

November 2020

Florence Baptist Church News

Pastor Appreciation!

Dates to Remember

Nov 11 Ladies Outreach Meeting
10 a.m. in the Family Life Center

Nov. 15 Regular Monthly Business Meeting after the Morning Worship service

Nov. 22 Our new pastor, Rev. Kyle Hardin, will be with us for the Morning Worship Service.



Pastor Appreciation Day, October 25, 2020



Thank You



We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Rev. Kurt Geib for serving as our Interim Pastor this past year. Pastor Kurt, you have been just the person we needed to lead us during this trying year of pandemic and political unrest. We appreciate your dedication to shepherding people and especially your gift of teaching the Word. Your leadership has made us stronger Christians because of your emphasis on prayer and on reading and studying the Bible.

Thank you and we love you!



Pastor Kyle Hardin and Family

Rafe (18), Riley (16), Finn (7), Shelly, Pastor Kyle, and Chris (16)

**Florence Baptist Church welcomes you to our church and our community!
We are looking forward to serving with you as we grow in knowledge and
in service of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Pastor Kyle and his family will be with us on November 22.

Special thanks to the Pastor Search Committee for their dedicated hard work!

A Message from Pastor Kyle Hardin

My name is Kyle Hardin and it is a pleasure for us to be able to meet you. You might say that I never chose the vocation of ministry, but rather that God chose me for it. As a child, and even a young man, I never preferred to be in front of people, yet God has given me a great desire to know God and make Him known. My wife is a big part of that.

See, I grew up in a family of construction workers in the upstate of South Carolina who built houses for over 25 years. And even though I grew up doing construction, I knew I did not want to continue with it indefinitely. I went to Erskine College to play baseball right out of high school, but I left Erskine to go into the Navy to be able to finish paying for school. While I was in the Navy, God began placing a call on my life to ministry, but He did not make where or how clear at that time. I considered going to Moody Bible Institute with a fellow serviceman who went there when we got out of the Navy, but God's call was not clear yet and I went back home to South Carolina. Shortly after this, I met Shelly, and God used her to make things perfectly clear. We were married in November of 2000 and began to attend a church where the Word of God was preached verse by verse and we began to grow in our faith exponentially. In 2004, God made it clear that we were to give up our self-employed construction business and move to Louisville, Kentucky to attend Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Our seminary journey was long, but God deepened my desire to study diligently and consistently and proclaim His Word well.

In our 8+ years in ministry, I have held many offices from Small Group Leader to Senior Pastor. We strive for our family to be centered on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and you can expect our ministry to be one centered on the Word of God and to be driven by it. It is THE change, the tool God uses to build His church. Matthew 16:18

Reminders:

Our **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** goal is \$1500 this year.

The logo for the International Mission Board (IMB), consisting of the lowercase letters "imb" in a white, sans-serif font on a blue background.The logo for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, featuring the text "LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING" in white, uppercase, sans-serif font on a blue background.

If you haven't already done so, please bring your **Operation Christmas Child** box as soon as possible. You may bring it on Wednesday morning at 10 to the Ladies Outreach meeting.

We will not have a **Christmas card exchange** this year. If you have a special card you would like to share with the church family, send or bring it to the church. We will have a display board for cards received.

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The **Fall Festival** was a lot of fun! Special thanks to Carri Lybarker and all those who decorated trunks and provided treats and games. Thanks also to all those who attended.

