time we experienced a Spirit-centered worship together at our Semi-annual Celebration, and then two weeks later, our **Pastors Appreciation Dinner** at the Best Western. We fellowshiped, encouraged each other, and prayed together, along with dining on some incredible food! We are seeing fruit together and reaching toward our vision of Unity and partnership in the gospel. It is now time to consider reaching out to the harder places in the world to bring the Good News. Would you consider sending your pastor or yourself, if you are a pastor, on a vision trip to **Romania next year**? We would like to create a partnership with a ministry in Romania designed to reach the Romanian Muslims. We want to invest into an amazing national, former Muslim, and equip, partner, train, and support him and his team as they seek to fulfill the Great Commission in the Balkans. If you are interested, please contact the Association office this month.



CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY: We believe in prayer. Our Association is only as good as the prayer warriors that stand in the gap for our 50 churches. Would you or someone you know consider being our **Associational Prayer Coordinator**? The current Associational Prayer Coordinators, Bruce and Isabel Smith have retired (and moved) from leading the monthly Associational Prayer meeting. We are looking for someone passionate and interested in leading this critical ministry for our Association. The prayer team meets on the first Saturday of every month often at a different member church. As the Coordinator, you will connect with myself (our office), and receive a monthly list of prayer items from around the Association. You will also be invited to go to churches and lead in prayer activity as desired or lead by God.

CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY #2: We need a contractor type who can help pull permits and lay outside plumbing for a new church building. Mrs. Mittie and Dr. McRae, Pastor and First Lady of **Faith Tabernacle MBC**, are searching for a person who can help them with this critical need for their church. If you can help or know someone who can and will help, please contact the NCFBA office and express you want to help the McRae's!

I hope to hear from you this month. May God richly bless you, your ministry, and your church this month. Remember, God has it!

Blessings,
Jeffrey

Ministry Update from your Church and Community Ministries Director

Greetings from Steven and Sylvia.

In his book, *"Autopsy of a Deceased Church"*, Thom Rainer includes a chapter on "The Great Commission Becomes The Great Omission." One of the New Testament passages where Jesus sends out his followers is Matthew 28:19-20. The first word in this passage is **"Go"**. We are to go, to make disciples, to baptize, to teach. We are to **go**, and to depend totally upon the power of Christ. That is why Jesus reminds us that, "I am with you always."

I have the pleasure of speaking to many church groups, and it does my heart good, to see how members are "going". They are getting out of their comfort zones in order to reach others with the Gospel. They have ramped up their missions' focus.

That may include a trip to the Amazon, to the Congo, to Haiti, or the Bahama's. I have been pleasantly surprised by the different age groups of people going on these trips. But "foreign" missions in only a small part of what we see going on locally. Churches are going on "prayer walks" in their neighborhoods and in the downtown business districts. We are seeing the Evangelism Trailer going out in record numbers to churches reaching their community through block parties, community festivals, and church events. Some have opened their facilities to after school activities such as basketball, and including a snack and short Bible study. We see ideas such as "The Table" or "Love Thy Neighbor" where Sunday School classes or individual couples invite their neighbors over for a meal. That neighbor may hear about what having a relationship with Jesus is all about, or just witness the love and excitement of being a Christian. Some may even join your church.

I am also excited about the CEF **Good News Clubs**, FCA, and other ways churches are gaining access to the local schools, in order to introduce Jesus to children. Have you had that conversation with your local principle or teachers?



Our Association churches are serving a meal at Grace Marketplace the first Saturday of every

month. Hurting people are loved on, prayed with, or just given an ear for listening. Bibles, New Testaments, hygiene products, and donations are plentiful. Just this week, we delivered a trailer load of donations to Grace Marketplace, including furniture. Groups are calling about **the Helping Hands Christmas Wish List**, and signing up for items. If you or your group are interested in helping, please call the office.

I am excited! We have churches supporting foster families with the Baptist Children's Homes, and Partnership for Strong Families. Church members recently babysat almost 30 children while the parents enjoyed networking and an evening out without children. A few of our foster families recently added new foster children to their broods, including one that took in four siblings. Would you be prepared if suddenly you had four additional mouths to feed?

And remember our ministry partner, **Family Promise**, who works with homeless families, most of who had been living in their car. Just this week they donated five brand new twin beds that we will provide to our foster families. We were able to 'trade' them for pots, plates, other kitchen supplies, and chests of drawers that they needed, which were donated by you.

There is a lot to be excited about in the NCFBA, as many are answering the command of Jesus, to **'Go'**. Call me at 352-317-5631 and I will be glad to share with you.

