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"Cooperating Together for Kingdom Impact"



A Word from Our Lead Missional Strategist

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today I want to wish you a Happy 2020! Happiness, though, isn't really my goal for you if I am being completely honest. I wish you an effective 2020. I wish you a 2020 filled with opportunities to share the Gospel. I wish you a changed and renewed heart for evangelism. I wish you more than anything, a deeper, more genuine walk with God than you have had at any time until now.

Pastors, if your heart is more in tune with the Gospel and our God, your people will be more in tune with the Gospel and our God. To get to this point it will require an extraordinary fervency of prayer. **"There are parts of our calling, works of the Holy Spirit, and defeats of the darkness that will come no other way than through furious, fervent, faith-filled, unceasing prayer."** - Beth Moore

Your Association has committed to pray for you and our churches. We pray for each church and each pastor and each pastor's family. Every first Saturday a group of committed prayer warriors meets to pray for a breakthrough on your

behalf. We are looking for a person to lead our Association in monthly prayer ministry. Would you be willing, or do you know someone one who might be interested, in monthly prayer with us at 10:00 am the first Saturday of every month? Each month I send a list of prayer needs to the prayer team. A leader only assures people know about it and may even print some prayer needs up for the group.

Please contact us if you might be that person called to lead us in prayer to reach into darkness with the Light. Our churches need prayer, our congregations need prayer, and our community is desperately in need of prayer. Will you join us? Email or call today. Our email is donna.ncfba@gmail.com and our phone is 352-373-5030. We look forward to hearing from you today!

Blessings in 2020!

Jeffrey

Ministry Update from your Church and Community Ministries Director

Greetings from Steven and Sylvia.

In looking back, we see that many of the homeless and at risk folks have been fed and housed. The Helping Hands meals and Christmas Wish List Bags were filled and delivered. Many loads of furniture have been donated, picked up, and delivered. Bags of food have been delivered to

those in need. Clothing, toiletries, shoes, hygiene products, blankets, and laundry soap have been donated and delivered. Back packs were bought, filled with school supplies or food, and delivered. Beds and rooms for sleeping were provided, meals were cooked, and homeless families were included in fellowship. Children were placed in loving foster homes. NCFBA churches and church members became the hands and feet of Jesus. Many people opened their mouths, some even stepped out of their comfort zone, and The Gospel was shared over and over again!! Amen.

As 2019 comes to an end, we want to **thank all of those that participated in local ministries and missions this year!** Take some time to reflect, re-energize, enjoy family, and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Thank You!!

Now on to **2020 and the New Year.**

Do you believe that the Holy Bible is truth? I am convinced that people want the Scriptures to be true. They want them to be the words of God. They want them to be the Good News that can change their lives. Words that will give them hope and eternal life with our heavenly Father.

People challenge us, not because they want to prove us wrong, but because they want to be convinced that the Holy Spirit is truth. Some are skeptical that there could be any truth that God could love them unconditionally. Some feel that they are Christian and going to heaven based on being a good person, and doing good things to earn their way.

I like to challenge them with, "How do you know if you have done enough?" Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." In all world religions, you have to work your way to heaven, - **except Christianity**. This provides a natural transition for us to share the Gospel.

As Christians we believe that the Bible is the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God. All that the Scriptures contain, - the promises, prophecies, the revelation of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – are absolute truths that can be trusted. Let our confidence in His Word give us the boldness to witness to the lost knowing the power that the Word contains. In **2020, the NCFBA will continue with and expand our local ministries**

and missions. I pray that you will come along side and be a part of these ministries. There will be many opportunities for us to share His Word!

May God bless you, your family and friends, your pastor, and your church family!

Steven & Sylvia

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. ~John 12:26



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

*Hi, this is **David, Mental Health and Marriage and Family Counselor** working out of your Association building. Remember, I'm here to help. (And you get a discount!.) It's the Holiday Season and these can be tough times for all of us. I work with individuals ages 12 and up, couples, and families. If you or someone you know needs some extra support, insight, or guidance, please contact me. dreed@wedrdave.com, phone: 352/284.7718.*

I wish you a Merry season of Thanksgiving and Rejoicing. Our God is good!

David



Jesus comforted His disciples: *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me."* ~John 14:1

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!!** We will be praying for and lifting up the needs of our churches, pastors, our communities, our country and the

LOST!!! YOU can be a part of this

amazing group. The Prayer Warriors will be **meeting at the Association Office** in December.

Come **WORSHIP** in prayer and be blessed. Join us **Saturday, January 4th from 10 am to noonish.**



Prayer Requests



The **"World Impact Fund"** is available to our churches!!! This fund is for individuals and churches who wish to send a gift to help with mission trips. This money will be used for future Mission Trips where church members of the Association can request help with financial assistance. 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!!