Your Brother in Christ,
Steven



God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. ~ Hebrews 6:10

**Falling Upward Counseling...
David's Corner...**

Just a reminder that there is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor available to our pastors and church members. Please contact David Reed for further information and available times. Email: dreed@wedrdave.com, phone: 352/284.7718. David is an independent provider. His office is located in the Association office building, but not on the payroll of the Association.

Serving Adolescents/Teens,
Adults, Couples and Families.



Associational Prayer Council



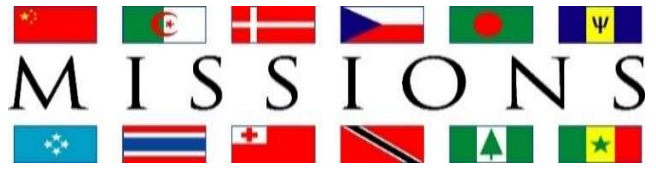
The Prayer Council is in need of someone(s) to lead this very important ministry. Someone with passion as a Prayer Warrior! Starting this month, the prayer council will be rotating to our various churches to pray and lift up the needs of

our CHURCHES, BELIEVERS, our PASTORS, our COUNTRY, and the LOST! **YOU can be a part of this amazing group.** First Baptist of High Springs will be our host this month. Come WORSHIP in prayer and be blessed. Join us this **Saturday, November 2nd from 10 am to noonish.**



Prayer Requests

The Association has a "World Impact Fund". This is for individuals and churches who wish to send a gift to help with mission trips. This fund will be used for future Mission Trips where church members of the Association can request help with financial needs for a mission trip. It could be the first bit needed to get started or even the last few dollars to make a trip happen. Your gift to this fund will allow individuals to seek out the lost who are starving to hear Good News!!



Lifting Up Our Missions...

Many mission trips have come and gone this summer. Let's pray that just because our teams have returned, that the love of Jesus remains with God's people wherever they are.

WE would love to hear about your mission journeys!! If you want to send some highlights and pictures, they can be shared with everyone who reads our newsletter. If you are planning a service to share about a mission trip we can let folks know when and where it will happen. Don't miss this opportunity to share God's amazing work!!!

"I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." ~Psalm 9:1



The Missions Trailer has been rolling...



The Mission Trailer traveled many miles in October!!! Lots of fun, food and fellowship were found wherever the trailer parked!! Don't miss out on this AMAZING ministry tool for your church or community!! Both young and "older" enjoy the Mission Trailer!!! Call the office for additional information and details on how YOU can use this awesome trailer!!!

One More Child/ Florida Baptist Children's Home



Dear Friends,

Our Annual Diaper Drive is currently underway from now until November 10th. Please check our website: onemorechild.org/diaperdrive to learn how you and your church can be involved. Thank you to all the churches, community members, and individuals who are busy collecting diapers for our local, statewide and overseas ministries.

One More Child is always in search of Christian families who have an interest in fostering but want to know more about the process. We can help! Each month, OMC hosts an Information Meeting at our Gainesville office, usually the first Monday of the month. We share how FBCH became involved with fostering and discuss the great need in our community to provide Christian homes for children who have been removed from their parents/ caretakers due to allegations of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. Information on requirements are provided for both a married couple or single person on how to become a licensed foster parent. The next meeting will be Monday, November 5th, 6:00-8:00pm. Childcare is not available at this meeting.



Not ready to foster? Would you consider encouraging your church or ministry group to learn about how to provide Wrap-Around support to foster families. There are multiple volunteer opportunities available as well. Please contact our Volunteer

Coordinator, Damaris Arroyo at 352-672-6112, Damaris.Arroyo@OneMoreChild.org

Our next foster parent training class begins January 9th through March 5th 2020. The classes will be held every Thursday from 6:00-9:00 PM. Location TBA.

To learn about becoming a foster parent, please contact Jennifer Hewitt, Licensing Specialist at 352-672-6112 or Jennifer.Hewitt@OneMoreChild.org.

O: [352.672.6112](tel:352.672.6112) C: [352.281.1052](tel:352.281.1052) F: [352.505.6196](tel:352.505.6196)
3700 NW 91st Street Suite B-300
Gainesville, Florida 32606



www.FBCHomes.org | www.OneMoreChild.org

NCFBA 2018 Event Calendar



NOVEMBER 2019

- 2nd Grace Market Place Meal
4:30 – FBC High Springs
- 10th – 12th FL Baptist Convention – Orlando
- 14th Helping Hands Meal – FBC Waldo

DECEMBER 2019

- 3rd Lottie Moon Tea
- 7th Grace Market Place Meal 4:30 – FBC Gville
- 12th Helping Hands Meal – FBC High Springs
- 23rd – Jan 4th Association Office closed – (available via email and phone)

JANUARY 2020

- 4th Grace Market Place Meal 4:30 – NEED
- 9th Helping Hands Meal – NEED
- 23rd IRS/Investment Retirement WkShop 10-12

February 2020

- 1st Grace Market Place Meal 4:30 - NEED
- 12th Helping Hands Meal – NEED



Something to think about...

There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Silly man, I sent you two boats!"



Remember... God provides for us, but we must first have our eyes open.

November Happenings...



Forest Grove Baptist Church invites you to a special service on Sunday, **November 3rd at 10:15am.** They will be honoring our area First

Responders – Current, Retirees and Families of the Fallen (Fire, EMTs, Paramedics, Law Enforcement). Guest speaker, Mike Swihart, Hart Rescue Emergency & Military Support Ministry will share a message.

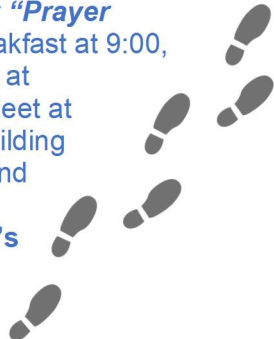
Invite any First Responder you have in your congregations, community, family and friends. PLEASE RSVP. To register go to fgbc.me or call 386.462.3921. Attendees may come in uniform or comfortable dress.

Happening at FBC Hawthorne:



Saturday, November 9th, Community "Prayer Walk". Breakfast at 9:00, Prayer Walk at 10:00am. Meet at the youth building located behind the church.

We will be walking and driving. **Let's pray for our Community!!**



FBC Hawthorne Presents:

Luke Vardy from IGNITE MINISTRIES will be speaking on Saturday, November 9th at 6:00 pm and Sunday, November 10th at 10:45 am. **Everyone is invited!!!!**

Ignite



December Happenings...

Lottie Moon Tea –

Come join us on Tuesday, December 3rd, 11:00-1:00 for a time of fellowship, food and missions. Our guest will be Rachel Nichols from North Central Baptist who will be sharing about her and her husband's



International Mission travels over the years. Come and hear what one of our "own" missionaries have experienced and what is out there for all of us. A time to share information and lift up our Missionaries who go out to reach the lost. We can also celebrate the life of Lottie Moon and others who have been bold enough to share their faith and God's Love with the lost. Call the office to register.

Food for thought...



"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." ~2 Corinthians 9:11

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." ~ Galatians 5:13



Volunteer Churches are NEEDED!!!

Our churches in the Association provide a meal (approx. 200) to the folks at **Grace Marketplace** on the **FIRST Saturday** each month.



AND, we provide a meal (approx. 30) to a group of women who go to the **Helping Hands Clinic** on the **SECOND Thursday each month**. Both of these opportunities provide a time of fellowship, witnessing and a ton of blessings!!

Call the Association office if you or your group are interested. You will be BLESSED!!



There is a spot for you at Sira....

Volunteers are vital for the daily function of the pregnancy center. This may be the opportunity you have been praying for.

WHO: College-age through retirement status, BOTH men and women.

WHAT: One-Evening Volunteer training session.

WHEN: Thursday January 23rd, 2020 from 6-9pm – dinner included

CONTACT: Marlene at 352.377.4947 or MarleneGardner@siragainesville.com for an application and more information.

Join us in spreading #helpandhope to our community! Thank you!



CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

TREASURE'S for those Needing or Wanting!!

Westside Samaritans Clinic is a faith-based organization providing medical care to low-income, uninsured residents of our community. The clinic is open on Thursday evenings from 5:30-8:30 at Greater Faith Church, 1029 NE 9th Street, Gainesville.



We have an immediate opportunity in the position of **Office Manager**. This is a grant-funded, paid position for 15 hours per week. Responsibilities include all aspects of managing clinic volunteers, establishing and maintaining office procedures, administrative tasks and maintain statistical logs of volunteer hours, patient services provided, and other statistics as needed for grant reports and accounting. We have a great network of medical professionals, volunteer coordinators, student volunteers, and faith volunteers. Come be a part of this wonderful ministry. Please call Steven at 352-317-5631, stevenatncfba@gmail.com for additional information

Ochwilla Baptist is in search of a 12-15 passenger van. They are growing so much; they need some transportation help!!

Praise God!! If you know of some organization or you have a reliable van that is either up for grabs or a price that can be negotiated, please contact the church at 352/316.2789.



Ochwilla also has **an organ** up for grabs!!