"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ~Acts 1:8

Lifting Up Our Missions...

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 would love to let folks know when and where it will happen. Don't miss this opportunity to share God's amazing work!!!

The Missions Trailer has been rolling....



2020 is arriving and the **Mission Trailer** is ready to roll!!!! Tools for fun, food and fellowship can be found in the trailer!! As you prepare for the 2020 year, why not plan an event with the Mission Trailer?? This ministry trailer has so much to offer to our community folks and is a great way to share the gospel to those who aren't about an "official" church setting. The Mission Trailer can help you **share the love of Jesus!!** Call the office for additional information and details on how YOU can use this awesome trailer! **Put it on your calendar for 2020!!!**

One More Child/ Florida Baptist Children's Home

Dear Friends,



One More Child is especially grateful to the following churches and groups who have blessed us with their time, treasures, and talents:

- Westside Baptist Church for Blessing all 76 of the foster, adopted, and biological we serve.
- Gainesville Elks Club who provided 14 full turkey dinners including breakfast and dessert to our families.
- Grand Lakes RV park in Ocala who blessed all 76 children with stockings and more this Christmas.
- LMP Loans for adding to the family fun by providing each family with board games this Christmas.

We cherish all of our donors and want to shine a light on the goodness of their hearts. We are sincerely sorry if we overlooked anyone

One More Child is always in search of Christian families who have an interest in fostering but want to know more about the process. Every month, One More Child hosts an Information Meeting at our Gainesville office, usually the first Tuesday of the month. (Please see the date/time/location information posted at the bottom of this article). During the information meeting we share how FBCH became involved with fostering and discuss the great need in our community to provide Christian homes. We

explain what is required for you, as a married couple or single person, to become a licensed foster parent.



To learn more please come to our Foster Care Information night on January 7th at 6pm at our offices in Gainesville. We also have Foster Parent Classes every Thursday evening starting January 9th until

March 5th. The classes are located at First Baptist Church of High Springs from 6pm to 9pm. Please contact us for a reservation. If your church would like to host an information night, please contact Mary Griffis.

Not ready to foster? Would you consider encouraging your church or ministry group to learn about how to provide Wrap-Around support for foster families. There are multiple volunteer opportunities available as well. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Damaris Arroyo at 352-672-6112 or Damaris.Arroyo@OneMoreChild.org.

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

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www.FBCHomes.org | www.OneMoreChild.org



Food for thought...

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
~Isaiah 40:30-31

NCFBA 2018 Event Calendar



The Association Office will be closed from December 23rd through January 4th.
(We are available via email and phone)

JANUARY 2020

- 4th Grace Market Place Meal 4:30 – FBCHS
- 9th Helping Hands Meal – Association
- 10/11th “Become” Seminar - **Identify Ministries**
- 13th Parents Fellowship – 6:30, **Identify Ministries**
- 23rd **IRS/Investment Retirement WkShop** 10-12

February 2020

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

MARCH 2020

- 1st Grace Market Place Meal 4:30 – Open
- 3rd – 5th Exponential (Church Revitalization) - Orlando
- 12th Helping Hands Meal – Open
- 20th Reclaim Florida for Christ Rally – Countryside Baptist Church, 6-10pm
- 26th **Mission Celebration with Fred Luter** – 6pm
- 30th – Apr 3rd **Mobile Dental Bus** - Ridgeview

January Happenings...



IRS/Investment Retirement – January 23rd, 10:00am till noon there will be an informative workshop in assisting church leaders in navigating the confusing tax and retirement landscape of America.

Come and make sure you are saving correctly for your future. **Call the office to register** or for more information.



Identify Ministries
The Lord is my banner!

Will be having TWO new events in January.

On January 10th and 11th there will be “Become!”, a training seminar for the general church on spiritual and relational maturity. You can go to the following website for additional information and registration. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/become-gainesville-tickets-83383665789?aff=eand>

Then on Monday January 13th there will be a Parents Fellowship at 6:30pm. This is a free event,

but your RSVP must be made. For additional information and to register, go to: identifyministries.org or call 352-262-1186.

Both of these events will be held at the Identify Ministries Main office located at 11411 N. SR 121, Gainesville 32653. Upstairs of the Walk By Faith Missionary Baptist Church.

Pro-Family Days in Tallahassee will take place Monday and Tuesday, January 27-28. This event allows for education on the bills affecting the Church and family-based ministries like Identify Ministries and Sira. There will also be a scheduled meeting with the politicians who represent us where we talk and pray with them. If anyone wants to attend, please go to:

<https://www.flfamily.org/profamilydays>

Head to Ochwilla...