Organ has a frayed cord, but free to the first one to come pick up!!! Call the church for additional information!! 😊

Internship

The Oaks Church is looking for a part-time Ministry Intern.

If you know of a young man or woman who has a sense of calling from God to work toward Christian vocational ministry and interested in serving, The Oaks Church is the place for you. Some of the duties will be: lead/develop the sports ministry, participate in a Life Group/Leadership training, coordinate volunteers with the Student Ministry and assist the pastor in outreach/ministry to students and their families. If you know this person or feel led, please contact Pastor Danny Austin at thoadkschurchgainesville@gmail.com or 352.372.2730,

The Oaks Church has an organ looking for a home. The organ will need a technician to make it work properly. It was used up until about 5 years ago. It has been stored inside HVAC controlled space.



The Association has Sunday School Literature and magazines available for anyone to utilize. There is a variety of series: Explore the Bible, The Gospel Project, Bible Studies for Life, and MasterWork (student and leader guides). There are also Biblical Illustrators, music sets for choirs and more!! YOURS for the asking.



First Baptist Church High Springs, FL is looking for a part time paid church pianist. This position became available on August 5th. Responsibilities include: provide music and accompaniment for worship services, as well as Celebration Choir rehearsals. Anyone interested please contact Tim Harris at 386.454.1505 or 352.317.3881.



The Korean Baptist Church...

Looking for a part-time youth pastor.... Plan and oversee youth 6th - 12th grade for activities during the semester, retreats, mission trips, youth praise team and other special events. Bilingual (English and Korean) is preferred, but not required. Please send resumes to Dr. Joon Sung Lee at joonsunglee@ufl.edu. For additional information, contact Pastor Min-Seok Sohn at minsohn@gmail.com.

Nation's Family Church is looking for... a small sound system (Fender Passport) to use for their worship services. IF anyone has a used one that they would love to "move along" or know where to find a reasonably priced system, please contact Bishop Kevin Lewis at 352.682.0429 or bishoplewis669@yahoo.com



First Baptist Church Perry, FL ...

First Baptist Church of Perry, Florida is searching for a part-time worship leader to join their staff. The successful candidate must be a dedicated Christ follower, preferably proficient in leading worship with guitar and or keyboard. The job description and application instructions can be found at our web site, www.fbcperryfl.org.



To All Veterans



Whether At Home Or Abroad
Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired

All Americans Say:

THANK YOU!



Oh my goodness!!! A great time was had by all at the Annual Pastor/Wives Appreciation Dinner on October 10th. Over 20 of our local pastors and their wives came out for an evening of fellowship, good food, fun prizes and a time to praise God!! Thank you to all who made this an evening to remember. Sarah, Dwayne, Matthew and Paul – thank you for the amazing worship music!! Thank you Pastors for your desire to lead your flocks.



*“Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.”
~Psalm 95:2-3*

As we are reminded: Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.



~Proverbs 3:9-10

Thank you for your church's contribution to your association.

Church	YTD Giving
Alachua	4,147.50
Aletheia	250.00
Centerpoint	500.00
Country Crossroads	521.01
Cristiana Misionera	1,785.36
Eden	3,118.98
Eliam	1,861.75
Evangelica	1,096.50
Faith-Tabernacle	70.00
Fellowship	534.12
First Missionary Baptist	300.00
Forest Grove	7,821.99
Gainesville	4,506.08
Gainesville Gospel Chinese	200.00
Grace	3,133.36
Greater Faith	50.00
Hague	0.00
Hawthorne	1,379.27

High Springs	14,227.62
Hispana Alachua	100.00
Hispana Archer Road	0.00
Hispana Gainesville	0.00
Island Grove	0.00
Korean	500.00
Lake Butler	2,000.00
Living Covenant	1,666.00
Micanopy	1,505.00
Mount Carmel	350.00
New Hope	300.00
North Central	6,524.30
N. Pleasant Grove	1,833.42
Northwest	2,345.74
Oak Park	1,426.22
Ochwilla	1,141.12
One Way Filipino	0.00
Parkview	2,806.00
Pine Grove	365.00
Pleasant Hill	450.00
River Cross, Haile Plantation	500.00
Sardis	1,600.00
Springhill Missionary Baptist	600.00
Summit	2,031.19
True Worship Missionary	0.00
Waldo	960.00
Walk By Faith	500.00
Westside	42,948.00
Wings of Eagles	20.00

TOTAL YTD Giving for 2019: \$118,175.53
For October 2019: \$11,447.96
2019 Monthly Budget Requirements: \$10,805.00
2019 Yearly Budget Requirements: \$129,659.00