- *Women of Value, Ladies Fellowship* – Thursday, January 9th at 6:00pm. Bring finger food and join in the fellowship!! (held at the church)
- *“Men of Honor”*, Tuesday, January 14th, 6:30pm at “The Barn” (255 SR 21, Hawthorne). Come and join a time of fellowship, food and worship.



Save some dates in March!



The Association Mission Celebration Meeting is Thursday, March 26th, 6:00pm.

Our guest speaker

will be Pastor

Fred Luter, Jr. of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans (also president of the Southern Baptist Convention 2012-2014). Pastor Luter will bring a message that will rock your world!!



Also happening in March...



**Reclaiming Florida
FOR CHRIST**

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Countryside Baptist Church

10926 NW 39th Ave

Gainesville, 32606

Bring your entire church family! Events are open to everyone! Enjoy music, messages and food all for FREE! For more information, call: 321-280-4290

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” ~Mark 10:45



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!!



Do you know someone who would like to improve their English?

The International Learning Center can help.

Winter classes begin Wednesday, January 8th, 9:00 – 11:30am, Monday and Wednesdays and Wednesday night classes, January 8th, 6:30 – 8:00pm.



We are in NEED of ENGLISH TEACHERS if you have a calling to serve in International missions and not ready to leave home... this is the place for you!!!

For more information, contact ILC Director, Mary Lynne Moore. Cell – 352.665.8525, email: ml@myilc.org, website: www.myilc.org



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: Call 352.377.4947 for an application or more information. Or email Marlene at MarleneGardner@siragainesville.com or 352/377.4947 for an application and more

If you are considering becoming a volunteer with Sira, this will be the last opportunity to be trained until the Fall of 2020. Join us in spreading #helpandhope to our community! Thank you!

Hope Restored: Post Abortion Counseling Education (PACE) & Sexual Healing and Restoration Education (SHARE)

Sira Gainesville's Hope Restored classes are offered separately for both women and men who struggle with

or have experienced an abortion decision, sexual abuse, trauma, addiction, or promiscuity. Classes will begin in January of 2020 and will meet weekly for 9 weeks. If you or someone you know are looking for healing and restoration with confidential support and Bible study, we highly recommend joining a Hope Restored class. For more information and to register, please contact Sue at sueillig@siragainesville.com.



Family Integrity Training (FIT)

FIT classes offer practical, Biblically-based, and relational life skills training for individuals and families in all walks of life. Each class is free will meet weekly for 10 weeks. Contact 352.377.4947 or info@siragainesville.com to register for a class and learn more!





CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

**TREASURE'S for those
Needing or Wanting!!**

URGENT NEEDS... CRITICAL MINISTRY...

CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY #1: 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, are retiring 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 the Lead Missional Strategist, Jeffrey Haglund, 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!



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.



Westside Samaritans Clinic is a faith-based organization providing medical care for 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**. 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



Is seeking a part-time Worship and Music Pastor who desires to lead with a heart aligned with God. This pastor will work alongside the Senior Pastor to design dynamic worship services and a strong music ministry. Five to seven years of congregational and music leadership is preferred. Interested candidates should contact Tim Wood at woodgtim@gmail.com for additional information and a specific job description.



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





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 thoadschurchgainesville@gmail.com or 352.372.2730.



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.

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.



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	4,548.63
Aletheia	300.00
Centerpoint	500.00
Country Crossroads	521.01
Cristiana Misionera	2,365.36
Eden	4,257.39
Eliam	2,266.78
Evangelica	1,196.50
Faith-Tabernacle	90.00
Fellowship	624.12
First Missionary Baptist	300.00
Forest Grove	8,920.12
Gainesville	5,352.08
Gainesville Gospel Chinese	200.00
Grace	3,708.98
Greater Faith	50.00
Hague	0.00
Hawthorne	1,518.92
High Springs	15,384.23
Hispana Alachua	200.00
Hispana Archer Road	0.00
Hispana Gainesville	0.00
Island Grove	0.00
Korean	500.00
Lake Butler	2,400.00
Living Covenant	2,000.00
Micanopy	1,897.10
Mount Carmel	350.00
New Hope	300.00
North Central	7,225.94
N. Pleasant Grove	2,059.46
Northwest	2,650.78
Oak Park	1,658.67
Ochwilla	1,312.98
One Way Filipino	0.00
Parkview	3,177.00
Pine Grove	365.00
Pleasant Hill	550.00
River Cross, Haile Plantation	600.00
Sardis	2,000.00
Springhill Missionary Baptist	600.00
Summit	2,353.14
True Worship Missionary	0.00
Waldo	960.00
Walk By Faith	600.00
Westside	50,948.00
Wings of Eagles	41.05

TOTAL YTD Giving for 2019: \$137,053.24

For December 2019: \$9,058.08

2019 Monthly Budget Requirements: \$10,805.00

2019 Yearly Budget Requirements: \$129,659.00